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PAWSD projects entering stage 1 drought restrictions

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) projects entering into stage 1 drought restrictions next week, the week of Aug. 27.

Currently, PAWSD is in a voluntary drought management stage; however, if the amount of available lake water drops to 70 percent, stage 1 mandatory drought restrictions will be enacted.

According to a PAWSD press release, the total cumulative available lake water for treatment and delivery stands at 74 percent.

Stage 1 drought restrictions limit outdoor irrigation to the hours between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.

These drought restrictions also come with a drought surcharge of \$7.68 per equivalent unit.

The press release also details lake levels, a drought update, diversion

■ See Drought A8



Catch that hometown spirit. Pagosa Springs Athletic Booster Club officers Amy Wilson and Al Wylie present Daniel Puskas with a Pirate flag last week. The club members went door-to-door last week hanging flags for local businesses to display on game days in support of the Pagosa Springs High School Pirates.

Photo courtesy Allison Wylie

Interest shown in adding county to High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Interest in having Archuleta County join the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) has been recently expressed by a congressman.

U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton expressed an interest in adding Archuleta County to the national HIDTA program.

“Tipton is also working to extend the HIDTA designation to Montezuma and Archuleta counties,” states an April 25 press release titled “Tipton testifies on the importance of funding for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program.”

According to the HIDTA section of the Department of Enforcement Administration (DEA) website, the HIDTA program was created by an act of Congress as a part of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

The program “provides assistance to Federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions of the United States.”

■ See Trafficking A8

CMAS results: Percent of students who met or exceeded expectations								
	Archuleta	Archuleta Change from 2017	Alamosa	Bayfield	Durango	Ignacio	Montezuma-Cortez	State Average
Math Grade 3	24.8	+6.7	33.7	21.6	30.9	6.3	24.5	39.1
Math Grade 4	24.8	+9.2	25.0	19.2	26.8	10.1	17.0	33.9
Math Grade 5	28.7	+3.5	25.8	22.0	33.6	10.0	13.1	35.5
Math Grade 6	12.1	-2.4	13.6	29.2	29.4	12.7	12.1	30.4
Math Grade 7	20.0	-3.0	17.8	22.4	27.4	11.9	*	28.8
Math Grade 8	30.9	+2.4	18.6	31.3	38.7	12.3	12.8	28.2
Pagosa Springs Elementary School Math Grades 3-4	27.2	+11.2						
Pagosa Peak Open School Math Grades 3-4	6.8							
ELA Grade 3	29.1	+15.3	31.7	27.0	35.3	25.4	26.6	40.4
ELA Grade 4	29.0	+6.3	40.2	28.8	45.6	20.3	26.7	46.1
ELA Grade 5	39.1	+12.0	48.5	42.5	55.9	12.0	24.9	47.4
ELA Grade 6	28.2	+0.8	27.6	56.2	47.6	31.0	20.7	42.8
ELA Grade 7	39.7	+15.5	35.4	55.1	53.9	37.3	34.4	46.6
ELA Grade 8	44.3	-1.9	27.7	55.2	54.8	22.8	30.4	43.8
Pagosa Springs Elementary School ELA Grades 3-4	31.1	+12.7						
Pagosa Peak Open School ELA Grades 3-4	13.8							
Science Grade 5	35.2	+11.7	29.1	27.6	47.3	18.0	16.5	35.5
Science Grade 8	36.0	+6.4	13.9	32.3	39.6	14.0	14.5	31.2
Science High School	13.2	-10.7	23.7	26.2	40.5	12.5	12.3	24.1
PSAT/SAT mean score results								
PSAT Grade 9	865		877	883	908	787	794	902
PSAT Grade 10	894	-33.2	901	977	952	814	852	944
SAT	994	-7.5	996	1016	1044	845	925	1014

Numbers listed above include all applicable schools within each district as provided by Colorado Department of Education and Archuleta School District.

Assessment data shows growth, room to grow for schools

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

With the release of state-, district- and school-level results from the 2018 state-wide administration of standardized tests, comparisons can be made between Archuleta School District (ASD) and other districts in the state in a variety of subjects.

According to a press release from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), about 555,000 students from third through 11th grade were assessed last spring.

Third- through eighth-graders took the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) tests in English language arts (ELA) and math.

Fifth-, eighth- and 11th-graders took CMAS tests in science, and fourth- and seventh-graders from sampled schools took the CMAS social studies test.

Ninth- and 10th-graders took the PSAT, test while 11th-graders took the SAT test.

This year, results for ASD show growth in the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations, but these CMAS results also show that, in many grades, ASD still does not meet the

state average.

However, the growth results for ASD in the CMAS and PSAT/SAT tests show consistent growth results that sometimes exceed the state average.

Results for all 178 school districts and approximately 1,800 schools can be found on the CDE’s website.

Included in this year’s results for the first time are the math and ELA results for Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) grades three and four.

Results for the ELA, math and science tests can be found on the chart on the front page.

Social studies

This year, seventh-grade students took the social studies test, which is administered every three years.

Last year, fourth-grade students took this test. Nine percent of seventh-grade students met or exceeded expectations on this test.

The state average for meeting or exceeding expectations for this test is 15.7 percent.

PSAT and SAT

This year is the first year that the CDE has administered the PSAT test to ninth-grade students.

ASD Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares, who oversees curriculum, explained that the reason why the PSAT is now being offered to ninth-grade students is because the test can be tied to a learning plan.

In its first year of administering the PSAT9 test, ASD saw 153 students take the test, which is a 91.5 percent participation rate.

The mean scores for ninth-grade ASD students on individual parts of the PSAT9 test are as follows:

- Evidence-based reading and writing: 435 (state average 454).
- Math: 429 (state average 448).
- Overall: 865 (state average 902).

ASD also saw 112 10th-grade students take the PSAT10 test, for a 97.3 participation rate.

The mean scores for 10th-grade ASD students on individual parts of the PSAT10 test are as follows:

- Evidence-based reading and writing: 453 (state average 479, last year’s total 476).
- Math: 441 (state average 465, last year’s total 451).
- Overall: 894 (state average 944, last year’s

■ See Assessment A9

CDOT, town begin U.S. 160 visioning process

By J. Williams
Staff Writer

“Anyone who gets behind the wheel of a car becomes a traffic engineer,” said Julie Constan of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), eliciting laughter from attendees at CDOT’s recent visioning process meetings for the downtown traffic corridor.

“In all seriousness,” Constan continued, “the opinions of local drivers who go back and forth through Pagosa every day could be the most important input we receive before moving forward. You experience the

problems firsthand, so who better to offer practical engineering solutions for that corridor?”

