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Second poacher fined over \$18,000 Duo fined more than \$37,000

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The second of two Oklahoma men who poached multiple elk while trespassing on private property received fines in court reaching over \$18,000.

Tanner J. England, of Oklahoma, plead guilty in court on July 18 to three counts of wildlife-fail to dress, three counts of wildlife-illegal possession, one count of hunting/trapping/fishing without permission and two counts of hunting without license-big game.

England received fines and costs totaling \$18,126.50.

England, who acted alongside another charged poacher, Dakota Epperly, trespassed and poached elk on private property in Archuleta County, according to Rod Ruybalid,

a wildlife manager and officer with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW).

In an interview with The SUN on July 23, Ruybalid explained that England appeared in court and signed a plea agreement identical to Epperly's.

"These guys, I think, they were not lawful hunters, they were poachers. They were trying to find loopholes in the law and violate those and get away with it," Ruybalid told The SUN on July 11.

"They were pretty simultaneous in what they did and working together," Ruybalid said on July 23.

Epperly, as reported previously, plead guilty to multiple poaching charges and trespassing, and he received fines totaling \$19,126.50.

According to Ruybalid, Epperly

■ See Poaching A8

Draft decision would grant road access to site of proposed Village at Wolf Creek



Rendering courtesy Village at Wolf Creek

The above rendering imagines the visual impact of the proposed Village at Wolf Creek. A draft record of decision released on July 19 would give Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture road access to its privately held property atop Wolf Creek Pass, with that draft decision expected to be finalized this fall.

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A new draft record of decision released by the Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) on July 19 would allow road access to the private parcel that is proposed to become home to the Village at Wolf Creek.

The draft decision stems from a Jan. 12 letter from Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture (LMJV), the property's developers, to the RGNF seeking "immediate access" to the property.

The draft decision is currently open for

public review.

But, like other decisions released by the RGNF concerning the proposed project, opponents are indicating that the access will not be granted without a fight.

According to a press release from the RGNF, the land near the top of Wolf Creek Pass is a private parcel landlocked by federal lands.

The draft record of decision from the RGNF "is designed to provide reasonable access to the 288 acre parcel via a new road corridor. The proposed road would be approximately 1,610 feet in length and would

be within a 100-foot corridor with a total area of about 3.7 acres."

"This new draft decision provides the access that is legally required for private inholdings," said RGNF Supervisor Dan Dallas. "Furthermore, this access option was fully analyzed in 2014, so no new analysis is needed."

As the press release explains, the draft decision is based on Alternative 3, which was the so-called ANILCA alternative, named for the Alaska National Interest Lands Conser-

■ See Village A8

Photo courtesy Rod Ruybalid

Tanner England (left) and Dakota Epperly (right) pose with an elk that was poached on private property in Archuleta County. The two Oklahoma men were charged with multiple poaching charges and trespassing charges. This picture, one of several posted to Facebook, allowed authorities to link the duo to multiple crimes. Both men face losing hunting privileges for life, and received fines.



Jail campaign group opens meetings to public

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

A new jail could be on the ballot in November, and a county campaign committee has just recently opened its meetings to the public.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) appointed a jail facilities and campaign committee in April; however, until recently the group's meetings were not open to the public, despite its role as an advisory committee to the BoCC.

Henderson had previously identified the group

to The SUN as the Facilities and Campaign Committee when it was first reported in a story on July 5.

Richard Vihel, chair of the group now calling itself Citizens for a New Jail, addressed the BoCC at a work session on July 17.

"The next thing we would need with regard to campaign funds — the board has previously indicated that you are willing to allocate \$5,000," Vihel said at the July 17 session.

"The county has agreed to pay for expenses involved with providing factual information to the public concerning the need for a new jail. For

instance, printing and a banner for a booth at the County Fair," Vihel wrote in an email to The SUN.

Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr suggested that the county administrator draft a letter that outlined the use of the \$5,000 and the compliance with state law allowing public money spent on campaigns.

Vihel explained that his group wanted peace of mind about the money.

Starr explained that, from his understanding, the group would not write a check, but instead bills for the items, such as yard signs, would come

■ See Jail A9

Multiple wildfires burning in county

By Randi Pierce and Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Multiple fires are being tended to through Archuleta County.

Many of the fires involved multiple agencies including the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) and Archuleta County Emergency Management.

To report a new fire on federal lands, please contact the Durango Interagency Fire Dispatch Center at 385-1324.

For more information on the existing fires on public lands, contact the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268.

Spruce Fire

The Spruce Fire, found early on July 24, was approximately 10 acres in size as of Wednesday, according to the USFS. It was caused by lightning.

The fire is burning above Spruce Canyon near Mill Creek, about 4 miles east of Pagosa

Springs.

On Wednesday afternoon, the USFS reported that a line had been established around the fire perimeter with fire activity still present. Hose has been laid around the fire perimeter and an engine will be suppressing any hot spots along the line and mopping up.

"The Spruce Fire is burning along a ridge top in ponderosa pine and Gambel oak," a Tuesday press release from the USFS reads.

While one structure was initially threatened, the USFS reported Wednesday that no structures are currently threatened.

Resources involved with battling the Spruce Fire included the USFS, the PFPD and Archuleta County, according to the Tuesday release.

"Six loads of fire retardant were used to prevent the fire from dropping into Spruce Canyon," the Tuesday press release reads.

■ See Fires A10

May sales tax collections 1.52 percent higher than last year

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Sales tax information for May has been released, with sales tax collections coming in at 1.52 percent higher than May of 2017.

The gross amount of sales tax collections for May in Archuleta County was \$778,028.52, according to a report issued on July 18 by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

The Town of Pagosa Springs' share was \$388,240.26.

May 2018 was 1.52 percent higher than May of last year, an increase of \$11,639, the report reads.

■ See Sales A8




SUN photo/Randi Pierce

The river may be running low this summer, but there was water enough for the Friends of the Upper San Juan River to hold the CRUISE-A-THONg. The fundraiser, dubbed "A Race for the Average Joe," features a bike ride around town, flip-flop walk and float down the San Juan River in whatever type of inflatable device the participants choose.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

District's spending questioned

On April 24, The SUN sent the following email to the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) board members pertaining to the district's Application for Exemption From Audit.

"... I have some questions regarding the finances and wondered if someone could answer the following.

"Note: In order to avoid an illegal meeting, please don't reply to all. "Line 3-30 of the exemption application indicates a deficiency of revenues over expenditures totaling \$111,408. Can you explain why this happened?"

"The \$111,408 in excess spending was 43 percent of your beginning fund balance for 2017. If this continues for two more years, the district will be broke. What is your current projection for a surplus or deficit in 2018?"

"Total expenditures for 2017 were \$209,613 (line 3-22 of the exemption application). Total appropriated funds for 2017 were \$168,700 per the budget. Were the additional funds above the approved expenditures ever appropriated by the district?"

"According to the 2018 final budget, on Dec. 15, 2017, it was anticipated that the expenditures for the year 2017 would be \$179,038. The actual expenditures were \$209,613. Can anyone speak to the unanticipated spending of \$30,575 in the last 15 days of December?"

"What actions has the board taken to avoid the same scenario this year?"

Within 10 minutes The SUN had received a response from SJWCD Board Chair John Porco in which he replied to all of the board members: "Terri: This will take some research, so give me some time to respond. I will try to get you an answer early next week, but I leave next Wednesday for 9 days. In the meantime, I will ask Denise to contact the audit firm to begin the process. However, one thing I can assure you is that the District will not 'go broke.'"

The SUN replied on May 1, "I am following up on these questions since you leave tomorrow. I am confused about your mention of the 'audit firm to begin the process.' I thought you were forgoing an audit?"

Porco responded the same day: "We had a firm in Durango that prepared the audit exemption forms. They specialize in audits, so I called them an audit firm. We did not do an audit. Since I am leaving for 10 days tomorrow, I have asked Director Doug Secrist to work with Denise Rue-Pastin, the firm in Durango, and our attorney to get answers to your questions. You will be hearing from them as soon as the response is prepared."

Secrist followed up with a phone call shortly thereafter to tell The SUN that he was working on getting us the answers to our questions and would need some time to do that.

The SUN had inquired about the finances of the district right about the time same that the board's treasurer had resigned, so we understood the request for additional time.

On June 13, The SUN contacted Secrist to inquire about the status of his research. Secrist explained that he had written a response to the request and sent it to Porco to be reviewed. He said he would follow up with Porco.

On July 10, Porco wrote to The SUN, "I am sorry that it has taken so long to get back to you with answers to your questions on our request for audit exemption. The last few weeks have been a blur. Our attorney is looking at our response right now and we should have an answer to you shortly."

As of press time, The SUN still had not received a response as to how SJWCD can overspend its budget and revenues and not explain why.

We also don't understand why a district cannot answer straightforward questions regarding its finances without having an attorney approve the response.

It's unfortunate that taxpayers cannot get answers.

Deficit spending to this level is a warning sign that we cannot ignore.
Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

Should more companies stop using plastic straws?



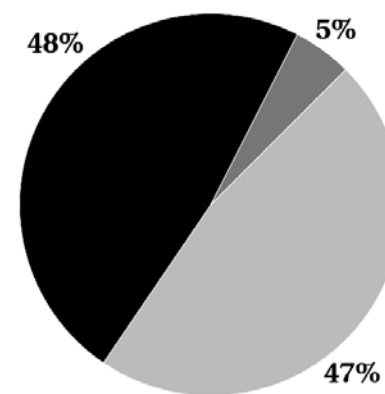
Lisa Price
"No, because disabled people need those straws."



Don Beach
"Sure, 'cause that's the thing to do; it's probably not enough."



Darlyne Demeduk
"I would say yes, go to paper. We still need those straws."



Poll results (316 Votes)
Yes. — 47 percent
No. — 48 percent
I do not know. — 5 percent

This week online: Should more trash and recycling bins be installed throughout town and area trails?
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LOOKING BACK



From the July 3, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. **TWO NEW HATS** — Dennis Ralston, famous tennis player, was here for a clinic and exhibition match last weekend. He played at the Pagosa Racquet Club. The former Davis Cup Team captain was accompanied by his five year old son, Mike, and the highlight of the visit for Mike was when both he and his father were presented with western type 'real cowboy' hats at a barbecue Saturday evening at Pagosa Lodge.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 27, 1928

Jay Catchpole, receiver for the First National Bank of Pagosa Springs, now has on hand the checks for the third and final dividend, which amounts to 9% and makes a total of 44% paid by the defunct institution. Depositors may obtain their checks by presenting their receivers' certificates at the Fred Catchpole home.

The Antonito and Monero baseball teams will cross bats at the Pagosa Springs diamond next Sunday afternoon. These teams played a ten-inning game at Antonito July 15, Antonito winning by a score of 13 to 12. A spirited game is promised the fans next Sunday, and all are invited to attend. Both towns will send big delegations to watch their favorites in action.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 30, 1943

New tires will not be rationed as spares in the next few months except to such persons as firemen and doctors, OPA announced today. Drivers that do not have a fifth tire usable for a spare occasionally, may get a certificate for a used or recapped tire for that purpose.

Bill Glassner, former Nickleplate Hotel operator of Pagosa Springs, but now located in Longbeach, Calif., arrived Tuesday to take the Health Baths at The Spring. Mr. Glassner had been away from Pagosa Springs for 23 years, but when his health broke, his first thoughts turned to The Great Pagosa.

A business deal was completed last week when Mrs. Mable Lynch sold her Riverside Cafe to Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Milam, formerly of Cortez.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 25, 1968

School members met with Selby Wheeler, architect for the new elementary school building, Tuesday and approved final plans for the building. Other details for the building project, including access, water and sewer connections, leveling, etc., were also discussed. The bid opening on the new building was set for August 28. The bids are for the \$605,000 (estimated) building. The building will house the elementary grades and kindergarten. The building will occupy one corner of a tract of land purchased for this building and any future needs. According to the final plans of the architect it will have a brick exterior, flat roof, and be an attractive building. Access to the school grounds, which will have a high fence along the highway boundary, will be up a former alley.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 29, 1993

Due to the extremely dry conditions in the area and fire conditions listed as "Very High" late yesterday afternoon, the San Juan National Forest is preparing to implement a fire ban. The county-wide ban on open fires that was imposed by the Archuleta County Commissioners last week remains in effect. Pagosa District Ranger Jo Bridges said the forest service ban will include campfires except those in permanent metal-grate fire boxes that are installed in developed forest service campgrounds. "The ban will remain in effect until we have received significant moisture," Bridges said. Motorists, campers, fishermen, hikers and horsemen are warned to completely extinguish their cigarettes or cigars before disposing of them.

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RUMBLE!
WHOOSH!

By Shari Pierce

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.

Can't understand

Dear Editor:
The Washington Post reported that Trump went on about how Putin is "strong, smart, and cunning," and said he "relished" his interactions with the Russian strongman." Trump was described as fawning over Putin after the meeting. Strange but Donald J. Trump was also draft dodger for duty in Viet Nam. Amazing what money will sponsor in creativity for an easily resolved medical ailment.

"The youngest Spitfire pilot to fly in the Battle of Britain just died, former squadron leader Geoffrey Wellum. He was 17 when in 1939 he signed up to become a Spitfire pilot ... throughout the summer of 1940, the RAF were grossly outnumbered, always running out of ammo and suffering unbelievably. The average life-expectancy of a Spitfire pilot was four weeks; their death was usually a burning splash into a watery Channel grave," the Independent. Winston Churchill believed England and maybe WWII would have been lost without these gallant young warriors. They had taken an oath and never asked for quarter.

Donald refused service to his country where harm might befall him, sought the Presidency for reason of ego, can't tell the truth, destroys those critical thru slander, firing and law suits, doesn't know the meaning of sacrifice or the integrity/value/commitment of an oath, loves dictators and racists, couldn't care less about National defense/trade/environment agreements, tells us that forcing tiny children into cages and before judges alone is in our national defense nor has produced one positive individually responsible improvement for America in almost two years; nevertheless 70% ... 70% of

Republicans praise him and they were the self acclaimed buttress of individual responsibility ... must be the economy?

Maybe the Millennials however disparaged for lack of involvement know something about the Baby Boomers and their leader, the rest of us just can't understand.

Dave Blake

Legal vs. ethical

Dear Editor:
I've witnessed boards defer to their legal advisor for what is really an ethical question. The boards do not seem to understand that legal advice and ethical advice are not the same thing. Your legal advisor's legal opinion is that they are willing to defend a particular action in court. By asking their opinion you are really asking if there is a legal position that can be defended in court if necessary. They can answer that question responsibly. As to what the outcome might be in court is anyone's guess. Keep in mind that at no time is the provider of the legal opinion in jeopardy. It does not cost them a thing and they get paid regardless of the outcome.

Let's take the current state of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). They seem to have a dilemma regarding a ballot issue for this November. They appear to want a new justice center but if they commit to their "opinion" in writing then they can no longer support their earlier decision to create the 'Citizens for a New Jail' and fund it. It seems there is a state statute that prohibits the use of public funds to promote a position on a ballot issue. The legal opinion provided by the BOCC is that the promotion is "legal" as long as you haven't officially made a decision.

Again, the difference between a legal and an ethical position. It seems to me that the legal opinion provided to the BOCC does not adhere to the spirit of the Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) though it might in fact follow the letter of the law. I for one feel both the legal counsel and the BOCC do not like to play by the spirit of the CRS.

Even though I believe there are ethical classes required to get a law degree, I do not think they are stressed much these days. If you believe as I do, you may want to share that opinion with the Commissioners.

Allan Bunch

Tipton bill

Dear Editor:
As a retired educator, we used to have a joke that said, "What if the government held a bake sale to raise money for the military and actually appropriated money for education?" This was, of course, meant to be a joke because we weren't serious about depriving the military the funds necessary for defense. But, we felt that if something was worthwhile, we should assess ourselves to pay for it.

Representative Tipton, in a recent issue of The Sun, explained H.R. 5859, his idea for funding public education. At first glance, it looks like free money. Alas, there is no such thing. He has sponsored a bill to take part of the revenue from energy extraction on public lands that would normally go to the federal treasury to be returned to the state for education.

If we hold a bake sale for education, the worst that can happen is a ruined appetite. Representative

Tipton's plan has much worse consequences. First of all, we do not need to despoil our public lands for more mineral extraction and to increase global warming. Next, the same land that has minerals under the surface has some of the best sites for solar energy. And, if you read the fine print in the bill, you will notice numerous exceptions. This bill was written to encourage energy exploration because the increase in funds will occur only for leases that are granted after the passage of the bill. And, the revenues must "exceed the amount of revenues that the Congressional Budget Office previously estimated would be received under such leases in the fiscal year." In addition, this share for education is minuscule. Out of one dollar of royalty, Colorado would get an additional four cents at best.

If we are to mine on public lands, the decision should be made on the basis of need, whether it will leave everlasting destruction of our lands, and how much it will contribute to global warming, not whether it will help us avoid our fiscal responsibility toward education. We do not need more Gold King or Summitville mines.

Even if this bill passes, teachers and parents, do not give up on bake sales.

Lynn Frederick

Dog owners

Dear Editor:
Why is it that some people think that rules and signs do not apply to them?

I love dogs and have always owned one since I was a child. My dogs have always been under control on a leash and I always pick up my dogs waste. I do not appreciate people who leave their dogs waste on the grass or side walks, especially right in front of the doggie waste bag container post behind the community center. I fear for my dog and myself and grandchildren when an unleashed dog comes charging at us. Last week a person said to me when I ask them to put the leash on "oh yes, my dog knocked a woman over yesterday ... ha ha" TV covers many stories of dog attacks. Most towns and cities have stiff fines for not following these rules. I think it is time for the town of Pagosa to enforce its rules.

I love Pagosa and I love the parks and especially the beautiful trail behind the community center and hot springs and am most grateful for those who were responsible for donating the land and leaving this great asset to our community.

Please be responsible and do what is right when you walk your dog.

All dogs must be on a leash
Please pick up your dogs waste
Maria Kolpin

Cell service

Dear Editor:
We live on Cloud Cap Avenue in the Pagosa Lakes area, since 2011. We are permanent residents, with property owned in Chris Mountain, that we cannot build on due to no electric. That is another story I already wrote a Letter to the Editor to.

This letter is in regards to horrible cell service in our area. I recall we were going to have another much needed cell tower installed on Piedra Road which would have been high enough to go above trees and would help us receive service here. It was approved by Council members on Jan. 17, 2017, I believe.

What happened?

We cannot make or receive calls many times, unless we get in the car and drive downtown. I have purchased a Smartphone, because my old phone is being forced out due to technology, but I cannot use my new phone either, due to low or no service. This is not acceptable.

We were forced to rent due to no electric being installed on our property, after 11 years of waiting, and now stuck in a rental in an area with, basically, no reliable cell service. Help. We have lived here since October 2007, and, although, we love the area, are very disappointed in the happenings in this County.

Lynn Richert

Trail protocol

Dear Editor:
I would like to agree with Gail Hershey's letter about trail protocol. I mountain bike and hike our trails. When I'm hiking, the last thing I want is a biker screaming "on your left" two seconds before they fly by. When I am on my bike, and approach someone from behind, I slow down and calmly say "good morning" to let them know that I'm there. With horses, it is especially important to stop or quietly let them know you are there. I sincerely hope that I have never caused anyone any discomfort when I ride.

In this same vein, dog owners really need to take responsibility for their pets. I love a friendly dog as much as anyone and have met many of them on our trails, but I

■ See Letters A4



Welcome The Legendary Jeweler Ray Tracey

Native American designer & jeweler Ray Tracey will join us at Two Old Crows on July 27 & 28 for his third annual Trunk Show.

If you missed him last year, now is your chance to add one or two of his designer pieces to your collection.

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Obituaries

Burleson Taylor Collyer

Our beloved Burleson Taylor Collyer (84) passed away at his home near Seattle on July 11 from complications of old age and Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Farmington, N.M., graduated from Farmington High School and received his accounting degree from BYU.



He loved Pagosa Springs and dedicated his livelihood to sharing the beauty of the area with others — building miles of roads and creating scores of home sites for the enjoyment of others in the Mill Creek, Upper Robinson, Lower Robinson, Echo Lake, Rio Blanco Valley subdivisions, Oak Hill Ranches and Friendly Forest. He loved his country and loved God, and he was instrumental in serving and leading thousands in his church community both in New Mexico and Colorado.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; seven children: Becky, Cynthia, Taylor, Andrea, Michelle, David and James; 22 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and five brothers and sisters. He is preceded in death by his parents, James Burnham Collyer and Lily Ethel Taylor Collyer, and his grandson, Randall Marc Johnston.

A memorial service will be held Aug. 11 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints building at 19215 88th Ave. NE in Bothell, Wash. As an Army veteran of the Korean War, he will be buried at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Wash., with a five-gun salute.

Mack Prentiss Jones

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church of Purvis for the Rev. Mack Prentiss Jones, age 89, of Purvis, Miss., who was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 19, with his wife, Marie, at his side. He was born Jan. 2, 1929, the youngest of eight children, to Lawrence and Lula Jones in Wayne County near Waynesboro, Miss.



Mack received an associate of arts degree from Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Miss., and a bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss. His graduate degrees include a bachelor of divinity degree and a master's of theology (with honors), both from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained as a minister on Aug. 29, 1950, by the Clara Baptist Church, Clara, Miss.

On June 15, 1952, Mack married Marie Martin, who was his cherished wife and partner in the ministry for 65 years.

He devoted his life to serving his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the ministry of winning souls to Christ.

In 1950, he began his ministry as pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in Alabama. During his many years in the ministry, he served as the pastor of churches in Mississippi, Eugene and Klamath Falls, Ore., and Alabama.

In 1963, Mack and Marie were appointed to serve in the foreign mission field as missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board, SBC

and served in South America and Mexico until they retired in 1994.

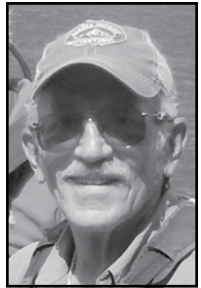
Pagosa Springs became their new home, where they continued to serve in the ministry until they returned to their home state of Mississippi in 2014, settling in Purvis, Miss.

Mack is survived by his wife, Marie, and many nieces and nephews who loved and respected him and will miss him dearly.

Mack is preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Lula Jones; brothers Pat Jones, Aubrey Jones, Albert Ray Jones and Melvin Jones; and sisters Alma Jones, Elsie Beard and Lois Russell.

Jerry Rohwer

Pagosa Springs resident Jerry Rohwer passed away on the evening of July 9. He and his wife, Joan, were with friends on a multiday rafting trip through the beautiful Idaho wilderness when Jerry suffered a fatal fall while fly-fishing in the rugged terrain along the Salmon River.



The Rohwers were business owners in Pagosa Springs, operating Moonlight Books for 25 years. In addition, Jerry worked with the town police department as an animal control officer for 24 years. He saw the need for and lobbied for a dog park near the river south of town. Over the years, many people and their dogs met him along the River Walk, in the town parks and on Reservoir Hill.

Jerry leaves behind Joan Rohwer, his wife of 47 years, and their son, Tobi Rohwer; Tobi's family: wife Alison and daughters Grace and Emery, of Pagosa Springs; Jerry's

nephew, Ryan Perry and his family: wife Jodi, and children Hailey and Aiden, of Rio Rancho, N.M.; Jerry's sister, Kay Zillich, and her son, William, of Durango, Colo. Jerry also leaves behind numerous colleagues at the Pagosa Springs Police Department and Town Hall, as well as dear friends, neighbors and children he loved to entertain. He was recently preceded in death by his son, Shadd Rohwer, of Aztec, N.M., and father Robert Rohwer, of Santa Fe, N.M. Both passed in January 2018.

Jerry treasured his family and his role as grandfather to Grace and Emery and granduncle to Hailey and Aiden. His grandchildren will remember him as a patient explainer of things and a grandpa who could make an adventure out of anything and who was always there to hold a hand — or sneak you a cookie. His passions included exploring wild country, chasing wild trout and floating wild rivers. He left this world doing what he loved; however, those of us remaining agree that he left us too soon.

The family is planning a small, informal memorial; date to be determined. Condolences can be sent to Joan Rohwer at P.O. 1294, Pagosa Springs.

Janet Fae Sharpe

Janet Sharpe passed away July 21 at about 4 p.m. Janet Fae Sharpe was born May 16, 1951, in Richmond, Va. She was 67 years old. She was a Pagosa resident for seven years. Janet was a member of the Cowboy Church here in Pagosa. Nancy and Jim Sanders always picked her up and took her to church with them. Janet is survived by her son, Emmet (Gene) Sharpe and his wife, Agnes Sharpe. She went to be reunited with her late husband, William Sharpe.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Centerpoint Church by Pastor Jon Duncan.

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 transaction 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.
- Generate prior receipts.
- Duplicate registration receipt request.

- 2 percent rental upload spreadsheet fee estimator.
- 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."

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.

Letters

Continued from A3
have also been bitten twice and scared countless times by aggressive dogs. My wife has severe osteoporosis and when you 60 pound pet is running full speed at her, it does not give her comfort to yell "he's friendly." Knocking her down could have serious consequences. I hate to tell you this, but everyone doesn't love your dog. If they are going to be aggressive or jump up on people, please keep them on a leash or have them well trained to voice commands. It isn't that hard to be a little thoughtful of other people. Like it or not, we all have to share our planet with others.
Dennis Wyrick

funding mechanism. Since they won't move forward without knowing the will of the people. We the People need to let them know what we want. If you have concerns, questions, observations, ideas, if you want this item on the ballot. Please contact Commissioner Steve Wadley, swadley@archuletacounty.org 970-264-8300, and/or Commissioner Michael Whiting mwhiting@archuletacounty.org 970-264-8300 and/or Commissioner Ronnie Maez rmaez@archuletacounty.org

970-264-8300. They continue to delay waiting to discuss and revisit the issues, let's ring the phones off the hooks and fill their email boxes, or go to their meetings or just visit the office at 398 Lewis St., so that they know we want the issue on the ballot and we want some decisions. The time for humming and hee hawing around is over. Commissioners make a decision. I for one want a sales tax increase on the Ballot for the voters to decide.
Ronnie Zaday

Jail ballot issue

Dear Editor:
There has been lots of discussion, but very little done with regard to the decision of the commissioners to start construction of a new Jail and Sheriff's facility, or even a decision of how and if the issue will be on the ballot. In the mean time millions have been paid to La Plata County. It is time to stop discussing and make decisions. Decisions regarding the ballot issue, the language of the ballot issue,



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LEGISLATURE

Preventing the Agent Orange crisis of the post-9/11 generation

After the tragic events that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001, many brave Americans joined the armed forces and served our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. During their time in the Middle East, they encountered many dangers and, unfortunately for some of these heroes, one specific threat followed them home.

