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School board to decide on mill levy override, facilities bond issues today

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

The decision regarding a potential mill levy override (MLO) and possible bond issue for the construction of a new elementary school is

expected to be decided by the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) this evening.

Following ASD's final facilities task force meeting on June 25, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed sat down for an interview with The SUN to

discuss the results of the meeting.

Process and results

As reported on in the June 21 issue of The

■ See School A8



Thursday, June 28

- Carnival.** 4-10 p.m., Town Park.
- DUST2 Wild West Group Ride.** 5 p.m., Higher Grounds Coffee. Join us as we ride to the 19th Hole Concert Series. Ride will leave by 5:20 p.m.
- 19th Hole Concert.** 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. San Juan Mountain Boys hosted by DUST2. The cover charge is a \$10 donation (children 10 and younger are free). Bring a chair or blanket.

Friday, June 29

- Carnival.** 4-10 p.m., Town Park.
- Art Walk.** Pagosa Springs art galleries. Look for the balloons. Uptown 4-6 p.m., Downtown 5-7 p.m.
- Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Children of Eden.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.
- Thingamajig Theater Presents 'Legally Blonde the Musical.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, www.pagosacenter.org or 731-SHOW.

Saturday, June 30

- Pagosa Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market.
- Park to Park Arts and Crafts Festival.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mary Fisher and Town parks.
- Carnival.** Noon-10 p.m., Town Park.
- Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Children of Eden.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.
- Thingamajig Theater Presents 'West Side Story.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, www.pagosacenter.org or 731-SHOW.

Sunday, July 1

- Park to Park Arts and Crafts Festival.** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mary Fisher and Town parks.
- Carnival.** Noon-10 p.m., Town Park.
- Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Children of Eden.'** 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.
- Thingamajig Theater Presents 'Legally Blonde the Musical.'** 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, www.pagosacenter.org or 731-SHOW.
- Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.
- Arboles Parade.** 6 p.m. Followed by an ice cream social at the TARA Community Center.

Monday, July 2

- Park to Park Arts and Crafts Festival.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mary Fisher and Town parks.
- Carnival.** 4-10 p.m., Town Park.

Tuesday, July 3

- Park to Park Arts and Crafts Festival.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mary Fisher and Town parks.
- Carnival.** 4-10 p.m., Town Park.
- Community Singers Present Patriotic Concert.** 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Star-spangled concert of choral music and handbell arrangements. This is an event for all ages.

Wednesday, July 4

- Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast.** 7:30-9:30 a.m., Parish Hall, 445 Lewis St. \$5 for pancakes, sausage, juice or coffee. Proceeds benefit Aspire Medical Services and Education.
- Chimney Rock National Monument Geology Tour.** 8:10 a.m. Reservations encouraged, www.chimneyrockco.org/event/chimney-rock-geology-tour/.
- Park to Park Arts and Crafts Festival.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mary Fisher and Town parks.
- Rotary Fourth of July Parade.** 10 a.m., Downtown Pagosa.
- Democratic Picnic.** 11 a.m., home of Mamie Lynch, corner of 2nd and Hermosa streets. Starting immediately after the parade until 2 p.m. Bring chairs and a side dish or cookies to share. Dems will provide soft drinks and beer, pulled pork, hot dogs and other picnic fare.
- Carnival.** Noon-10 p.m., Town Park.
- A Tribute to Patsy Cline with June Marquez.** 2 p.m., Liberty Theatre. Tickets can be purchased at Goodman's Department Store and the theater and are \$20 a seat. A portion of the proceeds will go to Veterans for Veterans.
- Pagosa Springs Community Band Patriotic Fourth of July Concert.** 2 p.m., The Springs Resort and Spa back lawn. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy a variety of patriotic songs in celebration of Independence Day.
- 69th Annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo.** 2 p.m., Western Heritage Event Center. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$8 for children. Tickets are available at Goodman's Department Store and at the gate prior to the event.

■ See Celebration A8



Unofficial primary election results announced

White bests Armitstead to advance to November election

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

The unofficial vote totals for Tuesday's primary election are in, and while there were few contested races at the local level in the primary, the election helped define who voters can expect to see on November's general election ballot.

Following are the unofficial Archuleta County vote totals as of 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The results will remain unofficial for eight days following the election while the Archuleta County Election's Office staff works to clear up signature discrepancies and the window for overseas ballots to be returned remains open.

Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder June Madrid informed The SUN that there are 33 possible overseas ballots and ballots for signature verification. There were also 31 ballots held out to be counted with the 33 ballots.

In total, the Archuleta County Election's Office sent out 8,903 ballots for the primary and 3,257 were returned — a 36 percent voter turnout.

Of those ballots returned, 2,120

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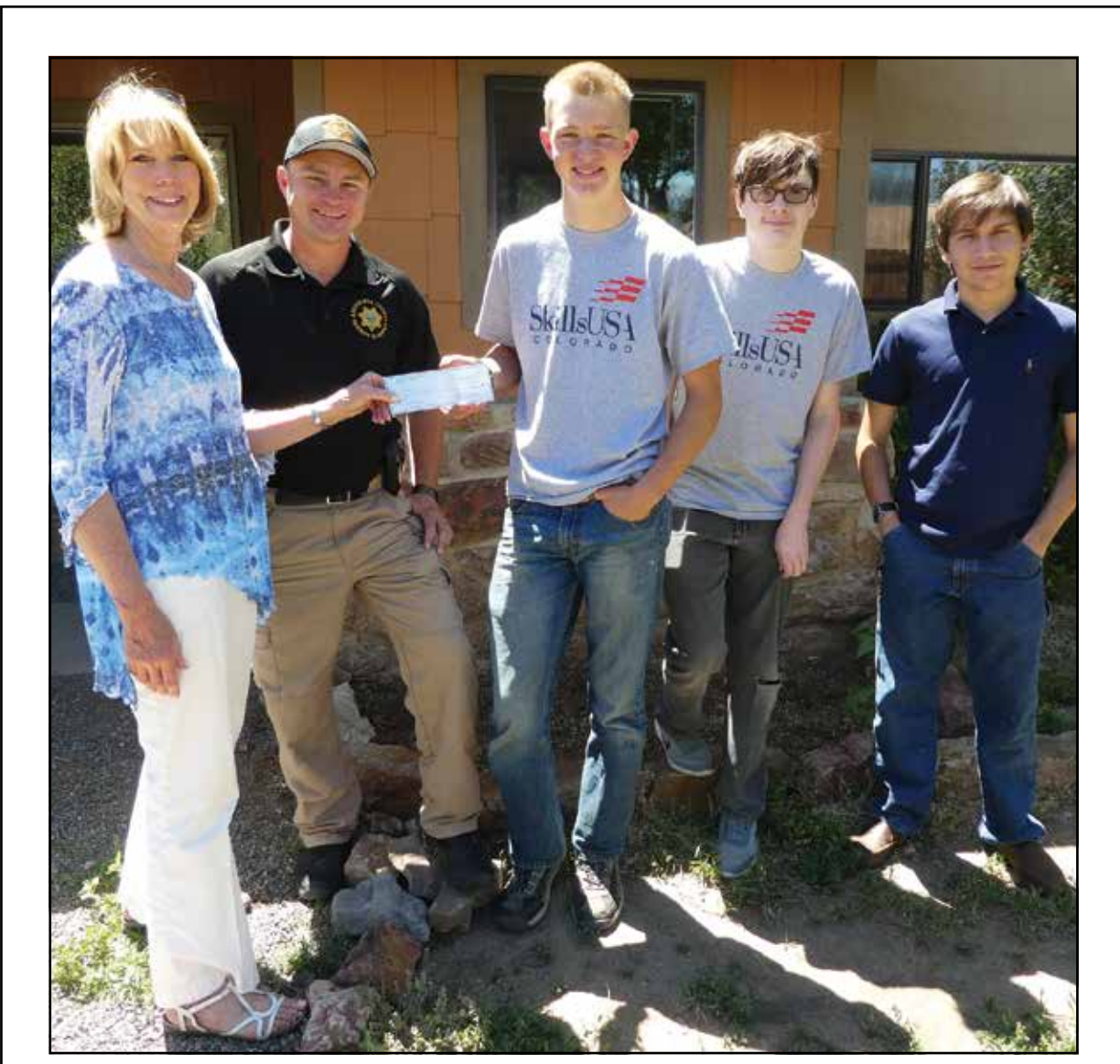


Photo courtesy Kim Moore

Pagosa Springs Rotary Club awards a \$500 check to Pagosa Springs High School students who won the state finals to move onto nationals in Louisville, Ky., June 25-30. Pictured, left to right, are Rotary President Kim Moore, Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez, Mason Blakemore, Case Harris and Cole Cayard. The students have been working with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office learning about crime scenes, evidence gathering and processing, and other facets of investigation. At the state and district level, the students attended a mock crime scene and were given 20-30 minutes to process the scene and gather evidence, then write up a report. Since winning the state finals over a month ago, the students have been busy earning the more than \$5,000 needed for them to attend the national finals.

The Springs Resort and Spa sells

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

One of downtown Pagosa Springs' biggest businesses is in the hands of new owners.

It was announced this week that Presidian Hotels has taken over management of The Springs Resort and Spa.

Presidian's CEO, Charles Leddy, who is also a co-owner, made the announcement in the form of a press release.

"The resort will continue operating as the Springs Resort & Spa," the press release notes.

"My family and several of our leaders vacation in Pagosa Springs annually," said Leddy through the press release. "We consider it a great responsibility and

honor to be stewards of this irreplaceable resort for the benefit of the Pagosa Springs community and the many visitors who come here annually for adventure, nature and retreat."

The press release explains that Presidian's chief operating officer, Chip Young, will take the lead at the resort during the management transition.

"There are so many talented and committed associates here at the Springs Resort, so my job is going to be a lot of fun," said Young through the press release. "The natural beauty of this place is remarkable. We couldn't be more excited to get started."

In an interview with The SUN, Leddy explained that Presidian purchased the resort in its existing footprint. Leddy declined to share the purchase price. randi@pagosasun.com

Sales tax up 9.74 percent year to date

By **Avery Martinez**
Staff Writer

The sales tax information for April has been released, with sales tax collections coming in at about 4.68 percent higher than April of 2017.

That 4.68 percent, according to Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton, is about \$30,623 more than April of last year.

The gross amount of the April sales tax was \$685,583.84. The town's share was \$340,175.29, according to a report issued on June 11 by Walton.

All sales tax generated within the county, regardless of whether it comes from a business within town limits or not, is split between the town and county.

According to Walton, on a year-to-date basis, so from January through April, revenue was up 9.74 percent, or

\$255,330, higher than it was in the same time period last year.

The April report lists the following categories as being up for April 2018 as opposed to the same month last year. Revenue generated from accommodations and food service industries increased by 2.3 percent, up \$9,889.

Retail increased 14.8 percent, which is \$196,770. The "miscellaneous" category listed an increase of 3.5 percent, or \$16,326.

Construction increased 31.9 percent, or by \$13,453. The "other services" category increased 5.7 percent, or \$2,325.

The real estate and rentals category was up by 15.2 percent, or \$12,528.

The information category increased 4.5 percent, or \$4,597. avery@pagosasun.com

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Fourth of July celebration

Thousands of people flock to Pagosa Country every Independence Day to participate in the many unique and traditional Fourth of July festivities.

As we all gather to celebrate our many freedoms, we also celebrate the hard work, talent and accomplishments of our friends and neighbors when we attend the numerous events they have successfully planned for our enjoyment. Pagosa offers a plethora of events and activities to keep you busy. The lineup and details of those many festivities can be found throughout the pages of this week's newspaper.

The excitement and anticipation of the community celebration can be felt in the air when the carnival first arrives in town and the rides are set up in the field across from Town Park.

Wednesday is the Fourth of July, the day we celebrate the birth of our nation.

The daring men in their flying machines, the San Juan Squadron Formation Flying Team, will kick off the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club's Fourth of July parade festivities as they fly over the start of the parade at exactly 10 a.m. This group of experienced pilots with diverse aviation backgrounds is always a thrill to see in the skies above Pagosa.

The Fourth of July is typically a day of backyard barbecues and reunions in Pagosa Country.

And, if you are lucky to find the time with all of the festivities, there is also hiking, fishing, biking and camping in the mountains and wilderness surrounding our beautiful town.

If you haven't experienced a Pagosa Springs Fourth of July celebration before, locals will be the first to advise you to be patient as thousands of people descend upon our town to discover just what it is that makes Pagosa Springs the best place to be for Independence Day. Traffic will be heavy and slow. Allow yourself plenty of time to get to where you are going. It's similar to arriving early to the airport, except TSA agents won't be there to frisk you.

It's also important that you adhere to the Fourth of July parking regulations that are necessary to ensure a safe parade and detour route.

One thing is for certain — Pagosans know how to celebrate America's birthday.

There is a certain glue that binds together those of us who love Fourth of July in Pagosa Country.

With our extreme fire danger this year, it is imperative that you adhere to the Stage 2 fire bans that are in place. That means no outdoor smoking and absolutely no fireworks.

Let's make it a fun, happy and safe celebration.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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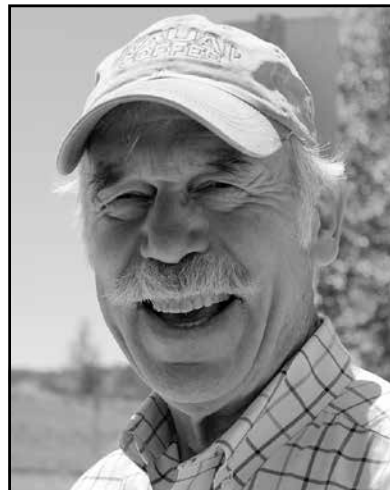
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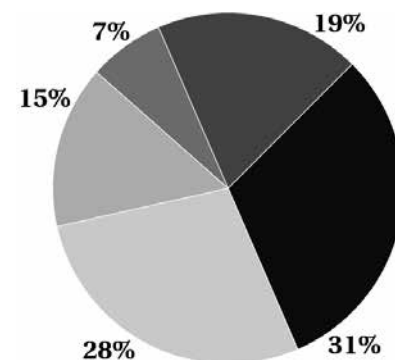
Sheila Reagan
"Barbecues and fireworks with family."



Emily Ventura
"Parade in the morning, then to a barbecue. The small-town vibe."



Jim Morehouse
"Staying home."



Poll results (215 Votes)

Fireworks (canceled this year) — 31 percent

Parade — 28 percent

Rodeo — 15 percent

Arts and crafts fair — 7 percent

Other — 19 percent

This week online: Do you support the decision to reopen the San Juan National Forest?

Vote at www.pagosasun.com

LOOKING BACK



From the Jan. 16, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. **PRESENTED PLAQUE** — Mrs. Kathy Vega was presented an engraved nameplate plaque this week in recognition of her assistance to the Pagosa Springs Jaycees. Mrs. Vega has acted as the unofficial secretary for the organization. Representing the Jaycees and making the presentation was Roy Vega. Mrs. Vega was voted the recognition recently by the Jaycees.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 29, 1928

Wm. Bartlett has discontinued the operation of the clothes cleaning and pressing shop at the former Wm. Kinghorn stand.

The Chambers families in Archuleta county have been enjoying a reunion the past week. In addition to the Joe Chambers, U.S. Chambers and Ray Chambers families, who reside in the county, the following were present from out of town: Mrs. Earl Davies and son Joe of Durango; Roy Sanderson and family, John Sanderson, Ernest R. Chambers, wife, son and grandson, Ray Kraft, all of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Willett Brown of Farmington; and Mrs. Ruth Hunter and son of Kellogg, Idaho. All met at the old Chambers homestead on the Blanco and participated in a picnic and general reunion.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 2, 1943

Garland Neel of Durango has been awarded the contract for rebuilding the Citizens Bank building recently destroyed by fire. Only one story will be rebuilt at this time and this will be of brick construction with a stucco finish.

A forest fire was discovered on Indian Creek ridge Friday. Lightning no doubt was the cause, as there was quite a bit of lightning Thursday evening.

The WPB notified Colorado state officials today that their request for enough steel to make one license plate each for Colorado's autos, has been denied. State purchasing agent Anderson said that small metal tabs reading "Colo. 44" will be clipped to the 1943 plates — and will cost the same as a pre-war set of metal plates.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 27, 1968

Forest officials on the San Juan National Forest report fire danger as very high. District Rangers Newlin and Peters of the Piedra and Pagosa districts say that the last rain was May 8 in most of the area and only .25 of an inch was received at that time. As a result all wooded areas, brush and grass are extremely dry. A fire starting now would be very difficult to control and might cause a loss of much valuable timber and grassland. The fire danger continues to mount as the dry season is in progress and the cooperation of everyone will be appreciated by fire fighters.

The highway on Wolf Creek Pass was literally plastered with watermelons this week. A large truck, loaded with 22 tons of the melons, overturned and deposited the load upon the highway after the brakes were lost.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 1, 1993

The Fourth of July Red Ryder Roundup gets underway with the first of three performances of the rodeo, at 5 p.m. on July 2. The 44th annual Red Ryder Roundup features three days of rodeo — professional and amateur bareback, saddle bronc, and bull riding, as well as calf roping, barrel racing and bulldogging events. The Red Ryder Roundup was named after the legendary comic strip character created by Fred Harman, a native of Red Ryder land and the Pagosa area. The rodeo is held at the Red Ryder Roundup arena, located on the fairgrounds property just south of the junction of U.S. 160 and 84. The grandstand and covered bleachers provide shaded seating for spectators where they can watch the action and enjoy the incredible panorama of the San Juans.

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6/21	86	46	-	-	-
6/22	85	44	-	-	-
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Letters

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

Forest closure

Dear Editor:
Reference June 21 letter from James Adams titled Fire Preference. BLM, FS and CPW and the 1100+ fire fighters plus air support have done an outstanding job communication fire status and coordinating evacuations. No lives or buildings were lost. Amazing for a fire that is 34,000 acres or 53 square miles.

Thank you also to the volunteers and neighbors who support the fire fighters efforts. I had the pleasure of speaking with a fire fighter who lives in Alaska and travels to our area to assist in training exercises. Fire fighters are heroes and are an extended family with a common core value of saving lives.

I agree with the closure of the SJNF. Why take the additional risk of an errant cigarette or spark from

a motor to ignite a fire in an area that is already tasked to peak fire support.

The people making closure decisions have major activities and lives to protect. Let them do their job without complaining your daily dog walk path has been interrupted and we need a reset on fire preferences.

Steven Fisher

Conserve water

Dear Editor:

I hope everyone in southwest Colorado, Pagosa Springs and Durango especially, realize that we are in a severe drought.

It will take everyone to be on board and try to conserve water usage. It saddens me to see how many resorts are not trying to conserve water. Every morning and every evening their sprinklers are going! Who cares if the grass is green; if the lake water is in critical survival mode for the fish?

It is everyone's responsibility to

be Stewarts of our land. Please try to make an extra effort to conserve water in your home and your community.

Joyce Frederick

Chimney Rock

Dear Editor:

I was raised in a home that valued the wisdom of our "original" Americans. I recommend that folks visit the Chimney Rock Monument. A "moonlight" tour of Chimney Rock a few years ago was an awesome experience. As I stood at the top in complete silence, peering down into the valley below, it was as if I could see their ancestors dancing in the shadows. Reflecting on that, I wish to share a quote from Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce, a hero for peace through friendship with early explorers, Lewis and Clark:

"Our fathers gave us many laws, which they had learned from their fathers. These laws were good. They told us to treat all people as they

treated us, that we should never be the first to break a bargain, that it was a disgrace to tell a lie, that we should speak only the truth. Good words do not last long unless they amount to something. I am tired of talk that comes to nothing. It makes my heart sick when I remember all the good words and all the broken promises."

Then, turning to the "Good Book." As the missionary Paul was imprisoned again for his "words" and believed he would die there, he wrote a second letter to Timothy (II Timothy 4:3-4):

"For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths."

So, think on this and know you are loved.

Patty Tillerson

Obituary

Thomas Gene Alexander

Thomas Gene Alexander passed away Monday, June 18, at home. He was 77 years old. Private family services will be held at a later date.