What she refers to as “that corridor” is the stretch of U.S. 160 that comprises the length of highway passing through downtown Pagosa Springs, between 1st Street and 10th Street.

Constan is CDOT’s traffic and safety engineer selected to turn a number of reconstruction ideas for the U.S. 160 corridor into reality, pending funding. She and her CDOT consulting team joined Pagosa

■ See Visioning A8

June sales tax report shows increase of more than \$200,000 in retail revenue

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The sales tax information for June of 2018 has been released, with sales tax collections coming in at about 3.4 percent higher than June of last year.

That 3.4 percent, according to Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton, is about \$33,802 higher than June of last year.

The gross amount of the June sales tax was \$1,024,523.37. The town’s share was \$510,552.19, according to a report issued on Aug. 13 by Walton.

According to Walton, on a year-to-date basis, from January through June, revenue was 6.87 percent, or

about \$300,772, higher than it was in the same period last year.

The June report also provides data relative to year to date 2017 to 2018. That information reveals the following “significant” variances.

Revenue generated from retail increased 12.7 percent, which is \$282,306.

Accommodations and food service industries increased by 1 percent, or \$7,864.

The “miscellaneous” category listed an increase of .4 percent, or \$3,216.

Construction increased 16.3 percent, or by \$13,070.

■ See Sales A9

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Keep information public

Last month, through a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request, The SUN asked that Archuleta School District (ASD) release the details of a settlement pertaining to a 2017 case filed against the district.

ASD Superintendent Linda Reed denied the CORA request, stating: "The record you request contains personally identifiable information about a specific past or current student of the District and is therefore classified as an educational record under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. sec. 1232g. Accordingly, the District cannot release such a record without the parents' permission under 20 U.S.C. 1232 g (b)(1) and (b)(2)(A) and 34 CFR 99.30. We note that this request does not fall into one of the exceptions listed in 34 CFR 99.31, as incorporated into CORA at CRS 24-72-204(3)(e)."

The SUN was perplexed as to why ASD would claim the details of a settlement in a lawsuit filed by a student's parents would be part of a student's "educational record."

We were even more perplexed as to why the district didn't just take a Sharpie marker and redact the "personally identifiable information" and provide the details of the settlement to the public.

The public has the right to know how public funds are being expended, including in the settlement of legal claims by the entity's insurance firm.

In 2017, The SUN requested details of the settlement from the plaintiff's attorney and were informed via email that "... the final settlement terms will not be disclosed."

In 2018, The SUN became aware of a case involving Douglas County School District (DCSC) in which the district refused to disclose a settlement to The Denver Post when the newspaper requested details. DCSC officials contended that a confidentiality provision prevented the district from disclosing the settlement.

Steve Zansberg with Ballard Spahr LLP pointed to case law that showed government entities in Colorado cannot withhold from disclosure public documents, such as settlements to litigation, by entering into a contract. Those documents were subsequently released to The Post.

The SUN sought assistance from the Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition, Colorado Press Association and attorneys Matt Thornton and Zansberg in obtaining the details of ASD's settlement.

Thornton asked for reconsideration of Reed's denial: "The School District's reliance on FERPA to withhold the settlement agreement is impermissible under well-established Colorado law and contrary to the long-standing practice of other school districts to routinely disclose settlement agreements in which students at those federally-regulated institutions are identified by name. The settlement agreement here does not contain any information that directly relates to any student's participation in educational programs at her school — it merely states that her claims for monetary relief against the School District have been resolved and that her parents agree to, among other things, dismiss the case they filed against the School District and release all claims in exchange for receipt of some specified consideration. Thus, the settlement agreement is not an 'educational record' as defined by FERPA."

ASD's attorney responded, "Because the document requested contains information protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the District cannot disclose it. However, the District is able to tell you that the parties settled all disputes for a total of \$15,000, which was paid by the District's insurer, not with any District funds."

Additional details reported in last week's SUN were also released in a subsequent email from the attorney.

The SUN chose not to argue the district's FERPA claim since we obtained the information we felt the public should know concerning the settlement.

The settlement terms should have never been withheld and should have been open to the public and provided in a manner that didn't require obtaining legal counsel.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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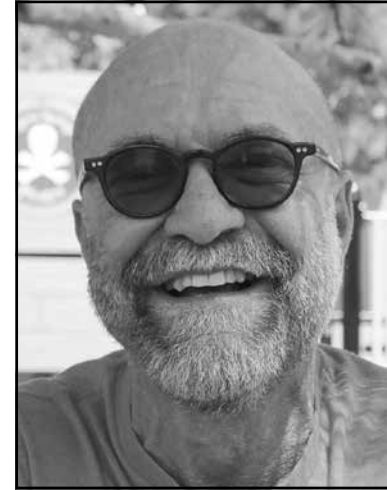
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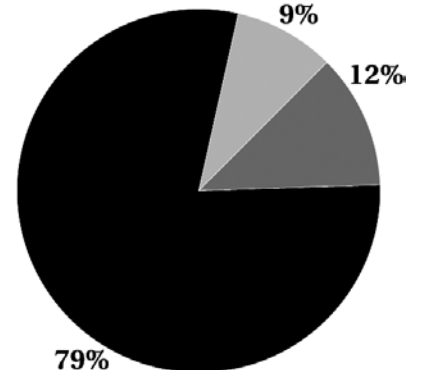
Alex Henneman
"We drove past it."



Marcia Bledsoe
"Not this season."



Randy Case
"I didn't. I went out there with my dogs, and they said no dogs allowed, but I'm thinking about going back tomorrow."



Poll results (131 Votes)

Yes. — 12 percent
No. — 79 percent
No, but I plan to. — 9 percent

This week online: What should be done with the historic Water Works site following the restoration of the original structure?
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LOOKING BACK



From the June 12, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. **CLEANUP WORK** — Boy Scouts and their leaders have undertaken several cleanup days in the past few weeks. Last Saturday they gathered up all scrap boards, debris, and litter at Stevens Field airport and burned it. The airport presents a much neater appearance now as a result of the efforts of the Scouts. This is but one of the community services the Scouts and their leaders undertake.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 24, 1928

Buck O'Neal and Dr. Vernon Breedlove came down from East fork Sunday with an assortment of trout that were the envy of everyone. The largest weighed about 7 pounds and was caught by Vernon, who is having the big native mounted and sent to his offices in Kansas City. The next largest weighed 5-1/2 pounds, while there were none less than one pound in weight.