In Iraq and Afghanistan, it was standard practice for soldiers on the ground to use burn pits as a way to dispose of waste. These pits were located on military bases, because locating them outside of secured areas in hostile territory could put those in charge of waste disposal in danger. Unfortunately, when burned, much of the waste emitted toxic fumes, which would then spread throughout the camp.

There are now over 140,000 service members and veterans who have reported exposure to burn pits, and those are just the ones we know about.

This burn pit crisis is now referred to as the Agent Orange of the post-9/11 generation. The reason for this comparison is because much like exposure to Agent Orange, a toxic herbicide used during the Vietnam War, there are serious health complications that can arise from exposure to burn pit



Rep. Tipton's Report

toxins. These complications range from neurological disorders to lung diseases and rare forms of cancer.

As we now know, many Vietnam War veterans who became sick from Agent Orange exposure during their service had to wait a very long time to receive the treatment and benefits that were owed to them. Many veterans did not receive the care they so desperately needed because it took years for the federal government to mandate that diseases associated with Agent Orange would be treated as the result of wartime service, and others still have not received the care they need because they did not serve "boots on the ground" in Vietnam, but rather, served in the territorial waters of Vietnam or in Thailand. This is a problem I am also working to fix through legislation.

What happened to the Vietnam veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange was completely wrong, and I do not want a similar situation to occur with the service members and veterans who have been exposed to burn pits. In order to prevent even more Americans from languishing in a lengthy bureaucratic process while their conditions go untreated, I cosponsored the Burn Pits Accountability Act (H.R. 5671).

This critical legislation would take the first important step in getting the exposed service members the care they need. It would do so by requiring the secretary of defense to record whether a service member had been stationed

at a location where an open burn pit was used and include this information in Periodic Health Assessments (PHAs), Separation History and Physical Examinations (SHPEs) and Post-Deployment Health Assessment (PDHAs). If a service member was exposed to a burn pit, this legislation would ensure that they be enrolled in the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (unless they chose to opt out), with the intent to study and collect data on their exposure.

Once we study and begin to understand the issue as a whole, we can begin to efficiently give every soldier and veteran who has been affected by burn pits the care they need and deserve, without making them jump through unnecessary hoops. The burn pit crisis is becoming very prevalent, and my staff has heard from multiple veterans from Colorado's Third District who lived by burn pits for months at a time during their deployment, with some experiencing terrible symptoms at a very young age.

Our nation did not help those affected by Agent Orange quickly enough, and I will not allow the same mistake to happen again. I will continue to work to ensure that these veterans, and all of Colorado's veterans, have access to the care they deserve.

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

Archuleta County Republicans name coroner candidate

By Deborah Van Gundy
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Republicans have selected Brandon Bishop as the 2018 Republican candidate for Archuleta County coroner.

As previously reported, the Archuleta County Republican Central Committee (ACRCC) was accepting resumes from persons interested in becoming the Republican candidate for coroner due to the resignation of Dan Keuning.

Keuning, who left the coroner's office for health reasons, won the Republican primary, so he also had to be replaced on the 2018 general election ballot.

Two meetings of the Archuleta County Republican Vacancy Com-

mittee were held, one on July 12 with eight of nine members present. The object was to review the resumes and interview the three applicants. The second meeting was held on July 16 to vote on which applicant would be sanctioned as the Republican candidate.

The vacancy committee meetings in which Bishop became the official candidate for coroner were held in accordance with ACRCC by-laws and, to protect the privacy of the applicants, the meetings were closed to the public.



Brandon Bishop

Town receives clean audit

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council heard good news on July 3 — that it had received a clean audit.

Chad Atkinson of the firm HintonBurdick presented the information to a quartet of town council members at the meeting: Mayor Pro Tem David Schanzenbaker, Nicole DeMarco, Mat deGraaf and Matt DeGuise.

Audit Manager Crimson Singleton, of HintonBurdick, also sat in on the video presentation.

"I'm happy to report the town received an unmodified opinion," Atkinson said.

Atkinson noted that there was a "significant deficiency" related to internal controls, but noted that it was a carryover finding from the previous year.

"So, that's a good report card," he noted.

That deficiency, Atkinson explained, relates to accounting adjustments, with the town making about 20 adjustments to the financial statements after they were sent to the auditors.

He further explained staff and the auditors had a long discussion about it, with Atkinson stating, "So, I feel good about the direction there."

Atkinson also noted that all governmental funds within the town performed within budget.

As he continued to discuss the health of each fund within the town, Atkinson indicated that they were in good shape and were consistent and stable.

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Hudson appointed to San Juan Water Conservancy District Board

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

After much discussion and deliberation, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) has gained a new board member.



Bill Hudson

Bill Hudson was formally appointed to the SJWCD board via a court order from Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson dated July 10.

The saga of Hudson's appointment to the board

was covered in the April 26, July 5 and the July 12 issues of The SUN.

The basis of SJWCD's opposition of Hudson being appointed to its board was summed up in a motion of opposition filed on July 2 to the courts.

"The District's board has serious concerns that, given Mr. Hudson's history of strong opposition and criticism of the District, including criticism towards some of the District's board members, Mr. Hudson lacks the necessary objectivity to contribute constructively to present and future board functions and its decision making process," SJWCD's July 2 motion reads.

Judge's order

The order granting Hudson's

appointment to the SJWCD board begins by acknowledging both parties' viewpoints.

However, the order goes on to state that is not uncommon for governmental or quasi-governmental boards to have board members that disagree with issues presented to the district.

"Rationally discussing different points of view before deciding a course of action can lead to a better decision-making process," the order states. "The Court has no reason to believe that Mr. Hudson, as well as the other directors of the District, cannot act as adults when discussing issues upon which they disagree and accept the eventual decision of a majority of the members of the board."

The order concludes by explaining that because Hudson is qualified to be an appointed director on the SJWCD board, the court therefore appoints Hudson to the SJWCD board.

Comments

In an interview with The SUN on July 18, SJWCD Chairman John Porco commented on Hudson's appointment to the board.

"That's fine. We'll deal with it," Porco commented.

In a separate interview, Hudson also commented on his appointment to the SJWCD board.

"I'm very pleased to see that Judge Wilson thinks that people on our local government boards can act as adults," Hudson said.

Students suggest bike path improvements to town leaders

By Gabrielle Dorr
Special to The SUN

Seven- and 9-year-old students from Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) presented data they collected during a two-month project to members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council last week. Their goal for the presentation was to convince town leaders to install trash and recycle bins along the uptown and downtown bike paths.

PPOS students noticed the problem with trash along the bike path during an Earth Day cleanup event last April. When they first noticed the problem, PPOS project-based learning specialist Emily Murphy encouraged students to make an argument for installing bins.

"The students noticed the lack of bins along the path and were curious how much trash they were picking up. They created trash collection data sheets and went out at least twice a week to collect data and trash. The students were committed to this project," Murphy said.

When students wanted to collect data from the downtown bike path,

they partnered with third-grade students from Pagosa Springs Elementary School. These classes were given data sheets, gloves and trash bags to collect information about trash from the other side of town.

"This was a fun project to work on. I liked presenting and rehearsing, especially for Mr. Wolford's class. They were a respectful audience and really listened," Carlo, age 9, said.

With all data in hand, PPOS students successfully reached town council members during their last meeting.

The mayor praised the students for their presentation and said he was going to work with them on a solution. Students then met with Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis in the hallway of Town Hall to show him a map they created of trash hot spots.

PPOS students also presented designs they created for the bins to encourage people to throw trash away or recycle.

"We liked making animal character trash can designs. We think people aren't throwing trash away



Photo courtesy Harold Bright

Students from Pagosa Peak Open School meet with Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis in the hallway of Town Hall to show him a map they created of trash hot spots. Their goal for the presentation was to convince town leaders to install trash and recycle bins along the uptown and downtown bike paths.

because it's not fun, and we think people will think it's fun to throw their trash away in the cans we created," Sofia, age 7, said.

"The students are looking forward

to being involved in the town's plans to address this issue, and have been told that Parks and Rec staff will be visiting the school to discuss next steps," Murphy said.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Monday, Aug. 6

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors strategic planning training. 4 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, Aug. 7

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

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors strategic planning training. 9 a.m., 7 Parelli Way.

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

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District work session. 4 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Wednesday, Aug. 8

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

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Monday, Aug. 13

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting. 6 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.
San Juan Water Conservancy District regular board meeting. 7 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Unit 5.

Tuesday, Aug. 14

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

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 regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station 1,

Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Thursday, Aug. 16

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors regular meeting. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

Tuesday, Aug. 21

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

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

Wednesday, Aug. 22

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

Thursday, Aug. 23

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

Tuesday, Aug. 28

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.

8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and 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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Golf tournament will support Veterans Memorial Park

By Karin Daniels
Special to The SUN

The Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County (VMPAC) is pleased to announce that construction of the park is progressing.

Phase One of the project is construction of the parking lot. Significant progress has been made with erosion control, excavation, drainage, gravel application, setting for curbs and gutters, grading and revegetation. Ultimately, the parking lot will tie into the Vista Trail located along Vista Boulevard. Estimated completion of the first phase of the project is early August.

The Veterans Memorial Park board and members are working diligently to raise the funds necessary to complete future phases. It is through the support and vision of the community that the Veterans Memorial Park is becoming a reality.

Fundraising efforts are ongoing to ensure the progress of future phases. The fourth annual VMPAC Golf Tournament is Saturday, July 28, at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Stop by to support the Veterans Memorial Park.



Photo courtesy Karin Daniels

Phase One of the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County (VMPAC) is underway with significant progress being made on the parking lot. The fourth annual VMPAC Golf Tournament is Saturday, July 28, at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Stop by to support fundraising efforts to build the remainder of Veterans Memorial Park.

Pagosa Housing Partners conducting housing survey

By Lynne Vickerstaff
Special to The SUN

A resident housing survey will be distributed this week to collect feedback on current housing concerns. The survey is designed to be the basis for a detailed, in-depth analysis and used to craft a strategic plan for housing development over the next one to five years.

Pagosa Housing Partners (PHP) is conducting the confidential housing study. PHP is a local nonprofit focused on housing solutions and partnerships with other

nonprofits, developers and private/government entities. This survey is for all residents and employees of the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.

The survey seeks information on households' current housing options and what housing difficulties they face. This housing problem affects a wide range of employees and residents from retail and restaurant, education, medical, construction, fire and police, retirees and many others. This housing survey will give both the town and county the valuable information to

address this critical problem.

The survey will quantify household characteristics and housing problems such as cost and availability. The survey will also explore housing preferences such as unit type, size and location. The team is conducting extensive outreach through flyers, social media, news media, employer participation and word of mouth.

Many employees will receive surveys through their employers. For those who don't receive one at work, there are seven pickup and drop-off locations: Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Turkey Springs

Trading Post, Higher Grounds Coffee, Navajo Trail Laundry, Silver Dollar Liquor, Healing Waters Resort and Town Hall, or surveys can be mailed to PHP at P.O. Box 371, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. This survey is also available online at pagosahousingpartners.org.

The deadline for completed surveys is Aug. 17.

A great survey turnout will mean we have accurate data to make on-point recommendations for local housing solutions. This is everyone's opportunity to offer input. Please help by taking the survey.

Reservations being accepted for Planned Giving Seminar

By Tracy Pope
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta Committee of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has begun accepting reservations for an upcoming seminar, "Maximizing the Benefits of Your Generosity," on Thursday, Aug. 2, at 5:30 p.m., in the EcoLuxe Hotel Conference Room.

Jeff Gott will discuss effective giving strategies. Gott has an MBA from Vanderbilt University and is a

certified financial planner. Gott will be addressing questions related to:

- Giving strategies that take the new tax laws into consideration.
- Advantages of establishing a Donor Advised Fund.
- Maximizing the impact of your generosity.

"Inquiries started coming in shortly after last week's article ran in The Pagosa SUN and I encourage people not to wait if they wish to attend," said Jan Johnson, chair of the Archuleta Committee of the

Community Foundation.

"We all pay taxes and want to be able to ask the appropriate questions when we are planning our philanthropic gifts. I look forward to acquiring the information that will prepare me to maximize my generosity," said Johnson.

Gott will share with attendees how well-planned giving strategies can be win-win for both the giver and the receiver.

Following the presentation, Gott will answer questions and will be

available for private 15-minute meetings to address personal situations. Reservations are requested, as space is limited. Please call Johnson at 485-0573 to secure your place.

For more information on expanding the culture of giving to meet the needs of the community, visit swcommunityfoundation.org or call Briggen Wrinkle, executive director, at 375-5807.

Join the 100th anniversary celebration of Saint James the Apostle mission church

By Debbie McAlister
Special to The SUN

On Sunday, July 29, in rural Trujillo, Colo., the 100th anniversary of the mission church Saint James the Apostle will be celebrated with a Mass at 11 a.m. followed by a community picnic for which meat will be provided.

Saint James, known also as Santiago, is one of five mission churches located across southern Archuleta

County, including Saint Francis, near Arboles, and Saint John in Pagosa Junction, which serve rural congregations and date from a time when areas that are today remote and less populated, had substantial local economies, schools and stores.

Since 2007, much large-scale restoration has been done in effort to retain the original character of the little adobe church.

Please join our community in celebration of the history and faith represented in Saint James the Apostle Church over the last 100 years.

Trujillo is reached by following County Road 500 (Trujillo Road) approximately 14 miles south of Pagosa Springs. All are welcome.

Raffle tickets are still available: first prize \$500 cash; second prize \$300; third prize \$200 or a lamb; fourth prize \$125 or a goat.

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Village

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vation Act. That act, in part, grants private land owners surrounded by National Forest System lands a right of reasonable access.

The alternatives were analyzed for the final environmental impact statement completed for the Village at Wolf Creek access project in 2014. The other alternatives were the land exchange and a no-action alternative.

Dallas previously issued a record

Poaching

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“... plead guilty to hunting on private property without permission, multiple counts of illegal possession of wildlife, multiple counts of waste of edible portions of wildlife, multiple counts of hunting elk without a proper and valid hunting license with fines and surcharges exceeding \$19,000.”

According to a case summary by Ruybalid, the case began when he received a report from the ranch manager for Rancho del Oso Pardo, located in Archuleta County near the New Mexico border, north of Chama, N.M.

“The ranch manager reported that he and his employees found three dead bull elk on ranch property,” the summary reads.

Upon further investigation, it was discovered that one bull elk was shot with an arrow, killing the elk, the report indicates.

“The head, antlers, and some of the meat were removed and taken,” the summary states.

A second bull elk, Ruybalid explained in the summary, had been shot and killed by an arrow “and left to rot.”

The summary further reads that with the second bull elk:

- “The only meat taken from this elk was the back straps (choice meat).

- “This elk was covered with tree branches in an attempt to conceal the carcass.

- “One antler was cut and broken off, which was found at the first elk kill site. The other antler remained on the elk.

- “The elk was a smaller bull with antlers that had 4 points on each side.”

A third bull elk carcass was found, the summary notes, in which only the head, cape and antlers were removed.

Ruybalid expressed to The SUN his ideas about England’s poaching activities.

“I’m pretty certain that he’s actually the shooter on one of the elk where just the back straps were taken and nothing else,” Ruybalid said to The SUN on July 23.

Ruybalid explained that both England and Epperly worked in conjunction to “cover it up,” referring to taking that piece of meat out and leaving the rest of the animal.

“The meat was left to rot,” the summary reads on the third bull elk.

Ruybalid told The SUN on July 11 that nothing could be done with the meat and carcasses of the elk found dead on the ranch.

Sometimes, the CPW takes meat samples off the carcasses for DNA testing to try to match them to other parts of the animal, Ruybalid explained.

But, in this case, no samples were taken because the testing process was not used, Ruybalid explained.

As far as the remainder of the carcasses of the elk were concerned, they smelt so bad, they were already decomposing “with flies and maggots” and at that point the ranch was all right with just letting the scavengers finish off the remains, Ruybalid explained.

In other cases where the meat and parts of an animal are salvageable, CPW will document evidence and donate the remaining parts to “someone in the community who would benefit from that meat,” Ruybalid explained on July 11.

Three carcasses were found, according to the summary, but complications on location arose.

of decision in 2015 approving a land exchange that would swap approximately 177 acres of privately held land to the RGNF in exchange for approximately 205 acres of National Forest System land managed by the RGNF. That exchange would provide LMJV with property fronting U.S. 160.

After being challenged in court by a number of conservation organizations working together, that decision was set aside nearly

two years later, in May of 2017, by U.S. District Court Judge Richard Matsch for the District of Colorado.

“This has been a long, complex project and I encourage folks to learn more about its status and review the new draft decision for themselves,” added Dallas. “It’s also important to know that the land exchange option, as the selected alternative, remains on the table pending resolution of the legal process.”

Ruybalid explained on July 23.

England was extradited to Colorado after being arrested by Oklahoma state game wardens, according to Ruybalid.

“So, they arrested him. My understanding was, they arrested him right off of his job site, I think he worked on an oil rig,” Ruybalid said.

“This prompted Epperly to drive to Colorado and turn himself in,” Ruybalid wrote in the summary.

Epperly pleaded guilty, according to the report, of hunting on private property without permission, multiple counts of waste of edible portions of wildlife, and multiple counts of hunting elk without a proper and valid hunting license.

Indications had been found in talks with Oklahoma wardens that the two had past experiences such as this incident, and were known to their local game wardens, Ruybalid explained on July 23.

Both men had previous criminal records outside wildlife charges, according to Ruybalid.

Both men face the possibility of losing their hunting and fishing privileges for life.

“Any suspension will be reciprocated in Oklahoma and 46 other states, as participating members of the Wildlife Violator Compact Agreement,” the summary reads.

These acts do not represent lawful hunters, according to the summary, who respect private property, care or use the meat from the animals they take and stay within their limits.

“This case is a great example where Colorado Parks and Wildlife Officers worked together with landowners and other wildlife agencies to catch and prosecute violators of wildlife law,” Ruybalid wrote in his summary.

The head and antlers of the elk were recovered and returned to Colorado, Ruybalid explained to The SUN.

Further, Ruybalid explained to The SUN, the CPW protects wildlife and it is important to the people who live in and visit Colorado, as well as to the state government.

“We take it pretty seriously,” Ruybalid said.

Ruybalid explained that if people choose to violate the law there could be significant consequences.

“We may not catch you every time or the first time, but we do catch up with people,” Ruybalid said.

The summary notes that employees of Rancho del Oso Pardo made “great witnesses” and reported the violations “promptly.”

This, in turn, according to the summary, helped CPW work with the District Attorney’s Office to successfully prosecute the case.

Ruybalid mentioned on July 23 that he was very appreciative of how thorough the District Attorney’s Office had been about the case and that it “also treated the wildlife violations of the case in a serious nature.”

“This allowed CPW to recover the monetary value (set in State Statute) of the wildlife illegally taken, on behalf of the people of Colorado, while assisting in protecting private property rights in Colorado,” the summary reads.

“They were hand in hand, and were both serious wildlife violators,” Ruybalid said on July 23.

Ruybalid further explained that while England and Epperly may have felt safe returning to Oklahoma after the incident, they were ultimately caught for their crimes.

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A final decision on the road access is expected in the fall.

LMJV’s six-page January letter acknowledges the ongoing lawsuit and that Matsch set aside the decision, but states, “Although the 2017 Order clouds the title to the Federal Exchange Parcel, it does not prevent development activity on the Private Land. However, the 2017 Order does mean that the Private Land presently constitutes an In-holding subject to the requirements of ANILCA.”

The letter is signed by Clint Jones, the project leader for LMJV.

The letter continues, “Regardless of how the pending appeal is decided, LMJV will require access to its Private Land. The Private Land is unaffected by the Litigation and is not changing hands as part of the Land Exchange.”

The letter also notes that no further analysis is needed because “The 2015 ROD and associated environmental impact statement ... has already thoroughly analyzed the environmental impacts of a specific road (together with appurtenant utility easements) connecting the Private Land to Highway 160.”

The letter also notes that “The Road is the same road regardless of whether it is located on private land or federal land. It has the same beginning point and the same ending point. It is located in exactly the same place and configuration regardless of ownership of the underlying land.”

In addressing the need for “expeditious consideration,” the letter states, “It has now been 7 months since Judge Matsch issued his opinion. It has been seven years since LMJV’s second request for access to its land either through a Land Exchange or road access across federal land. It has been thirty years since the original land exchange that created the inholding and associated efforts to obtain access began.”

In a Tuesday interview, Dallas noted that, under law, the RGNF has to give LMJV access, with Dallas having limited discretion as to the conditions.

What happens on the property, he noted, lies with Mineral County.

He also noted that the scenic easement is included in the draft ANILCA decision.

That easement was put into place through the 1987 land swap that created LMJV’s private inholding on Wolf Creek Pass

The scenic easement was not, however, applied to the land exchange decision — a fact that is mentioned several times in Matsch’s order halting the exchange.

“The easement’s stated purpose was ‘to provide a specific level of control of the type of development ... to assure that said development is compatible with the Wolf Creek Ski Area,’ but was ‘not intended to conflict with or intrude upon the land use controls of the State of Colorado, Mineral County, or other unit of local government as specified herein,’” Match’s order states.

The order later states multiple times that the USFS failed to apply that scenic easement to the new federal land that LMJV would acquire, with the USFS stating it had no control over development at the site.

“In light of this prior history on the very same property, there is no legal or logical basis for Defendants’ position in the FEIS [Final Environmental Impact Statement] and ROD that the Forest Service had no power or jurisdiction to limit or regulate development on the federal lands being conveyed to LMJV in the present exchange,” the order states, adding later, “The 1987 Scenic Easement demonstrates the Forest Service’s actual power to control development.”

The order further states: “The Forest Service’s express refusal—based on a perceived lack of jurisdiction—even to consider any limitations, restrictions, controls, or other measures designed to ensure compatibility of development

with surrounding National Forest System lands was arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of discretion, and contrary to law. The Forest Service entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem, offered explanations for its decision that run counter to the evidence before the agency, failed to base its decision on consideration of all relevant factors, and was wrong as a matter of law.”

Objection period open

The draft record of decision is now available for public review during a formal 45-day objection period.

The objection period will run through Sept. 4.

To learn more about the project, read previous comments or to object, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=35945>.

In the Tuesday interview, Dallas and Mike Blakeman, public affairs specialist for the RGNF, indicated that, because the ANILCA access was analyzed as part of the 2014 environmental impact study, the people who commented on that study have standing to object to the current draft decision.

However, Blakeman and Dallas noted that public comment is welcome outside of formal objections.

“We are more than happy to take comments and hear what people have to say,” Blakeman said. “We’re always open for comments, always.”

“Every one of them gets read,” Dallas added.

Following the current 45-day objection period, Blakeman explained that the next step is an objection resolution period where the RGNF tries to resolve any objections that are filed, then a final decision is issued.

If an objection is unable to be resolved, the decision is open for appeal, he added.

A controversial decision

Comments concerning any possible access decision began rolling in to Dallas and the RGNF before the draft decision was ever made, Dallas and Blakeman indicated.

Among them, Dallas mentioned receiving notifications regarding a Change.org petition, with that petition started by Rocky Mountain Wild and titled “Dan Dallas: Keep Wolf Creek Wild.”

On the other side of the coin, Dallas confirmed that he received a letter from Wolf Creek Ski Area CEO Davey Pitcher, with that April letter stating the ski area’s preference for the land exchange, but that the ski area is in support of a dedicated entrance to the LMJV property regardless of the outcome of the land exchange.

The day after the draft decision was announced, several conservation organizations — Rocky Mountain Wild, the San Juan Citizens Alliance, San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council and Wilderness Workshop — released a joint statement indicating that the final decision could be challenged.

Travis Stills, attorney with Energy and Conservancy Law, who has represented the groups in several rounds of litigation, is quoted in the statement as saying, “This proposal flagrantly violates federal laws and the developers’ own agreement to subject any access request to federal scrutiny. We are disappointed the Forest Service will not honor the binding settlement agreement and federal court orders. Should the Forest Service cave to pressure, we will take the steps necessary to protect the National Forest.”

The statement from the organizations notes, “A Colorado federal district court set aside the Forest Service’s approval of a land exchange to facilitate the development in May 2017. ‘The Forest Service cannot abdicate its responsibility to protect the forest by making an attempt at an artful dodge,’ the court declared. Now, the Forest Service hopes to use the same artfully dodged analysis, previously deemed in violation of multiple federal laws, to approve a different means of providing the

developers access.”

The developers, however, addressed that issue in a statement released July 19.

That statement notes, “Despite our opponents’ continued misrepresentations that our January, 2018 request for such road access was an attempt to circumvent the recent U.S. District Court’s decision, nothing could be further from the truth. The lower Court set aside the prior Record of Decision granting LMJV’s request for a land exchange. We have appealed that decision and that appeal is ongoing.