Thomas was born Sept. 13, 1940, to Gerald and Myrtle Alexander in Elgin, Ill. He grew up in St. Charles, Ill., and graduated from high school there. He attended Northern Illinois

University for about one semester before enlisting in the U.S. Army. After the Korean War, he was stationed at the Demilitarized Zone in Korea for 18 months. Upon his honorable discharge, he began working for Illinois Bell as a lineman and moved quickly into management. He met Anne Carlson in 1962 and they were married Sept. 18, 1964, in St. Charles, Ill. To their marriage was born Joy in 1967 and Jennifer in 1971. Tom and Anne moved to Pagosa Springs in 1999 upon their retirement. Tom couldn't simply sit through his retirement and returned to work while in Pagosa for Sunetha Property Management.

Tom loved to fish, pilot remote control aircraft and hike, and

together with Anne, traveled the country in their fifth-wheel.

He is survived by wife, Anne; a daughter and her spouse, Jennifer (Jay) Weller; two sisters: JoAnn and Peggy; grandchildren: Natalie and Dana Coin; and his friend and companion (pet), Cali.

He is preceded in death by a daughter, Joy, and his parents.

Memorial

Cheryl Lynn Guthrie

Sunrise: Jan. 2, 1970
Sunset: Feb. 2, 2018

A memorial service to remember the extraordinary life of Cheryl Lynn Guthrie will be held Monday, July 2, at 6:30 p.m. at Centerpoint Church, 2772 Cornerstone Drive,

Pagosa Springs. Father Jonathan Duncan will be officiating. All friends are welcome. Those who would like to assist with food preparation, please call Margaret Soniat at 264-4807 or Kari Brueckner at 749-0977.

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LEGISLATURE

Key takeaways from the 416 Fire

I recently traveled with Gov. John Hickenlooper, Sen. Gardner, and Sen. Bennet to Durango to speak with the dedicated people on the ground working around the clock to contain the 416 Fire. The firefighters, coordinating officials and volunteers are doing a great job and we cannot begin to thank them enough for their hard work. Due to their efforts, not one single structure has been lost and no real danger has been posed to the neighboring towns.

During our trip to Durango, we walked down main street to visit many of the small businesses, hear from the owners and shop locally. If there was one key takeaway from this visit, it was that Durango and the surrounding communities are still very much open for business and ready for the influx of tourism that the summer months bring. I would encourage everyone who was planning to visit this area during this summer to keep their travel plans. Southwest Colorado is one of the most beautiful areas in the country and there is still so much to experience here.

As soon as the fire began, officials began to notice civilian drones flying overhead, trying to capture photos and footage. These drones directly interfere with aerial firefighting efforts and pose a

risk to aircrafts. Every time one is spotted, aircrafts are forced to leave the scene rather than continue to fight the fire. In turn, the firefighters on the ground are left without the air support they may need to create an exit route in the event of an emergency. To address this problem, Gardner and I are introducing legislation in the coming days that will make it a federal crime for an individual to fly a drone over a wildfire without permission from the U.S. Forest Service or designated local official.

I am continuing to work with my colleagues and this administration to support the firefighters and volunteers on the ground as they work to suppress the 416 Fire as well as the Burro Fire that is occurring in a neighboring county. Great progress has been made so far, evident by the fact that the 416 Fire is almost 40 percent contained and the Burro Fire is almost completely contained. Even though great strides have been made, I believe it is still important to work



Rep. Tipton's Report

to prevent similar fires from occurring in the future.

Many wildfires begin because years of forest mismanagement have allowed dead and dying trees and unnaturally thick undergrowth to build up, creating a tinderbox of volatile material that burns unnaturally hot and fast when ignited. Instead of working to remove the dead and downed material that serves as a fuel source for these fires, most of the U.S. Forest Service's resources are spent combating wildfires, a practice known as "fire-borrowing." This approach clearly isn't working and I believe that we need to be proactive rather than reactive.

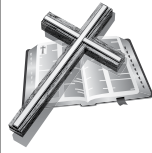
Last year, the House took steps in the right direction. We passed the Resilient Federal Forests Act, a bill that provides the Forest Service with the necessary tools to immediately begin removing dead wood so that the overall health of our forests can begin to improve. It would also allow the secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to submit requests to the president for an emergency declaration for wildfire on federal lands. This means that dangerous wildfires would be treated like any other natural disaster and receive support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This bill is awaiting consideration in the Senate, and I encourage my

colleagues to support it.

The 2018 Omnibus legislation, which was signed into law in March, also provided the Forest Service with additional tools to proactively manage forest health. Perhaps most importantly, the bill included a fix to the practice of "fire-borrowing." Under a new funding structure for the Forest Service's firefighting budget beginning in 2020, \$2.25 billion in new budget authority will be available to the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior for wildfire response, so if firefighting costs exceed \$1.01 billion in any given year, the Forest Service and Department of the Interior will no longer need to borrow from other accounts to fight catastrophic fires. It will be able to tap into the new budget authority, similar to how other natural disasters are treated. The money available will increase by \$100 million each year until 2027.

Wildfires are a normal part of life in the West, but I think we can do more to prevent them from occurring in the future. The 2018 Omnibus took steps in the right direction, and I hope this progress will be built upon on the upcoming Farm Bill. I also hope that the Senate will advance the Resilient Federal Forests Act to help restore forest health.

Give honor to whom honor is due.



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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, June 28

Archuleta School District Board of Education retreat. 9 a.m., Sunset Ranch, 4186 E. U.S. 160.

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting. 5:30 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, July 3

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

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

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

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Monday, July 9

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board special meeting. Noon, Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, July 10

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 of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission. 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community

Center, 451 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.

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

Wednesday, July 11

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board open house. 5:30 p.m., historic Water Works facility, 96 N. 1st St.

Loma Linda Metropolitan District Board of Directors meeting. 6 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, July 17

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

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

Thursday, July 19

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

Tuesday, July 24

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County ad-

ministration 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 Great Room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

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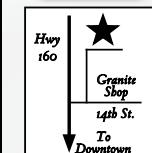
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Town planning commission seeks new members

By Cindy Schultz
Special to The SUN

The Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission is seeking interested individuals to fill two current vacancies.

One member may be an Archuleta County resident who owns a business and real property within the Town of Pagosa Springs. The other member must be a town resident.

The planning commission consists of five regular members and two alternate members, each serving a four-year volunteer term. Regular meetings are held twice

per month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest, including a resume of any applicable experience, to the Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Department no later than July 31 at P.O. Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or email to cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov. Letters will be forwarded to the town council, which appoints planning commissioners.

Contact Cindy Schultz, town planner, at 264-4151, ext. 221 if you have any questions.

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Division of Motor Vehicles computer system upgrade aims to improve customer service

All Colorado title and registration services will be unavailable Aug. 1-5, while all driver license services will be unavailable Aug. 2-3

Special to The SUN

All Colorado title and registration services, including motor vehicle registration renewal, vehicle titling, International Registration Plan (IRP) and ownership transfers will be unavailable Aug. 1-5 to allow for technical upgrades, which will improve the customer and employee experience in offices and online.

Online registration renewal and kiosk registration renewal in participating counties will remain available Aug. 1-5. Individuals

needing to renew eligible vehicles are encouraged to skip the trip by using online services at mydmv.colorado.gov.

Colorado driver's license services, both in-office and online, will be unavailable Aug. 2-3. State driver's license offices will be closed.

This closure will allow the state of Colorado to replace the Colorado State Titling and Registration System (CSTARS), originally installed between 1983 and 1986, with a new system, Colorado DRIVES, which will allow for better county-to-county integration, faster transac-

tion processing and additional online services. This system was successfully implemented for driver services on Feb. 21, 2017.

New online services, which will be available Aug. 6 at mydmv.colorado.gov, include:

- Improved online vehicle registration renewal.
- Out-of-state emissions extension.
- Emissions waiver application.
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- Document uploading.
- Personalized plate request.
- Change of address.
- New registration.

"We are excited to introduce the DRIVES system into both driver license and motor vehicle offices in Colorado," said Department of Revenue Executive Director Michael Hartman. "This new system offers a 35-year leap in technology, which will allow for a faster customer experience with several additional online service options."

Individuals whose driver's license, identification card or motor vehicle registration expires in July or August 2018 are encouraged to renew early.

We apologize for the inconvenience this closure may cause and look forward to providing the residents of Colorado with a modern, user-friendly system for driver and vehicle services.

Trooper tips: How to eliminate crashes that involve semi trucks

By Trooper Gary Cutler
Special to The SUN

When looking at driving safety in our state, it has to be looked at from every angle. This month, I want to talk about driving on the road with semi trucks.

A semi with a trailer is approximately 70 feet on average. Think of that as having a six-story building going down the highway. They are big, bulky, slow to stop and take up a lot of room when changing direction. Drivers making an error in judgment around semis or a semi driver making an error in judgment around cars can have serious to fatal consequences.

All it takes is a little preplanning on both the semi driver and the drivers in other smaller vehicles to make sure a crash doesn't happen. By this, I mean have a plan for

the unexpected. Don't follow too closely, in case the other vehicle has to stop quickly and without notice. Know the stopping distance of your vehicle at highway speeds. For instance, a fully loaded semi-truck with a gross vehicle weight of up to 80,000 pounds, going just 55 mph, has a stopping distance of 100 yards; that's the length of a football field.

Drivers in cars and trucks need to make sure to give semis plenty of space when merging in front of them or you may have it sitting on top of your car. For the semi driver, make sure you are checking and continue to re-check your mirrors when making those lane changes. Smaller cars

and trucks can easily hide in those blind spots.

Just because you are big doesn't mean you don't have to give the right of way to other vehicles. Make sure your right of way is free of other traffic prior to merging or turning onto a roadway. On the other side, please give semis a break when they are trying to merge or make turns. It takes a lot of space to maneuver these rigs and to get one going can take some time.


In areas where there is heavy semi traffic, try to avoid the area if possible to reduce your chance of having a crash with one of them. If you drive the semi, try to make sure you don't get in a small convoy with other

semis so you can give the smaller and often local traffic a break.

By being courteous to one another on the roadways, we can eliminate crashes that involve semi trucks with other vehicles. Try and put yourself in the other person's vehicle and think about what they would like from you so they can get where they are going, just as they can try to help you get to your destination.

And, lastly, in case anyone has forgotten the other big one, here is a reminder: blinkers, blinkers, blinkers.


Remember, these tips are good to pass along to the younger drivers in your life. Please spread the word. As always, safe travels.




Independence Day commemorates the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Written by Thomas Jefferson, the Declaration of Independence is the nation's most cherished symbol of liberty which expressed the convictions in the minds and hearts of the American people.

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Parking regulations in place for Fourth of July parade

By William R. Rockensock
Special to The SUN

Flatbed trailers/viewing stands will be prohibited from parking along the Fourth of July parade route on U.S. 160 until after midnight on July 4.

All parking will be prohibited on the north side of the 400 block of Pagosa Street (U.S. 160) between 4th and 5th streets (Goodman's Department Store to the bell tower park) between the hours of 2 a.m. on July 4 until after the parade.

All parking will be prohibited on 1st Street and the 100 block of Lewis Street between the hours of 2 a.m. on July 4 until after the parade.

Vehicles found to be in violation of any of the above parking violations will be towed at the owner's expense.

These parking regulations are necessary to ensure a safe parade and detour route for this event.

Applications now available for Fourth of July parade

By John Shepard
Special to The SUN


The Rotary Fourth of July parade will be held on July 4 starting at 10 a.m.

Applications and general information are now available at the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and from The Pagosa Springs SUN online, www.pagosa-sun.com.

Free entries come in four categories: Youth Group, Non-Profit/Service, Individual/Family and Commercial. The parade committee encourages all entrants to decorate their floats in red, white and blue celebrating our nation's Independence Day.

Staging begins at 8:30 a.m. on July 4 in the Pagosa Springs High School parking lot (use 5th Street by the park, not 8th Street). As in years past, candy can only be handed out by those walking in the parade when they get past the clock tower so the kids stay safe and out of harm's way.


Applications are due Saturday, June 30. For more information, contact Rotary parade co-chairs Shellie Peterson (Shellie@centurytel.net) or John Shepard (jcshepard.aicp@gmail.com).



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Pagosa Springs man arrested for suspected sexual assault on a child

By Alex Semadeni
Special to The SUN

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A Pagosa Springs man suspected of sexually assaulting a child was advised of possible charges and penalties Friday in District Court in La Plata County.

Rodney Keller, 52, is being held in La Plata County Jail on a \$200,000 bail. Keller, a registered sex offender, is suspected of committing the assault June 3 near Bayfield. He was arrested on June 20.

According to an arrest affidavit, Keller was invited to play cards and have a few drinks with his ex-girlfriend and another woman, who is the mother of the alleged victim. The mother knew Keller is a

military veteran who suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and other emotional problems, and she "felt compassion" toward him, according to the arrest affidavit.

The victim's mother offered to let Keller spend the night on the couch in the living room. The next morning, the victim woke up before her mother and found Keller on the couch. Keller "gestured with his head" for the victim to follow him to the guest bedroom, where the alleged assault



Rodney Keller

occurred.

The victim told her mother later that day about the encounter. The La Plata County Sheriff's Office and Bayfield Marshal's Office interviewed Keller the same day, but he denied the allegations.

This is not Keller's first run-in with the law.

He was featured in 2008 on the Fox television show "America's Most Wanted" as being wanted on suspicion of sexual assault on a child. A day later, someone recognized him in the Albertsons parking lot in Durango, which led to his arrest. Keller pleaded guilty to attempted sexual assault on a child.

La Plata County sheriff's investigators looked into the 2008 case and noticed similarities with his most recent case, according to the

affidavit.

As part of his bail requirements, Keller must wear a GPS monitor and stay away from schools, libraries and recreation centers. If convicted, he could serve a minimum of 18 years behind bars.

According to the affidavit, Keller lives out of his blue 2001 Ford truck in Pagosa Springs. He has a listed contact location of residency at the Dollar Store in Pagosa Springs.

Keller said Friday in court that he lives in the San Juan Motel and works at the Junction Restaurant in Pagosa Springs.

On Monday, Terri Porter, owner of the Junction Restaurant, notified The SUN that Keller has never worked for the Junction Restaurant.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Keller remained in the La Plata County Jail.

Flower bed near medical center catches fire, cause undetermined

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

A fire broke out at the Pagosa Springs Medical Center last Sunday, when a flower bed outside the building caught fire.

Lt. Thad McKain of the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) explained that the cause of the fire is unconfirmed.

Mulch in a flower bed in the southeast area of the building

somehow caught fire, McKain explained to The SUN.

Hospital personnel became aware of the burning flower bed and tried to put out the flames with an extinguisher themselves, McKain explained.

"The fire kept kind of spreading ... spontaneously through the mulch; it kept popping up in various spots," McKain said.

Once the PFPD was alerted to flames, six firefighters including

McKain, Engines 1 and 4 responded and proceeded to put over 1,000 gallons of water onto the fire, according to McKain.

Members of the hospital staff continued to help fight the fire, McKain added.

The flames did not spread to the building, but the flames came close to the medical center.

"... it got within about 3 feet of the building," said McKain.

After the fire was under control,

PFPD and hospital staff continued to monitor the site of the fire until Monday morning, when the fire was officially called out, McKain explained.

But there is some speculation over what could have started the fire. "There was speculation that somebody was walking by with a cigarette, and they were careless," McKain said.

The cause of the fire is undetermined, McKain told The SUN.

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

June 18 — Information only, Peninsula Place.

June 18 — Open burning in unincorporated Archuleta County, Pinon Hills Circle.

June 19 — Reckless endangerment, menacing/felony/aggravated assault-weapon, Country Meadows Place.

June 19 — Harassment by phone or computer, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, menacing/felony/aggravated-weapon, violation of restraining order, East Golf Place.

June 19 — Knowingly permitted livestock on public highway, Metro Drive.

June 20 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

June 20 — All other thefts, first-degree criminal trespass-other intent, Highland Avenue.

June 20 — Information only, Paradise Ridge Place.

June 20 — Unlawful ownership of dangerous dog-misdemeanor,

Weasel Drive.

June 20 — Warrant arrest, Country Meadows Place.

June 22 — Open burning in unincorporated Archuleta County, Flicker Lane.

June 23 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Monte Vista Drive.

June 23 — County warrant, County Road 600.

June 24 — Violation of restraining order, Blue Heron Circle.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

June 12 — Unauthorized use of financial device, Hot Springs Boulevard.

June 12 — Identity theft, South 10th Street.

June 13 — Information only, South 8th Street.

June 13 — Harbored vicious animal, Hot Springs Boulevard.

June 14 — DUI/reckless driving, County Road 600.

June 14 — Third-degree assault, North 8th Street.

June 15 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

June 16 — Traffic/license suspended, San Juan Street.

June 16 — DUI/violation of restraining order, U.S. 160.

June 19 — Found property, Village Drive.

June 19 — Animal/running at large, South 5th Street.

June 19 — Information only, Foot-hill Place.

June 20 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.

June 21 — Theft, Country Center Drive.

June 21 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, County Road 600.

June 22 — Warrant arrest, North 8th Street.

June 23 — Agency assist, Monte Vista Drive.

June 23 — Traffic/license suspended, Aspen Village Drive.

June 23 — Violation of restraining order, bond, San Juan Street.

June 24 — Second-degree assault/possession of Schedule II controlled substance, San Juan Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge D. Brett Van Winkle

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

June 20 — Dakota M. Epperly, wildlife-fail to dress (three counts), wildlife-illegal possession (three counts), hunting/trapping/fishing without permission, hunting without a license-big game (two counts), fines and costs — \$19,126.50.

June 20 — Alex D. Addy, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

June 20 — Ronnie L. Martinez, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

June 20 — Glenn A. Saenz-Chavez, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$274.50.

June 20 — Larry P. Short, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

June 20 — Zachary D. Carter, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

June 20 — Jean-Gabriel Y. Herbinet, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

June 20 — Delmer Beck, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

June 20 — Angela R. Huggins, license plates-expired temporary permit, fines and costs — \$111.53.

June 20 — Georgina Toledo, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$339.50.

June 25 — Carol S. Betzing, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

June 19 — Travis Lee Farmer, criminal impersonation-gain a benefit, two years probation, fines and costs — \$1,673.50.

June 19 — Miki Jamal Ivan Mims, assault 2-strangulation, four years probation, fines and costs — \$2,873.50.

SBA economic injury disaster loans available to Archuleta County small businesses

Special to The SUN

Small nonfarm businesses in Archuleta County and 17 other Colorado counties are eligible to apply for low-interest federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), announced Director Tanya N. Garfield of the SBA Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought.

Primary Colorado counties include Alamosa, Archuleta, Conejos, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mineral and Rio Grande; neighboring Colorado counties include Chaffee, Costilla, Delta, Huerfano, La Plata, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, Pitkin, Saguache and San Juan; neighboring New Mexico counties include Rio Arriba, San Juan and Taos.

"SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster," Garfield said.

Small nonfarm businesses,

small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

"Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 3.61 percent for businesses and 2.5 percent for private nonprofit organizations, a maximum term of 30 years, and are available to small businesses and most private nonprofits without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Garfield said.

By law, the SBA makes Economic Injury Disaster Loans available when the U.S. secretary of agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. The secretary declared this disaster on May 25.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agri-

cultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency about the U.S. Department of Agriculture assistance made available by the secretary's declaration. However, nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance in drought disasters.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA's customer service

center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to apply for economic injury is Jan. 25, 2019.

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Archuleta County unemployment rate at 2.3 percent

By **Avery Martinez**
Staff Writer

Archuleta County's unemployment rate decreased to 2.3 percent in May, and the national unemployment rate is at the lowest it's been since 2000.

In May, there were 6,854 people in the Archuleta County labor force, with 152 claiming unemployment, putting the unemployment rate at 2.3 percent.

The workforce total gained 212 people over the month of May 2018. The number of unemployed people decreased by 32 persons, causing the unemployment level to drop to 2.3 percent.

The national unemployment rate declined from 4.3 percent in May 2017 to 3.8 percent in May 2018, according to a report on the Colorado employment situation for May.

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment releases the report monthly.