Many of the fans are anxious to see Vernon Breedlove, featherweight wrestling champion of the world, here on vacation from Kansas City, and Homer McKinley of Pagosa Springs, lightweight champion of Kansas and Colorado, in some kind of a match before Dr. Breedlove departs for his eastern home. If sufficient interest is manifested, both have expressed their willingness to engage in a match.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 27, 1943

The Citizens Bank which had been operating in the Commissioners' room at the Court House since its building was destroyed by fire in May, moved over the week-end into their new building and are now nicely settled and again ready to serve their patrons in their new building. Rebuilt in the same location as the former building, the new bank consists of one story brick and stucco finished in buff. The large vault was not destroyed by the explosions and fire, but was torn down and rebuilt with more modern material, using hollow tile for additional air space. The interior of the building is finished with fiber plaster and painted pastel green and ivory with a black chain border. The public is cordially invited to call and inspect this new and modern banking institution.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 22, 1968

It will be back to school for teachers and students next week. That just about takes care of the summer and fall can be expected. Fall is ordinarily one of the nicest times of the year in this country and the term "fall" does not mean bad weather here. It just means that the hot summer is over and crops, flowers, and gardens better be harvested before the frost gets them.

Hail last Wednesday was almost deep enough in town to make one think it had snowed. For a man with little hair, such as this writer, a hail storm of that proportion isn't a very pleasant affair, especially out in the open.

A sudden cold snap seems to have ended the daily rains. There are still scattered showers in the area, but the downpours are no longer with us.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 26, 1993

Commissioners Alvin Cannady, Bob Formwalt and Bill Tallon unanimously agreed to the three-point maintenance and road construction policy that the road advisory committee developed Aug. 16. In order to direct more county monies, manpower and equipment towards maintaining existing county roads, the commissioners under the new policy will "exclude new construction or improvements beyond the original construction of roads and bridges that are maintained" by the county when developing the Road and Bridge Department's 1994 budget. Under the new policy, construction of roads, bridges, or other major improvements will be funded by voter approval and/or grants "and will be contracted to qualified private contractors."

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Letters



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Ambassador

Dear Editor:
Cody,
My name is David Arnold from Houston, Texas.

On Tuesday August 7th while coming down Wolf Creek Pass I hit a small (tennis ball) size rock and down went my drivers side front tire.

I pulled off to the side of the road, put on my flashers, and was about to call 911 for road side help. I look in my rear view mirror and their is one of your wreckers with its lights flashing. A very polite your man , I cant remember his name came up and ask if I need help.

Yes, I said and showed him my blown tire.

He had a pickup truck on his wrecker and said, I need to go drop off this vehicle and I'll be right back.

And he was ... with in 10-15 minuets he was loading me up and towed my car to your shop.

The Lady at the front desk had the tire ordered out of Denver within a very short period of time. And I ask for the phone number for a taxi ... we don't have on in Pagosa Springs she said.

The driver said I can take you to a motel.

He helped me unload my suitcases cooler and travel bags took me to the motel, and help carry

them up stairs.
Then they call me the next morning and say "your cars ready, when can we come pick you up.

Wow ... what a wonderful ambassador your company is for the state of Colorado and the city of PagosaSprings.

Thank you so much for helping me out.

Oh one more thing your prices ... were very reasonable.

David Arnold

'Common sense'

Dear Editor:
Holy Cow, by the letters you would think President Trump is the anti-Christ.

Let's put some "common sense" to this. We may not like him personally, but you folks expected Presidents Clinton Bush and Obama to be judged by their accomplishments. Here is a list of some of them. Actual accomplishments.

1. President Clinton actually having sex with an intern in the White House and then lying to the Grand Jury resulting in losing his law license and impeachment.

2. How about all the allegations if rape, etc.

3. Here is the bad one: authorizing the sale of missile guidance software to China. Talk about harming our country.

4. Bush saying he had seen Putin's heart. Come on.

5. Now Obama: How about the covering up of the IRS playing favorites.

6. The entire administration lying about Benghazi.

7. What was up with Eric Holder, former Secretary of DOJ not prosecuting the 4 "New Black Panther" guys who were standing around waving night sticks at a voting station? Was that intimidating?

8. Why did the Obama gang spy and try to prosecute journalist?

9. What about the selling 20% of the US reserves of nuclear material?

10. How about Hillary's reset button, how did that work out?

11. What, no outrage over the \$145 million to the Clinton foundation?

12. Then there is Bill's speaking fee. Oh did I mention. Both the contribution to the Clinton Foundation and Bill's gigantic speaking fee was paid by the Russians. Did the Russians buy the Clintons? I think so, bought and paid for in full

13. Then there's Hillary and her erased e-mails, Huh.

14. And now, all the evidence of that administration trying to stop Trump. If you do not think there is a consorted effort by the deep state you are unwilling to look at the evidence.

I could go on and on, however, the point is made.

All there is against Trump are accusations, bad language and some would say being a creep. So, you don't like him, too bad. Everyone should like the economy. Rolling back many excessive regulations. Strengthening our military. Calling for Immigration reform based

on merit.
Finally, if this country is so bad why are so many millions of people trying to get here.

Let's have discussions based on facts, not rumor and stop yelling.

Bob Ashworth

Blind supporters

Dear Editor:
Trump's supporters are absolutely blind to his destruction of our ideals, moray's morals & nation. Like Melania, they abhor bullying, yet they kowtow, crawl and succor his name & recognition when he calls a critic a "dog, low life, etc." Yup, that's standing on your own two feet.

Today Donald revoked the security clearance of a lifelong patriot who was, among other positions, Director of the CIA; but John Brennan has friends: "Former CIA director John Brennan, whose security clearance you revoked on Wednesday, is one of the finest public servants I have ever known. Few Americans have done more to protect this country than John. He is a man of unparalleled integrity, whose honesty and character have never been in question, except by those who don't know him. Therefore, I would consider it an honor if you would revoke my security clearance as well, so I can add my name to the list of men and women who have spoken up against your presidency," Army General McRaven (managed the raid that got Osama Bin Laden).

51% of Republicans support Trump's statement ... Fake News ... Public enemy No.1 is the free press ... so says Donald. In 1787, the year the Constitution was adopted, Thomas Jefferson wrote to a friend, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Now, whom do you believe, the Liar-in-Chief who is a coward/draft dodger, thief, pervert, destroyer of a nation, destroyer of your children's environment, destroyer of free trade, a possible paid Russian colluder (for those fortunate never to have seen the FSUnion up close ... forget the pee tapes Putin might have on him) and preener whose biggest decision in the morning is what makeup to put on ... or ... Thomas Jefferson? Yes, yes I know, you choose Trump, as he's the prophet for the end-of-time. The astounding thing is his clear eyed, stare-you-in-the-face Republican supporters just can't understand why no sane moral person (globally) understands their conviction.