“The lower Court’s decision, however, merely set aside what the Forest Service originally selected as its preferred alternative (the land exchange) during the last process. During that same process, the Forest Service also analyzed two other alternatives: a no action alternative, and an alternative to grant LMJV road access across Forest Service land to LMJV’s private land. Our January, 2018 letter to the Forest Service was merely a request that it proceed with granting us the alternative access to our private property regardless of what happens in the appeal on the land exchange.”

Further, the statement addresses the property owners’ right to “adequate access to their property for its reasonable use.”

“The project that LMJV has proposed on its private land and that was subject to prior analysis has been found to be a reasonable use and previous court decisions, to which our opponents were parties, have held that year-round snow-plowed access is required for that use,” the statement reads.

It continues, “While LMJV and the majority of citizens favored the land exchange because of its undisputed benefits including jobs, enhanced recreational opportunities, compatibility with the ski area, and environmental benefits, the appeals court will decide if the land exchange will happen. Whether the land exchange is upheld or not, LMJV is still entitled to obtain year-round access to its private property, which we continue to pursue. We expect the Forest Service will faithfully discharge its legal obligation and grant such access as set forth in its new draft Record of Decision. We also expect that the new decision will be upheld if challenged because it is required as mandated by Congress in the statute.”

The project

According to the Village at Wolf Creek website, there are two different land plans for the proposed development. One reflects the development with the land exchange, while the other considers the development without the land exchange. With the land exchange, the website indicates that full build-out “could have up to 1,711 units, comprised of hotels, condominiums, townhomes, and single family lots, along with commercial amenities located near the Village center.”

The first phase of that proposed version of the project would comprise 497 units, including one hotel, and a pedestrian mall located in the trees.

The website also notes that it would take several years to build and market the units contained in phase one, with future phases then determined by public market demand.

The second project plan contemplates a smaller footprint without the land exchange.

In that version, the project is condensed to fit on the land currently owned by LMJV.

“We designed this new plan to accommodate moving the core pedestrian mall of the Village center into the trees,” the website states.

The website further notes that phasing determinations and densities of each phase have not been determined.

At full build-out, the plan calls for 1,850 units, comprised of hotels, condominiums, townhomes, single-family lots and commercial space.

Sales

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On a year-to-date basis, from January to May, revenue was 7.88 percent higher than the same period last year, or \$266,969.

According to the report, “we see the following significant variances” for relative year-to-date (January to May) 2017 to 2018 data.

The following categories were listed as up for 2018, according to the report:

- Retail increased by 13.5 percent, or \$233,081.
- Construction was up by 20.2 percent, or \$12,042.
- Real estate/rental had an increase of 3.1 percent, or \$3,233.
- Accommodation/food service increased by 0.5 percent, or about \$3,037.
- Information increased by 1 percent, by \$1,331.
- The miscellaneous category had

an increase of 3.6 percent, or \$21,468.

- In the “other services” category there was an increase of 2.7 percent, or \$1,430.

The report also listed two categories down for 2018 as compared with last year:

- Manufacturing was down by 5.7 percent, or \$8,081.
- The professional and scientific category was down by 5.2 percent, or \$441.

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Jail

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Starr explained that the group needed to register with the secretary of state as a campaign committee.

However, according to an email to The SUN from Archuleta County Administrator Bentley Henderson, the group does not need to register with the secretary of state.

Following the committee's initial report to the BoCC, The SUN questioned why the group's meetings were not open to the public.

According to an email received by The SUN, Starr concluded that the Colorado's open meetings laws applied to the group. The first posted public meeting of the committee took place on July 13.

According to an email to The SUN from Henderson, the group had four meetings before they became posted public meetings.

Creation of the group

Henderson explained that a June 26 BoCC meeting that the group was formed to help the BoCC take a second look at the jail as a ballot item.

"The initial charge of the committee was to take a look at existing conditions to get an understanding of what's taken place so far," Henderson said.

Henderson explained that part of the group's duties included how current designs for a new jail were developed, how the proposed location was picked and to look at "the backstory for what we're doing now."

However, recently, the group's name changed.

"We've named ourselves Citizens for a New Jail," Vihel said at the joint town and county work session on July 24.

In an email to The SUN, Vihel wrote, "I do not recall when we decided to adopt the name 'Citizens For A New Jail'. It was after we began meeting on our own and before you started covering our public meetings."

According to the group's website, an ad was placed in The SUN in April asking for volunteers for the group.

The ad, as listed on the website, reads that the BoCC at that time was "... soliciting the participation of persons interested in serving on a facilities review and advocacy committee."

"The initial charge of the group will be to familiarize themselves with the current Sheriff/Detention

plans, funding program and ballot language to promote, market and endorse the development of the project," the ad reads.

Further, the group was to give an opinion on the plans at present related to the group's view on success of the ballot, according to the website.

"Upon delivery of their findings, the group will ultimately become the primary advocacy group supporting, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, a ballot question for new facilities [sic] to be put before the voters in 2018...." the website reads.

According to the website, seven individuals answered the ad.

Six individuals are listed on the website: Harold Bright, Gary Hardin, Rob Keating, Vic Lucariello, Carl Mellberg and Richard Vihel.

Vihel, in an email, explained, that in addition to the regular members, "The committee has asked Carol Larsen to assist us and she has agreed."

Vihel mentioned that a member of the group, John Wilkins, was not present at the July 16 meeting.

"And John has indicated that he finds the meetings too much pressure for him," Vihel said.

Vihel noted that Wilkins would continue to edit through the group's documents.

"He will be working with us, without being with us," Vihel said.

There are no county employees — such as the county attorney or administrator — or county commissioners in the group.

Archuleta County Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton has been present at several meetings to address concerns, but is not listed as an official member of the board.

Commissioner Michael Whiting sat in on a meeting of the group on July 20, offering some advice to the group about proceeding with a response to criticism.

A note is made on the website explaining that nobody "... on this committee benefits from the construction of the new jail or is advocating for any contractor or subcontractor."

Further, the note explains that the committee members are not promoting any political ideology or represent any political group.

The jail on the ballot

Commissioner Ron Maez ad-

ressed the Pagosa Springs Town Council on July 24 at a joint work session between the BoCC and town council.

"It's my intention that we do go to the ballot this November for a jail and administrative offices for the sheriff," Maez said.

Sales tax, according to Maez, was the way the county wants to pay for the jail.

The jail group's website states that, "A sales tax increase of 1% for a set period and purpose will be imposed by a ballot initiative."

The BoCC has not voted to place the issue on the ballot.

At the work session, Maez explained that the ask would be around \$19.7 million, and that the failure last year had increased the cost.

This, according to Maez, was up around \$2 million just in construction.

Maez explained that "plan B" for the jail would be looking at building something small but "adequate" and cutting back on the county budget in some way, such as road maintenance, to afford the jail.

Members of the town council expressed concern over the town's future financial stability.

Tracy Bunning, a member of the council, agreed that it was a worthy and necessary cause, but that in his opinion the town council would be "remiss in coming out publicly in support of the project funded by sales tax."

Meeting topics

Vihel has approached both the BoCC at work sessions and the town council at joint town and county work sessions to ask for clarification and guidance.

At the joint town and county work session on July 24, Vihel explained that the current jail is not up to standards for the number of inmates that Archuleta County anticipates.

Further, Vihel explained that, with the sales tax, the money gathered from the tax would go to justice system capital projects, such as jails, vehicles or tools.

"What we're hoping is that the town and county can find a compromise," Vihel said on July 24.

Vihel continued to explain the importance of a jail for safety, security and public service.

These statements represent the most commonly agreed-upon items of the Citizens for a New Jail meet-

ings.

Since the meetings became public, topics at the meetings have varied.

At one meeting, it was revealed that Larsen had shown a draft document to 15 individuals outside the group to understand their interpretation of what the group had written.

Larsen explained that this was similar to what had previously been done in the mill levy campaign of the PFPD.

Keating explained that the committee had agreed that, until the group was in agreement, no documents would be given out.

Keating explained that Larsen was doing something the group had agreed not to do and that public input would be gathered at a later time.

"And you haven't been here long enough," Keating said to Larsen. "Some of us have been here for 20 years now, we know the community way better than you do, and they jump to conclusions really quick, and if you nail them with something incorrect and inaccurate, they just shut you off."

Later in the same meeting Keating continued on this statement by saying, "This is probably the most dysfunctional place that I have ever lived in."

Keating explained that when the group was not "really careful" about what information got out to the paper, as some people got "their panties a little in a wad."

Another meeting was supposed to take place on Tuesday, however, not enough members attended to form a quorum and the meeting was postponed to the following day.

Currently, notice of Citizens for a New Jail meetings are only posted on the bulletin board in the county administration building at 398 Lewis St., and there are currently no electronic alerts for meetings being scheduled.

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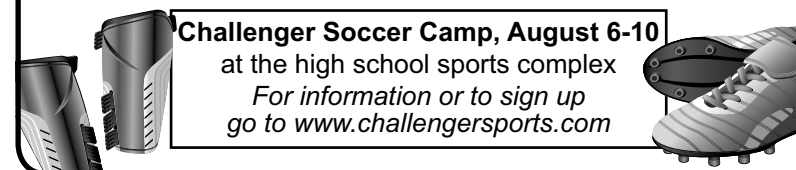
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Decision on new town shop location delayed

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Following tours of select town-owned properties that were held on June 14 and discussions at several subsequent Pagosa Springs Town Council work sessions, meetings and during the board's strategic planning retreat, the council voted on July 19 to postpone a decision on where a new town maintenance facility would be located.

That delayed decision means the town will not meet the August deadline to apply for grant funding to help with planning of the facility.

Instead, the town council expressed an interest in making a decision in time to apply for grant funding either in December or April. "The need for the town maintenance facility is pretty well-known," Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained in beginning discussion on the topic at the town council's July 19 meeting.

Phillips then recounted that the current facility located on South 5th Street houses town staff and equipment for public works (streets), parks maintenance, geothermal, facilities and building maintenance, fleet and sanitation functions.

Phillips called the existing building "undersized," "inefficient" and noted that the facility has hazardous situations in terms of its electrical system and structure.

Phillips also recalled a 2017 needs assessment and noted that at least 17,000 square feet is needed, with 32,000 needed to allow for growth.

"We're already undersized to what our current needs are," she said.

That 2017 needs study contem-

plates needing three to five acres to meet current needs and allow for future growth.

Phillips also noted at the meeting that the current outdoor storage was problematic and some equipment that needs to be purchased in the near future cannot be stored outside.

Phillips also recapped that, while the town owns several pieces of property, only two made sense to look at in terms of potential locations for a new maintenance facility.

The first of those sites mentioned by Phillips is the site known as Yamaguchi South, which is home to the decommissioned sewer lagoons.

That site is 26.5 acres total, with Phillips noting that the proposed site for the town shop would be on the corner of the property near the Archuleta School District Maintenance and Transportation building.

A floodplain mapping study was done at the site, she explained, to look at what land could be removed from the 100-year floodplain, with early results indicating a possibility of removing that corner of the property from that floodplain through a letter of map revision through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Geotechnical survey work has also been done on the site, with Phillips explaining to council that because of the fill on the property that is from it becoming a dumping ground of sorts for the town, more substantial substructure would be required, which would add significantly to the cost.

The other site looked at is the site of the current maintenance facility.

Phillips noted that that property, which is 1.93 acres, is at least an acre

smaller than what is needed, though there are some easements surrounding the property that the town could build into.

"Size is the main issue there," she explained.

Phillips noted that, if built there, the new facility would be constrained and a satellite facility would be needed.

"It's not totally apples to apples," she said of comparing the two sites.

Phillips then explained that if the council were to select a site and move forward with an August grant application to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DoLA), the earliest the town would likely be able to occupy a new facility would be the fall or winter of 2022.

Phillips also discussed the benefits and challenges of each site.

As discussion progressed, Phillips noted the estimated cost would be \$5 million to \$8 million depending on a number of factors.

Phillips also noted the town is not contemplating going to the voters for funding, but is instead looking at funding the project through a combination of other methods.

Mayor Don Volger noted that the site of the shop had been a topic of discussion at the town's retreat on July 14.

At that retreat, council member Tracy Bunning noted that he felt the decision was being rushed.

Discussion at the July 19 meeting echoed that sentiment, with Bunning noting he would rather the council take its time given that there is another grant cycle in December.

Council member David Schanzbaker noted that, of the town-owned properties, he feels the lagoon property is the only viable

option, though he was open to other ideas and options from the private sector.

As discussion progressed, Volger noted that he had given the matter a lot of thought, received letters and talked to people, and felt it was "too cramped" to move forward with the August grant deadline.

He noted that he wanted to take the time to give the matter due diligence and explained that he had heard there may be other sites that are close to infrastructure.

He suggested that he would hate to add the cost to the taxpayers with a property purchase, but noted the potential of a trade or donation.

Bunning later suggested the town look into a temporary modular unit to provide better office and restroom facilities for employees.

Volger also accepted public comment on the topic, with five people voicing their opinions about potential sites and that they believed more research needed to be done.

In the end, council voted to delay the decision on selecting a site for the new facility and apply for the DoLA grant either in December or April. The approved motion also directed staff to work with consultants to explore other sites and bring information back to council during a future work session.

To complete that work, \$30,000 was appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund for further site exploration and testing.

That work session is anticipated to be held in late September to allow for an October site selection.

The motion was approved 5-0, with Nicole DeMarco and Clint Alley absent from the meeting.

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A helicopter from Mesa Verde National Park worked the fire through Monday night, according to the press release, and a Juniper Valley hand crew arrived at the fire Tuesday from Buena Vista.

Signs will be posted to alert the public to any fire operations, according to the Tuesday release.

Devil Creek Fire

Lightning caused a fire on Flat Iron Mesa on July 19.

According to a press release from the San Juan National Forest on July 19, the fire is approximately 3 miles north of Chris Mountain on the Pagosa Ranger District.

As of Wednesday morning, the fire was contained to 20 acres and will continue to be monitored, according to Ellis.

"The Devil Creek fire is burning in mixed conifer forest with heavy logging slash and dense fuels," a July 20 press release from the USFS reads.

Due to "extensive fuels" in the surrounding area, the fire crews used old logging roads and nearby trails to help contain the fire, according to the release.

"Crews have been successful containing the fire to approximately 20 acres," the press release reads.

Multiple firefighting crews are involved in managing what has been named the Devil Creek Fire.

According to the July 20 press

release, fire crews from the USFS, Archuleta County, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management and PFPD responded to the flames.

Fire crews will continue working the fire and cooling remaining hot spots, according to the press release.

The fire area was surrounded by roads and the fire is not expected to burn more than 15-20 acres, according to the July 19 release.

"Fire management specialists will be managing the Devil Creek Fire in a way that allows for fire to return to its natural role on the landscape and enhance ecosystem resiliency, diversity, and productivity," according to the July 19 press release.

Wildland fires managed this way also help to reduce hazardous fuels like vegetation, which can mitigate future wildfire risk and reduce the exposure of wildland firefighter to unsafe conditions, according to the July 19 release.

"Fire management tactics will therefore be indirect and include the use of point protection, as well as leave a minimal impact on the landscape," the July 19 release reads.

Serviceberry Fire

According to the USFS, as of Wednesday afternoon, the Serviceberry Fire is approximately 25 acres in size and is actively burning in the Winter Hills area, 6 miles southeast of Pagosa Springs.

"The fire is burning in ponderosa pine and Gambel oak where there are areas of heavy dead and down trees that are contributing to visible smoke output," the Wednesday afternoon press release notes.

Currently there is one engine, a 20-person hand crew and a Type 3 helicopter from Mesa Verde National Park that is being utilized as a shared resource with fires on Southern Ute land.

Smoke from this fire may be visible from County Road 326 and U.S. 84.

Opal Fire

The Opal Fire, according to the USFS, is burning in the South San Juan Wilderness near the Leche Creek Trail at 9,000 feet in elevation in spruce-fir.

Personnel are evaluating objectives and tactics for suppressing this incident after the area received heavy rain Tuesday evening.

Smoke may be visible from County Road 326 and the Upper Blanco.

Castle Creek Road

A fire off of Castle Creek Road, located 15 miles east/southeast of Pagosa Springs, was burning approximately one-tenth of an acre in size as of Wednesday afternoon, according to the USFS.

The fire "is controlled (line has been established around the fire perimeter and the fire has been mopped up). Some smoke may be visible," a USFS press release notes.

Fire caused by down electric lines

A delivery truck took down a power line in the Pineview Road area shortly after noon on July 17.

Indiana Reed, spokesperson for the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), told The SUN that a delivery truck pulled a power line down, disrupting power for one customer.

According to PFPD Firefighter Devin Fulton, the downed lines started a fire in the grass near the road, and the resulting flames were burning actively with 15- to 20-inch flame length through heavy grass.

A nearby man was using a tractor with a bucket and a pile of sand to do a home improvement project and began to fight the flames, according to Fulton.

"As soon as we got there we had him stand down," Fulton said.

When the PFPD arrived on scene the power lines were still live, according to Fulton.

"But they were not sparking or anything like that. LPEA shut them down shortly after," Fulton said.

The PFPD and county responded with one water tender, two Type 1 fire engines and county engine 613, Fulton explained, and a line was dug around the fire.

After the line was dug, the fire was fought with water, Fulton explained.

"It burned about half an acre," Fulton said.

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The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

July 17 — Harassment by phone or computer, domestic violence, West Golf Place.

July 17 — Information only, Montezuma Circle.

July 18 — Enforcement of fire bans, Steep Place.

July 18 — Information only, Enchanted Place.

July 19 — Criminal mischief, Navajo Trail Drive.

July 19 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

July 19 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Country Meadows Place, Arboles.

July 19 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

July 19 — Information only, Allison Place.

July 20 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, County Road 600.

July 20 — Animals running at large, Jack Rabbit Road.

July 21 — Information only, Cactus Drive.

July 21 — Death-death by natural causes, Canyon Circle.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

July 16 — Shoplifting, Pagosa Street.

July 16 — Animal/running at large, Talisman Drive.

July 16 — Information only, San Juan Street.

July 17 — False reporting to authorities, Eaton Drive.

July 18 — Theft/assault, Eagle Drive.

July 18 — Harassment, San Juan Street.

July 20 — Animal/running at large, North 6th Street.

July 21 — Weaving/failed to stop at stop sign, San Juan Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge D. Brett Van Winkle

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

July 18 — Tanner J. England, three

counts wildlife-fail to dress, three counts wildlife-illegal possession, hunting/trapping/fish without permission, two counts hunting without license-big game, fines and costs — \$18,126.50.

July 18 — Ronnie Edward McCauley, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 18 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,172.50.

July 18 — Ryan Matthew Whitlow, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, two years probation, 60 days electronic surveillance, fines and costs — \$1,511.50.

July 18 — Waldo Gomez, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, 30 days jail, fines and costs — \$252.50.

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The Recording portion of the office will be open.

Colorado driver license services in Durango, both in-office and online, will be unavailable August 2-3, 2018. State driver license offices will be closed.

Town's sanitation district considering rate increases

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) may have new rates coming down the pipe.

At its July 3 meeting, the PSSGID board heard a presentation from Ron Lay and Ethan Hardin, both of Stantec — the firm that completed a rate study and financial plan for the district.

That presentation informed the board that revenue would fall below the revenue requirement for the district as soon as 2019, and that the district's operating fund balance would fall below the required reserve amount in 2021.

Then, on July 19, the board voted unanimously to have staff prepare an ordinance and fee resolution to increase the district's rates.

Based upon the 10-year rate structure suggested by Stantec and approved by the PSSGID board, district customers would see 7.5 percent rate increases each year from 2019 to 2024, then 3 percent increases each year through 2028.

The proposed plan would also see an increase in the plant investment fee from \$4,400 to \$4,550.

A plant investment fee, according to the presentation given by Hardin and Lay, is a onetime charge to new connections to finance the "growth portion of water system capacity."

According to the agenda briefs used at the two PSSGID meetings, "The last study was performed in 2007 when a new wastewater treatment plant was anticipated to be constructed. A financial plan and subsequent rate study requires extensive analysis of system infrastructure, equipment, and the impacts anticipated by existing rate payers and new development. Staff has spent much time and effort providing our best guesses on the needs of the District knowing that much of the existing infrastructure is approaching 60 years old and consists of some outdated clay tile pipe which is failing and allowing intrusion of roots and unwanted ground water. Additionally the 1994 pressure vacuum truck is currently out of service, requiring major repairs. Staff is investigating repair versus replacement which costs would be split equally with the streets department, which also uses it."

The documents later note, "Now that there is no longer an on site wastewater treatment component

(wastewater is sent to PAWSD [the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District] for treatment), and only a collection system including the new pumping conveyance project, the dynamics of a financial plan are much different."

In their presentation to the board, Hardin and Lay relayed that they used a buy-in approach to formulate the district's financial plan and proposed rates.

The buy-in method, they explained in their presentation, anticipates low growth, available system capacity and that new connection "buy in" to the system (through the plant investment fee).

The rate study also contemplated \$2.3 million in capital projects between 2018 and 2028.

Hardin noted on July 3 that one thing that is looked at is how to smooth rate increases over time instead of having a large balloon in the rate when a large expenditure is necessary.

Board member Mat deGraaf noted on July 3 that a 68 percent increase over 10 years is a lot, but "it is what it is."

On July 19, Lay suggested that, regardless of what option the board chooses, he suggested another rate

study in five years that takes into account any changes in the system and requirements for capital expenditures.

Another option

Another option presented by Stantec proposed charging an availability fee of \$15 per month to vacant lots.

That option would have lowered the annual increase in rates, but was ruled out by the board on July 19, with deGraaf noting on July 19 that the difference between the two rate structures was only about \$5 over the 10 years.

District Rules and Regulations review

In association with the rate study, district staff "has also embarked on needed revisions to the District Rules and Regulations which affect the plan."

The PSSGID board is slated to hold a work session on that topic on Aug. 7 prior to the Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting (both boards are populated by the same people).

That work session is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall council chambers.

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River flows projected to be third lowest on record

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As of July 25, the San Juan River is currently flowing at 73.2 cubic feet per second (cfs).

According to Colorado Basin River Forecast Center (CBRFC) Senior Hydrologist Greg Smith, historically, the San Juan River is usually flowing around 150 or 160 cfs.

"That's kind of the mid-range, that's kind of the median value, historically. So, I mean, we're less than half that," Smith said.

The San Juan River is above flows that were recorded back during the drought of 2002, Smith added later.

During the 2002 drought, cfs levels were around 45-50, Smith explained.

"Still, it's kind of in the bottom few years, you know, the current flows," Smith said.

These low river flows stem from the "dismal" winter season that Archuleta County had with poor snowpack conditions, Smith added further.

"And then, of course, we entered the spring somewhat dry as well, which didn't benefit things. And you still have draws on the river from irrigation, especially as you go further downstream," Smith explained.

This year, Smith described, was the "perfect storm" for low river

flows.

Additionally, the seasonal spring runoff volume is currently at 71,000 acre feet (AF) for the San Juan River in Pagosa Springs, Smith added.

"It's probably not going to be a lot more than that when it's all totaled up, the April through July for this year," Smith said. "And that's going to be, probably, it looks like to me, the third lowest on record."

The lowest recorded spring runoff volume was recorded in 2002 with 23,000 AF flows, Smith noted.

The CBRFC has records for spring runoff volumes for the San Juan River dating back to 1936, Smith added later.

"Kind of the only hope we have at this point is if we can just get enough active monsoon weather to at least give us some additional runoff from rain flow," Smith commented.

"The bulk of what you get comes from snow melt. You can get some pretty good stream flows due to the monsoon, due to thunderstorms, but they're short-lived," Smith said later.

Public perception

When the public sees such low cfs numbers for the San Juan River, Smith explained that educating the public depends on what its uses are for the river.

"I mean there's concern for

everybody when you get real low flows, you know, from people get concerned about the fisheries and the amount for irrigation," Smith explained.

A lot of the general concern for the public is if this current year is a low-flow year for the river, what will happen next year, Smith noted.

"Right now at least we have a benefit from how wet last year was," Smith described. "You know, Navajo Reservoir managed, as you get further downstream, to have some pretty good storage carry over from last year."

Some of that storage is "saving people" this year, Smith noted.

Another dry year could create some significant concerns among the public, Smith added later.

"There's been enough water, at least below, for folks below the reservoir. As my understanding this year that they didn't have really serious shortages," Smith said.

Low in-stream flows can affect recreational activities as well as irrigation, Smith explained.

However, because of last year's wet season, Smith notes that there is some optimism to be felt.

"It is cause for concern when you get flows that low. But, you know, this year, again, I think we benefited from last year being so wet. So, it could have been so much worse this year, especially as you

get further downstream below the reservoirs," Smith explained.

Next year will be a year that the CBRFC watches closely, Smith stated.

"Because we could be in a tough situation next year if we had another year like this," Smith said.

Unfortunately, low river flows are a problem that just can't be solved physically, Smith later commented.

"You're just kind of at the mercy of what happens. Below reservoirs you have a little more control of course in maintaining certain levels for fisheries or for irrigation needs as long as you have the water source," Smith said. "But when you're away from that, when you're up in the higher elevation headwaters, you're pretty much just at the mercy of mother nature."

People are seeing flows that are certainly among the lower ones that have been on record for this type of year, Smith added later.

"If folks are saying 'Wow, I haven't really seen this,' then, you know, they probably haven't," Smith explained. "It's amazingly low. Hopefully we'll get some monsoon moisture here to push us through the rest of the summer."

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Area fire restrictions lifted

By Avery Martinez
and Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Unincorporated Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs are no longer under fire restrictions.

Archuleta County announced Monday morning that, "Due to the recent rains, higher dew points and improved fire conditions, Stage I Fire Restrictions have been rescinded for all unincorporated land throughout Archuleta County."

The Pagosa Springs Town Council voted July 19 to eliminate its fire restrictions effective at midnight

that night.

"Although the threat of wildland fire has diminished, people are still asked to be cautious and use common sense when using fire," the statement released by the county notes.