"This is the lowest unemploy-

ment rate for the U.S. since it was 3.8 percent in April 2000," the report states.

In May of 2017, the county had a total of 6,642 workers and 170 of those individuals claimed unemployment, which meant 2.6 percent were unemployed.

May of 2018 shows that employment within Archuleta County has risen by .3 percent by comparison.

The employment situation for May 2018 across Colorado shows that the highest unemployment rate was in San Miguel County with an unemployment rate of 7.2 percent. Meanwhile, Cheyenne County had the lowest unemployment rate at 1.2 percent.

According to the survey of households, the Colorado unemployment rate from April to May decreased to 2.8 percent.

The total number of people actively participating in the labor force increased by 8,200 in May to a total of 3,064,200.

The number of people reporting themselves as employed increased

by 11,200 to 2,979,200, causing the number of unemployed to decrease to 2,900, the report states.

The labor force, unemployment rate, labor force participation, the number of unemployed and total employment are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from the 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 nearly seven times the number of households surveyed, and therefore is 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 those employed and unemployed in a household,

estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting results.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 72,800, with an increase of 67,100 in the private sector and an increase of 5,700 in government.

The largest over-the-month private-sector job gains in May were in trade, leisure and hospitality, transportation, utilities, and professional and business services.

There were no significant private-sector over-the-month declines. Other services declined over the year.

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

In May, the average work week for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.8 to 34.1 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$27.16 to \$28.40.

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LPEA reprises 'Giving Tree' to support fire-impacted members

By **Indiana Reed**
Special to The SUN

Reprising the 2017 holiday program to "give the gift of electricity," the customer service representatives (CSRs) at La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) once again invite community members to give a little to help a lot, and assist their friends and neighbors economically impacted by the 416 Fire in Durango.

"In spite of the most welcome rain we've received — and we hope we're on the other side of the fire — Durango and the region are just beginning to realize the economic impact of the 416 Fire," said Customer Service Supervisor Betsy

Lovelace. "We don't even yet know how many people have lost their jobs because of fire furloughs, tourism cancellations and reduction in people shopping locally. These are our impacted consumer-members who all of a sudden realize they can't pay their electric bills."

At LPEA's Durango office, CSRs have decorated a new Power of Giving Tree, adorned with firefighting-related ornaments. Community members are invited to select an ornament and present it to the CSRs as their pledge. The dollar amount of their choice will be applied to the account of a fellow LPEA member challenged with paying their electric bill.

"Any amount is valued," said CSR Julie McIntyre, who initiated the first holiday Giving Tree with her fellow team members. "Being on the front lines every day, we are aware of members who are in need. We're concerned that it's going to be tough for some people over the coming months. We at LPEA always want to try to do something to help."

In addition to the Fire Power of Giving Tree, LPEA consumer-members can also make arrangements to assist specific individuals or businesses with their bills, as well as nonprofit organizations, by applying credit to their LPEA accounts. Contributions can be

made anonymously.

"Any economic crisis in our community impacts those who have difficulty even meeting the most basic of necessities," said Ron Meier, manager of engineering and member relations. "A few dollars here and there can keep the lights on for those who have lost their jobs as well as the businesses that are likely to have a tough nut to crack with the loss of income over these months. When our businesses suffer, it's actually our people who suffer because of loss of jobs."

To support and for additional information, contact LPEA at 247-5786 or visit www.lpea.coop.

PAWSD board presented with two new rate proposals

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board was presented with two different rate proposals during another rate study presentation on Tuesday, June 26.

The presentation was led by Ron Lay of Stantec, who made the last rate study presentation.

The previous rate study presentation occurred on June 7 and was covered in the June 14 issue of The SUN.

Water utility

In regard to water utility, the majority of the items remained the same as they were in the June 14 presentation; however, one new rate increase was proposed.

The following information was included in Lay's presentation.

Alongside the previously proposed rate increase of 6.5 percent, a new rate increase of 6 percent was presented to the board.

For this rate increase, the existing capital improvement fees (CIF) and raw water acquisition fees would be maintained and would increase by 3 percent starting in 2019.

Availability charges would be increased from \$11 to \$11.75 and the Snowball treatment plant would be debt funded by \$2 million.

The rate increases would be for 2019-2023.

Operations and maintenance (O&M) reserves would be reduced below a three-month threshold in the fiscal years of 2021-2024.

Fifty percent or \$250,000 would be allocated for annual waterline expenditures, also known as waterline replacement.

For both water utility rate increase scenarios, the allocation of funds for capital improvement projects are the same as reported in the June 14 issue of The SUN.

Wastewater utility

For wastewater, most of the items also remained the same as they were presented during the June 7 meeting.

However, another new proposed rate increase was presented to the PAWSD board for wastewater utility.

Aside from the previously proposed 3 percent rate increase, a new, 2.5 percent rate increase was also shown to the board.

The following information was taken from Lay's presentation.

With the 2.5 percent rate increase, rate increases would occur in 2024-2027.

This rate increase would maintain the existing CIF and would then increase by 3 percent starting in 2019.

Availability charges would be increased from \$10 to \$10.70 and there would be three months of O&M reserve maintained through

2028.

Proposed impacts

If adopted, the 6 percent rate increase could see PAWSD customers' bills go from \$68.16 in 2018 to \$83.68 in 2028, an increase of \$15.52.

Comparatively, the 6.5 percent rate increase could see PAWSD customers' bills go from \$68.16 in 2018 to \$85.54 in 2028, an increase of \$17.38.

These amounts include both water and wastewater.

Moving forward

Per the recommendation of PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh, PAWSD staff will be looking at the impacts of increasing the

availability fees for both water and wastewater utility.

For water utility, Walsh proposed that the availability fee would be increased from the proposed \$11.75 to \$14.

"He said that it was too modest of an increase given the infrastructure that we are providing," PAWSD Business Services Manager Shellie Peterson explained in a follow-up interview.

Walsh also suggested that the availability fee for wastewater utility be increased from the proposed \$10.70 to \$12.50.

These changes will be presented and discussed by the PAWSD board on Aug. 16, with a date and time to be announced.

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Food pantries, Salvation Army discuss challenges

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Food pantry fund levels at the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) are already running low in this early portion of summer.

According to CUMC Food Pantry Coordinator Rose Cheadle, the funds are running "very low."

"I probably have about \$2,300 in my account," Cheadle said.

This is the first time that Cheadle has had this low of an amount of funds in a couple of years, she noted.

Cheadle did note that if she needs extra funds, Pastor Leighton Mekeal has helped find the extra funds.

Cheadle later noted that she was "awestruck" when she saw how low her funds were for the food pantry.

"Because when I go into the winter months, I want to have like, maybe \$5,000 or \$6,000 in there because the fact that the need is a lot greater during the winter," Cheadle explained.

The cause for the fund levels to be so low is the economy, Cheadle explained.

"During the school year I have a lot more associations that have food drives for me," Cheadle said.

During those times, the CUMC food pantry is usually full of food, Cheadle added.

"The level of people that are coming in, you go in cycles, the cycles are when the income tax returns come back, you know, we didn't hardly get anybody because they're buying or going out to eat what they want to," Cheadle explained.

The CUMC food pantry fund levels being low does not put constraints on the church as a whole because the food pantry is not funded by the church, Cheadle added.

"I am totally donations, with grants, funds that I get from different funds and it's just from people donating. I get nothing from the church," Cheadle added later.

Cheadle noted that she makes 65 bags of food a week for those who need it.

With the help of the Care and Share food bank, Cheadle explained that she can sometimes run up to 80 bags.

The CUMC food pantry is the biggest one in the town of Pagosa Springs, Cheadle added later.

Later, Cheadle expressed gratitude for the donations that people have given.

"I appreciate all the heart of the giving of the people that give to my

church and the other food pantries," Cheadle said.

Cheadle then noted that a solution to this issue is for all of the other food pantries to combine and move to one central location.

"That way we can put all of our resources into this one building so we have better control of what's going out and it would save a lot of money," Cheadle noted.

How can the community help?

Donations are the biggest way that the community can help CUMC's food pantry fund levels.

"We get a lot of donations, they're kind of sporadic, but we do get some," Cheadle said.

In regard to food item donations, Cheadle explained that she accepts all items.

The only thing that Cheadle cannot accept are frozen meats and open containers of anything.

How are other churches doing?

Food pantry levels at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church (SPEC), according to Food Pantry Manager Wes Arrighetti, are doing well.

"We're doing pretty good. We collect food from our congregation; we have these food barrels in the front of the church there," Arrighetti said.

Arrighetti also noted that SPEC also has an association with Care and Share like CUMC.

Last year, SPEC had troubles with its food pantry levels, but this year it is doing much better.

"We're not giving out as many boxes and we get donations of money mostly from people in the congregation, but we also have a couple of grants that we get from around the country for food pantries," Arrighetti said.

Pastor Mark Disbrow at Amazing Grace Community Church (AGCC) in Aspen Springs explained that he thought the church was doing "reasonable."

"I wouldn't say we're desperate, yet. Hopefully we never get that way," Disbrow explained. "We're relatively small compared to the Methodist church, so we can get by with smaller amounts that serve fewer people."

Disbrow noted that AGCC receives funding from The Salvation Army (TSA).

"They've made changes in things and that impacted our funding levels, our grant levels," Disbrow said.

AGCC has also received donations of food from community members, Disbrow added later.

"We're just about out of the funds that we have allocated, and from there we'll just be relying on new donations or charity or whatever," Disbrow explained.

However, Disbrow added that he did not want to give the impression that AGCC is desperate or "going out of business."

"We do rely on donations and to date they've been pretty good, and we can always use more," Disbrow said.

Don Fahrenkrug of Restoration Fellowship Church explained that its food pantry levels are pretty good and financially they are "sound."

"We do have some concern over the fact that Salvation Army is on the verge of changing the way that they distribute their money and we will be impacted by that like the rest of the food pantries," Fahrenkrug said.

Salvation Army changes

TSA Chair Darcy Downing explained the reason behind the upcoming changes.

"As we've been reviewing the rules and regulations of Salvation Army, it came to our attention five food pantries in a community is a lot," Downing said. "Even in a large city, in the city of Denver there's not five food pantries."

The amount of food pantries is a "misuse" of TSA's funds, Downing added later.

However, Downing explained that her goal for the food pantries is to consolidate resources to avoid doubling of services and to use donations responsibly and efficiently.

What is driving that decision are guidelines for TSA services, Down-

ing noted.

"It is The Salvation Army's intention to provide only the needed services in a community without duplicating services other organizations provide," Downing explained. "So, our goal is to come alongside other organizations."

Downing explained that she is looking at TSA's funds to see how she can better support the needs within the community.

"That's what I'm looking at. I'm looking around going, 'OK we've got five food pantries. There is food being wasted,'" Downing said.

Downing noted that it is important to look at the issue of spreading out donations to five food pantries when there are other needs in the community.

Downing later added that she would like a storefront.

"I'm looking for Salvation Army to be able to hang its shield and to have its own food pantry," Downing said.

TSA will always partner with local churches, Downing added later.

"We're going to honor our agreement with each church, each food pantry until the date of what we agreed upon, which is coming up in September," Downing said.

TSA is not saying that local churches cannot have food pantries, Downing noted.

"Please, let them be blessed and have it, but Salvation Army needs to follow the order of operations and their structure," Downing said.

These changes will be taking place when TSA examines where its money is going, Downing added later.

"When we have to sit down and figure where are monies are going, our monies are going to be shifted into other opportunities of need that aren't all originating in food pantry," Downing said. "So, come September, we'll be sitting around, roundtable, what's going to serve the community best."

This is not the first time that the idea of one collective food pantry has been discussed, Downing added later.

"We want to expand the territory and bring everybody in to work together. That's the goal of Salvation Army. We work together and help those people in need."

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Education

Charter school receives NWEA scores

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As its first year of operation comes to a close, Pagosa Peak Open School's (PPOS) Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) test scores have been released.

The NWEA scores were provided by PPOS School Director James Lewicki to The SUN on June 21.

PPOS did not have its first-grade students take the NWEA test; however, second-, third- and fourth-graders took both the reading and math portions of the test.

The average NWEA score for the same grade that took the test at Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) will be included for comparison.

The district grade level mean is also included with the results below. This average results in both PPOS and Archuleta School District (ASD) NWEA scores being averaged together.

Reading results

The following are the PPOS NWEA scores of each of the three grades that took the NWEA reading test in the spring of 2018.

- Second grade: PPOS students scored an average of 177.5 in the spring of 2018; PSES second-graders scored 189. The district grade level resulted in a mean score of 187.9.

- Third grade: PPOS 195; PSES 197; district 196.8.

- Fourth grade: PPOS 194.8; PSES 204.4; district 203.1.

Math results

The following are the PPOS NWEA scores of each of the three

grades that took the NWEA math test in the spring of 2018.

- Second grade: PPOS 178.4; PSES 190.7; district 189.3.

- Third grade: PPOS 193.6; PSES 198.3; district 197.9.

- Fourth grade: PPOS 193.7; PSES 209.5; district 207.5.

Growth explanation

Because PPOS only took the NWEA test once, there are no growth numbers to compare the spring of 2018's scores to.

In an email sent to The SUN on June 21, ASD Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares explained this point further.

"PPOS did not administer the NWEA according to standard administration windows. Though school began in September 2017, the benchmark assessment was given in December 2017 and the end of year assessment was given in May 2018," Mijares' email reads. "The timing of administration makes it impossible to measure growth against the national model."

The NWEA spring data is currently the most comprehensive look at PPOS's academic status until Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) scores are released, Mijares' email goes on to state.

"The NWEA administration indicates that PPOS students score below the national mean in most grades and areas, with third grade reading being the exception," Mijares' email concludes.

Lewicki's comments

Lewicki explained that the

NWEA test was taken only once because of struggles administering the test.

"We had so many nightmares with technology, with the laptops, we did paper pencil for CMAS because we knew we weren't going to get there," Lewicki described. "We just had a lot of problems in implementing and that's not going to happen again."

Transitioning into year two of test-taking at PPOS, Lewicki explained that, moving forward, things will be different.

"We're working on a lot of the kinks. The platforms are getting, you know, figured out," Lewicki commented.

Lewicki noted that assessment and data are "critically" important to what PPOS is doing and is for the benefit of the kids and school.

"So, we should be able to hit the ground running at 100 percent. It has not been 100 percent this year; it's been frustrating," Lewicki said.

Board concern

During the June 19 PPOS board meeting, additional test score data was presented to the board and audience members by Lewicki.

After those additional test score documents were passed out, PPOS board member Bill Hudson raised concerns about the test documents being passed out to the audience members.

"Now, I have a question, James. There's certain bits of what information you can make public if your group is less than 16, I think," Hudson commented.

Lewicki responded by acknowledging that Hudson was right in his

assertion on what test scores could be made public given PPOS's small class sizes.

"I think you probably want to check that with the district before we give it out to the press," Hudson said. "Because I don't know what the law is."

You don't want to give out test scores of a grade with a small population, Lewicki added.

Lewicki then collected the additional test score documents back from audience members.

"I don't mind this being shared if it's OK, but I would like to check it," Hudson said.

Hudson also raised concern over some of that test information being written on a white board during the meeting.

"And again, I don't think you want to share publicly, without us knowing, what the limits are of a single classroom like that, so I would erase that if I were you," Hudson commented.

PPOS Board President Ursala Hudson responded by noting that it was too late because the item had already been placed in PPOS's board packet for the meeting.

Later in his assessment presentation, Lewicki touched briefly on the NWEA scores that were not presented at the June 19 board meeting.

"We got to make sure we have good data and I'm not super comfortable with NWEA yet," Lewicki said.

The SUN has chosen to not report the number of students in each grade at PPOS alongside the test scores.

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Pagosa Peak Open School revises mission and vision statements

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Pagosa Peak Open School's (PPOS) mission and vision statements received a makeover after a June 18 workshop.

During a special meeting, members of the PPOS board reviewed and eventually revised the school's mission and vision statements.

The new vision statement for PPOS reads: "To create a community of empowered, lifelong learners."

The new mission statement for PPOS reads: "By providing a multi-age learning environment designed to foster confidence, high academic achievement and the joy of learning through original and meaningful work."

PPOS Board President Ursala Hudson explained in a follow-up interview the reason why both statements were changed.

"We'd written those, the mission and vision, well I had written them, for the charter application and we had intended to revise them once the school opened," Hudson said.

PPOS teachers, along with its school director, were also allowed to help in this revision process, Hudson added.

"Because the main reason was that nobody could ever recite either statement, and we knew that for a mission and vision to really be effective, it should probably be reciteable by the teachers and

the staff and the students and the board," Hudson explained. "And so, we didn't feel prepared or we didn't feel like we had the experience to condense those statements down until we did have some more feedback from the rest of the school community."

PPOS's original vision reads: "Pagosa Peak Open School aims to inspire a passion and respect for learning, knowledge, character and skills, enabling children to pursue their dreams and lead meaningful lives. The children are nurtured and engaged through outdoor education, hands-on projects, and community involvement."

The original mission statement for PPOS states: "Pagosa Peak Open School is committed to providing a flexible, respectful and inclusive learning environment built upon individual competencies and interests, where education evolves as a creative process, fostering self-sufficient individuals with inquisitive minds. By exploring subjects through participation in natural environments, student achievement is amplified and a strong sense of place is solidified, inevitably supporting community vitality and a healthy planet."

Staying true to values

Initially, PPOS's foundation was built on place-based and project-based learning and with the new

mission and vision statements those core values still hold true, Hudson explained.

During the session on June 18, 12 key words were wanted in the statements by the PPOS board, Hudson described.

Those statements included phrases such as: multiage learning environment and place and project-based learning, Hudson added.

"But when it came down to it we realized we could kind of allude to those things with the wording that we chose," Hudson said. "So, we felt like the only way to have original and meaningful work was through project-based learning and place-based learning."

PPOS wanted a mantra for the school community to be able to recite, Hudson added later.

"And then on our website we're going to have a paragraph and that's going to include all those other keywords because we have so many keywords that we want to be included in the mission and vision," Hudson said.

District approval

Archuleta School District (ASD) is PPOS's authorizing body and there is language within PPOS's charter contract that indicates a mission and vision need to be approved by ASD's Board of Education.

Under section six, which is entitled "Educational Program," within subsection 6.1 it states, "The vision set forth in the Application is accepted by the District."

Under subsection 6.2 it states, "The mission set forth in the Application is accepted by the District."

When asked if PPOS's new mission and vision needed to be authorized by ASD, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed initially noted she was not sure.

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Coroner resigns, commissioners to appoint replacement

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

After announcing on Wednesday his intent to take a long-term leave of absence for health reasons, Archuleta County Coroner Dan Keuning announced his resignation on Thursday, June 21.

"It is with great sadness that I would like to request that my medical leave of absence be completed today and my immediate resignation be accepted," Keuning wrote in a letter addressed to the county's human resources department, commissioners, administrator and attorney.

Keuning wrote that the resignation came after discussion with the county attorney, human resources department and county manager.

Keuning ended the letter with an expression of appreciation for the support received in the four years he served as coroner.

With his resignation and the upcoming election, questions have been raised about the filling of Keuning's position.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed possibilities around filling the coroner position at its work session on Tuesday morning.

Bentley Henderson, the Archuleta County administrator, explained to the BoCC that there were a lot of misunderstandings surrounding the now-vacant position of county coroner.

"We're talking about two different events, one is the vacancy, the other one is the election process, and they are distinct and they are not tied together," Henderson said.

What's happening, Henderson described, is that people are believ-



Dan Keuning

ing that it is some form of a political process to select the person to fill the vacancy.

A vacancy is filled by someone selected by the members of the BoCC to fill out the remainder of the term, Henderson explained.

"Regardless of whose term it is," Henderson said.

Henderson explained if that was understood, the other issues would work themselves out.

Keuning described this in his resignation letter as well: "With my resignation the BOCC can appoint an interim coroner to lead the great team of professionals that we have developed. Caring for the citizens of this county should be the top priority."

Keuning explained in his letter that he believed "being on disabil-

ity long term would have a negative impact" on the coroner's office, and would leave the position "unfilled until January of 2019."