Dave Blake

Old pretenses

Dear Editor:
Amazing to see in the August 9 Sun issue Dave Blake quote 95 year old German, Henry Kissinger, a Jew that in 1938 barely escaped Hitler and the German concentration camps. Later, due to the lack

of German speaking Americans, as an American army private in Germany in World War II he was put in charge of the administration of the captured city of Krefeld. He saw combat and volunteered for hazardous intelligence duties during the famous Battle of the Bulge and was awarded a Bronze Star for heroism. An interesting man to read about. An internationally respected government man.

Dave quotes Kissinger as saying recently during an interview: "I think Trump may be one of those figures in history who appears from time to time to mark the end of an era and to force it to give up its old pretenses." The pretense is that the United States is the most prosperous nation around. The last time we had a debt surplus was 1975 when Gerald ford was president. But as we pretend to be prosperous, we actually borrow trillions of dollars.

According to our treasurer's records (debttothe penny in Treasury.Gov) when Obama was sworn in as President (with Pelosi as House Speaker) their debt inherited from Bush and all other previous administrations was \$10,628,881,485,510. Two years later the debt was \$14,063,512,150,448. The difference is \$3,424,630,664,938 debt increase. Divide that by 500 working days (2 year x 50 working weeks/year x 5 working days per week) in simple arithmetic is \$6,849,261,329,870; the average that they borrowed every working day. In English, that's almost \$7 billion dollars per working day. Trump

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would have us end the pretense that we are prosperous until we are.

And he's on his way to ending some causes of those deficits. Our foreign aid to dozens of other nations will be significantly curtailed. We should not give money to others when we have no money. NATO and the UN are grossly unfair to the USA; Trump will stop that. Trump is levelling the trade fields where for decades we have been running billions of dollars in trade deficits every year. Sure, foreign nations will scream. Trump is doing what we should expect him to do. Trump is also saving billions in costs of releasing American prisoners and bribing rogue nations to behave.

Kissinger was rated in 2014 as one of our most effective Secretaries of State. He was Secretary under Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon. Kissinger would have been even better under a leader like President Trump. But its not sure he would be better than Mike Pompeo who is complementing Trump most effectively.

Then there's that pretense that we are tough. When Trump promises consequences he delivers as promised. Nations of the world respect that. A good pretense to end.

Dave's final Kissinger quote was "I think we are in a very, very grave period for the world". Helping troubled nations with borrowed money will not help that.

Harris Bynum
Union City, Tenn.

Michael's story

Dear Editor:

"I'm sorry. So very sorry." As a professional woman who came up in the 60's, and was raised Roman Catholic in Toledo, Ohio I'm humbled by the recent crisis. I am no longer a person who subscribes to Catholic dogma. And, this recognition of my grief arises from the lack of genuine concern from the Catholic Church.

The Roman Catholic Church is spectacularly wealthy and retains massive control over people throughout many countries. The data of their wealth is available although skewed to avoid allowing investigators whether amateur or professional from finding the truth. As an aside: visit the Vatican in Rome. This experience will give you a viewpoint of wealth and power

that you may not have realized in the past. Personally, I'm an amateur. My credentials? I care.

About 16 years ago the Boston diocese was identified as a priestly abuse center for young Catholic children. Lawsuits were brought and settlements were reached. Millions of dollars were provided to victims. Is this enough?

I had a friend who was abused by a priest. My friend's name is Michael. His mom, Catherine was divorced, got a GED high school diploma, worked full-time, and received no child support from Mikey's father. Life was hard. When Father McCauley came to the parish and took a liking to Michael, his mom was overjoyed. Father McCauley took Mikey out to the lake and was very attentive. Catherine believed the caring was important for her son's connection with a male role model and his development. She noticed that Mikey was quiet and more subdued. Catherine thought that he was more centered and comfortable having a male caring person around him. Wow, was she unaware. This priest was sexually abusing Michael. Mikey couldn't speak about it. He was distraught, afraid, and believed there was something wrong with him. This is how these predators operate. Sexual abuse is a mechanism for acquiring power.

Michael lived a life of fear and trepidation. He suppressed the remembrance of the actual acts of sexual abuse. He was in and out of psychiatric and psychological offices. Lots of drugs later, he expressed some of what happened to him. It took 40 years before he was able to remember portions of the actual abuse. Michael was 50. He died three weeks later. Michael was my friend.

We cannot continue to live as followers of any form of religious, political, or social precept. We must think for ourselves. Question everything. Be curious. Consider others' point of view. Think for ourselves. Open our minds to possibilities, especially those that might differ from what we were taught. Let's avoid more stories like Michael's.

Constance d'Angelis

Truth and fiction

Dear Editor:

I enjoy reading the Pagosa

Springs Sun. Topics and Editorials are typically balanced with neutral opinions when possible. Letters to the Editor reflect reader views that are opposing. Thank you.

The Walter Cronkhiite era of validated news has passed and major news companies like CNN, NBC, Washington Post and NY Times have dominant political agendas. Public respect and trust for the Office of President, Senate and Congress has not existed for decades. President Trump and his staff are attacked every day. Watch the daily media briefing conducted by Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

How do people really know what is the truth and what is political agenda coverage? How does one reader claim over 4,000 lies have been told by President Trump? There must be a list some where. Maybe the Pagosa Springs Sun will send a news reporter to Washington DC so we will know what's truth and fiction.

Steven Fisher

Vote

Dear Editor:

About a year ago, I was checking out Representative Tipton's website, and prominently displayed on the first page was a national debt ticker. Indeed, it is disturbing that our national debt should be so high, and seeing this, I thought that maybe Representative Tipton actually cared about reducing our national debt.

Yesterday, I took a look at Representative Tipton's website, and the national debt ticker is no longer there. And I have to wonder, why could that possibly be?

I have to wonder whether that is because Representative Tipton voted for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2018. I did not see a single economist prior to this vote with rosy predictions on its outcome; the Congressional Budget Office itself indicated that it would probably do damage to the national debt ...

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2018 also opened the Arctic Reserve for oil and gas exploration, almost as an afterthought, to assuage some lobbyists, if I had to guess. But then again, it appears that tax cuts for the wealthy and disdain for our public lands go hand in hand with this GOP led federal administration.

Obituary

James E. Angelo

James Eugene Angelo was born in Coon Rapids, Minn., on Feb. 23, 1934, and passed away at Mercy Hospital on Aug. 15 due to complications of a broken hip and pneumonia.