Archuleta County Wildland Fire personnel are still responding to lightning-caused fires within and bordering the county and the fire season is expected to continue through the summer and early fall months.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) has also rescinded the Stage I fire ban, according to a Monday press release.

According to the press release,

as of 6 a.m. on July 23 the Stage I restrictions were lifted across SUIT lands.


Southern Ute Agency Fire personnel continue to respond to lightning-caused fires, according to the release.

The San Juan National Forest had previously lifted its fire restrictions.

If you have any further questions, please contact Archuleta County Combined Dispatch at 731-2160. Questions about the SUIT's rescinded regulations can be directed to Southern Ute Agency Fire Management at 563-4571.

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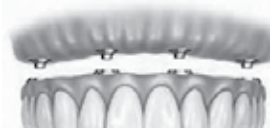
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Pagosa Springs Venturing Crew 612 goes to VenturingFest 2018

By Annika Zenger
Special to The SUN

Venturing Crew 612, sponsored by St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Pagosa Springs, recently returned from an exciting trip to Washington, D.C., and the Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) in West Virginia to celebrate Venturing's 20th anniversary.

Venturing crews from all over the world gathered to meet new friends, jam out to concerts and participate in a wide variety of adrenaline-pumping, high-adventure activities.

The amazing adventure began with a flight from Denver to Washington, D.C., Dulles airport. Crew members included adults John and Beverly Moore, Karen Zenger and Julie Ashbaugh and Venturers David and Annika Zenger, Ally and David Ashbaugh, Amieilia Davis and Jonathan Matney. Because many individuals had not traveled to Washington, D.C., before, the crew decided to begin their adventure in our nation's capital.

The first day began with a trip on the Metro subway system during rush hour to the White House. After several security check points it was a unique experience to walk the halls of the "people's house" to view vintage furniture, china, artwork and numerous presidential portraits. Following the tour, we walked to the National Mall, where we viewed the Washington Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial.

The mall area was teeming with activity from street vendors to an Armenian Festival. There are countless museums and galleries along the National Mall and we selected to first visit the National Museum of American History. There are more than 3 million historical objects in the museum's collection. Some of the highlights included the first ladies' inaugural gowns, Gunboat Philadelphia, Muhammad Ali's boxing gloves, Apollo Ono's Olympic short course speed skating skates and the military history section. But the ultimate museum item was the original Star Spangled Banner along with the information regarding the extensive restoration project of the flag and what they are doing to protect it now.

The afternoon started with a visit to Congressman Scott Tipton's office, where we met with him. We then were led by one of his aides on a private tour of the United States Capitol building. Following the tour, we were given special visitor's gallery passes for the Senate and House of



Photo courtesy John Moore

Venturing Crew 612 poses for a photo at the White House. Pictured front row, left to right are David Ashbaugh, Ally Ashbaugh, David Zenger and Amieilia Davis; second row: Julie Ashbaugh, Annika Zenger, Jonathan Matney and Karen Zenger; third row: John Moore and Beverly Moore.

Representatives. Because of time constraints, we were only able to sit in on a regular session of the 115th Congress in the Senate Gallery. On this day, we watched Utah Sen. Mike Lee make a proposal to the Farm Bill followed by discussions from several senators.

On the second day, we visited Arlington National Cemetery where we viewed the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and watched the changing of the guard ceremony. We walked through several sections of the cemetery where the remains of more than 400,000 people from the United States and 11 other countries have been buried since 1860. We paid our respects to the gravesite of President John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated in 1963, and where the eternal flame burns.

That afternoon, we had a scheduled tour of the Pentagon where we walked the halls with a guide, learning about the role the Pentagon plays in our government. We saw where the plane crashed into the Pentagon on 9/11 and the memorial to the workers who lost their lives on that fateful date. The day was capped off with an evening visit to the Jefferson Memorial on the Tidal Basin.

On Saturday, we visited the National Air and Space Museum, which is the third most visited museum in the world. We could have spent several days there to see the whole museum. A few of the highlights included the Apollo 11 command

module; the Friendship 7 capsule, which was flown by John Glenn; Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis; the Bell X-1, which broke the sound barrier; and the Wright brothers' plane. Another museum we visited later that day was the National Museum of Natural History. There we viewed exhibitions of animals and ecosystems; dinosaurs and fossils; human diversity, which included mummies; and earth sciences, where the infamous Hope Diamond is on display. Overall, it was an outstanding visit to our nation's capital.

On Sunday, we left for Scouting's new High Adventure Base, the SBR in West Virginia, for VenturingFest 2018 — the primary reason for our trip. When we heard about the anniversary celebration over a year ago and how we would meet Venturing Crews from all over the world and read the list of activities, we knew we had to attend.

The SBR was founded in 2010 and encompasses over 14,000 acres. The SBR is owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America and provides adventure, training and development opportunities for scouts and other youth organizations. The SBR programs focus on four core principles: leadership, adventure, service and sustainability. It also provides youth with programs and activities that allow them to try new things, build self-confidence, reinforce ethical standards and provide service to

others.

Once we checked into the SBR Welcome Center with over 1,800 other Venturers, we found our campsite, set up our tents, dining canopy and tables, we reviewed our schedule for that evening and the next five days. Over the next few days, we attended open and closing programs, concerts, international food festivals and more. But the highlight of the trip were the adrenaline-pumping activities that SBR had in store for us. These included: paddleboarding, kayaking, a water obstacle course, pioneering, orienteering, geocaching, climbing, rappelling, bouldering, shooting .223 and .308 rifles, static archery, LaPorte archery, primitive range, nature and ecology, conservation, sustainability, whitewater rafting, mountain biking, BMX, skateboarding, canopy tours and The Big Zip.

The Big Zip began with a 30- to 40-minute hike to the top of the mountain with gorgeous views of the summit along the way. We were then harnessed up for our biggest adventure yet. The Big Zip is one of the longest zip lines in North America with 3,000 feet of wire and over three-quarters of a mile long. It consists of five parallel wires so scouts zip in groups of five. Scouts can configure themselves to be in the same group as a friend and race them down the zip line. The beginning of the Big Zip is very exhilarating with a 30-degree decline over several hundred feet. Over the next 45 seconds, we savored the 360-degree view while soaring over Lake Tridave going anywhere from 50 to 65 miles per hour. We enjoyed the wind in our faces and the sensation of speeding through the air like a majestic falcon.

The trip took a great deal of planning and fundraising. But everyone agreed that it was a trip of a lifetime. We are researching and planning our next great adventure for summer 2019.

Come join us. If you are male or female and at least 14 years of age but not yet 21, or 13 years old and have completed the eighth grade, you are eligible to join our Venturing Crew.

Venturers lead the meetings, plan the outings and make all decisions about the crew's direction. The four main areas of Venturing are ALPS: adventure, leadership, personal growth and service. You will be challenged to learn and apply leadership skills—experiences that will prepare you for careers down the road. Plus, Venturing provides youth-inspired experiences young people cannot get elsewhere. Best of all, you will meet new friends and have a ton of fun.

You can learn more about Venturing at: www.venturing.org. For more information about our Crew, contact Advisor John Moore at johtmooref15@gmail.com or 264-0054. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

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San Juan Shootists hosting Showdown on the San Juan River today through Sunday

Special to The SUN

The San Juan Shootists, Pagosa Springs' local chapter of the Cowboy Fast Draw Association, are again hosting the Cowboy Fast Draw Colorado State and Four Corners Championships in Town Park.

Want to see a real old west gunfight? Attend the Showdown on the San Juan River Thursday, July 26, through Sunday, July 29.

Thursday and Friday, July 26 and 27, you will find shooters competing in the Cowboy Fast Draw Colorado State Championships. Competitions begin at 9 a.m. each day. Championships will be Thursday afternoon at about 2 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29, marksmen will

participate in the The Cowboy Fast Draw Four Corners Territorial Championships. Competitions begin at 9 a.m. each day. Championships will be Sunday afternoon at about 2 p.m.

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Pagosa Multi Purpose Pavilion sends local boys to skating camp

By Brian Collabolletta
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Multi Purpose Pavilion (PMP), operators of the ice rink at South Park, recently sent two local boys to camp.

Coming off of the ice rinks' best season to date, the board of directors felt it was time to give back to the community in a way that would promote the youth that have made our rink such a success.

Andre Jones and Rhead Kay both seemed like the perfect choice. Jones and Kay have been coming to the rink for pick-up hockey since its first season, when they were only 10 years old. The boys sported a rag tag mix of used or borrowed equipment that first winter, as most of our users did. As the years progressed, so did the boys. Going from playing pick-up hockey to skating with the adults. Most recently, both competed in the rinks three-on-three hockey tournament, where they skated against players up to four times their age. At the tournament, they met a young player from Durango and they now travel over to participate in a youth recreation league.

The boys attended the Laura Stamm Power Skating Clinic hosted in Santa Fe, N.M., July 6-8. The clinic is designed to improve skating with perfect movement. Perfect

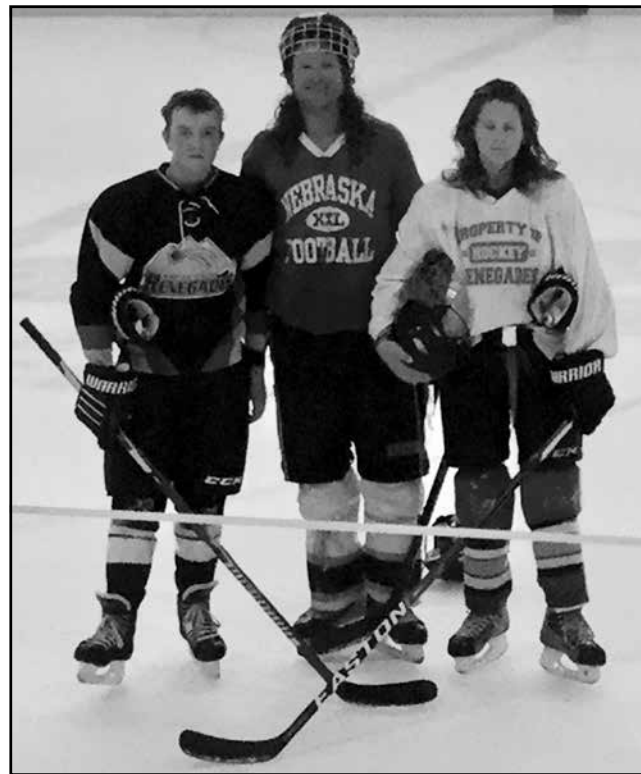


Photo courtesy Brian Collabolletta

The Pagosa Multi Purpose Pavilion recently sent to two local boys to Laura Stamm Power Skating Clinic. Pictured are camp attendees Rhead Kay (left) and Andre Jones (right) with Andrew Jones (middle).

movement develops stronger muscle, and stronger muscle makes a better player. The drills and body movements are all slowed down so that the movements are being performed correctly.

When asked about their experience and how they felt about being chosen, both were ecstatic.

Jones stated he "was super excited" and that the drills brought

him out of his "comfort zone, but I felt like a better skater right after."

Kay said, "It was really fun. The biggest thing I learned was edge control and that makes me an overall better skater."

The boys were both very grateful to the PMP board members for the opportunity to travel and represent the future of ice hockey in Pagosa Springs.

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River access: Joint property discussions continue between town and water districts

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

During a private meeting on July 18 between representatives from the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD), Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and Town of Pagosa Springs, discussions were held regarding a piece of property that the SJWCD and PAWSD jointly own.

The property in question is located at 2980 U.S. 160 and if both boards agreed to allow the town to use the property, it would be used as an access point to the San Juan River.

The meeting held on July 18 involved SJWCD Chairman John Porco, PAWSD Chairman Jim Smith, PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey and Town Planning Director James Dickhoff.

In a follow-up interview on July 19 with The SUN, Dickhoff gave a brief overview of the joint meeting.

"Well, you know, we just discussed the potential opportunity there and the current obligations that both those respective entities have, as well as the lease that is currently held on that property for the use of, agriculture uses on the property," Dickhoff described.

That property, which is currently being leased by the Weber family, has a lease that expires at the end of 2022, Dickhoff added.

To Dickhoff's understanding, both Porco and Smith are going to take the matter back to their respective boards.

"And just ensure that they're comfortable with us investigating this potential opportunity so we're not spinning our wheels with no obligation that they're committing to the use, or shared use, of the property for this purpose of providing additional public access to the river," Dickhoff said.

If the town gets a positive indication from both boards regarding the property, the town will then

start doing some due diligence and research on how an agreement can be structured, Dickhoff explained.

"Which will probably, most likely, unless we can strike a deal with the current leaseholder, the use of that will probably occur no sooner than 2023," Dickhoff said.

Dickhoff clarified that the town is not asking the SJWCD or PAWSD boards for permission; rather, the town wants to make sure both boards are comfortable with the town researching the potential opportunity for the property.

If both boards indicate that they are not comfortable with the town doing additional research, Dickhoff explained what the next steps might be.

"On that particular property we might end it as far as a site-specific inquiry, but I think we'll still reach out to the state department of parks and wildlife and see about potential opportunities for funding something like that if we identify a different property," Dickhoff explained.

If the town locates another piece of property along U.S. 160, it will also contact the Colorado Department of Transportation, Dickhoff noted.

"And kick it around with a few other entities just to see if there's funding or technical assistance that is available to help with potential other sites that we identify for access to the river," Dickhoff said.

As of the interview, Dickhoff noted he had not spoken with the Webers or their representatives on this item.

Dickhoff noted during the interview that he planned on getting in contact with the Webers so they are aware that the town is "kind of poking at the opportunity a little bit."

In a separate follow-up interview, Porco noted that he felt like the meeting went well.

"There's a lot that would have to happen," Porco explained.

This topic was initially presented to the SJWCD

board during its July 9 meeting, and despite there being no formal vote on the issue, Porco noted that the SJWCD board was not opposed to the idea.

"Assuming that a whole range of issues could be addressed. And so that's basically what we said at this meeting with James. We're not opposed to it, but, again, we haven't taken a formal vote, but the feeling was it was an idea worth pursuing," Porco explained.

When asked what he thought PAWSD's stance was on the issue, Porco offered his thoughts.

"I don't think PAWSD really expressed a feeling one way or another. They haven't discussed it at all in their board," Porco said. "I didn't necessarily get a sense that they were for it or against it. I just don't think they've considered it."

Ramsey, in an interview with The SUN, further clarified where PAWSD is at in looking at the issue.

"I don't really have a stance. We'll take it to our board on the 16th. But there's just a lot of concerns, liability, who's going to pick up trash, stuff like that," Ramsey said.

Ramsey also noted that the property is still under lease with the Webers, so this decision is not a "PAWSD decision."

Later, Ramsey also confirmed Porco's estimation that PAWSD did not have a stance on the matter yet because it had not been brought up in front of the board.

Smith noted that it was a good meeting, as well. "The major player wasn't there of course, Don Weber," Smith said.

For Smith, it will depend on what the PAWSD board wants to do.

"With that lease, there's no way that lease is going to be broken. And Don, his group would have to give the OK, you know. After you got that then you would have to, of course, get each board to agree to it. So, it's just in the planning stage," Smith said.

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PSHS graduate, CSU animal science major Brett Meisinger wins awards

By Kandi Meisinger
Special to The SUN

2016 Pagosa Springs High School graduate and current animal science major at Colorado State University Brett Meisinger is a member of CSU's 2018 Meat Judging team.

In early July, Meisinger and his team traveled abroad to represent the United States in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, Australia, at the 28th annual Australian Intercollegiate Meat Judging (ICMJ) Competition. They competed against Australia, Japan, South Korea and Indonesia.

The team attended a three-day conference, learning about the Australian meat industry and two-day contest, culminated by the ICMJ Coles award dinner.

CSU walked away with an abun-

dance of hardware, highlighted by the Roy McDonald Shield Champion Team Award. The team also received champion honors in pork judging, lamb judging, beef judging, overall placings, overall questions and reasons, and runner-up honors in eating quality evaluation.

Meisinger received the John Carter Champion Buckle for being the first place high individual in the contest. Meisinger was also the high individual in overall questions and reasons and second in beef judging.

In addition to representing the United States in first-class fashion at the contest, the team traveled the country touring industry operations and took in Australian sites including the Sydney Opera House, King's Beach and Steve Irwin's Australia Zoo.

The team looks forward to the remaining four contests this fall to close out the 2018 judging year.



Photo courtesy Kandi Meisinger

Brett Meisinger receives the John Carter Champion Buckle for being the first place high individual at the 28th annual Australian Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, Australia. Meisinger is a former Pagosa Springs High School student and 4-H member.

Sanchez participates in Envision's National Youth Leadership Forum: Pathways to STEM



Bryant Sanchez

By Lisa Sanchez
Special to The SUN

This summer Bryant Sanchez, from Pagosa Springs, joined outstanding elementary school students from across the nation to take part in a unique academic and career-oriented development experience, Pathways to STEM, in Denver.

Pathways to STEM is one of the Envision family programs that enables students to explore their interests and experience learning beyond the classroom.

During his time at the program, Sanchez learned how to program robots, perform emergency medicine techniques and solve a crime, all while making new friends and building necessary 21st century success skills. Of the three strands Sanchez explored, he excelled the most in engineering.

"Pathways to STEM is a great opportunity for high-achieving scholars to get outside the classroom and see, through hands-on-interactive learning, how to innovate and think creatively," said Andrew Potter, the chief academic officer for Envision.

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Life at Chimney Rock Festival

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Family activities and interactive demonstrations of the skills of the ancients, including grinding corn with a mano and metate; pounding yucca to make rope, netting or sandals; throwing the hunting spear using an atlatl; and creating your own pictograph were all a part of The Life at Chimney Rock Festival at Chimney Rock National Monument held Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22. The San Juan Stargazers held a solar scope demonstration and Pat Jackson, from St. Francis Wildlife Rehabilitation and Sanctuary, brought her rescued peregrine falcon. The event also included a Native American Arts and Crafts Market.



Pagosa District seeks public input on Sand Bench vegetation management

By Gretchen Fitzgerald
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest is conducting public scoping to gather input during the early phases of planning for a proposal to harvest trees in dead or declining conifer stands across the Sand Bench landscape, 17 miles north of Pagosa Springs.

The initial proposal is to conduct salvage harvest and overstory removal on up to 2,800 acres, and thinning on up to 700 acres. In declining conifer stands where current and expected conifer mortality is high, associated green trees will be removed. In stable conifer stands, improvement thinning or deferral will be used, where necessary, to promote future mature conifer forests. This project

also includes fisheries habitat improvement work on Little Sand Creek. All work would be conducted in the area accessed by the Piedra/Mosca Road (NFSR 631) and Sand Bench Road (NFSR 642).

The Sand Bench area has recently experienced high levels of mortality in mature spruce, subalpine fir, Douglas fir, and aspen due to the Little Sand Fire in 2012 and the ongoing Douglas fir and spruce bark beetle outbreaks. Conifer mortality levels from fire and bark beetles in the Sand Bench area as of late 2017 ranged from 20 percent to 100 percent, with an average of approximately 64 percent across all stands in the area. Despite the current variability, a high overall amount of tree mortality is expected over the next several years, as this pattern has consistently been seen elsewhere on the forest in

recent years. The decline of the conifer forest has allowed many young aspen to establish across Sand Bench, ensuring a landscape dominated by aspen in the future.

Project maps are available online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54246>.

The 30-day scoping comment period began July 18 and ends Aug. 16. Written comments may be mailed or hand delivered to the Pagosa Ranger District Office, 180 Pagosa Street, P.O. Box 310, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or faxed to 264-1538. Comments received will be part of the public record and available for inspection.

For questions, or to provide oral comments via telephone or in person, contact Matt Tuten, supervisory forester, at 264-2268 at the Pagosa Ranger District Office.

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The Southwest Conservation Corp works to install four more armored crossings on the Dakota Springs Trail located behind Pagosa Springs High School the week of July 16. The crossings will ensure proper drainage along the trail.

Youth trail crew helps DUST2 maintain Dakota Springs Trail

By Annie Sewell
Special to The SUN

The Dakota Springs Trail located behind Pagosa Springs High School just received four more armored crossings thanks to the generosity and vision of the Southwest Conservation Corp (SCC) and the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Round Up Foundation.

On July 16 an eight-student youth crew arrived at the high

school for a site visit to the Dakota Springs Trail to meet and line out the work that DUST2 needed to get done in the next four days. After a brief walk-through, the eight-student crew, led by energetic and seasoned leaders Jaime Blatter and Celine Simmons, set up camp and began the arduous task of gathering rocks to be used in each crossing.

Over the next three days, this lively, hardworking and diverse youth crew dug out large swaths

of hard clay and meticulously fit large rocks as tightly as possible into each swath while maintaining the original trail's slope to ensure proper drainage. The kids worked hard, did not need much oversight and, once they understood the concept and scope of work, they embraced the project and made it their own. By day four, the crew had installed four large, truly beautiful crossings; a project that would take several more seasons to complete

without them.

DUST2 could not have hired a youth trail crew if it were not for the generosity of the LPEA Round Up Foundation grant award and the SCC working to accommodate the limited budget. DUST2 is truly grateful for the investments each of these organizations have made and are excited to show such a valuable return on those investments — returns that benefit all trail users in Pagosa Springs.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife releases state park and hatchery passport

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

If you have ever wanted to visit all 41 state parks and 15 hatcheries located throughout Colorado, you're in luck.

On Monday, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) introduced its new passport booklet. Available only at state parks and hatcheries, this passport allows you to track your progress as you discover some of the amazing places Colorado has to

offer. We invite you to visit as many state parks and hatcheries as you can and to take your passport with you along the way.

"With our new passport program, we want to encourage people to get out and explore the wide va-

riety of state parks and hatcheries located throughout Colorado. Each state park and hatchery provides a range of experiences and visitors will have the opportunity to discover the unique character of each location during their visit," said CPW Director Bob Broscheid.

With 58 pages, the passport booklet offers insight into each park and hatchery and allows visitors to collect stamps at every location. Each stamp is unique and represents a significant feature of that site. Once you have visited a new location, you will be able to use your passport to record the date, as well as your favorite part of the visit.

As you make your way around Colorado, different prizes will be awarded as you reach new milestones. Once you have received your last stamp, make sure to have a park or hatchery representative certify the back page of your passport. You will then be able to send in a photo of your passport to collect your completion prize. Please visit cpw.state.co.us/Passport for further instructions on completing your passport and a list of available prizes.

Passports are free of charge, but please note that a daily or annual entrance pass is still needed to access all state parks.

Perfect for a solo challenge or some family fun, this passport will surely take you on an adventure. Next time you are at a state park or hatchery, ask for a copy of your very own CPW Passport and begin your journey through some of Colorado's most amazing places.

Celebrations



Photo courtesy Bob Howard

Members of the Pagosa Springs Women's Golf Association (PSWGA) honored Benny Lohman, standing center with flowers, at their regular Tuesday golf playday on July 24, two days before Lohman's 99th birthday (today, Thursday, July 26). Lohman is a lifetime member of the PSWGA and has been a role model for Pagosa women golfers for decades. She was a medal winner in several Senior Olympics and still is active in water aerobics and Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County, having been a Navy recruiter. Her advice for others who want to remain as active and healthy as she is: "Don't quit too soon. Even in your late 90s, life isn't over if you stay involved." All three of her sons — Chuck from Florida, Ric from California and Chip from Virginia — are here this week to celebrate with their mother. Lohman has lived in Pagosa for more than 30 years with Sandy, her husband of 65 years, who passed away in December 2013.

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VETERAN'S CORNER

Calling the Veterans Crisis Line now easier

By Raymond Taylor
SUN Columnist

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is excited to announce that service members and veterans can connect to the Veterans Crisis Line using those simple words.

The Siri function on Apple's iPhone and the Google Assistant function on Android phones now automatically dial the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline which also serves the Veterans Crisis Line, even if the number (800) 273-8255 is not saved in the phone's contact list. Callers will need to press 1 in order to reach the Veterans Crisis Line.

"Suicide prevention is VA's top clinical priority, and we are working to reach veterans where they are to help save lives," said Dr. Keita Franklin. "The new feature on Apple and Android devices enables service members, veterans, and their families to get quicker access to our network of certified crisis responders."

Responders at the Veterans Crisis Line are specially trained and experienced in helping veterans when mental health or related issues — such as chronic pain, anxiety, depression, sleeplessness, anger and homelessness — reach a crisis point.

"Since its launch in 2007, the Veterans Crisis Line has answered over 3.5 million calls and initiated the dispatch of emergency services to callers in imminent crisis nearly 93,000 times," said Dr. Matt Miller, director of the Veterans Crisis Line. "Since launching chat in 2009 and text services in November 2011, the VCL has answered over 397,000 and nearly 92,000 requests for chat and text services, respectively."

According to Miller, the ease of

connecting to the Veterans Crisis Line is the technology's biggest benefit.

"The ability for veterans to connect to the Veterans Crisis Line using just four simple words, and through a technology that so many people are familiar with already, is truly remarkable," Miller said. "While some suicidal crises last a long time, most last minutes to hours. The quicker we can get veterans connected to care, the more likely they are to survive."

While recognizing the need for crisis access and rapid care, the VA continues to build and emphasize sustained access to care for veterans to receive ongoing treatment as appropriate.

"VA is working to improve its services by providing evidence-based mental health care across a full spectrum of interventional services," said Franklin. "We are anticipating and responding to veterans' needs and supporting returning service members as they rejoin their communities."

The VA is leveraging a public health approach to suicide prevention that addresses multiple risk factors for suicide to stage interventions before suicidal thoughts and behaviors occur. While the VA has made great strides in crisis intervention, the public health approach uses the best evidence available to guide the development of innovative new strategies to serve all veterans.

No one organization can tackle suicide prevention alone. To save lives, the VA is using prevention strategies that reach beyond health care settings to involve peers, family members and community members in order to reach veterans

where they are.