"Here's my thoughts, the Republican party vacancy committee will replace Dan on the ballot, and it's kind of my perspective ... that should be the board appointment," BoCC Chair Steve Wadley said.

Wadley explained that it "doesn't make sense" to select someone for six months until another election.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked if Keuning had appointed a deputy coroner.

Todd Starr, the Archuleta County attorney, explained that he had, but complications in statute caused some problems.

Depending on which statute you read, Starr continued, there are different understandings of who can act as coroner.

In one statute, Starr explained, it states "that a deputy coroner should hold office during, and subject to the pleasure of the coroner" which if Starr suggests that if the coroner is not in office, the deputy coroner could hold office.

However, a different statute implies something different.

According to Starr, another statute reads "that a deputy coroner's appointment can only be terminated in writing filed by the coroner," and since the coroner's office is empty the deputy coroner may not be able to be replaced.

"So the coroner didn't revoke that deputy, so I think we could make a strong argument ... that the deputy gets to act as the coroner until a[n] appointment by the board is made," Starr said.

Henderson explained his recommendation would be to have Starr put what was explained by him into writing.

"... but there are certain statutory requirements that have to be met," Henderson said.

Wadley and Maez explained they had both been contacted by several individuals about the open

position.

"It seems to be the most coveted job in the county right now," Henderson said.

Starr said that the vacancy needed to be filled sooner rather than later.

Wadley explained that he would hate to fill that vacancy for six months and then it to be filled by somebody else.

Maez expressed his opinion that the deputy coroner should stay in that position until the appointment of a new coroner by the BoCC.

Wadley stated that the best decision he thought was to talk to the Republican party about when it has its selections.

Starr, however, seemed concerned, and was worried he would not articulate his concern well.

"Wait a minute, this is throwing a flag for me ... I hope we're not letting the Republican party dictate how the county is managing its business," Starr said.

Starr mentioned that there were Democrats in Archuleta County who may like to be coroner.

"We have to be careful," Starr said.

Wadley noted that the next coroner was going to be a Republican.

Starr warned that maybe a Democrat did not want to run against Keuning since he was an incumbent.

"They can't run now," Wadley said.

Starr said he understood that a Democrat cannot run at this point, however, "Now [a Democrat] could step in and get appointed, perhaps."

Starr and Henderson further articulated this point through discussion.

Both Henderson and Starr felt the BoCC should accept resumes from all, regardless of public politics.

Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez warned the BoCC that unaffiliated persons had until July 12 to petition for the position, and until August to secure it.

"Glad we cleared that up," Henderson said with a laugh.

Maez smiled.

"Yeah, like muddy water," Maez said.

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Tempers flare as county commissioners, Aspen Springs residents meet

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The residents of Aspen Springs filled the floor, hall and chairs of the Archuleta County administration building on the evening of June 19 to discuss problems and concerns with the county commissioners.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) had invited residents of the Aspen Springs Metro District to discuss issues experienced by citizens in their district.

The BoCC was met with many complaints and concerns from the citizens of Aspen Springs.

Ronnie Zaday, a former county commissioner, began the meeting by explaining that the meeting between the BoCC and Aspen Springs had been organized for "being heard."

Members of the Aspen Springs board sat with the BoCC, while many residents of Aspen Springs filled the seats of the county room.

Zaday explained that some concerns brought to the board were over who was responsible and in what ways for county roads and Aspen Springs roads.

The discussion opened up with talks over a certain property on Bill's Place where sewage had been dumped on the ground.

Starr explained that the case surrounding Bill's Place was in "our favor," meaning that the county would have a chance to go onto the property, "clean it out" and remove trailers from the property.

A lien will be placed against that property, Starr explained.

Details were further discussed by Starr about the future of the property.

And raw sewage was also happening at other locations, according to Andrew Hickman, a new member on the Aspen Springs Metro District board.

"We have another spot up there in six, that my neighbor Gerald Bennett... these guys were dumping raw sewage on top of his property," Hickman said.

Hickman continued to explain that Bennett had talked with San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), the District Attorney's Office (DAO) and others with no results.

Further, according to Hickman, nothing was done about it from the top down.

"There are ordinances that y'all are upholding, and then there are some things that y'all say your hands are tied," Hickman said.

Hickman explained that while the residents of Aspen Springs are paying taxes for SJBPH, the organization is not doing its job.

"The only thing worse [than dumping raw sewage] is radiation," said Hickman.

Hickman also mentioned that situations should be handled on a case-by-case basis, not on Aspen Springs as a whole, since some people in Aspen Springs do not know what happens in different areas of the same community.

"I think the case by case needs to be handled appropriately," Hickman said.

If there is raw sewage being dumped on the ground, Hickman argued, it should be dealt with quickly.

Hickman explained that he lived in a trailer and his sewage had to be removed, but that he followed the law and disposed of it in a legal way.

"I'm not destroying property; I'm not hurting anyone," Hickman said.

Starr explained that the new SJBPH employee had a "more aggressive approach" to dealing with violation.

Further, Starr explained that he hoped the new employee would help go after problems like raw sewage dumping.

"In the past [the BoCC] has said that it was their problem," Starr said about SJBPH.

But the current BoCC, Starr explained, was willing to go after and enforce nuisance ordinances.

"My personal opinion," Starr explained, was that the nuisance ordinances should hurt in order to

help with compliance.

Bennett then spoke, explaining that he "was told that Mr. Starr said" that there were no sanctions against raw sewage dumping.

Bennett further said that he filed a nuisance complaint.

"They're not serving me, they're not helping me," Bennett said.

In his opinion, Bennett said that "the buck stops out at the Bridge and Road Commission" where he filed the complaint.

But one of Bennett's main concerns came out of the fact that the perpetrators had left the area some time previous, and now someone had moved back on to the problem property.

Wadley explained that the BoCC had heard many concerns of this type, and referred them to Human Services.

However, according to Bennett, he had done that and not received help from any organization.

Wadley explained that the ACSO was headed by an elected official, and not an enforcer for the BoCC.

"But the sheriff did offer that he would escort [SJBPH] employees out there so they couldn't use the argument that they were scared," Wadley said.

Starr tried to get some clarity on the situation causing the dumping of the raw sewage, and Bennett explained that new people were living there growing marijuana.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez interrupted to say that he wanted the meeting to make progress, not just to complain.

He mentioned he understood the complaints, but that the complaints must have an answerable action attached to it.

"We need to get our heads together and see what we can do about solving the problem," Maez said in response to several problems.

Another woman in the crowd mentioned she was having sewage dumped on her ground, her well was contaminated and SJBPH told her neighbor with a 150-foot well that dumping sewage would not hurt them "and left."

And the runoff of the sewage is right in the middle of the road, the woman continued.

A 20-year resident of Aspen Springs mentioned that things were changing now with SJBPH and that was good, but that more processes needed to change.

For years, the man explained, SJBPH used to put just a complaint on a list and no action was taken.

Commissioner Michael Whiting said that the health department was scraped because it was "corrupt."

"I think people think the buck stops here [at the BoCC], but it really doesn't, the sheriff doesn't work for us, we contract [SJBPH], but they're the enforcement," said Wadley.

Wadley explained that the Bill's Place case would cost the county taxpayers in court and legal fees, but it was the right thing to do.

Members of the audience and the BoCC entered into a lively discussion about the responsibilities of the BoCC over the ACSO and SJBPH.

"We can use our position to speak with them and motivate them," said Wadley.

Several members of the audience pointed out the failures of the BoCC, SJBPH and ACSO.

"Sounds like mountain law," a member of the audience said as a response if the BoCC couldn't handle the situations.

A woman from the crowd explained that composting toilets, while expensive, were actually permitted under the law.

The woman further suggested that if composting toilets were allowed in Aspen Springs many of the problems would be eliminated.

However, one other member of the community responded by saying that the people who would buy a composting toilet were not the problem, it was the ones who wouldn't even if they could.

Several members of the audience

suggested putting monetary pressure on SJBPH, and adding a sort of accountability system for citizens to check the status of the case.

Another major concern that was brought up was the blockage of roads.

Starr, who had been the subject of several comments from the crowd, was commented on by the audience about the several road blockages in Aspen Springs.

One of the Aspen Springs board members explained her frustration with Starr as being told in March that a trailer blocking a road would be dealt with, but, as of the meeting, nothing had been done.

"So, are we going to have anything done by, let's say, next snowfall so that the people up there can get out?" one board member asked.

Maez explained that many issues are being dealt with across the entire county.

The problem with the roads, according to members of the Aspen Springs board, is that it is not always clear whether the road is Aspen Springs' or Archuleta County's responsibility.

Another issue brought up was that a member of Aspen Spring put a fence across a public road, Starr described.

A member of the audience suggested that the sheriff go to the fence and cut it down.

One member said that the members of Aspen Springs wanted the same laws enforced across the county, mainly the raw sewage.

Another problem, the audience member noted, could be solved by tracking nuisance complaints across multiple departments.

"I think everyone needs to be aware of something," Archuleta County Administrator Bentley Henderson said, explaining that the enforcement process takes time to investigate in order to allow due process.

Henderson explained that, currently, SJBPH and the county are working on a position where the two can work to take punitive action together.

"Sorry guys, but Aspen Springs is a little bit of the wild, wild West," one audience member said. "The longer it takes to enforce this and get it corrected, the longer people will block the roads."

"There is a big assumption in this room that these problems are particular to Aspen Springs, and I can tell you ... I filed a complaint in 2015, still not resolved," Whiting said.

Whiting explained that there was a county-wide need to address these problems.

"There are crappy neighbors all over this county," Whiting said.

One member of the audience mentioned that there must be a time frame of a complaint of some sort.

Whiting tried to create a list of issues and concerns for Aspen Springs, including: human waste, the criminal in the area, "crappy neighbor syndrome," safety of the roads, and enforcement across many issues.

"What we need to do now is work as a team," one member of the audience said.

After this statement, several tempers flared.

One member explained there was a lot of "double talk" and then, turning to Starr, said, "Excuse me, Mr. Starr, just exactly what process was it that caused you not to file on the person blocking the roads up there for over six months?"

"If you people would do your jobs," he continued, "You wouldn't see anybody sitting out here, this room would be empty."

The man continued to say that Colorado had petitions and that a petition should be taken to Durango "and get that ... district attorney next."

Then, approaching Starr, said, "You are incompetent, Mr. Starr."

"We don't get [anywhere] with anger," Maez said in response.

Whiting explained that every four years there was an election and anyone could enter it.

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife officers prepare for Operation Dry Water

Special to The SUN

Boaters at state parks will see heightened enforcement of boating under the influence (BUI) laws as Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) participates in the national Operation Dry Water during the weekend of June 29-July 1.

The three-day operation is designed to educate boaters and reduce the number of accidents and deaths related to alcohol and drug use on our waterways.

It is timed to coincide with a busy Fourth of July weekend of holiday celebrations on the water.

"Alcohol use remains the leading contributing factor in recreational boater deaths in the United States," said Grant Brown, Colorado's boating safety program manager. "CPW encourages everyone to stay safe by

staying sober while on the water. We want Colorado boaters to have a fun and enjoyable time on the water, but to do so responsibly. Being reckless and boating under the influence can have consequences well beyond a citation; taking that chance just isn't worth it."

Operation Dry Water's mission is to raise awareness among recreational boaters about the dangers and consequences of boating under the influence, which include:

- Alcohol impairs judgment, balance, vision and reaction time; on the water, that can increase fatigue and susceptibility to the effects of cold-water immersion.

- Sun, wind, noise, vibration and motion are added factors found in a boating environment; all of these intensify the effects of alcohol, drugs and some medications. A

general rule to remember is that one drink on land is equivalent to three drinks on the water.

- Alcohol can be dangerous for passengers, too. Intoxication on board can cause injuries from slips, falls overboard and other dangerous accidents.

Boaters registering a blood alcohol content level exceeding the .08 state limit should expect to be arrested for BUI and face other serious penalties including fines, having your boat impounded, potential jail time and loss of boating privileges. Operation Dry Water patrols will include increased patrols, breathalyzer tests and checkpoints as well as boater education and outreach. However, fellow boaters remain one of the most important tools CPW has on the water.

"If you see someone drinking

and boating or being dangerous on their watercraft, please let us know," said Brown. "It is no different than calling 911 to report a drunk driver on the road to keep your family and community safe. Don't let someone else's bad decision impact the safety of everyone else on the water."

The dangers of operating under the influence of marijuana are the same as those from alcohol and the penalties are identical for either substance. Additionally, many lakes, reservoirs and rivers in Colorado are considered public property, so open display or use of marijuana is illegal and may result in additional consequences.

Boaters can take the pledge to boat sober and find more information about boating under the influence at www.operationdry-water.org.

EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

First Archuleta County Weed Tour a success

By Robin Young
SUN Columnist

The inaugural Archuleta County Weed Tour was a great success. Plan an outdoor activity and the rain will come, right? Well, it did, nice and

steady with no lightning, making for a welcome relief that everyone enjoyed while wandering around looking at weeds.

The day started with a presentation by Ethan Proud, the Archuleta County Weed and Pest manager,

on our local weeds, how to identify them and ways to control them. Goody bags were given out with some great information on noxious weeds and tools to prevent the spread of seeds.

Then, we all piled on the bus and

visited sites around town to show noxious weeds in their habitat. During the tour, Proud asked questions and the lucky people who came up with the right answers received great prizes like seedling ID books, a sprayer and the coveted "Weeds of the West" book — way to go, Lake McCollough. We ended up at the San Juan Conservation District office for the last part of the tour.

On behalf of both Proud and myself, we would like to thank the Colorado Department of Agriculture for sponsoring the tour, LaVonne Rababah for driving us safely around to the different sites, Jamie Jones for her help in schlepping lunches and being the gopher for needed supplies, McCollough for sharing her knowledge of plants, the Town of Pagosa Springs for our site visits and the San Juan Conservation District/NRCS for its donations of seeds, brochures, drinks and the use of their facility to eat lunch out of the rain. We also want to thank all of the people who participated in the first Archuleta County Weed Tour. It was great to spend a nice rainy Saturday morning with you looking and talking about noxious weeds. I personally want to thank Proud for all his great work on making this first annual tour a fun and educational event. See you next year.

Help keep young wildlife wild in Colorado

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Newborn wildlife may be found in backyards, along trails, open spaces or, in some rare instances, in parking lots.

CPW receives numerous calls each year regarding young wildlife that has been "abandoned" by adult animals. And, in pet-friendly Colorado, many humans are tempted to "help" a young animal by picking it up or trying to feed it. Well-meaning people sometimes bring baby wildlife to rehabilitation facilities or to CPW offices, but that's the wrong thing to do. There is simply no substitute for their natural parents.

Wildlife experts want people to know that it is quite normal for adult animals to leave their young alone in a safe place while they go search for food. And, in the case of baby birds, people are quick to deem them abandoned, though, in most cases, they are just learning to fly and are likely very near their nests.

"Baby mammals are scentless in order to prevent predators from finding them," said Janet George, senior terrestrial biologist for CPW. "When humans touch these animals, they leave behind a scent their adults will not recognize or

may even fear. This can result in true abandonment of healthy offspring. It is best for people to leave them alone."

Because birds do not have a highly developed sense of smell, baby songbirds can be picked up and moved out of harm's way or placed back in their nests if absolutely necessary. Raptors, however, are a different story; great horned owls and other raptors are territorial and have been known to fly directly at humans seen as a threat to their young.

Deer fawns found in backyards are frequently brought to wildlife offices. They have not been abandoned, so do not touch them.

If you do encounter young wildlife on the trail or in your yard, leave the animal where it is and be careful to keep pets out of the area. Use binoculars to quietly view the animal from a distance. It's important not to get too close to the animals, nor linger near them, as human proximity and time spent in the area may make the wild parents afraid to return.

If 24 hours pass and the parent does not return, or a young animal appears sick and weak, it is possible the newborn was abandoned or the parent may be unable to return due to sickness or death. In this instance, concerned citizens should

call the nearest CPW office. The agency has teams available to determine if an animal truly needs aid and the ability to safely transport it to a certified wildlife rehabilitation center if necessary. Never move an animal yourself.

In addition to potential harm to the animal, there is a potential for harm to humans. Handling wildlife poses risks, including disease transmission of rabies, distemper or other illnesses. Wildlife can also carry fleas that might subsequently spread disease to humans or pets.

Finally, it is imperative for Coloradans to understand that there is a vast difference between wildlife and domesticated animals. It is illegal to feed or own most wildlife in Colorado, so despite best intentions, "adopting" a wild animal rarely leads to good outcomes.

Hand-fed animals with no fear of humans are rarely returned to the wild due to their lack of survival skills. Licensed wildlife rehabilitators are trained to use methods that will give a wild animal the best chance of surviving upon release. CPW asks people to call the agency or these rehabilitators to ensure the best outcome for animals.

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Eagle's Nest Youth Ranch: healing people, healing horses

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Among the rolling green hills and piñon-dotted landscape of rural Archuleta County, a winding dirt road brings you to a secluded stable almost invisible from a few hundred yards away.

This is the Eagle's Nest Youth Ranch, and it's been operating in Archuleta County since 2010, when Toni Tuller felt called to create a youth ranch.

Both Toni and her husband, Claude, seem to move constantly, but are ever present, giving out suggestions, helping visitors, answering questions and smiling the entire time.

The ranch operates off donations and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The ranch is a faith-based organization, the brochure states, but the ranch is not associated with any religious congregation.

"Faith on the ranch is lived not preached," the brochure states.

The purpose of the ranch, according to the brochure, is "two-fold," first, rescuing abused and neglected equines and, second, to minister to the hearts and minds of at-risk children of all ages.

At the ranch that day were Carson Pilgrim, along with his father Greg Pilgrim, who were taking part in the many activities available at Eagle's Nest.

Carson has a form of autism, and while he was at the ranch, he painted horses, raced ducks and rode around the corral.

The ranch offers what it calls a "one-on-one-on-one" ministry, in which one lead, one child and one horse share a two-hour session with the parents and families involved, according to the brochure.

First, with his father, Greg, close by, Carson rode around the corral, with the help of Toni and her assistant, Mia Stewart.

Carson was working with a



SUN photo/Avery Martinez

Mia Stewart, a volunteer at Eagle's Nest Youth Ranch, leads one of many horses that calls the ranch home to another corral. Stewart, according to ranch founder Toni Tuller, is a big help around the ranch. Stewart helps with feeding, moving and anything else the horses or Tuller need.

horse named Nova, who was saved along with her 3-month-old foal by Eagle's Nest Youth Ranch, Toni explained.

"Many of the horses came 'from the feedlot,'" Toni said.

"We've actually rescued quite a few wonderful horses, and they all need work," Toni said.

"We have three paint ponies that came together, and they're totally wild, hardly handled — if ever," Toni said.

One of the ponies, who early on bit Toni over a misunderstanding, is now very handle-able, and a bigger pony, which will help with bigger kids, Toni explained.

This is a large part of the ranch, as part of the purpose of the ranch is to rescue abused and neglected horses, according to information

listed in the brochure.

In the brochure the mission of the ranch is explained.

"We teach the child lessons about horsemanship and the love and trust that develop in that relationship that overlap into lessons about the loving God we serve," it states.

In a quiet moment, Toni cast her bright eyes out over the rolling hills of green and the pine trees which dot the land on which her many horses grazed, and explained that she had never thought she would own a ranch.

The ranch was created from a calling felt by Toni.

"God told me — believe what you want — years ago in California ... 'You're going to have a youth ranch.' And I said, 'What?'" Toni said.

Toni explained that she believed that if that was what she was to do, God would "set things in motion" to create the ranch.

And, a year later, while praying with another woman, Toni was informed that she would indeed open a horse ranch.

"I guess that was the confirmation," Toni said.

Things kept moving toward the ranch, Toni explained.

"He's been good to us, but that's not to say it's not a struggle," said Toni.

There are several ways for the child and the family to be involved in the sessions, either they can side-walk to help ensure child safety, doing other ranch activities or cheering the child on from the sidelines, the brochure states.

"It's not even all about horses," Toni said.