Jim was a graduate of Anoka, Minn., High School class of 1952. He was a member of the National

Honor Society, National Athletic Scholarship Society, a recipient of the Bausch Lomb Award and was Senior Class President. He was in the National Guard while attending the University of Minnesota, and later in the U.S. Army. In 1969, he came to Aspen to ski with friends and stayed while managing a lodge. In Stagecoach, Colo., he married Susan Fawcett in May 1973. They discovered Pagosa on their honeymoon and moved here in 1974. Jim was a salesman for Eaton International and then the managing broker and a partner in Pagosa Realty Inc. aka Remax

Pagosa Realty Inc., until he retired. Pagosa Realty Inc. was one of the first real estate firms in Pagosa Springs, and Jim made many lifelong friends there.

In his younger years, Jim loved to ski, play tennis, hunt and joke. He was an avid reader and Broncos fan. Jim is survived by his wife, Sue, with whom he had 45 mostly wonderful years. He was a caring father to their son, Michael James. He was preceded in death by his brother, Ray, and is survived by two younger sisters, Pat Meyers in Eagan, Minn., and Marsha Cockran in British Columbia, Canada.

Jim will be greatly missed as a warm and caring friend to many. Private family services will be held.

Births

The following are the June births with parents from Pagosa Springs as reported by Mercy Regional Medical Center:

Mateo Adrian, Angelina and Rigoberto Garcia, 6 pounds, 4 ounces, 11:40 p.m., July 3.

Edison James, Donna Roque and Tyson Muir, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, 8:07 a.m., July 3.

James Vincent, Shanae and Joseph Clay, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, 9:13 p.m., July 10.

Declan Cole, Brianna and Rory Burnett, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, 8:19 p.m., July 25.

Parents are invited to submit photos of their baby and an official announcement to editor@pagosasan.com to be printed in the newspaper.

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Now, there is talk of having to "reform" Social Security and Medicare (to help mitigate the damage of giving tax breaks to the wealthy). Those two programs, Social Security and Medicare, are fully funded by you and me and every single worker (and their employers) making less than \$97,500 per year (after which the employer and employee no longer have to fund). In my mind, Social Security and Medicare are paid for by (middle class/poor) Americans to help provide for their financial and medical security as they reach a certain age. Don't worry how old that is just yet, because there is also talk of the retirement age going to 70.

This, following a party line vote led by the GOP controlled Congress in May 2017, to eliminate the rule guiding states' in providing retirement plans for the 55 million lower income workers in the United States who do not currently have a retirement savings.

The GOP wants indentured servants, not employees. They want to sell off our public lands, not respect them as our national heritage. They favor their wealthy benefactors, in lieu of voting in the best interests of the vast majority of their constituents.

Colorado mail in ballots will be out around October 15th. While I don't think Colorado has as many problems with voter purges as some other states, it might be wise to check your voting status. Remember to affix postage if needed, and that all mail mailed in Pagosa Springs goes to Denver to be sorted and sent to where it counts.

Never has it been more imperative to make your voice heard. Vote.

Holly Metzler

Disastrous resort

Dear Editor:

The developer of the proposed


"Village at Wolf Creek" has again asked the Rio Grande National Forest for increased access to the private inholding which they originally acquired in a 1986 land swap with the Forest Service. Their proposed development would create a town-sized resort adjacent to Wolf Creek Ski Area. In 2015 yet another land swap was approved which would provide them with land on Highway 160 for access. This decision was challenged in court and set aside in US District Court in 2017. It is still being appealed in court by the developer. In the meantime, they have now asked for access via a new road from Highway 160.

The Forest Service is taking comments on this new proposal until September 5. We are urging you to write your concerns to the Forest Service by that date. In our new climate of drought, dead trees and extreme fire danger, it is more important than ever to fight this disastrous resort.

Information can be found on the Forest Service website, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=35945>. There is also information and letter writing help on rockymountainwild.org, one of the organizations fighting this development. Please join us in letting the Forest Service know that it is their job to protect the forest for us and the plants and animals that depend on it.

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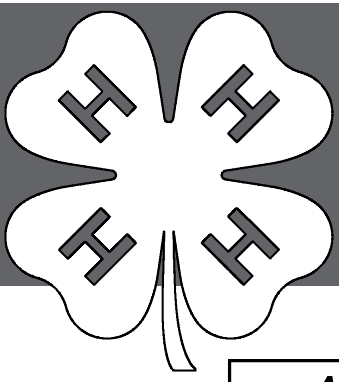
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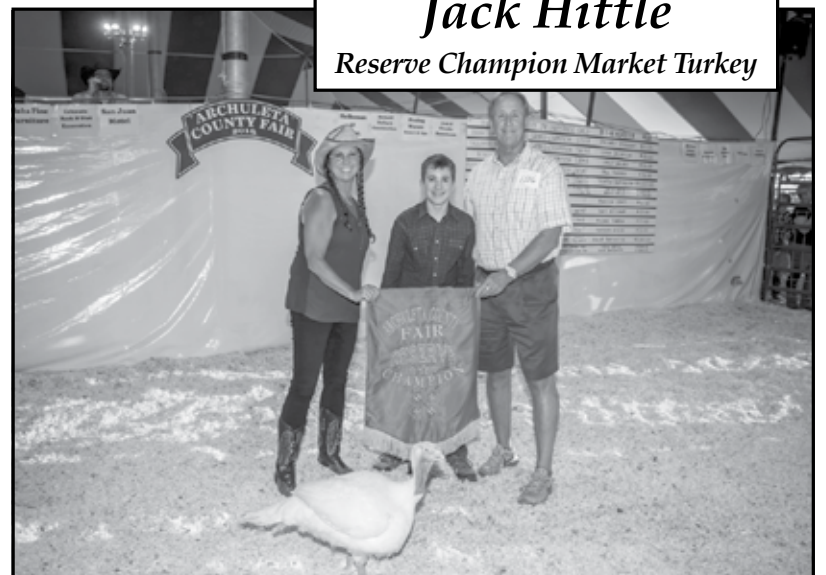
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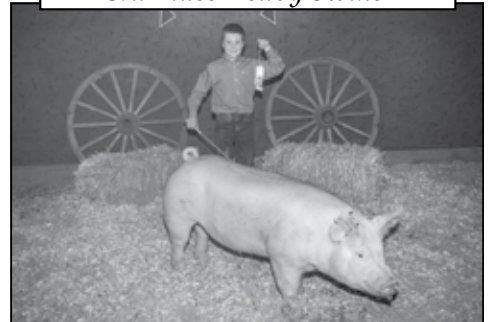
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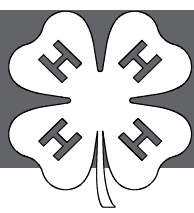
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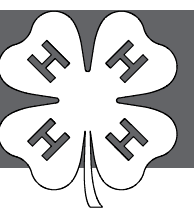
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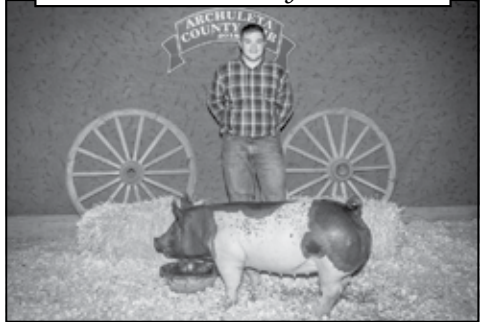
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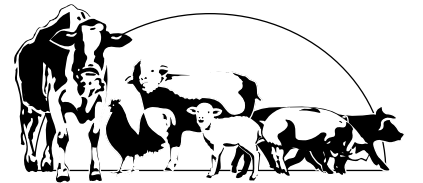
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Visioning