"Every day people across the nation reach out for support and are able to live healthy, productive lives. But VA alone can't prevent veteran suicide," Franklin said. "To end veteran suicide, we need support across sectors, and this type of technology is another step in the right direction. The quicker we can get service members and veterans connected to care, the better."

If you or someone you know is in crisis, support is available 24/7. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available to all at (800) 273-8255. Veterans, service members, and their families and friends can call the Veterans and Military Crisis Line at (800) 273-8255 and press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat or text to 838255.

Services available for local veterans

Pine Ridge Extended Care Center is VA-certified, which means there are services available for our local veterans. These services have eligibility requirements and specific programs. For more information, please contact this office or Pine Ridge.

For more information

The office of the Archuleta County veterans service officer (VSO) provides assistance to qualified military veterans, and their families, or a veteran's survivors, in applying to and in obtaining VA program assistance, benefits and claims.

This assistance is provided within the guidelines, policies and procedures established by the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This is a mandated program of the state of Colorado.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office, located at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The best way to contact me is to set up an appointment, for either at your home or in the office, so I can schedule a specific time in order to answer and assist each veteran in Archuleta County.

The office number is 264-4013, fax number is 264-4014, cell number is 946-3590 and email is raytaylor@archuletacounty.org. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bring a DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO office.

Always leave me a message and phone number to contact you.

Veterans' groups

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

- American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary: first Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

- Veterans for Veterans: Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: Every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Contact Kevin Kelly at (505) 699-0824.

- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: First and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Sharon Carter's office. Contact Charlotte at 903-9690.

OHV

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Signs were a concern of those opposed to the ordinance, Hearing noted.

This "signage" would help visiting OHV groups to know which roads were approved for OHVs, Hearing explained.

A map of all OHV-designated routes will be published on the county's website, according to the ordinance.

"Nothing in this Ordinance shall prohibit the use of OHVs for agricultural purposes on any public road," the ordinance reads.

OHV versus non-OHV

According to the ordinance, an OHV is classified "as any self-propelled vehicle which is designed to travel on wheels or tracks in contact with the ground, which is designed primarily for use off of the public highways, and which is generally and commonly used to transport persons for recreational purposes."

This, according to the ordinance, is the statutory definition of an OHV under Colorado law.

However, the ordinance also specifies what is not an OHV.

Vehicles not considered an OHV by the ordinance are:

- Vehicles designed and used primarily for travel on, over or in the water.
- Snowmobiles.
- Military vehicles.
- Golf carts.
- Vehicles designed and used to carry individuals with disabilities.
- Vehicles designed and used specifically for agricultural, logging or mining purposes, or vehicles registered pursuant to article 3 of title 42 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

OHV-approved roads

The members of the BoCC explained that OHV use is limited to certain roads in the county.

"By no means is this turning the whole county into an ATV highway like Ouray," Wadley said, indicating OHVs would not be parked in front of downtown businesses

Roads permitted under the new ordinance include:

- Piedra Road north of North Pagosa Boulevard to USFS 631.
- County Road 146 to USFS 629/628.
- County Road 700 to the Aspen Springs subdivision.
- All county roads within Aspen Springs and Turkey Springs Road.
- Juanita Road (County Road 551) to the county line.
- Trujillo Road from Cat Creek Road to Colo. 151.
- Eight Mile Mesa Road to USFS 651.
- All county roads within the Loma Linda subdivision.

- Mill Creek Road (County Road 302) to USFS 665.

- Blanco Basin Road (County Road 326) to USFS 655, also to USFS 12.

"All of Aspen Springs will be included," Starr said, adding that the Aspen Springs Metro District had specifically made the request for all roads to be OHV-designated.

The Pagosa Trail Riders, Starr mentioned, would have liked to have seen county roads 400, 500 and all of 700 become OHV-designated as well.

However, Starr added, after talks with the ACSO and the county road and bridge department, these roads were not approved due to safety concerns.

"Those roads were deemed not appropriate for off-road vehicle use," Starr said.

OHV restrictions and safety standards

Hearing mentioned that a comment had been made asking why the group wanted to legalize OHV use on county roads when "everybody does it anyway."

"Well, our comment would be, if it's according to this house bill from the state level, it throws in some regulation into it," Hearing said.

However, it is prohibited for any person to operate an OHV on a county road or right of way not designated for OHV use.

The ordinance lists several requirements that must be met while operating an OHV on county roads. These include:

- Any person operating an OHV on a county road must have in their possession a valid state issued driver's license.
- OHV operators must be at least 16 years of age.
- OHVs operating on designated county roads must be registered with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW).
- OHVs shall not exceed 30 mph or the posted speed limit, whichever is less.
- OHVs shall be equipped with one lighted headlamp and one lighted taillight, each having the minimum candlepower prescribed by CPW between sunset and sunrise.
- Any person operating an OHV in unincorporated Archuleta County on an OHV route needs to carry liability insurance.

"... pursuant to Title 33, Article 7, C.R.S. where the minimum coverage limits, according to C.R.S. § 10-4-620, are \$25,000 to any one person in any one accident, and \$50,000 to all persons in one accident, and property damage a minimum of \$15,000 in one accident," the ordinance reads.

Sound, Hearing explained, was

important to the OHV laws across the state.

Hearing explained that 96 decibels was the state law on how loud an OHV can be.

All stock vehicles going back to 2008 should be in compliance, according to Hearing.

However, if someone had a noncompliant OHV, they could be cited for not being in compliance with the 96 decibel law, Hearing explained.

Dirt bikes, according to Hearing, would be an example of being over 96 decibels.

"They're extremely loud. They would not be considered in this ordinance — unless they brought it up to standard, which they can't do to those bikes," Hearing said.

Those regulations also include, according to Hearing, having a CPW registration sticker.

According to the CPW website, the Annual (OHV) Trail Grant Program administers grants for trail-related projects. Local, county and state governments, plus federal agencies, nonprofits and special recreation districts with management responsibilities over public lands, can apply for grants to improve and enhance OHV opportunities.

The website notes OHV grants can include: construction, maintenance or reconstruction of OHV routes, structures such as bridges, railings or ramps, revegetation and erosion control, tools and supplies, signs and even salaries or compensation for crew members or project employees.

"We would volunteer ... to form a committee that would help in creating the signage consistent with the rest of the state," Hearing said.

The ordinance also lists the necessary requirements for safety and performance of OHVs on county roads. These include:

- Any driver or rider in an OHV must wear goggles or eyeglasses with lenses made of safety glass or plastic.
- Eye protection is not necessary if the person is wearing a helmet containing eye protection.
- Anyone under 18 years of age must wear a helmet.
- Helmets, according to the ordinance, must:
 - Have a lining, padding and chin strap.
 - Meet or exceed the standards in the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard for motorcycle helmets.

The OHV ordinances will be enforced by the ACSO, according to the ordinance.

Fines are applicable to not following OHV ordinances and restrictions.

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Village Pointe Condominiums for failure to pay assessments to Village Pointe Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.
Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.
Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions:
Village Pointe Condominiums Phase I
Matter Amount
Property Owner: ARTURO CISNEROS
Building Number: 7501
Unit Number: 001D
Unit Week Number: 11
Lien Amount: \$ 3,158.01
Property Owner: WILLIAM R O HAIR, JR & ADZEL JEAN O HAIR
Unit Number: 7502
Building Number: 001D
Unit Week Number: 36
Lien Amount: \$7,191.71
Property Owner: BETTY J DEGRAFF & CLIFFORD D DEGRAFF
Unit Number: 7506
Building Number: 002D
Unit Week Number: 19
Lien Amount: \$7,191.84
Property Owner: LARRY MOECKEL
Unit Number: 7507
Building Number: 002D
Unit Week Number: 32
Lien Amount: \$6,664.10
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Unit Number: 7503
Building Number: 001D
Unit Week Number: 30
Lien Amount: \$ 3,158.01
Property Owner: SUE E ROPER & BOBBY S ROPER
Unit Number: 7504
Building Number: 001D
Unit Week Number: 39
Lien Amount: \$ 3,158.01

in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, that property on which is located two (2) two-story buildings containing four units per building, which are designated, respectively, as Building 1 Units 7501, 7502, 7503 and 7504; and Building 2 Units 7505, 7506, 7507, and 7508 as per Plat File No. 331 A-E, Reception No. 0168713, and which are subject to that certain Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership dated December 30, 1988, recorded January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 0160495, Book 239, Page 2 and Second Amendment to Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums recorded January 16, 1990, at Reception No. 0168714, Book 280, Page 213, with the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, at such time as the final as-built plat has been recorded. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

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Building Number: 003D
Unit Week Number: 21
Lien Amount: \$3,127.15
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Matter Amount
Property Owner: BARRY SALSUBURY
Unit Number: 7521
Building Number: 005D
Unit Week Number: 19
Lien Amount: \$5,735.09
Property Owners: LIBERTY INNOVATIONS LLC & RUBY J SCHOTT
Unit Number: 7521
Building Number: 005D
Unit Week Number: 48
Lien Amount: \$5,211.20
Property Owners: ROBERTA RAE LAMONT
Unit Number: 7525
Building Number: 006D
Unit Week Number: 37
Lien Amount: \$7,163.67
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Unit Week Number: 21
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Unit Number: 7528
Building Number: 006D
Unit Week Number: 13
Lien Amount: \$3,158.00

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Defendants
Case No.: 2017CV030114

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

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered April 2, 2018, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):
CAROL A ENGLAND
GEORGE L ENGLAND
WILLIAM D SCHWARZER
ROSEMARIE L SCHWARZER
CAS B WINDHAM JR
DONNA MARIE WINDHAM
JOHN J ROPER
JULIA G PEFER

Interest: Declaration of Debt: Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc.

Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054
Association Assessments Due to: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.

The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, Sale Number: 2018-2 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns and of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: [07/12/2018]
Last Publication: [08/16/2018]
Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
See Public Notices A17

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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
 Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 16PFA0144, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 (479) 242-8814
 Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054.
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed May 18, 2018.
 Tonya Hamilton, Notariff, Archuleta County, Colorado
 By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

Exhibit A
CAROL A ENGLAND & GEORGE L ENGLAND
 Building Number: 2
 Unit Number: 7507
 Unit Week Number: 28
 in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, that property on which is located two (2) two-story buildings containing four units per building, which are designated, respectively, as Building 1, Units 7501, 7502, 7503 and 7504; and Building 2, Units 7505, 7506, 7507, and 7508 as per Plat File No. 331 A-E, Reception No. 0168713, and which are subject to that certain Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership dated December 30, 1989, recorded January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 0169495, Book 239, Page 2 and Second Amendment to Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums recorded January 16, 1990, at Reception No. 0168714, Book 280, Page 213, with the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, at such time as the final as-built plat has been recorded.
 Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
 Matter Amount
 Unpaid Assessments: \$ 1,587.65
 Costs: \$413.78
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,001.43
WILLIAM D SCHWARZER & ROSEMARIE L SCHWARZER
 Building Number: 4
 Unit Number: 7511
 Unit Week Number: 16
 in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase II recorded in Plat File No. 332-332A-E, under Reception No. 171189 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to the First Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase II recorded May 3, 1990, Reception No. 171190, Book 292, Page 242, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. The property has located upon it two buildings described as Building 3, containing four units designated, respectively, as Units 7509, 7510, 7511 and 7512; and Building 4 contains four units designated, respectively, as Units 7513, 7514, 7515, 7516.
 Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
 Matter Amount
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,168.77
 Costs: \$413.78
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,582.55
CAS B WINDHAM, JR & DONNA MARIE WINDHAM
 Building Number: 4
 Unit Number: 7513
 Unit Week Number: 20
 in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase III recorded in Plat File No. 332-332A-E, under Reception No. 171189 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to the First Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase III recorded May 3, 1990, Reception No. 171190, Book 292, Page 242, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. The property has located upon it two buildings described as Building 3, containing four units designated, respectively, as Units 7509, 7510, 7511 and 7512; and Building 4 contains four units designated, respectively, as Units 7513, 7514, 7515, 7516.
 Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
 Matter Amount
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,312.92
 Costs: \$413.78
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$2,726.70
JOHN J PEPPER & JULIA G PEPPER
 Building Number: 6
 Unit Number: 7528
 Unit Week Number: 6
 in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase III as recorded in Plat File No. 238A-F under Reception No. 179324 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that certain Supplemental Declaration and Third Amendment to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase III recorded November 21, 1990, Reception No. 176323, Book 315, Page 350.
 Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
 Matter Amount
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,168.77
 Costs: \$413.78
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,582.55
 Published July 12, 19, 26, August 2 and 9, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON August 7th
 BP Production Company, represented by Naomi Azulai of Durango, CO, has applied for a Major Oil & Gas Facility Permit for the BP Cox 3 Well Pad Special Exception, on a portion of the SW¼ NW¼ Section 14, T32N R6W N1/4, under a Surface Use Agreement with property owners Raymond Charles Egger and RaDawna Ann Egger, at 814 County Rd 988, Arboles, CO. The proposal is for a new well pad to accommodate one well by Special Exception to exceed four well pads within Section 14. This property is zoned Agricultural/Ranching (AR). The application is available for inspection M-F 8:00-4:00 p.m. at the Planning & Building office, 1122 Highway 84, or online at <https://aca.accela.com/archcol/> select Planning and search for Record PLN18-094. Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to the Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 811-1507, telefax: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners on August 7, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.
 Published July 19 and 26, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON August 7th
 BP Production Company, represented by Naomi Azulai of Durango, CO, has applied for the BP Ross 2 Paving Variance, concurrent with an application for a new oil & gas well on an approx. 89 acre parcel in pt. NE¼ & SE¼, S13, T32N R6W, N1/4, at 762 County Rd 975, Arboles, CO (PLN18-119 & PLN18-120). The property is owned by Hale Family Investments LP of Tulsa, OK. Applicant is requesting approval to vary from Section 27.1.6.3.G of the Archuleta County Road & Bridge Design Standards, which requires that driveways serving non-residential facilities that access paved road shall be paved.
 A public hearing will be held by the Archuleta County Board of Adjustment, on Tuesday August 7, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Building, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting, or may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970)

264-1390, Planning@archuletacounty.org. Published July 19 and 26, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado
Town Park & Vicinity Improvements
 The Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado is in the process of finalizing the above listed project constructed by Strochecker Asphalt & Paving, Inc., 37801 Highway 160, Bayfield, Colorado 81122. Any claims against this project by suppliers, subcontractors, or others should be delivered to the project engineering firm of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. at 188 S. 8th Street, P.O. Box 1208, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147. All claims shall be delivered prior to August 27, 2018. Any claims received on or after August 27, 2018 shall not be considered. Claim forms can be obtained from Davis Engineering Service, Inc. (Phone 970-264-5055).
 Published July 26 and August 9, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Property Impounded off National Forest System Lands 1. Notice is hereby given as provided by 36 CFR 262.12 that the personal property described in paragraph 2 below is in violation of law or regulation on the Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest. The personal property was collected from National Forest Systems Lands by US Forest Service Law Enforcement June 12, 2018 on County Road #302 (Mill Creek Road).
 2. The property consists of: One yellow tent with numerous personal items.
 3. The owner may regain possession by contacting the Pagosa Ranger District at 180 Pagosa Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, and paying the costs of removing and storing the property, if the property is not redeemed prior to August 4, 2018, it may be offered for sale at public auction after that date or retained by the Forest Service for official use. Property may also be disposed of as provided by Secretary of Agriculture Regulation 36 CFR 262.12. For more information, please contact the Pagosa Ranger District at (970) 264-2268.
 Published July 26, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for a "Conditional Use Permit" for the operation of a "Vacation Rental" to be located at 250 North 3rd Street. The Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission will consider the "Conditional Use Permit" application at a public hearing scheduled on August 14, 2018 at 5:30 PM in Town Hall located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. Anyone wishing to provide comments should contact the Town Planning Department at 970-264-4151 x 221 or attend the public hearing. Public comments will be accepted at the public hearing.
 Published July 26 and August 2, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON August 7th
 Bill & Jess VanSickle and Greg & Cindi Taylor, have applied for final plat approval of the Lakeview Estates Amendment 2018-01, a replat of Lots 113, 114 & 115X of Lakeview Estates, creating Lots 113Z (133 Lighthouse Dr.) and 115XZ (36 Beacon Ct.) (PLN18-115). The property is owned by William J. Van Sickle and Jean A. Van Sickle, and Gregory Lee Taylor and Cindi Denise Taylor, zoned Planned Unit Development (PUD). Comments may be submitted to the Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on August 7, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.
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PUBLIC NOTICE ARCHULETA COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
 The Archuleta County Board of Equalization (CBOE) will sit to review the assessment of all taxable property located in Archuleta County, as prepared by the Archuleta County Assessor, and to hear appeals from determinations of the Assessor beginning July 3 to August 7, 2018. Hearings will be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room located at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado.
 Published July 26 and August 2, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 Tel. 970.264.2400
 Real Landlord Property Owner's Association, Inc. Plaintiff
 v.
 GERALD W GILKEY, et al Defendants
 Case No. 2018CV30042
 Attorney for Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814 Email: chris@hjclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):
GERALD W GILKEY
STEPHANIA A GILKEY
WENDY JOSEFINA GIL SANTOS
KENNETH B TATE JR
ANNE T TATE
SUE N BAILEY
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
 If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
 This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your unincorporated interest(s) located at Teal Landing Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Teal Landing Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.
 Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.
 Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: Teal Landing Condominium Phase One-Building 11 Property Owner: GERALD W GILKEY & STEPHANIA A GILKEY Building Number: 11 Lot (Unit) Number: 1111-1116, 1121, 1124-1126 UDI Points: 77,000 of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase One - as built Building 11, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20102922, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded at Reception Number 20102923, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
 Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
 Matter Amount
 Lien Amount: \$1,631.86
 Teal Landing Condominium Phase Six-Building 16 Property Owner: WENDY JOSEFINA GIL SANTOS Building Number: 16 Lot (Unit) Number: 1611-1616, 1621-1626 UDI Points: 105,000 of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Six - as built Building 16, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20304272, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
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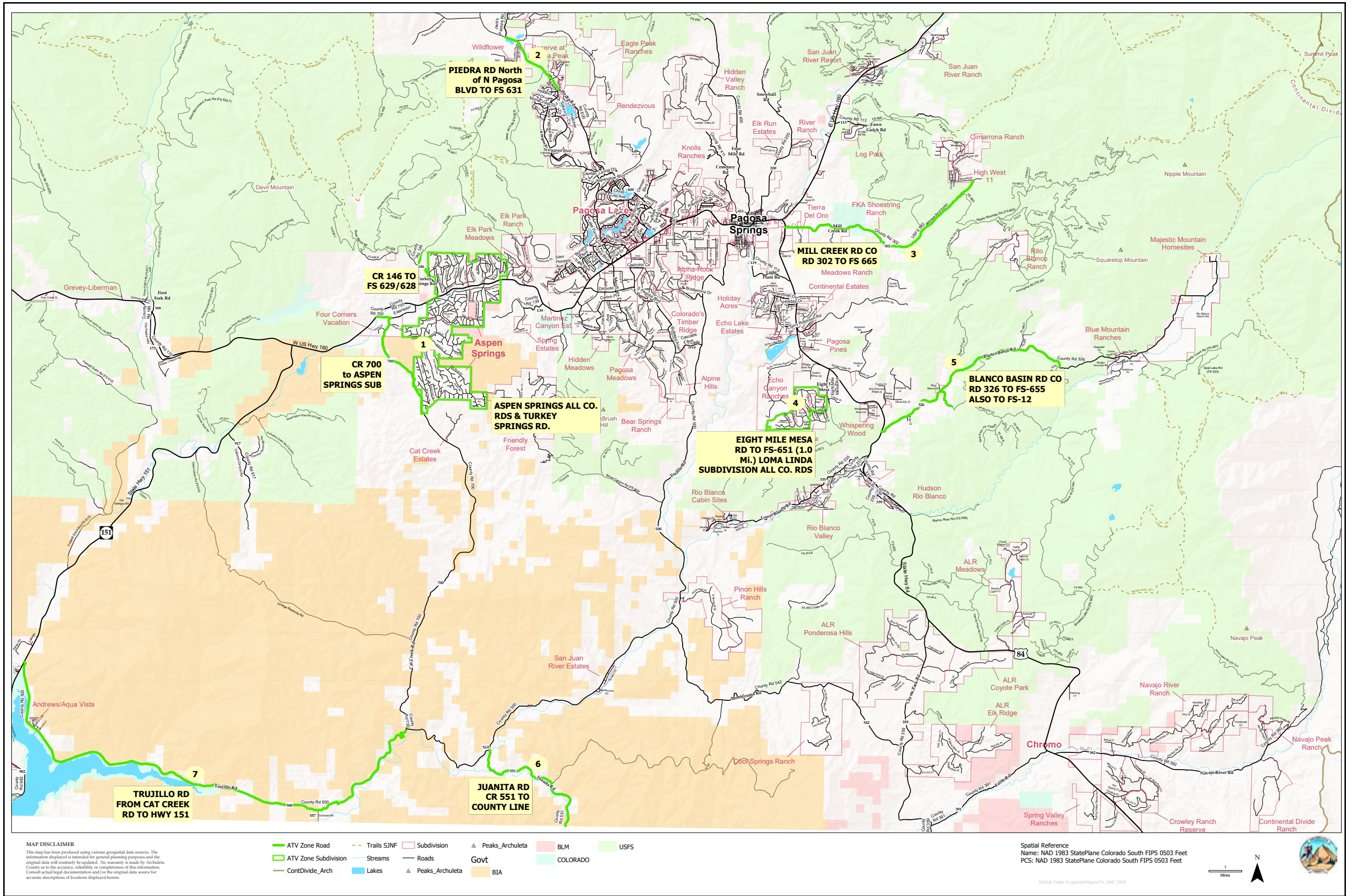


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Off-highway vehicles (OHV) are now allowed by the county on certain designated roads that access OHV trails. The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners voted to approve an ordinance allowing OHV-designated roads in the county during its regular meeting on July 17.

County approves OHV use on designated roads

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Off-highway vehicles (OHV) are now allowed by the county on certain designated roads that access OHV trails.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted to approve an ordinance allowing OHV-designated roads in the county during its regular meeting on July 17.

Members of the OHV community had approached the BoCC about allowing OHV access on certain roads, according to Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr.

BoCC Chair Steve Wadley explained that those who live here are surrounded by the national forest and that it made sense to make access to the forest easier for individuals who have OHVs.

The history and the ordinance

"This ordinance comes to us by a public suggestion," Starr said. It was brought to the attention of the county for the purpose of ac-

cessing U.S. Forest Service (USFS) OHV roads, Starr explained.

Several meetings took place, Starr explained, including with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), and the ordinance includes speed limits, helmet requirements and operation of OHVs on certain county roads.

Ken Hearing, a representative of the Pagosa Trail Riders, an OHV organization, explained that in the fall of 2018 Starr instructed the group to formulate a plan for the OHV routes.

"I went around and talked to all the various neighborhoods ... and overall it seemed like the logical thing to do," Hearing said.

Further, Hearing explained, that the Pagosa Trail Riders would help the different communities involved with the OHV ordinance to understand the state regulations on OHVs.

"We'd be happy to meet with them," Hearing said. "We're in the business, so to speak, so we know the equipment, and we can look at an ATV and see if it is legal or not to this regulation."

Hearing expressed that his group was very in favor of the ordinance and was willing to help in the future with the implementation of the ordinance.

According to the ordinance, the BoCC approved the establishment of OHV operation on designated county roads which are not part of the state highway system.

"... designating OHV routes and regulating the operation of OHVs in Archuleta County is necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of Archuleta County citizens ..." the ordinance reads.

The county roads designated for OHV use, according to the ordinance, must have proper signage of it being an OHV-designated road. A sign denying OHV access on a road may be placed, as well.

■ See OHV A16

A Memorial Day Thank You

As a family, we wish to say a grateful Thank You to our cousin Judy Montroy-Schofield who has for many years each Memorial Day tended to our family graves; those of Guinn Z Kinser and his dear wife Lois M Kinser (Bramwell), and their beloved sons Leonard C Kinser and Kelly K Kinser.

We also wish to say a heartfelt Thank You to those who anonymously decorated our family graves on Memorial Day. Thank you for remembering our family in your kindness, knowing that they are gone but not forgotten.

Those of you from the past who still live in Pagosa may remember the Kinser and Bramwell families, settlers in Pagosa Springs in the days of long ago.

Sincerely,
Carla Kinser and sons Travis and Darren Burow
Kerry Kinser and Kay Kinser
Kristina Kinser and son Kerry and daughter Kay Kinser

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ARTS & LIFE

Bares, Broncs 'n Bulls

Friday, Aug. 3 • 7 p.m. • Archuleta County Fair



Photo courtesy Dan Hubbell

July 26, 2018



Photo courtesy Brian Gauck

This year's Archuleta County Fair will feature a new event on Friday, Aug. 3: Bares, Broncs 'n Bulls. The fair will be held Aug. 2-5 at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds and is slated to offer something for everyone.

Archuleta County Fair set to offer something for everyone Aug. 2-5

By Leslie Wustrack
Special to The PREVIEW

Founded in 1951, the first Archuleta County Fair was initiated by local ranchers as a two-day event to showcase registered cattle and 4-H animals and as an opportunity for families to join together to relax, share and have fun.

Sixty-seven years later, the fair has evolved into a

four-day event that holds true to its beginnings while reflecting the changing demographics and interests of the local community.

"The Archuleta County Fair is a fun-filled event that truly has something for everyone," stated fair board president Jason Cox.

The fair will be held Thursday, Aug. 2, through Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds,

■ See Fair on next page

Live Performers



Thursday

Riff Raff downtown: Crooked Sky, 6 p.m.
Smoken Moe's: Jacques Grant, 5 p.m.