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At the duck races, Carson Pilgrim (left) and Toni Tuller (right), prepare to race two rubber ducks down the track. Tuller is the founder, operator and driving force behind Eagle's Nest Youth Ranch, a nonprofit equine ministry that offers interaction with horses and humans through horse riding, horse painting and hikes. The duck race is a popular ranch activity.

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Town council voices support for Department of the Interior office relocation

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its meeting on June 18, the Pagosa Springs Town Council voiced its support for an effort to relocate a Department of the Interior (DOI) office near Durango.

The move came in the form of a letter of support that was unanimously approved by the trustees.

"The La Plata County Economic Development Alliance is seeking letters of support from regional partners for the relocation of a DOI office to Durango," the agenda brief for the item explains. "The relocation of a federal agency office would be a positive addition for the region."

The agenda documentation and Jennie Green, tourism director (who presented the item to the council for consideration) also acknowledge that the effort is "late in the game," noting that other communities/regions have a "significant head start."

However, as it was explained in the agenda brief and at the meeting, it was recently announced at the BP building at the Durango-

La Plata County Airport "would become available ... for a future tenant."

"That building would be ideal for a federal office relocation the size of what is being contemplated by the Department of the Interior. And because this location has only recently become available, the region hasn't had anything to offer until now," the agenda brief states.

The agenda brief also outlines several "key areas of consideration," which include:

- The presence of Fort Lewis College for new hires.

- That the building is located in the San Juan Basin, which is "one of the most prolific natural gas/coal bed methane basins in the country."

- That there are multiple land uses that include natural resources, grazing, historic preservation and an "expanding tourism base."

- The presence of "significant federal and tribal lands which would both benefit and be benefited by a more proximate location of a key agency."

- That there are several flights per day from Durango to Denver.

- That there are other federal agencies in the area.

- That the BP office would be a turn-key office building that could provide space for up to 400 employees and amenities such as back-up generation, high-speed Internet, state-of-the-art security systems and more.

The letter of support approved by council states that the town "is aware that the Department of Interior is considering moving one or more divisions to the western United States. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) relocation has been brought up several times in Colorado media, and the Town ... County appreciates our federal efforts to see BLM relocated to the Western Slope of Colorado."

"A relocation of this magnitude has the opportunity to positively impact the economy of an entire region, not just one town. Indeed, most rural communities could not handle a relocation of this size on their own. Nor do many communities have the facilities and assets needed to house an agency as important as the BLM."

The letter also notes that, in

addition to being within "one of the most prolific coalbed methane basins in the nation," southwest Colorado has "proximity to the San Juans, two UNESCO world heritage sites (Chaco Canyon and Mesa Verde), river basins that cross three states, as well as three Native American nations (the Southern Utes, Ute Mountain Utes, and Navajos) present a complex mix of land ownership- including BLM land- and competing interests for land use and water rights. This would be an excellent location for BLM to better learn about and resolve complex land issues that face many regions in the western United States."

Further, the letter notes that the airport location "is also centrally located to provide a variety of housing options for BLM employees, from higher end housing north of Durango in the San Juan Mountains to quality workforce housing in towns such as Pagosa and Archuleta County, as well as Bayfield, Ignacio, and Mancos Colorado, and even Aztec, New Mexico."

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Ranch

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according to that volunteer, and with no big benefactors backing the ranch, it depends on the peanut brittle to pay to feed the horses.

"Toni works another job," the volunteer said.

"We work with each child as an individual, seeking to address their issues using whatever means will do the most good," the brochure states.

The last activity of the day for Carson, however, involved Nova, as the horse which he had previously ridden prepared to be a living canvas.

Carson was able to pick out different colors of paint, a combination of yellow and green, to paint directly on to Nova.

As the gently moving horse watched, Carson drew pictures, suns, wrote words and smiled as Toni and his father spoke and painted with him.

"Children who have never learned to trust can suddenly open up emotionally to a 1,000-pound counselor with big brown eyes," the brochure reads.

Turning Nova into a literally

painted pony, Carson stuck out his hand and gently touched Nova's muzzle, leaving little green paint splashes on her dark coat.

Carson smiled, Nova gently swayed in the breeze and Toni asked Carson if he was ready to help with chores.

"Volunteers are the backbone" of the ranch, the brochure reads, and the volunteers cover a wide variety of jobs and tasks from gardening to transportation, handyman, horse care, crafts, construction and more.

"The last two years have been hard for us," Toni said.

Claude has experienced medical complications in the past two years, Toni explained, and it has made running the ranch even tougher.

Bills are high, as Toni told The SUN that last year almost \$1,400 a month went just to hay.

Toni explained that she was in need of natural horsemanship helpers to help train the horses, and help with their lives at the ranch.

Toni works close to 60 hours a week to keep the horses in hay, and to pay the bills, she told The SUN.

"We do what we can, but it's slow

going," said Toni.

Toni said that she has 16 horses and not much help.

But training the horses, and finding qualified natural horsemanship helpers, has been difficult, she explained.

"I'm not a good enough trainer, rider, or of an age that I can be getting on [a horse] that I'm going to risk being bucked off," she said.

Many of the horses' ages are a guess, Toni explained, and that currently there were many horses in the corrals would be great for the work they do with people at the ranch, once they were trained.

If they had the help, Toni explained, more opportunities and programs would be offered.

But, Toni also mentioned that the volunteers for the ranch must fit the ranch, and that she must see the person's life before coming on to the ranch.

Of the volunteers at the ranch, some bake and others help around the ranch.

Stewart is the "right hand" of the ranch, according to Toni.

Though Stewart may be young, Toni explained, she helps around the ranch with mucking stalls, watering horses, feeding and just about anything else the ranch needs.

Nova, the horse on which Carson was able to paint pictures and words, has had a transformation to where she is, Toni explained.

Toni recently held a fundraiser to get a horse trailer for the ranch and posted a video of pictures of Nova before and after she and her foal arrived at the ranch.

Toni told The SUN Tuesday that the fundraiser was a success.

"She doesn't even look like the same horse," Toni said.

Two horses, brothers Lex and Luther, were brought to the ranch and show the challenges faced by the ranch in bringing horses and humans into contact.

Toni explained that Luther loved people and was used in many sessions at the ranch until he was put down earlier this year.

"He was sweet and kind, and huge and gentle," Toni said in a soft voice.

Toni told The SUN that many of the horses come from unknown



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Roadwork is underway on a portion of South 5th Street, requiring a road closure from the Apache Street intersection down to the high school entrance. The town recommends that motorists utilize South 8th Street or South 6th Street to reach the Yamaguchi Park/high school complex area.

Construction underway on South 5th Street

By Scott Lewandowski
Special to The SUN

Roadwork is underway on a portion of South 5th Street.

The Town of Pagosa Springs' contractor started construction on South 5th Street on Tuesday, June 26, with the work requiring a road closure from the Apache Street intersection down to the high school entrance.

The project will be rebuilding a one block section of South 5th

Street from Apache Street to the high school entrance (South 6th Street). The project will consist of the following: rebuilding and repaving the road; minor drainage improvements on the west side; and curb, gutter and sidewalk on the east side. The project is slated to last 75 days.

The town recommends that motorists utilize South 8th Street and or South 6th Street to reach the Yamaguchi Park/high school complex area. In order to accom-

modate some of the traffic flow, the town has temporarily improved South 6th Street with a gravel base, so please use caution while using that route.

As always, the town urges all motorists and pedestrians to follow all detours and traffic-control measures in and around South 5th Street.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Lewandowski at 264-4151, ext 235 or slewandowski@pagosasprings.co.gov.

Driver's license fees to increase July 1

By Daniel Carr
Special to The SUN

The fee for a driver's license is set to increase by \$1 to \$28 on July 1, in accordance with Colorado Revised Statute 42-2-114.5.

The fee increase is intended to offset the cost of providing driver services.

This fee increase is the last of three written into the current law, which included a \$1 price increase

in the cost of driver's licenses each year since 2015.

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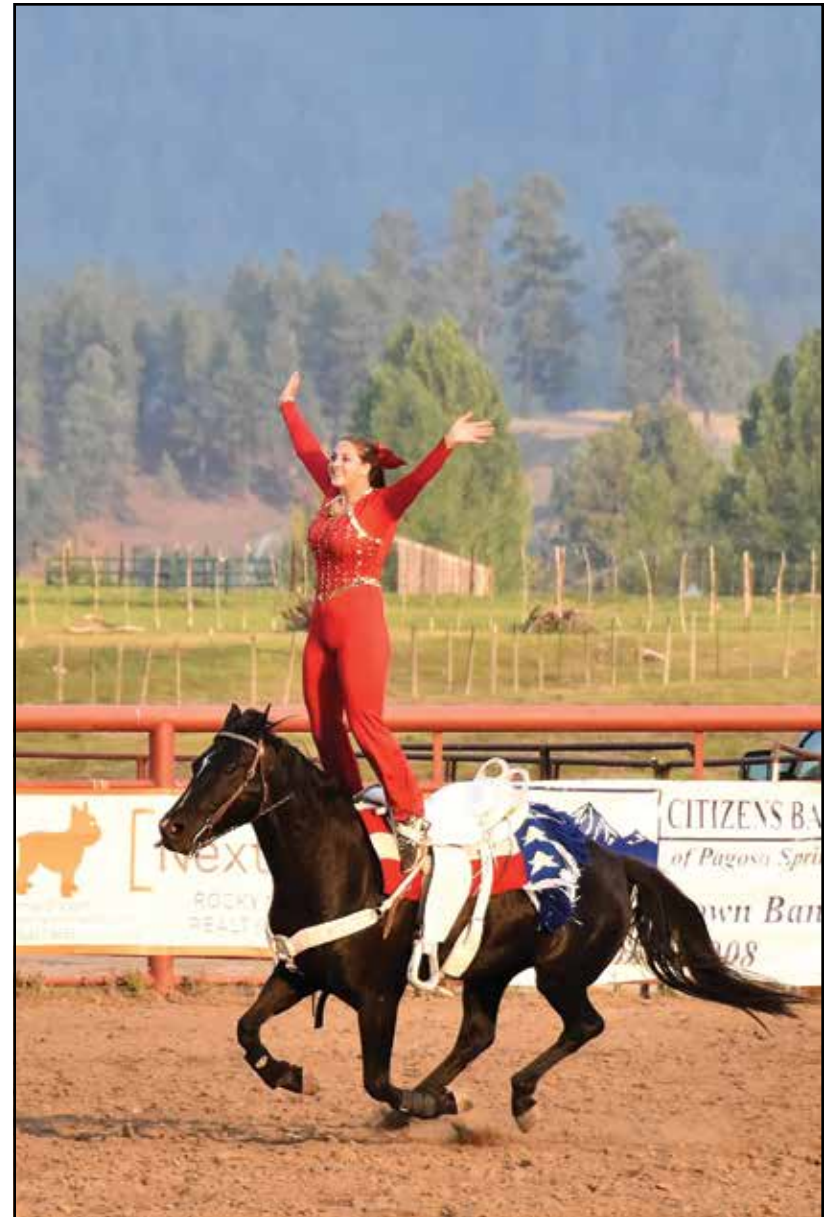
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Rodeo fun

Rodeo is a summer tradition in the West, and Pagosa Springs is no different. Residents and visitors alike can take in a rodeo on a weekly basis at the Pagosa Night Rodeo on Thursdays, which is pictured here. Even more rodeo is on tap, with the annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo set for July 4, 5 and 6 at the Western Heritage Event Center. Tickets are available now.



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The 69th annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo dates are July 4 at 2 p.m., July 5 at 6 p.m. and July 6 at 6 p.m. at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds. Rodeo events are interspersed with a variety of other acts like the Mutton Bustin' contest, Daisy BB gun raffle and rodeo clown.

Exhibition events make 69th Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo an entertaining affair

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

A traditional American rodeo is a must-see event. While cowboys and cowgirls from various states compete for prizes and prize money in this sanctioned rodeo series, the event is also filled with a variety of exhibition events to make an entertaining affair.

This year marks the 69th anniversary of the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo.

Each Red Ryder Rodeo begins with an impressive grand entry with flags waving from westerners on horseback. Rodeo clowns are both entertainers and bullfighters. Their primary job is to protect the cowboy and prevent a tragedy with dangerous livestock. Between activities, the clowns will work the crowd. The antics of the clown cannot be predicted, but often include singing, dancing, joking and pantomimes within the act. Other rodeo events are interspersed

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Express yourself at Tuesday hand-drumming sessions

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

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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. Designed as an opportunity for people of all ages to unleash their creativity, the drumming class is a family-friendly activity open to all ages. No previous experience is necessary.

Eve Taylor, an enthusiastic participant, said, "I feel grateful to have found this group because I can express myself freely. I had read about the drumming class in The SUN. I was interested, but it took a personal invitation from a friend to finally get me there. I have listened to a wide variety of music over the years. I was in the high school choir

and loved it. The teacher was very supportive and encouraging. I also took a class on famous composers."

Taylor took the initiative to arrange a recent performance of the drumming class for Veterans for Veterans, an organization that focuses on helping veterans in Archuleta County and surrounding areas.

"Several years ago I lost someone very dear to me," she said. "My only son was in the military and was killed in action in Afghanistan."

A Gold Star Mother with rhythm in her soul, Taylor said, "Music has helped me on the road to healing. With drumming I can be a participant, not on the sidelines as a spectator. I have found it to be a very freeing and nonthreatening way to express myself. An added plus is the friendships I have developed in the class. We laugh and play and become carefree kids again."

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

Rodeo

■ continued from previous page with a variety of other antics like the mutton bustin' contest and the Daisy BB gun raffle.

Mutton bustin' is a crowd-pleasing event. Cowpokes, 6 years and younger, will test their strength and stamina by riding a sheep as long as they can hold on. This contest is held daily with 10 new contestants each leaving the arena with a special prize and the overall winner, the boy or girl recording the longest ride, receiving an authentic Red Ryder Rodeo belt buckle.

The rodeos are Wednesday, July 4, at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 5, at 6 p.m., and Friday, July 6, at 6 p.m. at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds. Tickets are available at Goodman's Department Store and at the gate prior to the event. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$6 for children 12 and under on July 5 and 6. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$8 for children 12 and under on July 4. A limited number of box seats are available and can be purchased by calling 264-5000.

A variety of concessions are available throughout the event

including smoked meat plates; Our Savior Lutheran School manning the beer garden and selling drinks and snacks; and a kettle corn vendor.

The rodeo has a long history in Pagosa Springs and was named after Red Ryder who was the feature cowboy character in the popular long-running western comic strip created by Stephen Slesinger and artist Fred Harman. Red, along with his horse Thunder, was a tough cowboy who lived on Painted Valley Ranch in the Blanco Basin in the San Juan Mountains. He and his sidekick, Little Beaver with his horse Papoose, dealt with the bad guys of the day. The comic strip was wildly popular and ran from 1938-1964 in 750 newspapers.

The Western Heritage Event Center, the organization that produces the rodeo, invites everyone to share in preserving the history and tradition of the American west.

More rodeo information is available by calling 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net or visiting www.PagosaRodeo.com.

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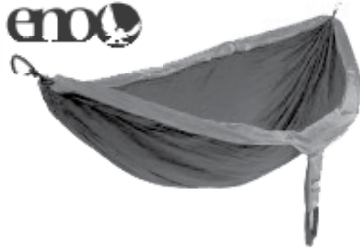
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19th Hole Concerts to get folksy tonight with the San Juan Mountain Boys

By Laurel Sebastian
Special to The PREVIEW

The San Juan Mountain Boys, a local duo featuring Ron Lowe (acoustic guitar and vocals) and Glenn Unrath (bass and vocals), play tonight at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The band plays country, folk, pop and old rock, and will offer hits from the '60s through today. With the breathtaking mountain views in the background, the San Juan Mountain Boys hope to remind you exactly why you love southwest Colorado.

The third night of the concerts, tonight's featured nonprofit is DUST2 (Developing Urban Singletrack and Team). Another Pagosa Springs-based nonprofit, DUST2's mission is to "promote active lifestyles in Archuleta County youth through the development of a junior mountain bike team and champion the construction of an urban trail system connecting community, schools and town parks."

So far, the nonprofit has accomplished just that. It offers camps, team practice and opportunities to compete for local students between fifth and 12th grades. Each group of students also works to improve local trails for at least one day each season, ensuring students understand the work that goes into the construction and maintenance of the local trails they enjoy.

DUST2 is also one of the organizations to thank for the recent development of the Dakota Springs



Photo courtesy Laurel Sebastian

A DUST2 youth cycling team-member practices her skills. DUST2 is the featured organization for tonight's 19th Hole Concert, which will be the San Juan Mountain Boys.

Trail System behind Pagosa Springs High School. It, along with the Town of Pagosa Springs and the Archuleta School District, will be responsible for continued trail maintenance. Despite some funding setbacks, DUST2 is happy to announce that it has also secured funding for the first half of a 2.2-mile trail to connect the Dakota Springs Trail System, Yamaguchi Park and Reservoir Hill with professionally engineered singletrack trail.

If you're ready to relax with signature drinks and food, dance to music and support local nonprofits, bike, walk or drive on over tonight. Please bring your family and chairs or blankets, but leave pets and outside food at home. The

Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado suggests a \$10 donation for entry to help reach a \$7,200 concert series goal. Kids 10 and under enter for free. So far, 326 people have attended, bringing the donations to over \$3,000 in the first two nights.

Upcoming 19th Hole Concerts:
June 28 — San Juan Mountain Boys: country, folk, pop and old rock; featuring DUST2.

July 5 — 13th Hour: Original rock; featuring Archuleta Seniors Inc.

July 12 — Songs of the Fall: Americana; featuring Aspire.

July 19 — J-Calvin's Soul Sessions: Soul-abducting jazz funk; featuring the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership.

Mercy to offer free education to those with prediabetes

By David Bruzese
Special to The PREVIEW

People diagnosed with prediabetes are at a higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Effectively managing prediabetes can help prevent diabetes. In fact, studies have shown that the risk of developing type 2 diabetes can be significantly reduced through weight loss and exercise, which have been shown to be more effective in managing prediabetes than medication alone.

Anyone identified as having prediabetes is invited to attend a free class by Sheena Carswell, CNS, BC-ADM, and Marge Morris, RD, CDE. Attendees will learn how to manage prediabetes and help prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes.

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Photo courtesy Dale Johnson

Taylor Jones as Yonah and Gus Palma as Japeth in Curtains Up Pagosa's stirring production of Stephen Schwartz "Children of Eden." Both Jones and Palma are recipients of CUP's John Graves Memorial Scholarship, helping to further students' college studies in the performing arts. Eden opens Friday, June 29, for two weekends. Tickets are available now at the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce.

'Children of Eden' to open Friday, June 29

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Born and raised in Pagosa Springs, Malinda Burnett knew early on that she wanted music to be a part of her life forever. She played guitar and piano until she could start band and play the instrument that she really wanted to play, the saxophone.

She participated in many musical activities while in high school, including CUP musicals. The first musical she was a part of was playing in the pit for "Oklahoma!"

After graduating from Pagosa Springs High School, Burnett received a scholarship from CUP to study music education at Fort Lewis College in Durango. Following a music degree from FLC, she received a master's in education from Western State Colorado University in Gunnison in the spring of 2017.

In addition to teaching music at Pagosa Springs Middle School, Burnett is actively involved in the many musical activities in the area. She plays with the Southwest Civic Winds (out of Durango, when her schedule allows), she is co-director of the Pagosa Springs Community Band and frequently performs in the pit for the high school and CUP musicals.

On June 29, Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) will open the curtains on a gem of a musical by Stephen Schwartz (music and lyrics) and



Photo courtesy Dale Johnson

Malinda Burnett

John Caird (script), one that never hit the Broadway stage, but is one that has become a favorite in the world of musical theater.

"Children of Eden" is an ambitiously glorious musical presentation of the biblical book of Genesis. It is a joyous and thought-provoking study of faith, relationships, joy and sorrow, hardship and choice, and, ultimately, love and hope.

"Children of Eden" is Burnett's first conducting role for CUP.

The show opens at 7 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School beginning June 29 and continuing on June 30, July 1 (2 p.m. matinee), and will resume on July 5, 6 and 7. Tickets will be available at the Chamber of Commerce office downtown or at the door.