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Springs officials in hosting several "stakeholder" groups at the Ross Aragon Community Center on Aug. 15 to gather public feedback.

Detailed drawings covering multiple tables were presented as preliminary design proposals from Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions Inc., a Denver-based engineering consulting group. That firm will be assisting CDOT if the design plans actually move beyond vision to realization.

However, project fulfillment remains a big "if," according to Town Planning Director James Dickhoff, who explained that total funding "... remains uncertain at this time, at least until we know if the yet-to-be-defined statewide transportation ballot issue passes or fails in November. Right now, I want to make it clear that we only have enough funding for preliminary design, review and discussion."

Dickhoff explained that state officials are still tweaking the final details of the ballot issue, indicating that voters will most likely be presented with a sales tax increase that would provide enough funding to cover at least 20 high-priority transportation infrastructure issues throughout Colorado.

Unlike similar tax increase proposals in the past that were criticized for favoring projects in the Front Range over those in less-populated areas of the state, Dickhoff said, "It appears they're going to structure this ballot initiative to make sure that even if the bulk of the taxes are collected from the larger population base in the Front Range, the greatest portion of the funds raised would be earmarked for highway projects in rural Colorado."

Dickhoff added, "Our U.S. 160 corridor project has already been given precedence by the state if the ballot issue passes. That's why we're conducting this visioning process, to help us identify, prioritize and align our goals with CDOT's preliminary reconstruction plans. If the funds become available, we'll all be on the same page and ready to proceed."

For six hours, the CDOT team heard from dozens of business owners, educators and downtown residents as well as town officials, county commissioners and school district administrators. It was clear that the questions and comments directed to the engineers and designers were just as varied as the stakeholder interests of the attendees.

Dominant among the prime concerns of those present was parking. With proposals to re-stripe the road from 4th to 10th streets to eliminate one traffic lane in each direction while adding bicycle-only paths, medians, wider sidewalks and raised crosswalk "bump-outs" at intersections, Mayor Don Volger expressed the apprehension of many attendees that "... precious downtown parking spaces could be lost. We already have too few spaces."

However, CDOT Engineer Jennifer Allison assured everyone that, "With the current redesign plans, not only will the town retain the number of downtown parking spaces that already exist, but we'll actually be gaining several more."

Dickhoff echoed her comments with extra emphasis, stating, "We're very sensitive to that issue. We definitely will not lose any downtown parking."

Archuleta County Commissioner Michael Whiting pointed out a number of advantages to the reconstruction plans that he agreed with, but also raised a few concerns. Among

them was the possibility that reducing the east/west lanes between 4th and 10th streets from four lanes to two would only increase downtown traffic congestion.

"We've become a prime destination. As our community expands with more residents and more visitors, that means more cars on the road. Reducing lanes through the center of town may not be the best way to address traffic problems that could get even more complicated as we grow."

Whiting raised comparisons with similar projects in other highway-divided Colorado communities, such as Alamosa, where traffic flow was re-directed to accommodate growth by creating secondary one-way routes around the historic center of town.

"Finding a way to create a bypass through downtown Pagosa might actually make more sense than squeezing four lanes of east/west traffic into only one lane in each direction," Whiting suggested.

"Actually, what CDOT accomplished in the Boulder County town of Lyons would equate on a much more similar scale to what we're dealing with in Pagosa," he added.

According to Whiting, "In Lyons, they split off the eastbound and westbound arteries of U.S. 36 as one-way only bypasses surrounding the central business district. Traffic flow was improved while still addressing the same pedestrian safety, bicycle lanes and parking issues we're discussing here. The reconfiguration they've done in Lyons could be a good model."

Resident Matt Ford added, "Even if we don't go as far as creating a one-way bypass route through downtown, we could at least look at making 4th Street one-way southbound to avoid the chronic turning lane problems at that intersection due to heavy pedestrian traffic."

Similar suggestions for one-way bypasses were floated throughout the stakeholder meetings. But, at one point, Constan cautioned, "Although discussions of a downtown bypass may sound good, I have to tell you that the idea isn't even being evaluated at the highest level from CDOT's perspective, certainly not within the context of the current budget. And, do you seriously want to begin taking into account all the ramifications of diverting traffic in one direction away from your central business district?"

Town Manager Andrea Phillips agreed, saying, "We definitely aren't there, yet, like larger communities such as Durango or Alamosa where a downtown bypass became necessary to relieve congestion. We can certainly explore a number of ways to improve Pagosa's secondary roads to redirect traffic when needed, such as during major downtown events."

"But," she insisted, "a one-way bypass through or around downtown Pagosa is not under consideration. We don't need anything that big or that drastic when there are definitely a lot of less aggressive ways to address the issues."

To that point, several attendees gave positive reviews to the safety flag system that town officials recently added in the downtown corridor to give pedestrians greater visibility when entering crosswalks.

One resident expressed, "My kids love it. It totally works," with Phillips joking, "Would you mind putting that in writing so some people will stop making fun of it?"

Phillips pointed out that the pedestrian crosswalk flags "... are a perfect example of a solution to a problem that was very inexpensive,

very simple, and appears to be working very well. That's the same type of commonsense engineering that we're trying to address with CDOT in this entire visioning process."

Following extensive discussion of the preliminary designs, Ford questioned the CDOT representatives for a "bottom line" answer by asking, "What's driving this? Why now?"

As the lead project engineer, Constan quickly responded, "The driving force of this entire project, from CDOT's perspective, is primarily that we need to completely replace the failing asphalt on this section of highway. Additionally, it's imperative that we resolve the deteriorating condition of the McCabe Creek culvert passing under the roadway."