Friday

Pagosa Brewing Company: Kendra Lee, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Ben Gibson Duo, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Coyote Moon: Karaoke, 9 p.m.
East Side Market: Open Mic with Steve Rolig, 9 a.m.
La Taqueria: Crooked Sky, 6 p.m.

Sunday

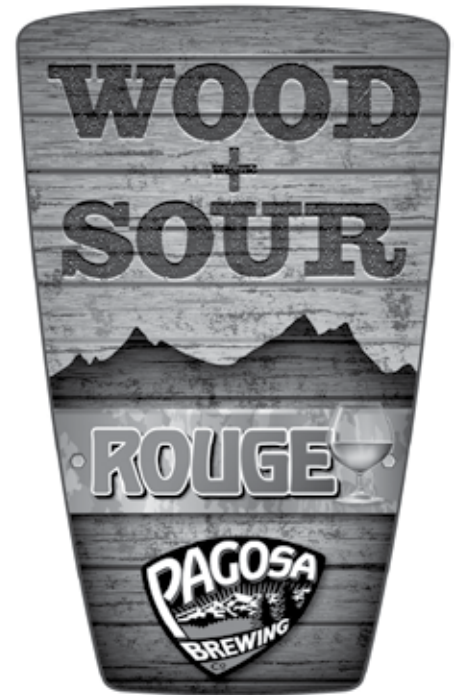
La Taqueria: Jacques Grant, 11 a.m., Tim Sullivan, 6 p.m.
East Side Market: Open Mic with Emily Tholberg, noon

Tuesday

Pagosa Brewing Company: Open Mic hosted by Emiy Tholberg, 6 p.m.

Wednesday

La Taqueria: Old Boots, 6 p.m.
Pagosa Brewing Company: Trivia hosted by Justin T., 6 p.m.



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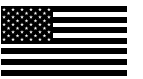


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Fair

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The daily gate entry fee is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children ages 4-12 and free entry for children 3 and under. All live music, children's activities, live animal showmanship and exhibit-viewing is free. There are additional entry charges for laser tag, the 4-H Chuckwagon Dinner, the Ranch Rodeo and the newest event: Bares, Broncs, 'n Bulls. More details are available on the fair's website, archuletacountyfair.com.

Cox added, "The fair's centerpiece will always be our 4-H youth. But the fair provides a full calendar of fun and exciting activities for everyone in our community." In addition to Friday night's new Bares, Broncs 'n Bulls, the fair now offers seven free live music shows, laser tag for all ages and celebrity tug-of-war in the mud.

"The Archuleta County Fair is a fun-filled event that truly has something for everyone," stated fair board president Jason Cox.

Dates, times and more information for each of the following activities can be found on the calendar page of the fair's website, archuletacountyfair.com:

- Fly-casting: Avid fishermen, this is your chance to show off your fly-casting skills.
- Pie-eating: Whether you're interested in winning or just watching, this fun event will put a smile on your face.
- Horseshoes: Bring a partner or we'll find you one.
- Open Class exhibit entries: Everyone can enter. If sewing, cake decorating, beer-making, fossil collecting, woodworking or floral display don't fit your skill sets, there's more than likely another contest category that will. Rules and regulations are on the fair's website.
- Petting zoo: This all-ages area is sure to give comfort and fun.
- Live music shows: Seven different musical acts, all free.

- 4-H Chuckwagon Benefit Dinner: Always a sell-out, the Saturday night barbecue dinner tickets can be purchased from a 4-H member or at the fairground's information booth.

- Saturday night dance: The High Rollers will play rousing sets of country, rock, blues, western swing and bluegrass.

- Junior Livestock Auction: This event is showtime for the 4-H'ers. The dollars their animals earn will ensure the following year's work. Open to all bidders.

- Ranch Rodeo: the traditional rodeo of teams.

- Wild Man Phil and his exotic animals and Dr. Barb Shaw's Wacky Science Fun: free shows for all ages.

- Celebrity Tug of War in the Mud: watch the town police, the county sheriff's deputies and the fire department battle and get dragged

through the mud.

- 4-H showmanship and exhibits.

- Educational booths, vendors (ranging from food to tractors) and a beer/wine tent.

Volunteers are needed for the annual event. Each volunteer receives a free t-shirt, gate passes, training and an invitation to the annual Thank You Volunteers lunch. Signing up to volunteer is easy by visiting the fair's website, archuletacountyfair.com, or by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

The 67th annual Archuleta County Fair will be held Aug. 2- 5 at the fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84. The fairgrounds are located just southeast of the U.S. 160 and U.S. 84 intersection.

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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The Thingamajig Theatre Company cast of “West Side Story” poses on the set after the opening of their blockbuster musical, a classic in contemporary American theater. The cast will perform in this year’s much-anticipated Broadway Gala concert and fundraising event on Tuesday, July 31, at 5 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. It’s a special evening that will include a cabaret-style show directed by Boni McIntyre, live and silent auctions for unique interactions with the actors, live music by the actors and backstage tours conducted by cast members.

Experiences with Thingamajig summer actors to be auctioned off at Broadway Gala fundraiser next Tuesday

By Carole Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

You may already have seen this summer’s brilliant actors, singers and dancers perform in Thingamajig Theatre Company’s extraordinary summer musicals.

Now you can watch them in a different setting — this year’s much-anticipated Broadway Gala concert and fundraising event on Tuesday, July 31, at 5 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

It’s a special evening to raise funds for Pagosa’s only nonprofit

professional theater that will include a cabaret-style show starring the actors and directed by Boni McIntyre, live and silent auctions for unique interactions with the actors, live music by the actors and backstage tours conducted by cast members.

Word is that there also will be some surprises, including a well-known guest who will delight you and bring back fond memories of past Thingamajig musicals.

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Gala

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platter, ahi tuna, stuffed meatballs, basil pesto shrimp, proscuitto with melon and assorted mini desserts. There will be a cash bar with tips going to the cast and crew. Tickets are \$100 for this dressy evening.

Unique auction items

During the silent and live auctions, you can bid on the following one-of-a-kind items that are good until Aug. 31, when our summer actors bid farewell to Pagosa:

- Serenade for you and your guests by our soulful Shuga Henry (Millie's Muzzy) at an event you set up.

- Photo shoot for four where the actors will do your hair and makeup as you enjoy champagne and chocolate, then provide costumes from your favorite summer show before you pose with the cast for a very special picture.

- Progressive dinner for 10 people when actors chauffeur you and your friends to four incredible locations where you'll enjoy wine pairings, serenades and delicious food prepared by the cast (Aug. 14, 20 or 28).

- Personalized song composed and recorded by Zulfiya Asquino (Maria in "West Side Story") for you on any subject you want.

- Campfire sing-along with the performers at the actors house fire pit.

- Sunrise hike with Dan Morrison (Riff in "West Side Story") followed by brunch provided by Heather McCall (Elle in "Legally Blonde").

- Hannah Zilber (Audrey in "Little Shop of Horrors") styles you to '50s pinup perfection while Alex John Johnson (Baby John in "West Side Story") pampers you with a foot massage and mimosas before your photo shoot.

- Dan Morrison prepares a gourmet meal for you and the actors of your choice for up to eight people.

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More about the theater

Thingamajig Theatre Company is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit professional theater in residence at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts producing comedies, dramas and musicals year-round. The theater was co-founded in 2010 by Tim Moore, producing artistic director, and his wife, Laura Moore, executive director, both extraordinary actors and directors in their own right.

Only about half of the costs of Thingamajig productions are covered by ticket sales. The remainder of the theater's funding comes from private donors, business sponsors, program advertising, grants and proceeds from this annual Broadway Gala fundraiser — the most important event of the year to keep the theater up and running.

"We know from previous galas that our guests have been surprised and delighted by the evening's festivities — and especially the clever and creative auction opportunities," said Laura Moore. "This is your chance to fill your life with experiences, not things — and to have stories to tell, not stuff to show. We are deeply grateful for everyone's support because the five musicals that folks are seeing on stage this summer would not be

possible without the funding raised at the gala."

Thanks to the exceptional casting skills of Tim Moore, Thingamajig consistently attracts gifted directors, actors, singers, dancers, choreographers and technical experts from across the country and, this summer, from Canada, France, Jamaica and Mexico.

To purchase tickets for the Broadway Gala and the summer musicals, visit www.pagosacenter.org or phone 731-7469.

The five summer shows

This summer's company of 56 actors, singers, dancers, directors and crew is the largest ever at Thingamajig. They are performing in a blockbuster summer season aptly titled "Broadway in the Mountains."

Four award-winning musical hits are playing in rotation until Aug. 31 with five to eight shows a week, prompting rave reviews from audiences lucky enough to already have seen them:

"Legally Blonde," rated PG-13, is an upbeat the story of a beautiful sorority girl who enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend and discovers a real aptitude for the law.

"West Side Story," rated PG, featuring music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, is a classic in contemporary American musical theater.

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Enhance your emotional empathy at Tuesday hand-drumming classes

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, July 31, at noon.

The class offers a welcoming environment that encourages fun, creativity, playfulness and connecting with others. Drums are provided for those who do not have one. 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.

A boy who yearns for a drum forms the basis of a folktale from India. The boy felt the beat of the drum deep inside his heart, but his mother was too poor to buy him a drum, so she gave him a stick instead. While playing with his stick, he noticed that an old woman was having trouble lighting her stove, so he gave her his stick, which got the stove going. To thank him, she gave him a chapati.

The boy came upon a mother and her hungry child, and he gave them his chapati. The mother, whose husband was the potter, thanked him by giving him a large pot.

As he walked along, the boy heard a couple quarreling. They

were in a fix because the wife had broken the pot they had used for washing clothes. The boy gave them his large pot. In return, the couple gave him a warm coat.

Later, the boy met a man who had been attacked by robbers who had helped themselves to just about everything he had, including his shirt. The boy gave the man his warm coat. The man rewarded him with a strong horse that, luckily, the robbers hadn't noticed.

After some time, the boy came upon a wedding party where everyone was in distress because they didn't have a horse for the wedding procession. He gave them his horse and they rewarded with a drum — what he had longed for all along. The boy ran home to play a song for his mother, a song from deep inside his heart.

This folktale intertwines empathy with music, a concept that many scholars, educators and philosophers have been fascinated by and which a considerable amount of scientific research now supports.

In his book, "Defining Music Therapy," author Kenneth E. Bruscia writes, "Music is a medium par excellence for empathy. In fact, in many ways, it is unmatched by any other medium. When we sing the same song together, we live in the same melody, we share the same

tonal center, we articulate the same lyrics, we move ahead according to the same rhythm — moment by moment, sound by sound, through an ongoing awareness of the other, and through continuing efforts to stay together and thereby become one within the experience."

Can participation in a hand-drumming class enhance emotional empathy? After 40 consecutive classes, purely anecdotal evidence veers toward the affirmative.

Immersed in the nonverbal language of music, participants develop the ability to experience each other's emotional states. In a mutually beneficial atmosphere of good-natured reciprocity, the class demonstrates that music is a powerful medium for social interaction. Getting into the groove with others through music, we attune to each other empathetically.

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

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"Little Shop of Horrors," rated PG-13, is a dark comedy rock musical about a florist shop worker who raises a plant that feeds on human blood and flesh.

The fifth show, "Pinkalicious," is a special musical for families based on the bestselling educational books for kids about a little girl whose pink cupcake indulgences

result in her turning pink from head to toe.

In addition to several of the professional actors, this show features local teens, fulfilling a long-time dream of Laura Moore to provide on-stage acting opportunities for youngsters ages 13-17 who have graduated from Thingamajig's Children's Theatre Summer Camps. "Pinkalicious" plays Saturdays at 11 a.m. until Aug. 25.



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Mountain Light Music Festival to feature week-long workshop, concerts

By Kathy Wadenpfuhl
Special to The PREVIEW

The Mountain Light Music Festival is right around the corner. Baylor Brass will serve as the faculty of this week-long music festival. The 10 students who are attending the festival will be in master classes, clinics and rehearsals with this exceptional faculty.

One of those fortunate students is Pagosa Springs' own Leo Baughman. Presently attending Fort Lewis College in Durango, Baughman is pursuing a bachelor's degree in music education. Baughman began playing trombone in the sixth grade at Pagosa Springs Middle School and continued his music education into the high school band program, studying with Dan Burch, also a trombonist.

Baughman received scholarships to attend Mountain Light Music Festival from Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society and Jenelle Syverson.

The Mountain Light Music Festival is in partnership with Voice of Wilderness (VOW). Chet Russell founded VOW over 30 years ago with the vision of adding a music component to its programming. Raised by a mother who studied as a concert pianist, Russell was keenly aware of the power of music to the soul. It is at Russell's Mountain Light Lodge that all of the wonderful music education will take place.

Concerts for the Mountain Light Music Festival will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the Community United Methodist Church, and at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 10 at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA)



Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

The Mountain Light Music Festival is right around the corner, with Baylor Brass serving as the faculty of this week-long music festival. The 10 students who are attending the festival will be in master classes, clinics and rehearsals with this exceptional faculty. From left to right are Kathy Wadenpfuhl, Mountain Light Music Festival event coordinator; Larry Baisdon, president of the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society; Leo Baughman, scholarship recipient; and Jenelle Syverson.

Clubhouse.

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Amy Helm, Darling West set to play the 23rd annual Four Corners Folk Festival

By Crista Munro
Special to The PREVIEW

The 23rd annual Four Corners Folk Festival will take place on Reservoir Hill in Pagosa Springs Aug. 31-Sept. 2.

This year's world-class musical lineup includes The Dawg Trio (featuring David Grisman, Danny Barnes and Samson Grisman), Nahko And Medicine For The People, Sam Bush, We Banjo 3, The Accidentals, Sam Reider and the Human Hands, Front Country, Jon Stickley Trio, The Jacob Jolliff Band, The Western Flyers Bonnie and the Clydes, Tallgrass, Courtney Hartman and Taylor Ashton, and this week's featured performers: Amy Helm and Darling West.

Amy Helm

Although the personally charged, organically soulful album "Didn't It Rain" is her first release under her own name, Helm has been making music for most of her life. She's already won widespread praise as a singer, songwriter and live performer, first as a member of the celebrated alt-country collective Ollabelle (a band that played the Four Corners Folk Festival in 2007 and 2008) and subsequently for her extensive work with her father, musical icon Levon Helm, who passed away in 2012.

Blessed with a commanding, deeply expressive voice and an uncanny songwriting skill that instinctively draws upon a deep well of American musical traditions, Amy Helm delivers a timelessly powerful statement with "Didn't It Rain."

The spellbinding dozen-song set is rooted in first-person experience, exploring universal themes of life, love and loss on such musically and emotionally resonant originals as the smoldering soul ballad "Rescue Me"; the hushed, lilting "Deep Water"; the meditative "Roll Away"; and the stark, haunting "Wild Girl." Complementing Helm's



Photo courtesy FolkWest

Amy Helm will return to the Four Corners Folk Festival main stage on Sept. 1 at 4 p.m. Helm has played at the festival twice with the band Ollabelle, in 2007 and 2008.

originals are her personalized takes on the Sam Cooke classic "Good News" and the traditional title track, which she delivers with the heartfelt gospel urgency that's always been an element of her vocal persona.

Accompanying Amy Helm on "Didn't It Rain" is an impressive roster of players and singers that demonstrates the esteem in which

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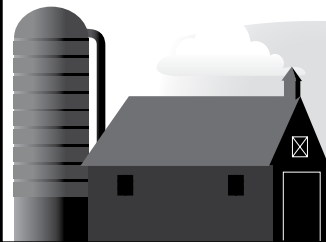
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 the artist is held by her peers. Amy Helm's former Ollabelle bandmate, Byron Isaacs, who produced the album, co-wrote the majority of the songs with Amy Helm, and is featured as one-third of her current live trio, the Handsome Strangers, playing bass alongside guitarist Daniel Littleton and drummer David Berger. Also contributing their talents are Little Feat keyboardist Bill Payne; guitarists Larry Campbell, Chris Masterson and Jim Weider; keyboardists Marco Benevento, John Medeski and Brian Mitchell; and guest backup vocalists Carolyn Leonhart, Elizabeth Mitchell, Allison Moorer, Catherine Russell and Teresa Williams.

"Didn't It Rain" also marked the final recording sessions of Levon Helm, who acted as the project's executive producer, as well as adding his unmistakable drumming on three tracks; Levon Helm's distinctive count-off can be heard kicking off Amy Helm's rousing take on Martha Scanlan's "Spend Our Last Dime."

Amy Helm had originally planned to release her solo debut a bit sooner, but chose to substantially rework the album that she initially recorded, recutting more than half of the songs with the road-tested Handsome Strangers.

"That was kind of a reckless move financially, and it's resulted in the album coming out two years later than I originally thought it would, but it was the right thing to do," she acknowledged. "When I started the record, I'd never done a gig under my own name, and I was still getting comfortable with the idea of being a solo artist. I thought I'd finished the record, but then I started going out on the road, and the stuff that we were doing live was so much stronger than what I had recorded, and I started feeling more confidence and focus. So, we went back in the studio, with no money and no budget, and found a way to do it and get it right."

Many of "Didn't It Rain's" songs are the product of an extended



Photo courtesy FolkWest

Attendees of the 23rd annual Four Corners Folk Festival will have two chances to catch Darling West on the main stage: Aug. 31, at 4:30 p.m. and again on Sept. 2 at 1 p.m.

period during which the artist endured a series of personal trials and life changes, including the April 2012 passing of her father and chief musical mentor.

"The past few years have been profoundly transformative for me, so I wanted to tell some of those stories as honestly as I could," she asserted. "I thought about the people

Although they have added drums, the band stays true to its rootsy sound and still plays the sweet Americana/folk they are known for.

I had lost, and things that had fallen apart and things that were coming together, and that influenced the way I sang these songs."

Amy Helm began connecting with audiences early in life, playing her first gig in her early teens in a Manhattan bar and drifting informally through a series of combos before her father recruited

her to join his live band. She also absorbed musical and personal inspiration from her mother, noted singer/songwriter Libby Titus, and her stepfather, Steely Dan co-mastermind Donald Fagen, who offered her additional opportunities to find herself as a performer.

"I always did gigs through high school and college," she explained, "but my fears and insecurities kept me from committing to it. That's when my dad became a huge influence; he scooped me up when I was in my mid-20s and put me in this blues band. I was very, very green, but I got my road-dog status with him. It was like walking through fire every time I got on stage, but it forced me to decide if I wanted to do this. And I decided that I absolutely wanted to do it."

Amy Helm's vocal and songwriting talents soon found a home in the New York-based Ollabelle, whose three acclaimed albums and countless live gigs saw her evolve into a confident, charismatic performer. She also resumed her musical collaboration with her father, singing and playing in his band, playing on and co-producing his Grammy-winning 2007 comeback album "Dirt Farmer"

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By **Barry Lausman**
Special to The PREVIEW

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AARP membership is not required to take the course. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers, is four hours in length and will be held at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center on Aug. 17 from 1 to 5 p.m.

To reserve a seat, please call Barry Lausman at 403-9628.

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and helping to organize the now-legendary Midnight Ramble concerts at Levon Helm's home studio in Woodstock, N.Y.

"He was the best teacher, in so many ways," she said of her father. "He wasn't interested in overthinking anything; all he cared about was playing music. He saw himself as a working musician, and it was serious business and it had to be right. Playing side by side with him in the Ramble band for 10 years, and building those shows with him, really changed the way I approached things, and his humility influenced and shaped me as a musician, as it did everyone who played with him."

With "Didn't It Rain" re-introducing her to the world as a solo artist, Amy Helm said that her immediate plan is "to just get out and play as many gigs as possible. I think that the job of a musician is to try and shake people out of their own heads for an hour or two and bring some joy into the world. So, I want to get out there and do the job the best I can."

Amy Helm will return to the Four Corners main stage on Sept. 1 at 4 p.m.

Darling West

The musicians of Darling West experienced a spectacular breakthrough in their musical career after the release of their second album, "Vinyl and a Heartache," in 2016.

They were awarded a Norwegian Spellemann award (the equivalent of Grammy) for the recording, were listed on Norway's biggest radio channels and appeared on the Top 100 Country charts in the U.S.

They have played shows all over the world — among the highlights are several of Norway's biggest festivals, SXSW in Texas, Americanafest in Nashville, a tour with Sam Outlaw and a support slot for Lucinda Williams. They have also had more than 3 million plays on Spotify, appearing in several influential playlists.

Always ambitious and restless, the band didn't rest on their acquired laurels. In fact, the group's members headed straight into the studio to record the follow-up to "Vinyl and a Heartache." Darling West's third album, the self-produced "While I Was Asleep," contains 10 new songs and was released in February.

Although they have added drums, the band stays true to its rootsy sound and still plays the sweet Americana/country/folk they are known for. Moreover, the new album demonstrates a revitalized Darling West, with more drive in the music and even catchier melodies than before.

Darling West's career continues to be on the up, and 2018 promises to be their biggest year so far. In January, they played three shows at the prestigious Eurosonic music festival in the Netherlands and unveiled the album's fourth single, "Loneliness." A visit to Folk Alliance in Kansas City coincided with the album release date and provided a fitting arena for the launch of "While I Was Asleep."

Festival goers will have two chances to catch Darling West on the main stage: Aug. 31, at 4:30 p.m. and again on Sept. 2 at 1 p.m.

More information

The Four Corners Folk Festival is a family-friendly event, with

free admission for children 12 and under (when accompanied by an adult) and lots of free activities and entertainment at the Kids Tent offered throughout the festival.

The festival takes place rain or shine, and a central feature is the 10,000-square-foot tent with general admission seating for 1,300 people, available on a first-come basis. The meadow and trees outside the tent provide ample room for tarps, blankets and low festival chairs.

Additional information about tickets, performers and schedules can be found online at www.folkwest.com. Tickets can also be purchased by phone at 731-5582.

There is information available on the website about volunteering for a festival ticket (ages 17 and up); volunteer shifts are filling quickly.

The Four Corners Folk Festival is supported in part by a matching Colorado Creates grant from Colorado Creative Industries.

Bio information provided by Amy Helm and Darling West.

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The audience at Dancing with the Pagosa Stars watches Fran Lohr, the Mirror Ball Trophy winner, and her partner, Nolan King, as they perform the rumba.

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars a success

By Dee McPeek
Special to The PREVIEW

The dust is settling on Dancing with the Pagosa Stars (DWTPS), costumes have been put away and final results have been tallied.

The response to this new event was overwhelming and the results beyond the organizer's wildest dreams. Local community support, ticket sales and votes from friends and acquaintances of stars around the country combined to raise over \$120,000 to educate the at-risk children at Seeds of Learning.

With 275 guests and over 100 volunteers, stars, coaches, committee members and production crew, this event took on

a life of its own. We had production help from Pagosa, Durango, Bayfield, Aztec and as far away as Albuquerque. The cumulative number of hours spent by all those people, many over several months, totals in the thousands.

The board of directors believes it is time to pause and show our gratitude for this amazing outpouring of support. The board has decided to cancel "A Little Black Dress Affair" that was scheduled for October. Though it has been an annual event the ladies of Pagosa look forward to, we cannot justify asking the community for silent auction and sponsorship support on the heels of such generosity for DWTPS.

We sincerely appreciate the

hard work of so many people and the incredibly generous donations we've received. This funding will go directly toward the \$200,000 that must be raised this year for operational costs. Each \$22 raised at this event means one at-risk child can spend one more day learning at Seeds.

During the show, one of the lead teachers at Seeds asked Lynne Bridges, executive director, if this successful event meant she could now order the art supplies that had been put on hold. Thanks to everyone involved with DWTPS, the answer was "yes."

Receiving, giving and finding completeness

These days, I've been pondering over the meaning of the phrase "living life well." It could find its roots in something as simple as a garage sale. Being friendly to neighbors and friends and working alongside my Sweet Al sure seems like a recipe for living life well.

Does living well mean being in the junk business and passing things along to others who need it, giving good deals, fair prices and blessing others? People seem to leave happy and Al makes a couple dollars. For me, I get to be the beneficiary of knowing one more thing is gone from the property.

Somehow, I'm always wrangled into one of Al's garage sales. It's my least favorite-thing to do all year. The only way I can be civil

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



and make it through the weekend without strangling my Sweet Al is to believe it is for the betterment of everyone. Surely, this "event" has to be more than just accumulating things, kicking up dust and working from sunup to sundown.

We went through a garage sale just a couple of years ago. We cleared out a seven-bay garage of "stuff." One of the garage sale goers asked us if we

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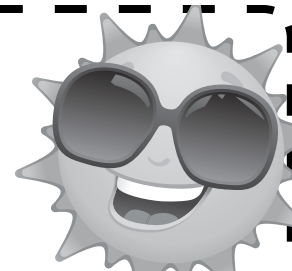
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■ **continued from previous page** were having a multifamily yard sale. We told them no, it's all the junk we've accumulated for 45 years. Afterward, we took loaded trailers to the dump. No matter how much we downsize, organize and give away, more and more things seem to find a home in one of our garages. We've become "Sanford and Son" all over again. For months, I've been taking sacks of excess stuff to the thrift store and a consignment shop. I thought I was tackling it until we started pulling out things for the garage sale weekend.

Sweet Al's mother didn't throw a thing away. When she passed, it took him over a year to go through all that she left behind. Her life's existence was a surrounding of beautiful antiques and sentimental keepsakes. She didn't turn loose of much, and now my Sweet Al struggles to turn loose of those very same things, as well as his own collectibles. Admittedly, I also have my struggles with releasing certain things. I hope I'm learning to live out of the fullness of life and not for the accumulation of things.

There is a concept of giving, thereby growing up, becoming complete. Scholar and novelist Jonathan Cahn wrote, "When you're a child, your purpose is to receive more than you give. But when you

become an adult, your purpose is to give more than you receive. Only those who give have become complete."

So, does that mean giving away Al's junk is completing me? I would like to think so.