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Photo courtesy June Marquez
June Marquez will perform A Tribute to Patsy Cline July 4 and 5. Marquez will take the stage of the Liberty Theatre, 418 Pagosa St., on July 4 at 2 p.m. and July 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at Goodman's Department Store and the theater for \$20 per seat. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Veterans for Veterans.

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The Pagosa Springs Community Band will once again be presenting its annual Fourth of July concert at 2 p.m. on the back lawn of The Springs Resort and Spa. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy this free patriotic concert. Donations will be welcomed with gratitude.

Community Band to play free Fourth of July concert

By Heidi Tanner
Special to The PREVIEW

At 2 p.m. on the afternoon of the Fourth of July, Pagosa Springs Community Band will give its annual patriotic concert on the back lawn of The Springs Resort.

No Fourth of July holiday is complete without a dose of John Philip Sousa, and the Pagosa Springs Community Band is here to assist. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy a variety of patriotic songs that will make your Fourth of July holiday a special one.

The Pagosa Springs Community Band is a nonprofit organization and though we present this concert free of charge, we are appreciative

of any donations, all of which helps keep our band operating.

John Philip Sousa was a premier American composer and conductor. At age 26, he became conductor of the United States Marine Corps Band and remained leader of the band for five presidential administrations. Over his career, his band toured tirelessly and, in its first seven years, gave 3,500 concerts in 400 different cities.

This year, the Pagosa Springs Community Band will be playing several of John Philip Sousa's marches including a rendition of Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever," which is the official march of the United States of America. You

will be delighted when you hear flutist Angela Ochoa piping out the famous piccolo melody that caps off this most famous of marches.

Please join us for this fun, festive and patriotic concert in celebration of our nation's birthday. Don't forget your lawn chair and we will see you at 2 p.m.

Celebrate the Fourth of July with a star-spangled concert

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

"America! America! God shed His grace on thee!"

Those familiar words by Katherine Lee Bates will echo through the sanctuary of the Community United Methodist Church next Tuesday evening as the Community Singers and the Quodlibet Handbell Choir present a sparkling patriotic concert.

Singers from across Pagosa Springs have joined forces to share inspirational music celebrating Independence Day. The concert will

begin at 7 p.m. and all are invited.

The concert will include narration that tells about our country, our history and honors our military and veterans. Members of the American Legion will be on hand, as well as boys from Boy Scout Troop 807. This is a family affair and we're looking forward to observing the holiday with great music, great friends and a common love for our country.

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Without a doubt, one of the best family entertainment values of the summer is coming Saturday, July 7, in Pagosa Springs Town Park. The High Rollers will play their annual outdoor concert for the benefit of the Pagosa Wrestling Club. The show begins at 7 p.m.

High Rollers to hold outdoor concert July 7 in Town Park

By Dan Janowsky
Special to The PREVIEW

Without a doubt, one of the best family entertainment values of the summer is coming Saturday, July 7, in Pagosa Springs Town Park.

This is an evening of great food and entertainment that the entire family can enjoy and afford. The High Rollers will play their annual outdoor concert for the benefit of the Pagosa Wrestling Club. The show begins at 7 p.m. and continues to 10 p.m.

Locals recognize and look forward to this event each summer as hundreds of locals and visitors to buy barbecue concessions, bid on baked goods at auction and enjoy each other's company as they listen to the area's most popular band perform in the beautiful outdoor setting offered at Town Park.

The High Rollers feature outstanding musicians from a variety of backgrounds who have settled in the area for the lifestyle possible in Southwest Colorado. Musicians include bassist and singer songwriter Andy Janowsky; Jeff Johnson, vocalist and acoustic strings including fiddle, banjo and guitar; lead guitar phenomenon Darren Stroud; Missy Stroud, another master of vocals and a variety of instruments including keyboards; and drummer Clay Louder.

When their talents come together, the result is a great sound, high energy, humor and an incredible array of classic and original music from a variety of genres. Their resume over the years includes performances at

the largest outdoor venues and county fairs across the Rocky Mountain west, performances at Country Jam, seven trips to Europe, significant radio air time throughout the region from Farmington to Grand Junction, and five CDs recorded and some great original music including the area's favorite, "Colorado Girl." Check out the band's website at highrollersband.com for reviews, photos, music and videos and a link to their Facebook page.

Admission is by donations (a minimum \$2 donation is requested), barbecue sandwiches, chips and drinks will be sold at the concert. The club will hold a 15-minute live auction for baked goods at intermission and there will a silent baked-goods auction going on throughout the evening. In addition, Pagosa Mountain Morning Rotary club will provide a beer garden. All proceeds are used to pay for the event and the funds that remain benefit the Pagosa Wrestling Club's travel expenses.

This is a very unique event that large summer crowds have enjoyed in Pagosa for over a decade. The

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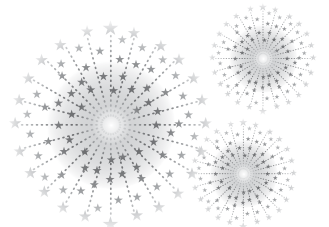
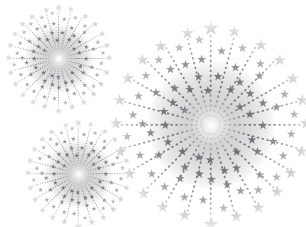
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Save the date for the Friends of the Library book sale

By Meg Wempe and Sharee Graza
Special to The PREVIEW

We hope you will mark your calendars for this year's Friends of the Library book sale. It will be on Aug. 10 and 11 at Centerpoint Church.

The Friday potluck for members has doors opening at 5 p.m. and is followed by the preview sale. Don't worry if you don't have your Friends membership yet — you can join at the door or stop by the library any time between now and the sale.

There are different membership options — an individual can join for a year at \$15 or select a lifetime membership for \$100. A family can join for \$25 per year and any of these choices gives you first dibs on items in the sale and helps support the Friends.

Over the years, the Friends have been able to assist the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library with a variety of needs, including but not limited to, replacing all public library computers; purchasing The Cube, our CD/DVD self-check machine; and paying for half of the item return at City Market, which was installed last year. The library remains appreciative of the LPEA grant that contributed the other half of funding for the well-received and well-used way

to return items on the west side of town.

On Aug. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Friends of the Library book sale is open to everyone in the community, residents and visitors alike. This year's sale will last an hour longer than last year to give you more opportunity to purchase any of the wonderful buys for all ages, all while supporting the library. Prices are a steal at \$3 for hardback books, \$2 for DVDs and paperbacks ranging from \$0.75 to \$2. In the afternoon, items will be marked at half price from the already-low prices.

The Friends board has several members whose term will be expiring at the close of the sale, so there is opportunity for you to demonstrate your love for your library and its community. Please consider joining the Friends board.

If you have any questions about the sale, please contact the library at 264-2208 or anyone on the Friends board, and keep reading Carole Howard's weekly "Library News" column. That is where you can read about your library's events and its resources for our community and why we hope you'll mark your calendars and tell your friends about the Friends of the Library book sale on Aug. 10 and 11.

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Photo courtesy Michelle Huck

The internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir will perform at the Community United Methodist Church on July 27. The choir has performed before presidents, heads of state and at the diamond jubilee for Queen Elizabeth II.

African Children's Choir to perform at Community United Methodist Church July 27

By Michelle Huck
Special to The PREVIEW

The members of the African Children's Choir melt the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances.

The internationally acclaimed choir will be performing at the Community United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. on July 27.

The program will feature well-loved children's songs, traditional spirituals and gospel favorites. Concerts are free and open to all. Donations will be accepted at the performance to support African Children's Choir programs, such as education, care, and relief and development programs.

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The African Children's Choir has had the privilege to perform before presidents, heads of state and, most recently, Queen Elizabeth II for her diamond jubilee. The choir has also had the honor of singing alongside artists such as Paul McCartney, Annie Lennox, Keith Urban, Mariah Carey, Michael W. Smith and other inspirational performers.

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Local members of Pi Beta Phi gathered June 20 at the home of Melissa McDonald to honor their Golden Arrows – those who have been members of the sorority for 50 years, and welcome back former member Donna Gregory, visiting Pagosa Springs from Loveland, in the Denver area. Seated, left to right, are: Lisa Scott, Joni Rose, Donna Gregory, Laurie Williams and Melissa McDonald with her dog, Darby. Standing, left to right, are: Mary Bailly, Paula Tennant, Joan Russey, Carole Howard and Marilyn Chipps. Pi Beta Phi is the oldest national sorority in the U.S. and the first to be modeled after men’s Greek letter fraternities. It was founded on April 28, 1867, at Monmouth College in Illinois by 12 creative and courageous women at a time when only five state universities admitted women. Today there are 204 collegiate Pi Phi chapters and nearly 300 alumnae clubs.

Thingamajig spotlight on Steven Sitzman: Fight choreographer for ‘West Side Story’

By Tess Wisher
Special to The PREVIEW

Steven Sitzman is the fight choreographer and plays Lt. Shrank in Thingamajig Theatre’s production of “West Side Story.”

This is Sitzman’s fourth summer in Pagosa Springs with Thingamajig Theatre and we are beyond lucky he is back in the area.

Originally from Buffalo, N.Y., Sitzman studied theater at Niagara University where he trained in fight choreography as well as acting. From there, Sitzman worked professionally as an actor in Pagosa Springs; Grand Lake, Colo., and other places around the United States.

When Tim Moore, the artistic director, offered Sitzman the job, he couldn’t turn it down because Thingamajig and Pagosa are such special places filled with such special people.

“It’s fun to come to a place where it’s like vacation, but you get to make high quality art for an audience that understands and appreciates all your work,” said Sitzman.

Along with being a cultural classic, “West Side Story” is a beast of a show to choreograph because “the plot revolves around violence.” The most difficult aspect of the show’s violence is the “complicated nature of the fight scenes, because they involve so many people in such an



Steven Sitzman

intimate space.”

To Sitzman, the secret to great and safe fight choreography is trust. Every night, Sitzman begins his pre-show work by running through each fight with everyone in the space. In these moments and while teaching the choreography, Sitzman says he “puts a lot of trust in the actors to communicate as soon as the staged violence is not fully under control.”

Overall, Sitzman’s fight choreography is a major character within “West Side Story.” The story is reliant on believable gang violence between the Sharks and Jets so Sitzman’s work helps progress the story while highlighting the racial tension between the two gangs.

“West Side Story” will be playing throughout the summer with Thingamajig Theatre at the Pagosa

Springs Center for the Arts. If you’re interested in seeing this amazing show with phenomenal fight choreography firsthand, visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW (7469).

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The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership hosts Tucson's Ironwood Tree Experience for two days of environmental education. GGP's Cameron Parker, Keith Bruno, Al Pfister and Sally High led the nine teens in learning activities about Pagosa Springs' birds, healthy forests, endangered species and direct-use geothermal energy June 21 and 22. The teens planted eight trees and helped install drip irrigation in the Rotary garden.

Businesses, we appreciate you

My Sweet Al and our son recently attended a local company's "Appreciation Day." It is an annual event where staffers serve lunch off the grill and extend thanks to their customers. Perhaps we should be thanking them for providing us with such great service over the last many years.

There are many local businesses that have kept their doors open year after year. Rain or shine, those places we all know greet us with welcoming smiles and a willingness to serve.

For those who hunker down with hard work, a friendly smile and a heart to please their customers, we commend you.

I read something this week about God bending the bow. Think of the power behind the one who bends the bow and how straight and sure an arrow will go. It's not dissimilar to those who stay relevant for their customers, and stay true to their cause. They have someone who knows how to shoot a straight arrow and the power to bend the bow and thrust their business from one generation into another.

Take Goodman's, for example. Here is a store that has been open for more than 100 years. Even its employees like Janet Sorenson have been there longer than I can remember. I bought snow boots and winter coats for our children when they were in junior high and

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade




Pagosa has known its share of lean years. When a business understands the needs and vision of its customers, and knows its true purpose, it will likely have

■ See Lane on next page

high school nearly 40 years ago. It's also where my Sweet Al purchased much of his hunting gear. Talk about a store that has the power to bend its own bow and stay true to its cause.


A young business owner births a new idea. It's their baby. They want to raise it the way they think it should go. But, they need more than a quiver full of ideas and arrows. They need stick-to-it-iveness, a love for the people in this town and an understanding of what their customers truly need. Unfortunately, we have seen many high-flying arrows miss their target.

It's like being young and having a quiver full of kids but not knowing how far to bend the bow. How foolish we were as parents. How many times did we try to aim our kids in a direction we thought they should go, only to find they wanted to go in a different direction? We saw what we thought we wanted for our children, but they had their own vision and had to discover their purpose for themselves. Thankfully, God has been bending the bow and preserving our family's longevity.




PRIDE


Independence Day commemorates the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Written by Thomas Jefferson, the Declaration of Independence is the nation's most cherished symbol of liberty which expressed the convictions in the minds and hearts of the American people.

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Reaching out to touch the hem

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

Leah forced herself out of bed. A widow with a frail stature made her undesirable to the men of Bethel. They did not want the burden of a sick wife. The doctors took the small inheritance her husband left without any explanation for her sickness.

Leah gleaned corn and barley in the rich man's field. She beat the barley and ground the corn to make bread. She washed laundry for the wealthy to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables in the market place. Each day was a struggle before she collapsed on her cot at night.

Today, Leah rose early for the tedious walk into town. Yesterday, a neighbor gave her leftover lamb. The scrap meat boiled on a pot over her open hearth. The delicious aroma filled her small home. The addition of a few fresh vegetables would make a hearty stew and provide several meals.

As Leah drew closer to town, she heard loud voices. People pushed their way through the crowded streets. Leah struggled to keep her balance. If she tripped, the mob would trample her in their rush. Why did people seem in such a

A Matter of Faith

hurry?

Someone shouted over the crowd, "Here he comes! Jesus, over here!"

Villagers told stories about this righteous man in the fields, at the river and even in the temple. Some called him a Nazarene, the son of a poor carpenter. Others called him a great teacher, Rabbi. His followers called him Master.

Villagers referred to him as Healer. Rumors of how the lame walked and the blind received their sight spread throughout the coastline of Galilee.

Maybe if she got closer. Against all odds, Leah maneuvered her way through the crowd to catch a glimpse of Jesus, every step a test of sheer willpower. Almost, only a few more feet.

A man shouted, "Out of my way," and shoved her to the ground. She looked up as Jesus walked by. Racked in pain, Leah reached out

and touched the hem of His garment.

Jesus turned. "Who touched me?" His eyes searched the crowd. "Me, Master." Leah attempted to stand.

Jesus stretched out his arms and lifted her off the ground.

"Today, your faith made you whole."

Leah kissed his cheek and in a soft voice said, "Thank you."

She chose a few vegetables from a vendor's stand and began the tedious walk to her home on the outskirts of town. As she walked, Leah became stronger and her faith increased.

Over time, Leah's health returned. She still rose early to head to the fields and gather grains for bread. With newfound energy she made extra loaves to barter for vegetables at market. She bought fresh meat with extra coins she received from the laundry.

Leah worked hard, but now with purpose and self-confidence. No longer did her hard-earned money pad the pockets of doctors. She slept in peace free from pain.

God often uses ordinary situations to bless us. The rich man allowed Leah to gather scraps in his field. The neighbor shared leftover meat. Someone's dirty laundry provided cash for vegetables. It was all orchestrated by an unseen God. The doctors offered no hope for Leah. Unable to help herself, she reached out to Jesus and touched the hem of his garment. He lifted her up and gave her new life.

Because of Jesus, all our needs are met.

"And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment." — Matthew 9:20 (KJV).

I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

Grief Support sessions continue today

By Beverly Arrendell
Special to The PREVIEW

People who are experiencing grief often find help when sharing difficult times with others who are going through similar emotional, mental and physical trauma.

The Grief Support sessions being held at the Community United Methodist Church are directed to minister to those who have lost a dear family member (spouse, child, parent, close relative) or a special friend to death.

These nondenominational meetings are planned for personal sharing of difficult times. All sessions are held in complete

confidence; each participant signs a pledge of confidentiality. Grief is intensely personal; each person's experiences are private and are not subject to open evaluation.

Meetings are held every Thursday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. All meetings are free and are open to the public. There is no strict continuity, so a person may attend one, several or all of the remaining sessions. The sessions began on June 14 and will be held through Aug. 2.

The Community United Methodist Church is located at 434 Lewis St. Interested persons may call the church office at 264-5508. The Rev. Leighton Mekeal is pastor.

Lane

■ continued from previous page the longevity desired. It can then bend the bow and shoot for the stars. During the fullness of times, it flourishes. During the lean times, it takes a deep breath and stays the course, and continues to serve its community with a smile.

Final brushstroke: Local businesses are more than just buildings that we drive by every day. They are trusted acquaintances and friends who understand and provide us

what we need, no matter the time of day, week or month. And when we need them to go the distance, they step up and always go the extra mile. Thank you to those who have been there for our community over the years. It is with great hope that this article validates just how much we appreciate you.

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UUs to hear a report from General Assembly

By Pauline Benetti
Special to The PREVIEW

What is General Assembly (GA)? Annually, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) gathers its members together to conduct the business and embody the values of the organization.

This year, that gathering was in Kansas City, Mo., from June 21-24 and the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) was represented by three of our members: Joan Ward, Phyl Daleske and Pauline Benetti. As delegates, they voted in the election for board of trustees of the UUA, the nominating committee and for a co-moderator.

Then, during the four days of the assembly, along with the other 3,500 attendees, PUUF delegates considered some very weighty matters. Consider just two: The first, a congregational study/action issue (CSAI) will be crafted for four years of study, reflection and action by the individual congregations/fellowships. This year, it will have

something to do with understanding and dismantling the underlying mechanisms that support white privilege.

The second, actions of immediate witness (AIW), involve advocates who arrive impassioned about a wide range of social justice issues, engage one another in conversations, craft proposed statements, sign petitions, debate the issues, vote and bring to life the values of UUism all within the span of one general assembly.

An AIW expresses the conscience and carries the authority of the delegates at the GA at which it is passed, whereas the CSAI carries the full authority of the UUA through the four years of study.

Our PUUF delegates see their function as twofold: 1) participating in all aspects of the GA beginning with business matters through workshops on values/mission/vision discernment to a variety of spiritual practice experiences, including inspirational speakers and music, and 2) bringing some of that home so that our

fellowship has a broader understanding of the parent organization that PUUF belongs to.

Sunday's service will attempt to accomplish this second function.

Our fellowship is about community and, through this sense of belonging, we each grow spiritually. We are a welcoming congregation; we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all.

Service begins at 10:30 a.m. and, following that, we invite you to share refreshments and conversation. Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Come in and join us. You are welcome. Children's Religious Explorations begin again in September and information is available by contacting afrancis@hotmail.com.

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PCNT topic: Philosophy for affirmative living

By Janie Garms
Special to The PREVIEW

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Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) and Rev. Janet Wyrick welcome all to attend Sunday, July 1, at 10 a.m. to join in sharing laughter, music, prayer and conversation. We will be discussing basic concepts of science of mind, a philosophy for affirmative living. We welcome all to come walk a spiritual path of discovery, insight and revelation with our group of individuals who wish to embrace and manifest a powerful destiny.

Unify is shifting the collective consciousness for all. What brings us together is much more powerful

than what divides us. PCNT, a center of spiritual living, is establishing community and exploring all paths to the Divine to increase peace and empowerment.

We welcome local talent to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Have a hand in making a difference. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

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Pictured, from the right, are Emmett Martinez, his father, Judge Joseph Teofilo (J.T.) Martinez, Red Ryder and Little Beaver creator Fred Harman II, and J.T.'s wife, Manualita.

Men of the Martinez family

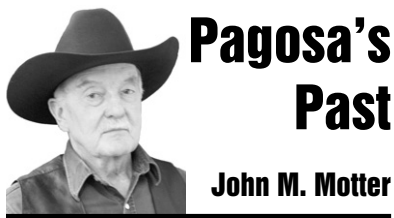
We've been writing about Emmett Martinez, a member of one of the prominent pioneering Hispanic families in Archuleta County. Before he passed away, I had the privilege of spending many hours talking with Emmett. I learned much of what I know about local history from Emmett and am indebted to him for many of the old pictures he gave me.