"Then, while we're undertaking those 'immediate need' projects, it only makes sense to correct the other traffic and safety issues along the same corridor that have been locally prioritized. By targeting these reconstruction projects simultaneously, we can reduce costs while utilizing available funding to achieve a lot more without further delays."

The faulty asphalt throughout the downtown corridor has been a perennial irritant for drivers and highway maintenance crews alike. Despite numerous repair attempts, the massive humps in the roadway and deep potholes continue to develop, especially in the vicinity of the Lewis Street intersection.

As for the McCabe Creek issue, the culvert carrying the stream directly under the roadway between 7th and 6th streets was publicly declared one of the "worst" highway culverts in the entire state of Colorado several years ago. However, the problems remain uncorrected.

It not only fails to provide the proper water flow due to incorrect construction, but the culvert walls have deteriorated so badly that the culvert presents a major risk of a "disaster just waiting to happen if it were to collapse," said Constan.

She added, "It would bring down a major portion of the highway that could have a devastating impact on public safety and traffic flow for the entire U.S. 160 corridor."

Although the McCabe Creek culvert problems have been on the community radar for many years, Phillips said, "adequate engineering solutions, difficulties obtaining private property easements, and of course, funding" have made it difficult for either the town or CDOT to proceed. But due to the growing urgency of an impending risk of collapse, CDOT has made the McCabe Creek culvert a "top priority."

Chuck Sauer, owner of the Sonoco Service Station property adjacent to the culvert on the north side of the highway, said, "All the drawings and proposals are interesting. But, we've heard it before."

Among Sauer's stated concerns are not only the culvert's deteriorating structural conditions, but from his property, he has a "bird's eye view of a lot of nasty stuff going on down in that culvert," referring to criminal activity that he preferred not to detail.

"If CDOT rebuilds that culvert and makes it even bigger, I'm sure it'll be safer for the road above. But, it'll probably attract even more people down there by just giving them more space to do stuff we don't want to see."

Despite his reservations, Sauer said he's not giving up. "Right now, I'm going to wait and see what happens, then hope for the best."

Constan was confident in stating that, "Regardless if the complete

funding ever comes through for the entire visioning process proposals, we are fully committed to get the McCabe Creek culvert completely reengineered and rebuilt on a priority basis."

Drought

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flow figures and water production comparison.

The press release, created by PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey, notes that Hatcher Lake was 55 inches from full and Stevens Lake was 116 inches from full as of Aug. 13.

Ramsey explained that the water from Hatcher Lake goes to the Hatcher water treatment plant.

"Some of it is evaporation, of course," Ramsey noted.

The water at Stevens Lake feeds Lake Pagosa, Village Lake and Piñon Lake.

"It can also feed Lake Forest, but it's not right now. We're pumping water into Lake Forest, Ramsey said.

The water from Stevens Lake is going to the golf course for irrigation purposes, as well as for the condos in the area, Ramsey noted.

Additionally, Lake Pagosa is 22 inches from full, while Lake Forest and Village Lake are 9 and 5 inches from full, respectively.

Trafficking

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"I've been pushing for this since I took office," Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez said in an interview with The SUN. "I think it's such a big need. We need help."

Valdez explained that the HIDTA would allow the opportunity for funding for equipment or personnel to fight the drug problems in Archuleta County.

Further, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) is focused currently on calls for service, which leaves little time to focus on the drug problem in the county, according to Valdez.

"The opioid epidemic is just blowing up, and it's alive and well. We have meth in our community, we have cocaine and, not only that, we have some major marijuana issues," Valdez said.

Currently, there are five counties in Colorado active in the HIDTA program: Pueblo, Mesa, Garfield, Eagle and La Plata counties, according to the National Criminal Justice Reference Service website.

Valdez mentioned that the goal was for the HIDTA designation to cover La Plata, Archuleta and Montezuma counties.

"We're trying to get it to expand to the full Sixth Judicial District," Valdez said.

Valdez explained that this was something "we're really pushing to try to get" for the entire southwest corner of Colorado. This funding would be an opportunity for resources that could move freely across each of the counties, according to Valdez.

"It's a regional epidemic that's kind of sweeping across Colorado, and the thing about it is that we

can't fight it by ourselves. We need assistance," Valdez said.

According to Valdez, this is a great opportunity for the region and multiple agencies to come together to fight this problem.

According to Tom Gorman, director of the Rocky Mountain HIDTA (RMHIDTA), talk about both Archuleta and Montezuma counties joining the RMHIDTA "came up many years ago with an informal inquiry."

However, despite Tipton's interest, Gorman told The SUN that he had not heard anything recently about Archuleta and Montezuma counties and RMHIDTA.

Gorman explained that it is difficult to qualify for RMHIDTA and "in fact RMHIDTA has decertified previously approved counties as the threat changes."

Over the past 10 years, three counties in Colorado and one in Utah have been decertified from RMHIDTA, and only one county in Montana has been added to the RMHIDTA, Gorman explained.

"There are currently 28 HIDTAs, which include approximately 18 percent of all counties in the United States and 66 percent of the U.S. population," the DEA website reads.

Valdez explained that there were benefits for the county if it qualified for HIDTA.

"Well, I think the biggest benefit is that it would ... provide additional resources to Archuleta County and additional funds," Valdez said.

The funds from HIDTA could allow for positions or equipment, according to Valdez.

This would allow the ACSO the ability to put people specifically on

the drug "epidemic," according to Valdez.

Drugs do not know boundaries, according to Valdez, and it is not specific to Archuleta County.

According to the DEA website, at the local level, "the HIDTAs are directed and guided by Executive Boards composed of an equal number of regional Federal and non-Federal (state, local, and tribal) law enforcement leaders."

According to Gorman, for a county to qualify for consideration to be designated as HIDTA, a county must show:

- The county is a center for drug trafficking with harmful impacts on other areas across the county.

- Local resources have been committed to aggressively respond to the drug trafficking problem.

- Federal resources are necessary to adequately respond to the problem.

Further, any county applying has to complete a drug-threat assessment that specifically lists the drug-trafficking problems in that area, according to Gorman.

Next, the assessment and application are reviewed by staff with a recommendation to a four-state executive board, Gorman explained.

"The board determines whether the county meets the necessary criteria," Gorman said. "If the county qualifies, it is then sent to [Office of National Drug Control Policy] for a review and analysis pending approval by a new county committee."

Attempts to reach Pagosa Springs Police Chief Bill Rockensock for comment were unsuccessful by press time Wednesday.