That explains a lot. It's not about years of living, but it's about years of giving. Older people who haven't learned to give freely haven't grown up yet. If that concept is true, which I believe it is, if they aren't givers then they haven't realized their completion.

Our eldest daughter and son-in-law come home every year from California. This year, just like so many years in the past, Keith, our son-in-law, spends his vacation helping around the property, then setting up a garage sale. My daughter edits my books and updates my social media. They give more than they receive and are finding their own completeness. We are totally indebted to them both for their generous hearts.

Life has to consist of more than just acquiring things. I'm coming to find that life is more a depiction of who we are, what we can do, achieve and, yes, how we can bless others by extending our blessings to others. In fact, we are finding we are blessed beyond ourselves.

Erma Bombeck, American humorist who achieved great

popularity for her newspaper column from mid-1960 until the late 1990s, writes, "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'"

Dying at the young age of 69, Bombeck lived a completed life. She gave. She is gone, yet the talent given to her was gifted to us through her writings and still remains in our hearts today.

The book of Matthew in the Bible states, "Freely given, freely give." Maybe that's why I keep writing a weekly column and producing books. Perhaps Bombeck was on to something. Not only can we bless others with our wares and collectibles, but also through talents given to us.

Final brushstroke: Garage sales. I could take them "and" leave them. As for my Sweet Al, he feels he is being completed through a process of appreciating what he has then passing it along to someone else. For me, well, I get to come along side my Sweet Al for a weekend and try to be nice doing something I could live without. It's certainly never been about making money. It's about Sweet Al and even myself, finding our own completions. Maybe that's what living well really means: receiving, giving and growing up.



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Water in the form of the Great Pagosa Hot Spring was one of the main lures for people to settle at Pagosa Springs. A group of those settlers are pictured here looking south across the springs at what was then the earliest part of the Pagosa Springs community.

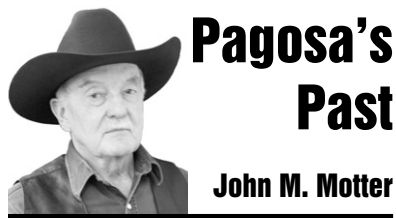
Where is the water?

Well. Here it comes again, a summer with no water. You could almost say that the history of the West was “Where is the water?” Remember the song “Cool Water” or the required high school poem, “The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner” with his words “Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink?” Here goes. We’re gonna talk about water and the lack thereof. Guess why, once upon a time, John Steinbeck and his novel “Grapes of Wrath” were my favorite author and book. Easy answer: I’ve lived it.

When I was a small boy growing up in southern Oregon, my family moved a lot. My dad was a lumber mill worker, chased out of Kansas by the Great Depression and, you guessed it, the Dust Bowl.

In those days, Oregonians were busy cutting down as many trees as they could, all to be sawn into lumber. Grants Pass had several mills and a box factory in town and was surrounded by small communities with lumber mills. And, so, that’s where my dad found work, by the hour. It took a lot of hours to make \$40 a week. If the winter was too cold or too wet, or the summer too dry, the logging and mills shut down.

What my parents did when Dad got a job was to buy three or four acres on a brushy hill that wasn’t fit for farming. Out came a pick and shovel, a driveway and a flat spot for a foundation was notched



Pagosa’s Past

John M. Motter

As soon as we settled into the house — one room was enough for the parents and seven kids — our ‘34 Dodge pulled into the nearest family grocery store and a box full of vittles was charged (bought on credit).

into the hillside, a pile of lumber scraps which normally would have been burned at the mill showed up next to the flat spot, out came a hammer, level, hand saw, tape measure, roofing square and a coffee can full of assorted nails and pretty soon a tar paper shack replete with string-laced glass cloth windows and a hole in the roof for the stove pipe attached to the wood stove smiled down the driveway to

greet any visitors. There wasn’t any running water or electricity yet, but those weren’t absolute necessities. There was room for Pedro, the mongrel family dog, to get under the house. Pedro was the burglar alarm whose barking woke us up if somebody or something was approaching.

As soon as we settled into the house — one room was enough for the parents and seven kids — our ‘34 Dodge pulled into the nearest family grocery store and a box full of vittles was charged (bought on credit). In those days, it was easy to charge or sign a counter check. And so, a few months passed and then the mill shut down. Because the grocery bill was more than the family income could handle, title to the property was signed over to the grocer to pay the bill with the idea that we could live there until Dad went to work again. When that happened, they bought another piece of land — a couple of hundred dollars an acre — and the cycle started over.

The only change was, I’d reached the eighth grade and the parents decided I needed room of my own. And so, they bought a 12x12 Army surplus tent and that was Pedro’s and my home until I graduated from high school and joined the Air Force in 1953. From then on, at age 18, where and how I lived was up to me.

More next week about “Where is the Water?”

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Thursday, July 26

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.

Computer Class: Photos to the Cloud. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. We will discuss and practice saving photos and videos to the cloud using a variety of platforms. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. 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. 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.

Sand Art. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-12th grade. Join us to create colorful sand art. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACECmanager@gmail.com for more information.

Wildfire Preparedness. 5:30-7 p.m., CSU Extension office. Learn how to protect yourself and loved ones from the threat of wildfire. This presentation will walk you through the process of how to manage vegetation, get your home prepared and how to plan for evacuation for people and animals. Call 264-5931 for more information.

San Juan Stargazers Telescope Clinic. 6 p.m., Visitor Center. This is an opportunity to bring a telescope that you need help with. We are asking that you call 335-8286 to reserve a telescope expert no later than

July 25. Your expert will then be waiting for you at 6 p.m. For more information, email sjstargazers@gmail.com, visit www.SanJuanStargazers.com or call 335-8286.

Thingamajig Theatre 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.

San Juan Stargazers. 7-8:30 p.m., Visitor Center. Come before 7 p.m. for treats and to socialize. For our program, we are using the series of lessons called "Our Night Sky," taught by astronomer Professor Edward Murphy of the University of Virginia. The lesson is titled "Observing the Moon and the Sun" and is valuable for our group. For more information, email sjstargazers@gmail.com, visit www.SanJuanStargazers.com or call 335-8286.

Friday, July 27

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.

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. On June 22, we will discuss "Calling Me Home" by Julie Kibler. Call 264-2209 for more 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 Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance,

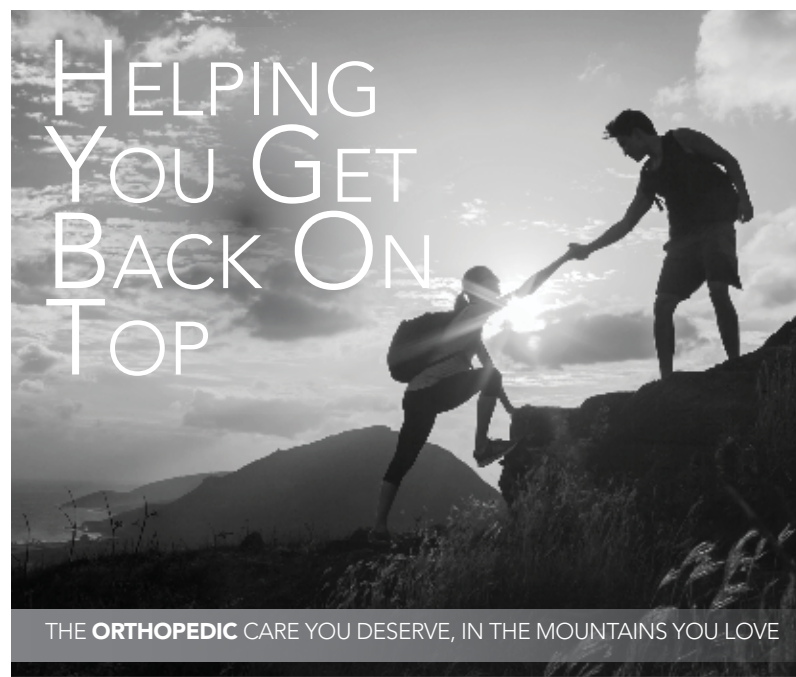
strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Summer Reading Party. 4:30-6 p.m., Sisson Library. All ages. Join us for live music, crafts and refreshments. Grand prize winners will be announced, and you must be present to win. Call 264-2209 for more information.

African Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. The African Children's Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. The program features well-loved children's songs, traditional

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Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Little Shop of Horrors.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. A deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical. The meek floral assistant Seymour stumbles across a new breed of plant he names Audrey II — after his coworker crush. This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Seymour as long as he keeps feeding it, blood. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out-of-this-world origins and intent toward global domination. For more information and tickets, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Full Moon Program. 7:45 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program occurs against the backdrop of the Great House Pueblo at the top of Chimney Rock Mesa. The program includes an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site, such as the ancestral Puebloan culture, archaeoastronomy theories or area of geology. Then, guests watch the full moon rise to the music of Charles Martinez's Native American flute. For more information, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

Saturday, July 28

Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County Golf Tournament: 'Golf With a Military Slant.' 9 a.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. There are many prizes to be won through a variety of military-related contests and challenges. The cost is \$75 per player, which

includes green fee, golf cart and lunch at the end of the tournament. Sign up at Pagosa Springs Golf Club or pick up a form from any member. You can also download the sign-up sheet from the website: www.vetsmemorialpark.org. For more information, contact Val Valentine at 946-6086 or Pagosa Springs Golf Club at 731-4755.

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. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk. 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Suite B-15. All are welcome.

Crafting Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Pinkalicious the Musical.' 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Pinkalicious can't stop eating pink cupcakes, despite warnings from her parents. Her pink indulgence lands her at the doctor's office with pinkitis, an affection that turns her pink from head to toe, a dream come true for this pink-loving enthusiast. But when her hue goes too far, only Pinkalicious can figure out a way to get out of this predicament. For more

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Cogged wheel
- 5 Hit hard
- 10 Mumbai princess
- 14 Wheel shaft
- 15 Long-necked wader
- 16 Something in the air
- 17 Like some changes
- 19 2012 film set in Tehran
- 20 Ethically indifferent
- 21 Button accordion
- 23 Part of a list
- 25 "Nail" anagram
- 26 Insertion mark
- 29 Will Smith title role
- 32 Like some goodbyes
- 35 Token of peace
- 38 Tell a whopper
- 39 Cornmeal cake
- 40 Dreadlocks wearer
- 41 Part of the Hindu trinity
- 42 Toupee, in slang
- 43 Tuba cousins
- 45 Cop to
- 47 Disney dwarf
- 48 Pearl Jam bassist Jeff
- 49 Unknown author, briefly
- 51 Counter covering
- 53 Traveler's document
- 57 Pasture pile
- 61 Ceremony
- 62 Like healthy food
- 64 It may be big or bright
- 65 Revolutionary group
- 66 Small wild ox
- 67 Microbe
- 68 2001 film, "_____ at the Gates"
- 69 Watch over

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- 1 Big bash
- 2 Midterm or final
- 3 Additionally
- 4 Labrador's job
- 5 Bullock film, "_____ You Were Sleeping"
- 6 Farm layer
- 7 Lily variety
- 8 Sheep shelter
- 9 Mournful chime
- 10 Band tour toter
- 11 It may give you a rush
- 12 Scrapped, as a mission
- 13 Pressing need?
- 18 Flat finish
- 22 Solemn vow
- 24 Plunder
- 26 Coconut meat
- 27 Audibly
- 28 Big-top bigwig
- 30 Cattle catcher
- 31 Still in one piece
- 33 Split apart
- 34 Leavening agent
- 36 Sib for sis

- 37 Haberdashery item
- 41 Rather
- 43 "Knock it off!"
- 44 Saintry circles
- 46 Trousers measurement
- 50 Time being
- 52 In a chilling manner

- 53 Stuffed shirt
- 54 _____-de-camp
- 55 Horse coloring
- 56 IV part
- 58 Coniferous tree
- 59 Knowing, as a secret
- 60 "Good grief!"
- 63 Ewe's mate

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Sunday, July 29

St. James the Apostle 100th Anniversary. 11 a.m., St. James the Apostle Church, Trujillo. A celebratory Mass followed by a community picnic for which meat will be provided. Raffle tickets are available around town or call Lupita Gallegos at 264-2319.

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global domination. For more information and tickets, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 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.

Monday, July 30

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 richgammill141@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.

Caregiver Support Group. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Computer Class: Google Maps. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn several tips and tricks to get the most out of Google's popular mapping application. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

High Country Squares. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Jim Park calling mainstream and plus dances. A plus workshop will be held before the dance at 6 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, contact Steve Keil at 731-0044 or Jim Park at 731-9910.

Tuesday, July 31

Tai Chi Class. 8 a.m., St. Patrick's

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We regret to announce that after five wonderful years we must close our medical marijuana store. This has been a very difficult decision to come to terms with, especially since our medical marijuana store is where it all started. The market for medical marijuana is on a downward trend across Colorado. Amidst declining sales for the past several years, we resolved to keep the medical store open as a service to the public here in Archuleta County, as long we could, especially since we are the last one.

Unfortunately, the time has come for us to close. We want to convey our thanks to all of you in the community of Pagosa Springs for supporting this business and giving us our start.

**Pagosa Therapeutics Medical Marijuana store
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Effective immediately we will be selling all medical inventory at greatly reduced prices. Since we are already deeply discounting all medical products, we are discontinuing ALL member benefits. Regarding the loyalty program benefits for our current patients, your loyalty points will be available to use until the store closes. However, no new points will be granted. The punch cards we use in the recreational stores will be available to all medical patients effective immediately. They will only be available for redemption however, in the recreational store.

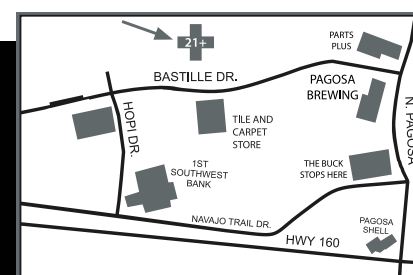
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CRUISE-A-THONG

PREVIEW photos/Randi Pierce

Scene ... at the return of the CRUISE-A-THONG. After taking a year off, the annual event made a return to the downtown area Saturday. Dubbed "A Race for the Average Joe," the event began with a leisurely bike ride from Town Park to Yamaguchi Park and back, which was followed by a walk to the east end of town and a trek down the San Juan River on a tube or other flotation device, with the most average time winning. Proceeds from the event, as well as the weekend's other events, benefit the Friends of the Upper San Juan River.





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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.

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Yoga Fusion Class. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., Shanghai Restaurant. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend. The cost for the luncheon is \$12. Please RSVP to 946-1895 by Sunday night, July 29.

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.

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

Broadway Gala. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Featuring the talents of the Thingamajig Theatre Company's brilliant summer musical cast performing in a cabaret-style show. Tickets are \$100 for this dressy evening, including a live auction, live music, backstage tours, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. For more information and tickets visit www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACECmanager@gmail.com for more information.

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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. For 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.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Red Hat Meeting. 11:30 a.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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Spanish Instruction. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us in this basic course to improve your ability to speak and understand Spanish. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's

Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

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Thursday, Aug. 2

67th Annual Archuleta County Fair. Archuleta County Fairgrounds. A variety of activities for the whole family. For more information, visit www.archuletacountyfair.com.

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.

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Wednesday, Aug. 1

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park

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Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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.

Archuleta Committee of the Community Foundation Presents: 'Maximizing the Benefits of Your Generosity.' 5:30 p.m., The Springs Resort Ecoluxe conference room. A seminar bringing Jeff Gott, chief operating officer of Petra Financial Advisors. A certified financial planner with a rich history in the nonprofit sector, Gott will be addressing questions related to: Giving strategies that take the new tax laws into consideration, advantages of establishing a Donor Advised Fund and maximizing the impact of your generosity. Reservations are requested. Call Jan Johnson at 485-0573 to secure your place.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 7 p.m., PLPOAVista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Dr. Ron Sandler will speak on "Third World Orthopedics." Light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome. For more information, visit www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org.

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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.

Cardboard Construction. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. We'll have cardboard galore ready to be transformed into anything you can think up. Call 264-2209

for more information. **DUST2 Back Yard Race Series: Bushes Pumptrack Classic.** 6 p.m., 301 Stevens Circle.

Thingamajig Theatre 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.

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God's grit: Love sticks

By Mark Thompson
Special to The PREVIEW

All I really need to know I learned in Sunday school.

I'm not talking about the details of crossing the Red Sea, the Boy with the five loaves of bread and two fishes, or when Moses saw the burning bush. What I'm talking about is, well, I need to give you the setting first — the cultural milieu, if you will.

I lived in a small town comprised largely of my family and a few hooligans. Our church was also comprised of my family and a few hooligans. It is worth noting that some of my family members were also the aforementioned hooligans.

Throughout my life, we attended this tiny, country church in rural Colorado. In fact, it was a Pentecostal Holiness Church (please allow those images to settle in). We faithfully attended Sunday morning service, Sunday night service and Wednesday night prayer meetings. The only observable difference was the length of the sermons. Not to put too fine a point on it, but Sunday and Wednesday nights felt a little more like someone was winging it. The moniker "prayer meeting" simply was church-speak for mid-week service.

Part of Sunday mornings included an activity known as Sunday school. This was the 45-minute class involving moral instruction from an adult to a room full of attentive children, or something to that effect. My Sunday school room was populated by myself, my brothers, Mike and Joel, and cousins, Kelly, Dara, Vance, Sharon Jo and Scary Larry (more on him another time). There were also at various times appearances by the likes of Kevin Greenlee, Randy Hanson and John Mark Eden.

Maybe one of the instructive keys is we were not angelic. For just one example, when it was time for water baptism (full immersion, thank you very much) in a cold, dark lake — the metaphor of "baptism into death" was not difficult to grasp when you were seriously uncertain whether you would survive a plunge into those waters, we walked as a single line into the water. We were holding hands, not so much as illustrative of the unity of the Body of Christ as for self-preservation. When John Mark's bare toe touched the water, he exclaimed, "Holy (blank)! This water is cold!"

A Matter of Faith

At the reception after the service, I looked up and saw my Sunday school teacher coming through the door. She gave me the best hug and there were tears again, but this time the source was sentiment and wonder and joy.

I suppose I should leave everyone else be and confess that I was no saint myself. Several years ago, when the wife and I were figuring out our stance on spanking, we talked to our parents. Now, mind you, spanking when we were children in the '60s was a common occurrence. Nowadays, it is as odd as a millennial without a tattoo or finding a doughnut fried in lard in Boulder, but in those days it was the norm. When we asked Becky's dad if he had spanked her, the conversation went like this:

"Did Becky ever get a spanking?"

Her dad replied — somewhat indignantly, "She got one every time she needed it!"

"But Becky cannot remember ever being spanked."

"That's because she never needed it!"

It is rough being married to a saint. This is the conversation when we asked my mom the same question:

"Did Mark ever get a spanking?"

"I spanked him so often I had

a real fear Social Services was going to take him out of our home. Sometimes he would get three or four spankings a day!"

All this is a setup for what it looked like in our Sunday school classroom. We had a few different teachers over the years, but one stands out as the "main" teacher who stuck with us, Linda Kay Eiler. I didn't compute this until much later, but she was only in her early 20s back then. She was smart, funny, caring and vulnerable in a way that only a roomful of junior high boys could sense and exploit.

In this moment, I don't know if we were mean or just mischievous. I do know that, on occasion, we made her cry. Let us let that soak in a moment: we caused our Sunday school teacher to collapse into tears. Now that I've had a career in education I can say this confidently: for every breakdown in public, there are 25 more done in private.

Here's the thing. Linda kept coming back and kept trying to teach us lessons. And teach us she did. As I mentioned, what we learned from her is not the facts and minutiae of the Holy Scriptures. What we learned, absorbed as it were, was this gigantic, life-altering, stabilizing, important life-lesson: Love sticks. It sticks around, it sticks it out, it perseveres, it displays grit. Grit is a buzzword in education that essentially means, "courage and resolve; strength of character."

I know God loves me. I know He doesn't run off or take a break or even take a nap. I know He displays grit towards me. I know because I learned His love not in my intellect from a book or from a lecture. I learned God's love from a human who kept showing up and displaying courageous love and affection, even if we were clearly undeserving.

My brother, Mike, died this last fall. At the reception after the service, I looked up and saw my Sunday school teacher coming through the door. She gave me the best hug and there were tears again, but this time the source was sentiment and wonder and joy.

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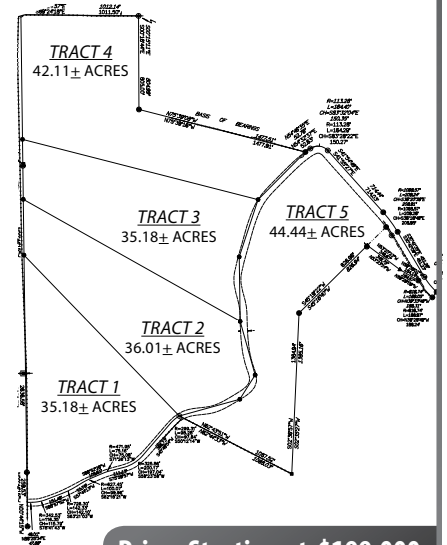
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New Thought topic: learning to reframe in a world of worry

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

“If one would take time, once a day at least, to let go of all that is not true and lay hold of reality; let go of doubt, distrust, worry, condemnation and fear, and lay hold of life in its expression of beauty, truth and wholeness, his mental congestion would be healed.” — Ernest Holmes.

In the fast-paced world in which we live, mankind is faced with huge amounts of information. The amount of sensationalism coming from news sources can be overwhelming. Putting it all into perspective takes introspection and deep consideration. It may feel natural just to accept worry and fear as a consequence of the troubling news that comes to us from diverse types of feed. Some tend to internalize these feelings and find that they manifest in illnesses. The most recognized these days are depression and anxiety.

Yet, in spite of all this, there are great leaders of our day and those in the past who inspire us to look beyond the hype, sensationalism and confusion to develop discernment.

In the ancient wisdom of the Bible, we have this quote from Psalm 119:165, “Great Peace have they that love thy law; nothing shall offend them.”

Please join Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) this Sunday, July 29, at 10 a.m. as Janie Garms brings our message. Together we will find what works for us to reframe our concerns into positive constructive ways to live our lives.

Garms is a registered nurse of 35 years. She has been a member of Unity of West Texas (Unity Worldwide Services) in Odessa, Texas, since 1999 and has been a member of PCNT since 2016. The combination of Western medicine and New Thought allows her to bring messages of insight, thought determination and healing in spirit

and body.

Unity 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.

PCNT holds Sunday services each week at 10 a.m. at the Momentum Fitness building, 40 N. 15th St.

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Wildfire workshop set for this evening

Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Hooray for the rain. The precipitation events in the last couple of weeks have allowed us to breathe a little easier. And with a forecast of having a chance of rain every day for the next couple of weeks, it makes us feel a little safer about fire.

While the thunderstorms are also bringing lightning and new fire starts, the humidity is high and fires are easily controlled and put out. But are we still threatened by fire?

The answer is yes. Fires can strike at any time, in a variety of conditions, from a variety of causes. When the rains stop and



we go back to dry conditions, the threat of fire is very imminent. This moisture is buying us a little time to get our homes and property prepared and our family planning done in the event of a wildfire.

You can learn how to prepare and plan for wildfire in a workshop being held this evening, July 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension office.

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defensible space, and how to prepare your family and animals for an evacuation. There will be opportunities to sign up for volunteering, too. Call the Extension office for more information.

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What should your child read this summer?

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Do you have a plan to make sure your child has lots of reading opportunities this summer? Several studies have documented a “summer slide” in reading skills once kids go on summer vacation. And the loss compounds each year.

Research offers a surprisingly simple and affordable solution: Bring your youngsters to the library and let them choose their own books.

In a three-year study, researchers at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville found that simply giving children access to books — and allowing them to choose books that interested them — had a significant effect on the summer reading gap.

Children who chose their own books and those who were given activity and puzzle books were tracked for three years. Those who could select their own books posted significantly higher test scores than the children who received books from others. The effect was equivalent to a child attending three years of summer school. And the difference in scores was twice as high among the poorest children in the study.

Another of the notable findings of the study was that children improved their reading scores even though they typically weren't selecting the curriculum books



or classics that teachers normally assign for summer reading. That conclusion confirms other studies suggesting that children learn best when they are allowed to select their own books.

Bottom line: What should your children read this summer? Bring them to the library and let them decide for themselves, because any books will do.

Did you know ...

Did you know that your library has several computers available for public use? These computers are available to all, even if you do not have a library card or do not live in Pagosa Springs.

There are 12 computers available in the main area of the library. There also are two computers located in the teen area. And, for our youngest guests, there are two early literacy computers in the children's area. Visit with any of our friendly staff members with computer questions and to gain access to a computer.

This “Did you know ...” section is the third in a series being prepared by Cindi Galabota, development officer, that appear monthly in “Library News” columns. We hope you find the information interesting and helpful.

To learn more about your public library, call 264-2209 or email to ruby@pagosalibrary.org.

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It's never too late until it's too late.

Archuleta County Fair

The Archuleta County Fair will be Aug. 2-5.

Open classes are available for all Archuleta County residents. Admission costs \$4 for adults and \$2 for youth 12 and under. You can purchase wristbands \$12 for adults and \$6 for youth. Tickets can be purchased at the gate.

All information can be found on the website at www.Archuleta-CountyFair.com.

CPR and first aid classes

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

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

tomorrow, Friday, July 27, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for your library's free all-ages closing party.

Prizes will be given out — but you have to be present to win — and everyone will enjoy live music from the Narrow Gauge band, food, crafts and a cake walk.

For the youngest children (0-4 years), the grand prize is a box full of books and early literacy music toys. For children kindergarten through sixth grade and also for teens, the prize is a ukulele (one for each age group). The adult grand prize is a \$100 gift card.

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.