As we reported in last week's column, Emmett's grandfather on his father's side was Jose Benedito (J.B.) Martinez, one of the Hispanic leaders in the deadly 1886 fight between Hispanos and Anglos for control of the newly formed county's government.

The Anglos knew at least one thing for certain about J.B. Martinez: He wasn't afraid to use his gun. Following a tradition of the Old West, J.B. had several notches on the handle of his six-shooter. One of those, hard to believe as it is, was a reminder of a witness he shot in front of judge and jury in a Durango District Court trial where he was in custody for an earlier killing.

Even more unbelievable, he got off with only a manslaughter charge for his courtroom shenanigans. As you read in last week's column, J.B. was one of the richest men in Archuleta County. That soon changed. As you also know, lawyers don't come cheap. In effect, J.B.'s impetuosity in the courtroom, using an Old West term, "cost him the ranch." He hired the best, translate that the most expensive, lawyer he could find. The legal eagle immediately got a change of venue, from Durango to Walsenburg, where his life story wasn't so well-known.

He got his money's worth in the Huerfano (Spanish for orphan) County Court and went on to serve a useful, productive life in Archuleta County. His son, Joseph



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

He wasn't afraid to use his gun. Following a tradition of the Old West, J.B. had several notches on the handle of his six-shooter.

Teofilo (J.T.) Martinez, was Emmett's father. J.T. was born April 3, 1874, and died July 7, 1954, at the age of 80. He served many years as Archuleta County judge and in many other ways contributed to the local community.

Emmett had a son, Jerry, now deceased, who served as an Archuleta County commissioner. I should point out that for some, such as myself, it is easy to confuse J.T. and J.B. Martinez, as I have done in the past. The photo used this week is, for sure, J.T. Martinez. J.B. was deceased long before this picture was taken.

Finally, Martinez is a name of Spanish origin, but in common use in many countries around the world. It is derived from "Son of Martin," or, digging a little deeper, the God Mars from Roman times, the god of war and fertility.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Oscar Madison, e.g.
- 5 D.C. office
- 9 Astrological transition point
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- 15 Meditative exercise
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- 18 Zorro, for one
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- 23 Of direct descent
- 26 Give and take
- 27 Circle segment
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- 32 Water cannon target
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- 39 Witchy woman
- 41 Damaged, as a ligament
- 42 Kirk's command
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- 48 Flock member
- 49 Up and about
- 52 Embroidered hole
- 54 Step-in shoe
- 56 Pleasant-sounding
- 60 Employee-abetted crime
- 63 Ready for use
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- 66 Mortise's mate
- 67 Like some tea
- 68 Two-at-a-time tow
- 69 Monopoly payment

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- 9 Clickers
- 10 Emasculate
- 11 Composed
- 12 Minimal change
- 14 Cooking directions
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- 21 Charlie Hunnam series, "Sons of _____"
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Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Participants of the Dusty Kids Gravel Growler await the start of their race at a previous Pagosa Duathlon. This year's event is set for July 14.

Pagosa Duathlon to feature new course on July 14

By Ashley Wilson
Special to The PREVIEW

The Stage 3 fire ban and forest closure had us a bit nervous for the race, but with the forest reopened, we are full steam ahead.

As we race into our 12th year for the Pagosa Duathlon, we are changing it up a bit to keep it exciting for all of you who participate with us every year.

Still out off of Turkey Springs trails, we have moved our start/finish area to a friendlier location for parking and spectators at Turkey Springs and Brockover; plus, there will be no more rough start for our runners.

The running courses will take off in opposite directions and give you some new scenery to look out while you do the 3- or 6-mile trail run. The bike course will remain the same for the most part — the one exception is there will be no road ride on the finish; it is all trail. We are looking forward to seeing how everyone likes the new course.

We will launch the day with the Dusty Kids Gravel Growler, the race for our youngest enthusiasts. Because of the new location, the road is able to be blocked off, so there will be no traffic for this little road race.

Every participant in the gravel growler will be entered to win a bike. We want to see kids on bikes and on the trail, so bring out the youngsters for a great race and the chance at an amazing prize.

As you train and prep for the race if you need a partner — runner or biker — email ashley@riseaboveviolence.org and we will work to pair you.

The Pagosa Duathlon is one of

three annual fundraisers to support Rise Above Violence, the only organization serving victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Archuleta County. The funds raised support advocacy services, legal advocacy, support groups and youth violence prevention in our schools.

Violence is a dirty word, so we invite you to come out for the Dirty Du and get dirty for a cause. Rise Above Violence served 371 victims and survivors, responded to 71 crisis calls and reached 887

students in the fifth through 12th grades with violence prevention education in 2017.

The race line up: Dusty Kids Gravel Growler (1-mile run, 2-mile dirt road dash) \$10. The Dirty Sprint (3-mile trail run, 8-mile mountain bike) \$30 early registration, \$40 after July 3. The Dirty DU (6-mile trail run, 14-mile mountain bike) \$40 early registration, \$50 after July 3.

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2018 Archuleta County Fair Royalty Court announced

By Leslie Wustrack
Special to The PREVIEW

Archuleta County Fair Board President Jason Cox has announced the Archuleta County Fair board's choices for the 2018 Archuleta County Fair Royalty Court.

Cox stated, "The Royalty Court began almost 25 years ago. It's one of the ways the fair honors the youth of our community. These special young women are the fair's representatives and the 'face' of our events."

The first Archuleta County Fair queen, chosen in 1984, was high school senior Lannette (Shahan) Cress, daughter of Betty and Bob Shahan, of Chromo. Cress grew up on the family ranch where chores included working cattle, breaking horses and trailing into the national forest with her family. The "interview" for queen was a rodeo challenge where high score took first place. Cress excelled at all types of rodeo events including barrels, poles, roping and riding, and was an avid 4-H'er in steer, horse, lamb, pig, cooking and sewing. (Note: one of Cress' sons, Brody Cress, is ranked No. 2 in the world for saddle bronc riding and the other, Blaze Cress, is in the cutting horse industry.)

Today's queen interviews have changed, but not the commitment of the fair to support and honor community's youth. Potential candidates are interviewed by a fair board committee with a basic set of questions, such as: why do you want to be chosen for fair royalty, why is royalty important, what are your favorite aspects of the fair and how are you currently involved in the community. They are ranked on their answers, their public speaking abilities and their understanding of the responsibilities that lie ahead.

Chosen royalty help to build the Fourth for July parade float, they promote the fair throughout the community with public appearances and poster hanging, they attend all four days of the fair to answer questions and ensure fair-goers' enjoyment, they present ribbons at all fair livestock shows and they represent the fair with decorum at events throughout the southwest during the year of their reign.

Selected as queen of the 2018 Archuleta County Fair is Emma Audrey Happ, 16, daughter of Larry and Augusta Happ. An upcoming junior at Pagosa Springs High School, Emma is currently ranked No. 1 academically in her class. She's a member of the National Junior Honor Society, the High School Community Band, student council, Future Business Leaders of America and is a former member

of 4-H. Emma volunteers with the Catholic Parish youth group and works part-time. She enjoys playing golf, acting with Curtains Up Pagosa, and spending time with her parents and two brothers.

Selected as princess of the 2018 Archuleta County Fair is Katelynn Mary-Jay Turner, 11, the great niece of Pagosa Springs resident Annette Marie Taylor. A Colorado native, Katelynn has three siblings: two brothers and one sister. She loves living in Pagosa Springs, where she finds the town's citizens friendly and the mountains beautiful. She also loves 4-H and her rabbit project which is teaching her about responsibility. Katelynn's favorite hobbies include drawing, reading and hiking to view different mountain waterfalls. She will be a sixth-grader in the fall.

Selected as junior princess of the 2018 Archuleta County Fair is Alillyanna Davis, 10, daughter of Pauline Yago, of Pagosa Springs, and Tyrel Davis, of Kirtland, N.M. Alillyanna volunteers at the Humane Society Thrift Store and just enjoys helping people. Her favorite activities include taking care of her dog, riding horses, camping, swimming, tubing and hiking to mountain waterfalls and in the New Mexico desert. She is an active participant at her vacation Bible school and loves to spend time with her friends and her family. Alillyanna will be a fifth-grader in the fall at the Pagosa Peak Open School.

Cox added, "The Royalty Court's first major public appearance will be riding the fair float in the Fourth of July parade. When community members see these young ladies at community events and at the fair, please introduce yourself and meet the 2018 Archuleta County Fair's wonderful representatives."

The 67th annual Archuleta County Fair will be held Aug. 2-5 at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84. The Fairgrounds are located just southeast of U.S. 160 and U.S. 84 intersection.

Daily live music, a ranch rodeo, a horse show, family entertainment and educational activities, games for kids, a petting zoo, exhibits, 4-H animals/science, horseshoe and fly-casting contests, livestock showmanship, the annual livestock sale, and the annual Saturday night dance and 4-H chuckwagon dinner are just a few of the exciting features. Everyone is invited to participate; there is something for all family members.

For a full calendar of events, sponsorship information, exhibit forms and vendor information, visit the fair's new website: archuletacountyfair.com.

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ANSWER:



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The 2018 Archuleta County Fair Royalty Court is, from left, Princess Katelynn Mary-Jay Turner, Queen Emma Audrey Happ, and Junior Princess Alillyanna Davis. This year's fair will be Aug. 2-5.

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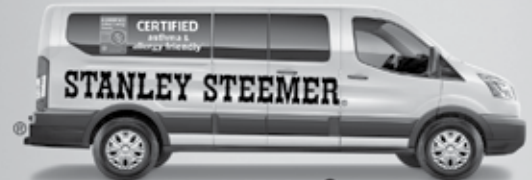
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By **Tommy Henry**
Special to The PREVIEW

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A winner was selected to win a 2017 Harley Davidson on June

7. Tyler Long was among 34 other finalists.

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PREVIEW Articles: Noon, Thursday, June 28

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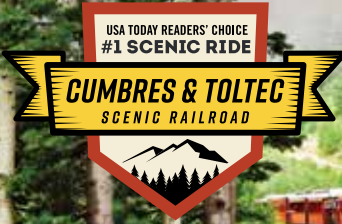
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PAGOSA SCENE . . .

THINGAMAJIG THEATRE COMPANY'S TECH TUESDAY DINNERS

Photos courtesy Carole Howard and Tess Wisher

Scene ... at Thingamajig Theatre Company's Tech Tuesday dinners. Led by Tozi Rubin, Friends of the Thingamajig Theater volunteers provide homemade dinners for the cast and crew at Thingamajig Theatre every Tuesday before the opening of a new production, in this case on June 19. Called Tech Tuesday, it's the day when all the technical elements of the show like lights, sound and sets come together for the first time. This summer's season features five musicals – "Legally Blonde," "West Side Story," "Thoroughly Modern Millie," "Little Shop of Horrors" and the family show "Pinkalicious." Thingamajig is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit professional theater company in residence at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.



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

Thursday, June 28

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Vacation Bible School. 8:30-11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. For age groups kindergarten up to 6th grade. Call 264-5508 with any questions.

Fly-Fishing Casting Practice. 9-11 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Registration required. Demonstration and casting practice will be held at Yamaguchi Park. Call 264-2209 or stop by the Sisson Library to register and for more information.

Medicare 101 Class. 10:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Learn about the Medicare Parts A to D and Medicare Advantage plans. For more information and to reserve a spot, call the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging, 264-0501, ext. 1.

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: Protecting Your Privacy Online. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to limit what is shared about you online. Find out how browser plug-ins, proxies and various browsers can help keep your information private. 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.

Coding Music. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the fifth-12th grades. Learn how to make music with computer code. Some laptops will be provided, but if you have one, you're welcome to bring it. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Grief Support Group. 4-5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. GriefShare is a national nondenominational program. The purpose of the meetings is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member or of a special friend. A person may attend one or all of the meetings. Topics vary, so there is no progression of subjects. Interested persons can call the church office at 264-5508 for

further information.

DUST2 Wild West Group Ride. 5 p.m., Higher Grounds Coffee. Join us as we ride to the 19th Hole Concert Series. Ride will leave by 5:20 p.m.

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.

19th Hole Concert. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. San Juan Mountain Boys hosted by DUST2. The cover charge is a \$10 donation (children 10 and younger are free). No outside food or beverage. Food and drinks can be purchased from the grill. Bring a chair or blanket. Please leave pets at home. Concert will happen rain or shine.

San Juan Stargazers Telescope Clinic. 6 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. We are asking that you call 335-8286 to reserve a "telescope expert" no later than June 27. Your expert will then be waiting for you.

San Juan Stargazers. 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. We start the meeting with introductions and information about upcoming events. For our program, we are using a new series of lessons called, "Getting to Know Our Night Sky," taught by Professor Murphy of the University of Virginia.

Friday, June 29

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Vacation Bible School. 8:30-11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. For age groups kindergarten up to 6th grade. Call 264-5508 with any questions.

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.

Rhythm and Motion Dance/Yoga. 10 a.m., PLPOAVista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Bring your yoga mat and light weights. Open to all. This is a free-form dance class to the music of ABBA, with some guidance. Call 731-5529 for further information.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community

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Hand and Foot card game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book, "The Black Witch" by Laurie Forest. Stop by to pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Summer Reading Club: Recyclable Crafts. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For kids in the K-fifth grade. Make your own musical instruments out of recyclable materials. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Children of Eden.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. 'Eden' is based on The Book of Genesis and the story of Noah's ark.

Thingamajig Theater Presents 'Legally Blonde the Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This fabulous award-winning musical based on the movie follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances, this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal. For more information and tickets, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Saturday, June 30

Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. For more information, contact Pauline Benetti at paulineb@centurytel.net.

Wild-N-Crazy Critters. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. All ages. An exotic pet shop will bring an assortment of reptiles, small animals, birds and invertebrates. They will talk about each animal and do some interactive handling with those who wish to do so. There will be no registration for this event, but limited space is available. Participants will be included on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Sunday, July 1

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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, July 2

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced 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.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Guest Speaker. 11 a.m., Senior Center. Guest speaker from Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Computer Class: Internet Searching. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Movie. 3-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. An outcast penguin uses unique talents to save his colony from enemies, both human and animal. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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.

Tuesday, July 3

Tai Chi Class. 8 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Yoga Fusion Class. 10 a.m., PLPOA

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Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. **Veterans for Veterans.** 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

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.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot card game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Adult Education. 2-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Community Singers Present Patriotic Concert. 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Singers and musicians from throughout the area will wow the audience with a star-spangled concert of choral music and handbell arrangements. This is an event for all ages.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn the Nightclub Two Step, a flowing smooth romantic dance. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, July 4

Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast. 7:30-9:30 a.m., Parish Hall, 445 Lewis St. \$5 for pancakes, sausage, juice or coffee.

Rotary Fourth of July Parade. 10 a.m., Downtown Pagosa. Applications and general information are now available at the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and from The Pagosa Springs SUN online at www.pagosasun.com. Entries go into four categories: Youth Group, Non-Profit/Service, Individual/Family and Commercial. The parade committee encourages all entrants to decorate their floats in red, white and blue. Staging begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School parking lot. Applications are due Friday, June 30. For more information, contact Rotary parade

co-chairs Shellie Peterson at shellie@centurytel.net or John Shepard at jcshepard.aicp@gmail.com.

Democratic Picnic. 11 a.m., home of Mamie Lynch, corner of 2nd and Hermosa streets. Starting immediately after the parade until 2 p.m. Bring chairs and a side dish or cookies to share. Dems will provide soft drinks and beer, pulled pork, hot dogs and other picnic fare.

A Tribute to Patsy Cline with June Marquez. 2 p.m., Liberty Theatre. Tickets can be purchased at Goodman's Department Store and the theater and are \$20 a seat. Call June at 769-7254 for special priced tickets, children 10 and younger. A portion of the proceeds will go to Veterans for Veterans.

Pagosa Springs Community Band Patriotic Fourth of July Concert. 2 p.m., The Springs Resort and Spa back lawn. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy a variety of patriotic songs in celebration of Independence Day. The band will be accepting donations for its performance with gratitude.

69th Annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. 2 p.m., Western Event Heritage Center. This multi-state sanctioned rodeo series features amateur cowboys and cowgirls from various states competing for prizes and prize money. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$8 for children. Tickets are available at Goodman's Department Store and at the gate prior to the event. Box seats are available and can be purchased by calling 264-5000. Concessions are available throughout the event.

Thursday, July 5

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

Duplicate Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot card game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the seventh-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Grief Support Group. 4-5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. GriefShare is a national nondenominational program.

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Friday, July 6

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Independent Living Skills Classes. 9-10:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. For adults with disabilities looking to develop skills to live the lives they desire in their communities. These classes will be interactive, informative and fun. For more information, contact Ruthie Uhl at 903-5880 or email ruthie@swilc.org.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

Summer Reading Club: Pet Rocks. 2-3:30 p.m., K-fifth grade. Design your own pet rock. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Saturday, July 7

Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. For more information, contact Pauline Benetti at paulineb@centurytel.net.

Family Storytime. 9:30-10 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.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Social time at 9:30 a.m. After the meeting, the guild will be piecing quilts for charities. Additional information can be found on Facebook, or contact us at pagosapiecemakers@gmail.com.

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Paws to Read. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Sisson Library. For K-fifth graders. Come and share your favorite book with Hondo, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Pagosa Wrestling Club Concert Fundraiser. 7-10 p.m., Town Park. The High Rollers will be playing. Admission is by donation. Concessions will be sold and there will be a beer garden by Pagosa Mountain Morning Rotary.

Sunday, July 8

Thingamajig Theater Presents 'Legally Blonde the Musical.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This fabulous award-winning musical based on the movie follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-

packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances, this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal. For more information and tickets, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

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.

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, July 9

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced 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.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Tween Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. X-box 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. fourth-eighth grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
CPR Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension Office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

Tuesday, July 10

Tai Chi Class. 8 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Fly Fishing Instruction. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Registration

required. Mark will provide classroom instruction at the library to talk about fly fishing equipment and demonstrate common fly fishing knots. You will be able to practice tying knots and ask questions. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

Yoga Fusion Class. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

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.

Archuleta County Republican Women. Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., speaker is Kathleen Chandler from the Independence Institute who will discuss Local Government Project and TABOR. All are welcome.

Men's PTSD Combat Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church library. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. For more information, contact Vets for Vets at 799-VETS.

Adult Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. We will discuss "Song of the Lion," by Anne Hillerman. Stop by to pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Adult Education. 2-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting

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 your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn the Nightclub Two Step, a flowing smooth romantic dance. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, July 11

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). 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.

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.

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Role Playing Game. 3:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your

imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our on-going 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. seventh-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Spanish Instruction. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us in this
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Fly Fishing Casting Practice. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Demonstration and casting practice will be held at Yamaguchi Park. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

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Computer Class: Windows 10. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. We will discuss and practice using basic features and layout of the Windows 10 operating system. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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19th Hole Concert. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Songs of the Fall hosted by Aspire. The cover charge is a \$10 donation (children 10 and younger are free). No outside food or beverage. Food and drinks can be purchased from the grill. Bring a chair or blanket. Please leave pets at home. Concert will happen rain or shine.

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Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosacenter.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.



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Music coding for teens and wild-n-crazy critters for all ages

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We have two unusual, fun and free Summer Reading Program events to highlight for this coming week:

- Today, Thursday, June 28, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. fifth- through 12th-graders will want to come to the library for a special teen music coding event. You'll learn to make music with computer code. Some laptops will be provided, but if you have one, please bring it.

- On Saturday, June 30, an exotic pet shop will bring an assortment of reptiles, small animals, birds and invertebrates for an all-ages event from 10 a.m. to noon. They will talk about each animal and do some interactive handling for those who want to participate. There will be no registration for this event, but space is limited, so you'll be included on a first-come, first-served basis.

Library closure

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This "Did you know..." section is the second in a series being prepared by Cindi Galabota, development officer, that will appear periodically in future "Library News" columns. We hope you find the information interesting and helpful.

Friends of the Library book sale

One of the most popular events of the summer — the Friends of the Library book sale — will take place on Aug. 10 and 11.