Literary Ladies tomorrow

This free book-lovers' group — formerly the Senior Book Club — meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Tomorrow, Friday, July 27, they will discuss “Song of the Lion” by Anne Hillerman. Stop by your library to pick up a copy. For more information, contact Marilyn Stroud at Bakestroud@aol.com.

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.

Adult education summer schedule

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Free tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Computer/technology classes

Join us on alternate Mondays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. for free sessions to learn a technology skill or application. July 26 is saving photos to the cloud using a variety of online platforms. July 30 is Google maps.

LEGO Club

Please note there will be no LEGO Club on Saturday, July 28.

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.

Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults.

How-to and self help

"What to Read and Why" by Francine Prose is a collection of writings on the pleasures of reading and the talents of the author's favorite writers. "A Walk in the Wood: Meditations on Mindfulness with a Bear Named Pooh" by Dr. Joseph and Nancy Parent offers life lessons from slowing down and being present

moment by moment. "Help Your Kids with Computer Science" is a DK step-by-step family guide to computers, coding languages and social media.

Other nonfiction

"The Lost Chapters: Reclaiming My Life, One Book at a Time" by Leslie Schwartz is the memoir of a novelist saved in jail by the stories around her, in books and from her fellow inmates. "Cancerland: A Medical Memoir" by Dr. David Scaddon tells about people facing cancer and promising new therapies and drugs. "The Promise of the Grand Canyon" by John F. Ross documents John Wesley Powell's perilous journey and his vision for the American west. "The Man Who Climbs Trees" by James Aldred is the memoir of a wildlife cameraman for the BBC and National Geographic. "American Indian Myths and Legends," selected and edited by Richard Erdoes and Alfonso Ortiz, provides a panorama of the Native American mythic heritage. "New Zealand" is a DK Eyewitness Travel guide.

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Bird of the Week



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the rufous hummingbird.

Spring is filled with the seemingly docile comings and goings of black-chinned and broad-tailed hummers to our backyard feeders and garden flowers; exciting no doubt, but fairly serene. And, then, uh huh, here comes the rufous, all 2.5 to 3 inches of 'em (smaller on average than the other two species), seeking not only the tubular wildflowers and small insects in our yards, but also bullying and dominating our feeders for the copious and precious nectar that we so willingly provide.

The males sport a noticeably almost copper tone on their backs and bellies, white tie and the scale-like neck feathers (or gorgets) of brilliant red and orange. Immature birds and mature females wear a typically more subdued olive green and rufous casting on their back and flank feathers and occasionally don a small orange patch on their throat.

These guys run an amazing migratory loop. They work up from Mexico and points south in the late winter and spring, then through the Pacific coastal lowlands to as far north as Alaska for breeding season. They then work inland to the Rocky Mountains to catch the wildflower nectar wave in late June, July and August, only to head southeast for fall.

This year, they were first spotted here in the third week of June. They are hugely effective pollinators, as they widely graze through different regions and offset flowering seasons.

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I've never had a bad day

By **Daris Howard**
Special to The PREVIEW

One of my colleagues at the university where I work, Dr. Garth Waddoups, is one of the most positive people I know. One day, he shared the reason with the professors and the students.

He started by asking if anyone had had a bad day. Many students said they had. He informed us that he had never had a bad day. He then went on to explain why.

Waddoups, besides teaching animal science, is a practicing vet. One day, an immigrant family of parents, children and grandparents all brought in a scruffy white and black dog.

Waddoups said, "You have never seen such an emaciated mess in all your life. He had one red, swollen eye and what looked to be a large dirt clod on his head. His coat was dirty and unkempt and he was very gaunt."

One small child spoke English and interpreted for an older woman. "We want you to fix Cholo."

Waddoups was shocked. "You want him fixed?"

"Yes," the old woman said. "He's broken."

He realized that by "fixed," they meant healed. The woman went on to say that they had put Cholo to sleep a week earlier. Waddoups was concerned that he had done

it and something had gone wrong. But the family assured him that was not the case.

This time the mother, in broken English, began to explain. "A week ago, Cholo ran into the road and was hit by a car. It didn't kill him, but he was badly hurt. His eyeball was popped out and his skull was fractured. We could see his brain. We knew he could not live and so my husband's friend took him into the desert and put him to sleep."

Waddoups asked, "How did he put him to sleep?"

She answered that he had shot Cholo five times.

Waddoups commented, "He must not have been a very good shot."

"Oh, no," came the reply, "Cholo was dead and we buried him in a shallow grave."

Waddoups was becoming more perplexed at this bizarre story and asked how the dog got home.

The woman answered, "An hour ago, the phone rang and my husband's boss said, 'Your dog is out here and he doesn't look very good. You better come and get him.' We tried to explain that it could not be our dog, that he had been dead for a week. But he said he was sure it was our dog and that we had better come down. It was Cholo and so here we are."

Waddoups was still not sure

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Novels

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7	1	3	6	2	5	8	9	4
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ANSWER:

The science of lightning explained

By James Pringle
Special to The PREVIEW

Every thunderstorm produces lightning. Lightning is simply a giant spark that moves within the cloud, between the clouds or between the cloud and the ground. As lightning passes through the air, it heats the air rapidly to a temperature of about 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit. This causes a rapid expansion of the air along the lightning channel. This rapid expansion causes a shock wave that we hear as thunder.

Thunderstorms will form if there is sufficient moisture and instability in the atmosphere. As the sun warms the air near the ground, pockets of warmer air begin to rise and cool. Condensation of water vapor causes cumulus clouds to form. Continued heating can cause these cumulus clouds to continue to grow upward into the atmosphere. Towering cumulus clouds may be one of the first indications of a developing thunderstorm. The mature thunderstorm has both an updraft of rising warm air and a downdraft of sinking cool air accompanied by rain and sometimes hail.

Thunderstorms grow tens of thousands of feet into the atmosphere. Within the

thunderstorm, precipitation forms as ice crystals, graupel and rain. Collisions between these particles causes electrical charges to separate, with the positively charged ice crystals carried up into the updraft, while the negatively charged heavier graupel are carried downward in the downdraft. With time, the top of the thunderstorm becomes positively charged and the lower part of the thunderstorm becomes negatively charged.

Due to the pool of negative charges in the lower part of the storm, a pool of positive charges will develop along the ground and follow the cloud base like a shadow. Farther away from the cloud base, but under the positively charged anvil, a strong negative charge may be induced along the ground.

Cloud-to-ground lightning can either be a negatively charged flash or a positively charged flash. The negative flash usually occurs between the negative charges in the lower part of the storm and the positive charges on the ground under and near the cloud base. Positive flashes usually occur between the positively charged upper levels of the storm and the negatively charged area on the ground surrounding the storm.

In the negative cloud-to-ground flash, a negatively charged step leader forms and begins to move

down toward the ground. As this step leader approaches the ground, streamers of positive charge move upward from the Earth's surface. When these upward streamers meet the step leader, the connection is completed and the result is a cloud-to-ground lightning flash. The entire process takes place in fractions of a second.

If you are near, or under a thunderstorm, and your hair rises, you are in an area where the positive electrical charges are rising up objects toward the storm. You are in a very dangerous location, because lightning may be about to strike.

The process for a positive flash is similar except that a positive channel usually originates in the anvil of the storm and surges downward. In this case, streamers of negative charge shoot up to meet the positively charged channel as it approaches the ground. When a connection is made, a positive flash of lightning occurs.

While both negative and positive flashes of lightning can be deadly, the positive flashes generally are more destructive as they typically deliver more overall electrical charge to the ground, and they remain in contact with the ground surface for a relatively longer period of time as compared to a negative cloud-to-ground flash.

The best advice in order to minimize your risk of becoming a lightning strike victim is to get indoors into a substantial shelter the second you hear thunder, and to remain there for at least

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Bad

■ continued from previous page what they wanted and asked, "So you want us to put him to sleep?" The mother became anxious, and began to shake her head. "No! No! Cholo is a good dog! After all of this, he came home to us! We want you to fix him."

Waddoups said that Cholo truly had had a bad day. In fact, Cholo set a new standard for bad days. He had been hit by a car, had his skull fractured and his eyeball popped out of its socket. He had been taken out into the desert, away from his family, and shot five times. Then, to end this

bad day, he was buried alive.

Even though it didn't end up being too much of a problem to heal Cholo, Waddoups said, "With Cholo as my standard, I would submit that I have never really had a bad day."

As I thought about what Waddoups shared with us, I thought about how I sometimes complain and feel sorry for myself. But I resolved that through this next year and from now on, whenever I do, I will choose a different thought.

I will think, "This is a good day because I am not Cholo the dog."

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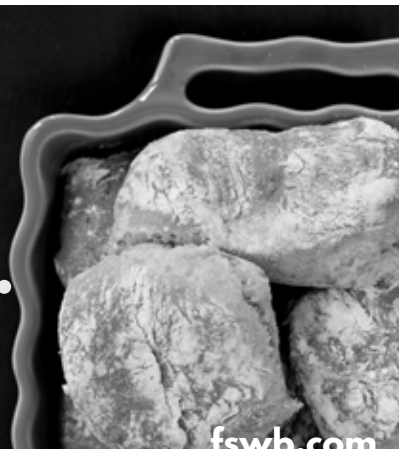


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Senior Center to host falls-prevention program beginning in September

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

A Matter of Balance is an award winning falls-prevention program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falls.

The classes help participants to: view falls and fear of falling as controllable, set realistic goals for increasing activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and promote exercise to increase strength and balance. You can benefit from the classes if: you are concerned about falls; have sustained a fall in the past; you restrict activities because of concerns about falling; you are interested in improving flexibility, balance and strength; you are age 60 or older, ambulatory and able to problem solve.

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center is please to announce our fourth Matter of Balance program. The Matter of Balance program lasts eight weeks. Classes are on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 5. Each class is from 9 to 11 a.m. Snacks will be provided. Class size is limited. Please call 264-2167 for more information or to register. Classes are free.

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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

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30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder. In general, "When thunder roars, go indoors." An enclosed hard-topped automobile is also a very safe place to be during thunderstorms.

NOAA's lightning website, which contains abundant information on lightning safety, can be found at: www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov.

Lightning information specific for Colorado can be found at: www.weather.gov/pub/lightning.

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be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing the course, so consult your insurance agent for details.

The Senior Center is hosting a class on Aug. 17 from 1 to 5 p.m.

AARP membership is not required to take the course.

The classroom course costs \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers.

To register, visit aarp.org/findacourse (the Senior Center staff will be glad to help you register).

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: CMS retreats on enforcement policies

By Kay Kaylor

As the part-time long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life.

Unfortunately, effective July 15, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reversed policies on the enforcement of nursing home violations of certain federal laws due to lobbying by the long-term care industry. Lobbyists have also succeeded in delaying enforcement of new regulations.

The state health inspections of licensed long-term care homes are based on specific rules with penalties determined by the amount of harm done to residents. The new CMS guidance states that civil monetary penalties will be optional unless a violation leads to serious injury, harm, impairment or death to a resident. The regional office determines the level of deficiency. According to the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care, this change contradicts the purpose of enforcing such laws: "to prevent harm in the first place."

Now the regional office also can decide if the nursing home will more likely comply if a certain remedy is imposed, rather than imposing a required

remedy. It can consider if the violation is a "onetime mistake." Also, substandard quality of care and food safety violations that previously would have triggered an immediate remedy now are excluded.

The likely results of these changes are fewer, smaller and less frequent penalties, particularly fines. Why does this matter? It means more facilities might get away with substandard care of your family members, friends or even yourself in the future because they are willing to pay lower fines to keep operating with subsidies from Medicare and Medicaid.

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

Memberships

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

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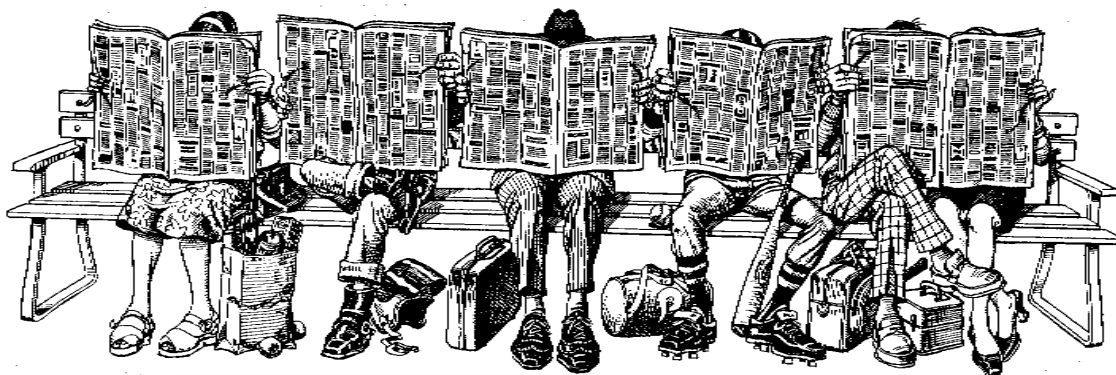
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San Juan Symphony announces season 33

By Kathy Myrick
Special to The PREVIEW

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We will kick off the 2018-19 season on Oct. 6 and 7 with Hungarian arabesques, flashy Russian dances and the glorious Second Symphony of Jean Sibelius. Featuring our principal bassoonist Denise Turner for Weber’s charismatic Rondo Ongarese, we journey over rugged and exotic musical landscapes with performances at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College in Durango and Montezuma-Cortez High School in Cortez.

The young Johannes Brahms was supposed to write Beethoven’s next great symphony. Overcoming the intense scrutiny of his works, he managed to create a majestic “First Symphony” that combines thunderous bombast, tranquil serenity and sublime redemption. We match the energy of Brahms

with Leonard Bernstein’s uplifting choral work “Chichester Psalms,” featuring a large combined choir with singers from both Farmington and Durango. The concerts will be performed at the Community Concert Hall in Durango on Nov. 3 and Henderson Performance Hall in Farmington, N.M., on Nov. 4.

Experience symphonic storytelling on an epic scale as the San Juan Symphony presents brilliant and familiar showpieces. With the tales of the Arabian Nights so vividly portrayed in “Scheherazade,” the childlike simplicity of Maurice Ravel’s “Mother Goose” makes a delightful contrast. The program features beautiful solos for our symphony musicians, and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s “Romeo and Juliet” fantasy overture will be played side by side with local students at Henderson Hall in Farmington and the Community Concert Hall in Durango on Feb. 23 and 24, 2019.

What better way to celebrate the energy and power of the symphony orchestra than through the titanic music of Gustav Mahler. A greatly expanded San Juan Symphony will present two iconic works from Mahler’s early period, showcasing his brilliant integration of simple melodies into complex musical textures. Baritone Michael Hix joins for the delightful “Wayfarer Songs,” and then the orchestra itself takes center stage for Mahler’s “First Symphony,” nicknamed “The Titan.”

This concert will be presented at Henderson Hall in Farmington and the Community Concert Hall in Durango on April 6 and 7, 2019.

All ages are welcome to enjoy a family-friendly introduction to the symphony orchestra, featuring Sergei Prokofiev’s timeless story, “Peter and The Wolf.” Join us in the lobby one hour before each performance for a free instrument petting zoo, hosted by San Juan Symphony musicians. Performances will be held in Farmington, Bayfield and Durango on Sept. 15 and 16. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Kids under 14 are admitted free.

Enjoy Tchaikovsky’s beloved “Nutcracker Ballet” with live music by the San Juan Symphony on Dec. 7, 8 and 9. The State Street Ballet of Santa Barbara returns with its lavish production for another series of Durango performances presented by the Community Concert Hall. Heuser will conduct all four live performances featuring the Durango Children’s Choir and local student dancers from Durango Ballet.

For Community Concert Hall tickets, please call the ticket office 247-7657 or visit www.durangoconcerts.com. Season tickets are 50 percent off for first-time buyers in Durango. For Farmington tickets, call the Henderson Hall box office at (505) 566-3430.

For additional season details, please visit www.sanjuansymphony.org.

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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, July 26 — Hot chicken salad, roasted broccoli, zucchini

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Friday, July 27 — Roast beef, gravy, potatoes au gratin, honey garlic green beans, dinner roll with butter, milk and salad bar.

Monday, July 30 — Turkey sandwich, apple/broccoli salad, chilled asparagus soup, milk, salad bar and iced lemon cookies.

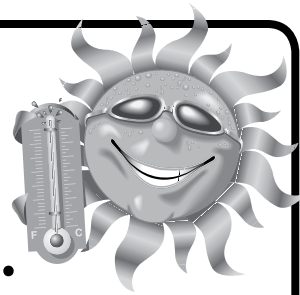
Tuesday, July 31 — Beef stroganoff, cauliflower snowflakes, maple glazed carrots, milk, salad bar and chocolate mocha cake.

Wednesday, August 1 — King ranch chicken, charro beans, zucchini medley, milk, salad bar and snickerdoodle cookie.

Thursday, August 2 — Crunchy baked catfish with tartar sauce, corn pudding with green chili, coleslaw, milk, salad bar and pumpkin muffin.

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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HILLSIDE INN- HELP WANTED. Night Auditor and second shift Front Desk Receptionist. Applicant must have good communication skills, great customer service, and must be computer literate. Prior experience is a plus. Please email your resume to hillsideinnpagosa@gmail.com or pick up an application at the HillSide Inn front desk.

CAFE COLORADO ACCEPTING APPLICANTS for evening staff. Apply at Cafe Colorado.

HELP WANTED

HELP NEEDED AT TWO Chicks and a Hippie. Line cook, a baker and a barista. Come by between 12p.m. and 2p.m. for application.

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POSITION AVAILABLE: COMMUNITY LIAISON: Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association offers a true opportunity to have a positive influence within our community. This position is one of the most visible in the community. More than anything, it entails personal contact with residents and owners and as such will require exemplary verbal and written communication abilities to aid in the process of education regarding common interest communities. The incumbent will be responsible for subdivision inspection, reporting, processing and follow-up of property violations and to creatively assist owners in finding solutions to bring their properties back into compliance. This is a full-time position with an hourly wage of \$16-\$17 per hour, depending on experience, plus a great benefit package. Please bring a resume to our Administration office at 230 Port Avenue, Pagosa Springs or submit through email karen@plpoa.com. Resumes must be received by August 3. If you have questions, you may call (970)731-5635, ext. 202.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR. Archuleta County accepting applications for the position of County Administrator. Visit www.archuletacounty.org for details. This is a FT position with excellent benefits. Salary \$94,266- \$131,976. Submit application and resume to Human Resources PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, fax (970)264-1879 or email to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

FULL-TIME COOK NEEDED. Must have experience. Please apply with Kevin at The Buck Stops Here Market & Eatery.

CORRVALUES CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL is looking for RN, LPN or EMT to fill full-time and PRN positions. Competitive wages and housing offered. Please contact Lindy Stone at (575)588-7350 or email at LStoneCV@yahoo.com.

THE TILE & CARPET STORE seeks applicants for a full-time, warehouse /sales position. Candidates must be friendly, with good customer service, multi-tasking, and organizational skills. Must have basic computer knowledge and the ability to lift 50+ lbs. Email resumes to thetilestorepagosa@hotmail.com.

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following job openings with complete job descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Elementary Stepping Stones Therapist (open until 8/7), Family School Spanish Teacher (open until 8/7), Family School Specials Teacher (open until 8/14), Substitute positions as Teachers, Assistant Teachers, Bus Drivers, Custodial and Cafeteria. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

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CHECK OUT THIS AMAZING part-time opportunity! Join our dynamic, fast growing team as our part-time Scheduler Support person, assisting with scheduling, phone calls, reporting, and data entry. We will train the perfect candidate in this entry level position. Approximately 20 hours per week. Join the "Leader in Excellence" winner for 2018, Visiting Angels!... and LOVE what you do! Send resume to hr2pagosa@visitingangels.com. Need more info? Call (970)264-5991.

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COLE'S MEAT PROCESSING hiring full-time/ part-time help from August- December. Please call 264-2426 or stop by 495 Hwy. 84.

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HELP WANTED

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LANDSCAPING. Still looking for the right people. Be part of the team that's making Pagosa beautiful. Qualifications: Desire to do great work; transportation. Call Buck at 946-0996.

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ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. 214 PAGOSA ST. Looking for a full-time or part-time Catering Chef. Off-site catering experience necessary. Please apply in person Monday- Thursday with Chris.

ELITE RECYCLING & DISPOSAL LLC Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Seeking full-time or part-time CDL drivers for waste and recycling operations. Must hold a Class A or B license. Minimum of two years CDL experience required and a clean driving record. This position is eligible for a sign on bonus of \$1,000 to be paid after completion of one year of accident free employment with Elite Recycling & Disposal. Elite offers competitive pay based on experience. Please email qualifications and experience to jobs@elite-recycling.com or call at (970)731-2012.

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a **PreOp/ PACU RN.** The PreOp/ PACU RN is responsible for coordinating and managing patient care for surgical patients throughout the preoperative and postoperative phases. They will administer diligent care to surgical patients via assessment, monitoring, and intervention including care for the post-operative patients recovering from anesthesia (general, regional, and local). They will provide support, education, direct care to patients, and act as a liaison between the surgical team and the patient families/support systems. Using comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to patient care, the PreOp/ PACU nurse works closely with the entire surgical team. The PreOp/ PACU registered nurse may serve as a: (1) Preoperative Nurse, (2) Post-Anesthesia Care Unit Nurse, (3) Conscious Sedation RN, or (4) Pre-Admission Testing (PAT) Nurse depending on level of experience and training. Three (3) years nursing experience and knowledgeable about nursing practice in the perioperative setting or intensive care unit. Experience working in gastroenterology endoscopy setting preferred. Applications may be picked up at PSMC registration or downloaded from www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER has openings for **Nutritional Services Workers** to prepare and cook food for hospital patients, staff, and visitors. Must have a flexible schedule and willing to work nights and weekends. We are looking to fill a part-time/ PRN position. Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

NEW LANDSCAPE COMPANY NEEDS someone to work. Must have a valid drivers license, be strong, no drug use. Will pay well depending on experience or once trained. Monday through Thursday, 6:30a.m. to 4p.m. (806)570-2881.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPATCHER. Archuleta County is currently accepting applications for a full-time and part-time Emergency Services Dispatcher. To view full job description, visit (www.archuletacounty.org). Submit application and resume to Human Resources, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or fax (970)264-1879 or email to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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LANDSCAPE COMPANY SEEKING QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES. Dreamscapes is now accepting applications for our 2018 landscape season. Positions include Crew Foreman, managers and general laborer positions. Competitive wages and year around work available. Please send resume to Supplypagosa@gmail.com or call (970)403-5219 for additional information.

PEAK DELI IS HIRING line cooks. Grease free, shift meals. Energetic, upbeat people who are looking for long term employment. Please apply in person, no calls.

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PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE- F/T position. No experience necessary. Competitive pay/benefits. Energetic. Dependable, multi-tasker a must. Submit resumes to Rocky Mountain PT 35 Mary Fisher Cir.

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LOOKING FOR AN EXPERIENCED cabinet maker in all phases of custom woodwork. CNC operating experience is a plus or we will train. Call Tim Brown Construction, (970)946-2768.

YARD SALES

FRIDAY 8/ 3- ONE DAY only. Moving sale. 70 Grenadier Pl. 8a.m.-2p.m. Tables, desks, chairs, small furniture, wall hangings, kid bike, picture frames, bedding, decor items and more.

STORAGE MOVING SALE. Reduced prices. Canadian pine 8 drawer chest, \$85. Corner display case, \$50. Plants, pictures, movies, books, 25% off. Alpine Storage Units #16, #22. across highway from Ace. Friday, Saturday, 8a.m.-1p.m.

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

YARD/ CLOSING SALE. Photos by Nancy is closing her studio. Photos for sale at greatly reduced prices! RV, household and other treasures. 663 Evergreen Dr., Aspen Springs 3. Friday and Saturday, 8a.m.-12p.m. Cash only.

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 8A.M. TO 2PM. 160 Echo Dr. off Hwy, 84 in Loma Linda.

SATURDAY, 8A.M.-1P.M.. MULTI FAMILY. Lots of RV stuff, 2 Polaris ATVs, treasures you can't live without. 1135 Park Ave. Whispering Pines Unit #804.

MOVING SALE THIS FRIDAY, Saturday and Sunday, 7a.m.-noon. Furniture, kitchen, games, movies, baby, kids, men's and women's clothes and jewelry. 1871 Antelope Ave.

MOVING SALE, SATURDAY 7/28 10a.m. at 249 Coronado Circle. Desks, furniture and household items. No early birds! 946-2352.

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HUGE FAMILY SALE. ANTIQUES, 1969 Shasta camper, bicycles, camping gear, furniture, horse tack, kitchen items, luggage and much more. 628 Cloud Cap Ave. Saturday, July 28, 8a.m.-1p.m.

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE. Friday and Saturday, 7a.m.-11a.m. 240 Paciente Pl.

SALE MULTI FAMILY. JULY 28, Saturday, 8a.m.-1p.m. only. No early birds. Variety of items, moving. 575 Antelope Ave.

GARAGE SALE. 176 N. 14th St. Friday, Saturday, 9a.m.-4p.m. Furniture, lamps, household items, hardware, etc.

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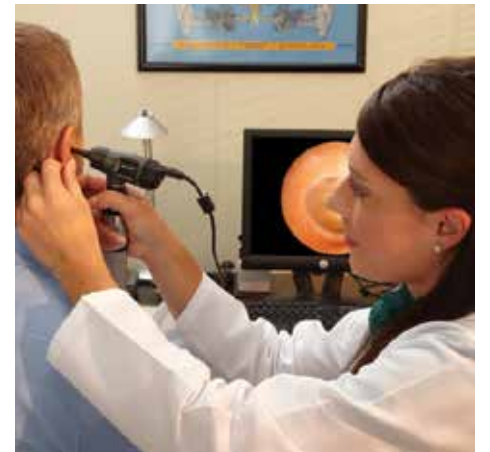
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