Friday's potluck and preview sale for members starts at 5 p.m. The Saturday sale for the public runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., an hour longer than last year, and unsold items will be marked down to half price in the afternoon.

Watch for more details as the date gets closer, and be sure to mark your calendars now so you don't miss it.

Summer Reading Program underway

The free Summer Reading Pro-

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gram for all ages is on now through July 27. Sign up at the desk or register from home on our website to get started and pick up (or print out) your first bingo cards. You will receive a free book each time you turn in a completed bingo sheet, and kids also will have the option of getting a small toy out of our treasure chest.

Completing bingo sheets also enters you into the drawing for our grand prizes that will be awarded for each age group at our closing Summer Reading party on July 27 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., when everyone will enjoy live music, food and crafts. Note that you must be present at the party to win a prize.

Fly-fishing instruction for adults today

Our wildly popular fly-fishing class is back — but note that registration is required in person or by phone to your library at 264-2209. Demos and casting practice take place at Yamaguchi Park today, Thursday, June 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. Please bring your own equipment if you have it. An optional field trip to the river will take place on Saturday, June 30; time and place to be determined.

Teen book club tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, June 29, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the teen book club, seventh- through 12th-graders will discuss "The Black Witch" by Laurie Forest and enjoy free snacks. Stop by the library to pick up a copy.

SR Club for kids tomorrow

Every Friday we'll have fun Summer Reading Club events for kids from 2 to 3:30 p.m. On June 29 you can make your own musical instruments out of recyclable materials. On July 6 you'll design your own pet rocks. On July 13 you'll have fun with rockin' games. On July 20 you'll create a sand art masterpiece.

All-ages movie

Join us Monday, July 2, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. for a PG movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to identify the film titles in the media, but you can find them listed on the activities calendars.

Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens on

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

Teen advisory board

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

Adult education new summer schedule

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) is operating on a summer schedule — from 2 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Come to your library to get help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep,

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Computer/technology classes

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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 babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Note no storytime on Saturday, June 30.

Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free Summer Reading Program events and other activities available to you and your families at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults.

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"The Death of Mrs. Westaway" by Ruth Ware is a mystery that begins with a letter delivered to the wrong person. "To the Moon and Back" by Karen Kingsbury is book three in the Baxter Family romance series. "The Outsider" by Stephen King is a horror story. "The Moscow Deception" by Karen Robards is a suspense story. "Us Against You" by Fredrik Backman tells of a town with a new coach and a chance of a comeback for their hockey team. "When Life Gives You Lululemons" by Lauren Weisberger features a Hollywood image consultant who needs a big opportunity. "How Hard Can It Be?" by Allison Pearson follows a 49-year-old woman forced to return to work to support her family.

Short stories

"Brief Cases" by Jim Butcher contains 12 stories from the supernatural fantasy world of Harry Dresden.

Mysteries and thrillers

"Line of Sight" by Mike Maden is a Jack Ryan thriller in the Tom

Clancy series. "Bearskin" by James A. McLaughlin features a man obsessed with catching poachers before they kill more bears. "The Pharaoh Key" by Preston and Child is about a code-breaking machine.

Other novels

"How Hard Can It Be?" by Allison Pearson follows a 49-year-old woman forced to return to work to support her family. "The Book of Essie" by Meghan Maclean Weir features a 17-year-old on a reality show who becomes pregnant.

How-to and self-help

"Cuba: The Cookbook" by Madelaine Vazquez Galvez and Imogene Tondre features 300 traditional recipes and regional specialties. "The New Small House" by architect Katie Hutchison describes more than 25 houses and retreats. "Compact Cabins" by Gerald Rowan outlines 62 plans for living in 1,000 square feet or less. "Tiny House Floor Plans" by Michael Janzen contains more than 200 floor plans.

Nonfiction

"Lincoln's Last Trial" by Dan Abrams documents the murder case that propelled him to the presidency. "I Love Capitalism!" by Ken Langone is the memoir of the co-founder of The Home Depot. "Homelands" by Alfredo Corchado looks at the last great Mexican migration through the eyes of four friends. "Turncoat" by Stephen Brumwell delves into the factors behind Benedict Arnold's abandonment of the revolutionary cause.

DVDs

"Africa" is part of the BBC Earth series. "Love, Simon" is a coming-of-age story. "Jane" is a National Geographic documentary about Jane Goodall, the chimpanzee researcher. "The Fencer," based on a true story, won the 2016 Academy Award for best foreign film (it's in Estonian with English subtitles). "Anita O'Day" is an award-winning documentary about the life of the jazz singer.

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Primer on nursing home quality standards

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (the Senior Center) is one of six nonprofits chosen by the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado to benefit from the 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

The 19th Hole Concerts pair an Archuleta County nonprofit with a local music talent on Thursday evenings through July 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to offer a fun and entertaining event.

The cover charge is a \$10 donation (children 10 and younger are free, making it a great family evening), which supports six selected nonprofits. At the end of the concert series, all proceeds are pooled and distributed equally to the six featured organizations.

No outside food or beverage is allowed (food from the grill, beer, wine and signature cocktails will be available for purchase). Bring a camp chair or blanket, and please leave pets at home. Concerts happen rain or shine.

The concert schedule is as follows:

June 28 — San Juan Mountain Boys: country, folk, pop and old rock. Featuring DUST2.

July 5 — 13th Hour: original rock. Featuring Archuleta Seniors Inc.

Thursday, July 12 — Songs of the Fall: Americana. Featuring Aspire.

Thursday, July 19 — J-Calvin's Soul Sessions: Soul-abducting jazz funk. Featuring San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership.

Please plan to attend as many concerts as possible; ticket proceeds are divided equally among the nonprofits, so even if you can't come on our night, you are supporting Archuleta Seniors Inc. and the Pagosa Springs Senior Center.

AARP Smart Driver course

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

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

AARP membership is not required to take the course.

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

To register, visit aarp.org/find-acourse. (The Pagosa Senior Center staff will be glad to help you register.)

The Pagosa Senior Center is hosting a class on Friday, Aug. 17, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Health and wellness

The Pagosa Springs 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 is scheduled for July.

Medical alert system

Medical alert monitoring systems are available for seniors. We can help you get set up with a system and assist with the monthly service charges or, if you already have a system in place, we can help supplement the monthly service fees.

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: A Primer for the Public

By Kay Kaylor

I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes as the part-time long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County.

Recently, the Long Term Care Community Coalition updated its 54-page primer titled "Nursing Home Quality Standards: A Primer for Residents, Families and Those Who Work With Them." The updates include the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services revised nursing home regulations; it can be read online or downloaded at this link: <http://nursinghome411.org/lccc-primer-nursing-home-quality-standards/>.

The primer begins with an analysis of the accuracy of Nursing Home Compare data, available at medicare.gov; notes other public resources; and explains the state

survey process. It then has a selection of 49 quality-of-care standards, with thorough explanations of resident rights and examples, interpretive guidelines, excerpts of the rules, and citations of the old and new F-tags, which the health department uses for nursing home and assisted-living survey deficiencies.

One of the legal rights is freedom from involuntary seclusion. "Involuntary seclusion may be a result of staff convenience, a display of power from the caregiver over the resident, or may be used to discipline a resident for wandering, yelling, repeatedly requesting care or services, using the call light, disrupting a program or activity, or refusing to allow care or services such as showering or bathing to occur," the primer states.

To avoid medication problems, a licensed pharmacist must review each resident's drug regimen monthly, a law I haven't mentioned before.

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What you can learn from children

By **Daris Howard**
Special to The PREVIEW

When I was asked to be the music teacher for all of the children in our congregation who were under 12 years old, I was scared to death.

I had never led music before. In our church, we call the organization that works with children of that age “primary.” The woman who was the primary leader told me the most important thing was to just love the children.

That was the one thing I knew I could do. I loved the children, and after I learned to let go of my fear of making a fool of myself, it became the greatest assignment of my life. That is not to say that I didn’t still make a fool of myself. I just learned that it didn’t matter to the children when I did.

One spring I decided we should sing a few songs for the season. We had just finished singing a song about baby animals being born and how life was new when a little 4-year-old boy raised his hand.

“Yes, Jeremy,” I said. “What do you want?”

“Baby animals don’t just get born in the springtime,” he said.

“That’s true,” I replied. “Baby animals are born all year long.”

“Did you know our dog had

puppies last fall?” Jeremy asked.

“No, I didn’t,” I replied. “I’m sure that was a lot of fun.”

“And I got to see baby chicks hatch this last winter,” Jeremy added. “They were all fuzzy and cute and barely fit in the egg.”

“Watching a baby chick being born is really amazing, isn’t it?” I said.

“I asked my dad how the baby chick got into the egg,” Jeremy said. “The eggs we eat don’t have any baby chicks in them. My dad explained to me all about how animals get born and why the baby birds were in there.”

I was sure that this was quickly turning into a lesson on the birds and the bees, and that was the last thing I wanted to talk about during music time for children, especially at church. I decided that I should try to change the subject.

“That’s nice that you and your dad had a good talk about it,” I said. “How about we sing another song about springtime?”

“But don’t you want to know about how baby chicks get in the eggs?” Jeremy asked.

“Well, that is probably something that is special and should be shared just between you and your dad,” I replied.

But Jeremy was not to be dissuaded. He wanted to impart his

newfound knowledge.

“My dad said that when a person just has hens, there can’t be any baby chicks,” Jeremy said. “Did you know that?”

“Uh, yes, Jeremy,” I replied, “I did know that.”

“My dad said that a person has to have a rooster,” Jeremy said.

“How about we sing a song about growing gardens and how God gives us sunshine and rain to make them grow?” I interjected.

But Jeremy didn’t miss a beat. “That’s why we don’t have any eggs with chicks in them,” he said, “because we don’t have any roosters.”

“That too bad,” I replied. “Well, let’s sing ...”

“So, you see,” Jeremy interrupted, “the eggs the hens lay don’t have baby chicks in them, and that’s why we eat those eggs. It’s only the eggs that roosters lay that have the baby chicks. I think that after our hens get old and die, the next time we should get all roosters so we can have rooster eggs and have baby chicks.”

I smiled. “I guess you’ll have to take that up with your dad, Jeremy.”

It truly is amazing the things a person can learn from children.

Senior

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

Menu

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

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

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

Thursday, June 28 — Orange chicken with brown rice, roasted cauliflower soup, snap pea medley, milk, salad bar and poached pears.

Friday, June 29 — Seafood salad with croissant, carrot with raisin and pineapple salad, gazpacho, milk, salad bar and icebox pine nut cookies.

Monday, July 2 — Shrimp scampi with orzo, seasoned asparagus, eggplant medley, milk, salad bar and orange dessert bar.

Tuesday, July 3 — Turkey brat with whole wheat bun and hot dog condiments, potato salad, sautéed cabbage with onions, milk, salad bar and sugar cookies.

Wednesday, July 4 — Closed for Independence Day.

Thursday, July 5 — Beef meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, roasted carrots and parsnips, milk, salad bar and chocolate chip cookie.

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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Special summer shows added to the Community Concert Hall schedule

By Indiana Reed
Special to The PREVIEW

The Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College has announced two special shows to be staged at the hall this summer: The Wailin' Jennys (July 24) and Asleep at the Wheel (Aug. 12).

Tickets for both are on sale now online at www.durangoconcerts.com, by phone at 247-7657 or in

person at the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue.

The regular 2018-2019 season, which traditionally runs September through June, will be announced and go on sale July 2018.

Newly announced special summer shows:

- The Wailin' Jennys, July 24, 7:30 p.m., \$25-\$48.

Back by popular demand. The Canadian folk trio the Wailin' Jennys began as a onetime-only grouping of three singer/songwriters, but musical chemistry and audience response meshed the independent singer-songwriters into an ongoing band. The Wailin' Jennys are Nicky Mehta, Ruth Moody and Heather Masse — three distinct voices that together create an extraordinarily perfect vocal sound. The organic, professional honesty of the Jennys' craftsmanship comes through with every strum and pick.

- Asleep at the Wheel, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m., \$30-\$40.

Always a Durango favorite, Asleep at the Wheel is the 10-time Grammy-awarding winning band revered for sustaining Texas-based western swing. Since the early '70s, Asleep at the Wheel has remained the most important force in western swing — a mix of big band, country and dance music popularized in the 1930s and 1940s by Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys. The dance floor will be open.

Is family counseling worth considering?

By John Lough
Special to The PREVIEW

We all face problems and usually tend to think that the burden of those problems is just ours. Actually, many times there may be real benefit in dealing with such problems by involving those with whom we're the closest — our families.

Family counseling is a specialized field for professional counselors that was developed in the 1950s. Many decades of experience have shown that involving family members often leads to greater understanding, increased support and the discovery of more effective ways to treat the causes of a problem.

While professional counselors specializing in family counseling may employ a number of different approaches, they tend to have some common characteristics. These include focusing on the family as a client rather than just seeing an individual as the one with the problem. They look at how a family operates and how it reacts to influences from within and without. They see dealing with the family as a whole as an effective way to help overcome problems and work through issues even though they may be affecting only one or two family members.

While family counseling is not the answer for every problem, it has been very effective in dealing with several long-term, serious issues. A family member suffering from addiction, an eating disorder

or severe depression, for example, are cases where family counseling often yields positive results. Other issues, such as gender identity, may also be understood better if all family members are aware and supportive.

Professional counselors in the field of family counseling work in a variety of ways depending on their educational background and the situation being presented. It can be important to discuss your counselor's approach and methods before beginning the process of treatment.

You also want to approach such counseling with the right understanding. Seeking to change someone else is usually not productive, but looking for ways you can change yourself in regard to family matters usually is.

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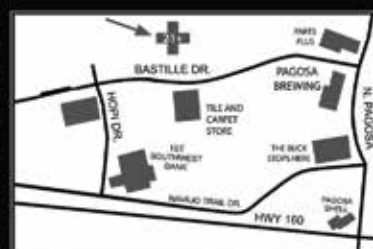
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Lightning safety: When thunder roars, go indoors

By James Pringle
Special to The PREVIEW

Colorado Lightning Safety Awareness Week continues through Saturday.

Outdoors is the most dangerous place to be during a thunderstorm. Each year, nearly all people in the United States who are injured or killed by lightning were involved in an outdoor activity. They were struck while working outside, were at or participating at an outdoor sporting event, or were boating or fishing. Other examples include people struck while they were hiking, mowing the lawn or simply going to or from their car. Quite a few were on their own property when they were struck.

Unfortunately, there is no place outside that is safe from lightning. The only safe place to be when lightning is occurring is either inside a substantial building or an enclosed automobile.

Here are some important things

to remember before venturing outdoors:

An informed decision will help you avoid being in an area where lightning is expected to occur. Before heading out, get an updated forecast. Stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, check National Weather Service websites, go to your favorite broadcast or print media, or access your favorite weather apps on your cellphone for the latest forecast.

In Colorado, it is important to remember that thunderstorms typically develop in the mountains after 11 a.m. So, it is best to plan your climbing or hiking trip so that you are coming down the mountain by late morning.

If thunderstorms are in the forecast, consider planning an alternate indoor activity or, if you still plan to be outside, make a plan which will allow you to quickly get to a safe shelter if a storm should develop.

Once you are outside, keep up to date on the weather via your smart-

phone or portable NOAA weather radio receiver. Check for updated forecasts. Determine if storms are near you by checking the latest radar imagery on your cellphone. There are now several smartphone apps you can purchase that show you real-time lightning activity in your area. Do not forget to simply look around you to make sure storms are not developing in your vicinity.

We will now discuss two outdoor scenarios. The first is what to do if you are outdoors and a safe location is nearby, while the second scenario is what to do if you are outdoors and no safe location is nearby.

If you are outside, such as a park, a lake or an outdoor sporting event, know where the nearest safe location can be accessed. A safe location is any substantial building. A substantial building is a structure which is fully enclosed and has electrical wiring and plumbing. Examples of substantial buildings include a business, a home or a church. In addition, any enclosed hard-topped car or truck also offers excellent protection from a lightning strike.

Once you hear thunder or see lightning, immediately stop what you are doing and quickly get to a safe shelter. Do not wait until the rain starts before seeking a safe

shelter. Once inside a safe shelter, it is recommended you stay there for at least 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder.

Past history has shown that most people who were outdoors and were injured or killed by lightning had access to a nearby safe shelter. Do not wait to seek safe shelter when lightning threatens. When you hear thunder or see lightning, it is important for you, and your family, to act quickly.

It is critically important to avoid shelters that are not safe from lightning, such as picnic shelters, bullpens, any type of tent or any other small buildings that are open to the elements. Never, never get under a tree when a thunderstorm is nearby or overhead.

It is important that all sports leagues and other outdoor groups have a lightning response plan that is understood and consistently applied for the safety of the participants. Part of the plan would include a designated weather watcher at each outdoor event with the authority to postpone or cancel the event due to the threat of lightning. It is also important that people know where to seek safe shelter if a storm should threaten. As we have seen recently, the NCAA, the NFL and MLB now delay games

when lightning is in, or over, the area.

Our second scenario involves what you can do to reduce your chances of being injured or killed by lightning if no safe shelter is nearby. This situation typically occurs to people who are hiking or camping in the backcountry. Unfortunately, in this scenario, there is not much you can do to reduce your risk from being struck by lightning. The best thing to do is move away from tall, isolated objects, such as trees. Stay away from wide-open areas. Stay as low as possible with your feet close together if lightning is nearby. If you are with a group of people, spread out, that way if someone is struck by lightning, the others can offer first aid. If camping in the backcountry, place your tent in a low area away from tall, isolated trees.

Here are a couple of websites that contain additional lightning information:

NOAA's lightning website, which contains abundant information on lightning safety, can be found at: www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov.

Lightning information specific to Colorado can be found at: www.weather.gov/pub/lightning.

When thunder roars, go indoors.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the great horned owl.

Great horned owls, the most common owl in the Americas, are adapted to live in diverse habitats and are found from the tropics to the Arctic. A large owl, ranging in height from 1.5 to 2 feet, with a wingspan of 4 to 5 feet, they weigh only 4 pounds or less. The hornlike tufts of feathers on the tops of their heads are not ears or horns, but do make them identifiable in the low light of dawn and dusk when they are most likely to be seen.

Mottled gray coloring provides camouflage while they roost in trees during the day.

These owls rely on the excellent night vision provided by their large, yellow eyes, and their keen sense of hearing to make them successful nocturnal hunters. A body covering of extremely soft feathers affords them silent flight. They hunt a wide range of prey, from large birds to small rodents and nearly anything in between. Their poor sense of smell means that even skunks are on the menu.

Great horned owls have unusual nesting habits, laying eggs in the abandoned nests of other birds or squirrels in January or February. Although their young can leave the nest two months later, the parents continue to feed and care for them for several months.

For information on local bird-watching events visit, www.weminuche-audubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

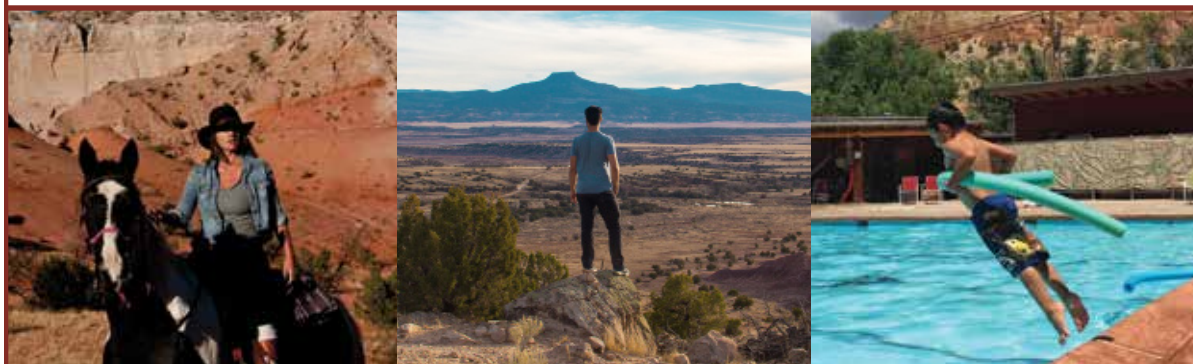
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