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Assessment

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total 927.2). Additionally, 105 11th-grade ASD students took the SAT, for a 87.6 participation rate. The mean scores for 11th-grade ASD students on individual parts of the SAT are as follows:

- Evidence-based reading and writing: 507 (state average 513, last year's total 511).
- Math: 487 (state average 501, last year's total 491).
- Mean score: 994 (state average 1014, last year's total 1001).

ELA growth reports

Additionally, the CDE provided growth reports for ASD on the CMAS and PSAT/SAT tests.

PPOS has no growth data because of how new the school is, Mijares noted.

Additionally, there is no growth data for the CMAS science test because each cohort is only tested once, Mijares added later.

According to the CDE, growth metrics "provide another view of the performance of a school, district or group of students."

The CDE also explains that growth provides an indication of what happens between assessments.

Growth rates for CMAS ELA show ASD above the median growth percentile, sitting at 62 percent, compared to last year's total of 50 percent.

Fourth and fifth grade both came in over the median growth percentile at 56 and 60 percent, respectively.

ASD has shown consistent growth for fifth grade since 2016.

However, sixth grade lies below the median growth percentile, coming in at 41.5 percent.

Last year, seventh grade was below the median growth percentile, coming in at 44 percent.

However, seventh and eighth grades this year are both above the median growth percentile.

Seventh grade went from 46 percent in 2016, to 44 percent in 2017, to 62 percent in 2018.

Eighth grade posted the highest median growth percentile average of all ASD grades in ELA.

Eighth-grade students have shown consistent growth since 2016, going from 70 percent in 2016, to 79 percent in 2017, to 85 percent in 2018.

ASD did not receive a ninth-grade growth report this year as the sample size was too small.

The state average in the median growth percentile for ELA is 50 percent.

Math growth

In the CMAS math test, ASD sits above the median growth percentile at 62.5 percent, up from 54 percent last year.

Fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth grades in ASD are all above the median growth percentile, ranging between 61 percent and 67 percent.

Sixth grade at ASD comes in right at 50 percent.

Fourth grade, in 2016, was under the median growth percentile sitting at 19 percent. However, ASD has seen fourth grade consistently improve since that time, going to 46 percent in 2017 and to 64 percent this year.

The state average for math growth is 50 percent.

PSAT and SAT evidence-based reading and writing growth

In evidence-based reading and

writing, ASD saw a slight decline from last year, but ASD still remains above the median growth percentile.

Last year, ASD collectively sat above the median growth percentile at 52.5 percent and this year that total sits at 52 percent.

This is compared to the collective state average of 50 percent.

In their first year of taking the PSAT9 test, ASD ninth-graders finished above the median growth percentile for evidence-based reading and writing at 54.5 percent, compared to the state average of 51 percent.

ASD saw its PSAT10 students sit below the median growth percentile in evidence-based reading and writing at 44 percent.

This is compared to the state average of 51 percent.

ASD did not post a sample size large enough last year to compare.

Eleventh-grade ASD students who took the SAT sit above the median growth percentile at 54 percent, an improvement from 52.5 percent last year.

This is compared to the state average of 50 percent.

PSAT and SAT math growth

Collectively, ASD sits at 50 percent for math growth on the PSAT and SAT. The state average is 50 percent. This is an improvement from last year's total of 49.5 percent.

ASD ninth-grade students in the PSAT9 test sit at 46.5 percentage. This is compared to the state average of 50 percent.

ASD's 10th-grade students in the PSAT10 test sit at 49 percent, compared to the state average of 50 percent.

Local 11th-grade students sit above the median growth percentile at 61 percent. This is compared to the state average of 50 percent. This is an improvement from last year's total of 49.5 percent.

ASD comments

Documentation provided by Mijares notes that ASD was encouraged by the trend in upward scores for ELA at the elementary and middle school.

"We were wondering about that, about the dip in sixth grade. Is there a developmental thing that we need to address? Does it have to do with how kids are accessing the curriculum?" Mijares explained in an interview.

For the focuses on this past year of testing, Mijares explained that ASD was testing the theory of the WIN (What I Need) clubs at the elementary school, having kids set goals and fine-tuning the PSAT to SAT process.

The upward trending by almost all of ASD's grades was noted by Mijares as a positive.

"I think that we're definitely working on SATs and PSATs and trying to figure out how we might bring these scores from PSAT up so that we're above the state average with our SATs," Mijares said.

Mijares' document also notes

Sales

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Real estate and rentals category was up by 6.6 percent, or \$8,091.

The June report lists the following categories down for June of 2018:

Manufacturing decreased by 6.5 percent, or \$12,270.

The information category decreased 1.1 percent, or \$1,727.

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that ASD recognizes that it has not achieved state-level performance in most grades.

"This gives us a goal to work for as we seek to continuously improve our scholastic offerings to the elementary and middle schools," Mijares' document notes.

Principal comments

"I am incredibly pleased with the growth our students are making. Three years ago, when I was fortunate enough to join the elementary staff, we had a baseline of being in the 19th percentile in math growth. I knew we could meet our kids where they were and take off with them," Pagosa Springs Elementary School Principal Justin Cowan wrote in an email to The SUN. "That's exactly what we set out to do. This year, increasing for the third year in a row, we're at the 64th percentile--14 points above the state! And, I don't believe we're finished. This is just a new starting point and we'll meet the challenge to continue teaching rigorous lessons with best practices and our kids will meet the challenge of learning at high levels."

Cowan later explained that these scores and reports are a good place to be and a nice testament to PSES students and staff.

"And, because our growth rates are increasing our achievement rates are also increasing. I'm really proud of the kids and staff. They continue to rise to the challenge at the same time we maintain a great 'Care Reigns Here' culture. I'm really looking forward to continuing to move in this direction this school year. We need to continue believing in our kids and honing our craft in the classroom," Cowan wrote.

Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) Principal Chris Hinger wrote in an email to The SUN that he was "filled with pride in our students, staff, and community when I reviewed our 2018 state assessment results."

Hinger later explained: "The results are the best I have seen in my career as an educator in Pagosa Springs. We outperformed the state in academic growth in six out of eight assessed areas. This consistent growth over the four middle school years has resulted in our 8th graders outperforming the state in academic achievement in all subject areas - math, science and English language arts."

Additionally, Hinger highlighted

Visioning

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is no assurance that funding for the entire project would ever materialize, it was clear throughout the meetings that local officials and CDOT engineers are making every effort to keep the community involved in the design process.

As Dickhoff said, "If the funds come in, we'll be ready."

At the end of the meetings, Whiting observed, "Overall, I think the current design proposals are an important start. Downtown Pagosa is the heart and soul of Archuleta County. Something has to be done to improve that corridor. If we don't seriously address the issues with solid solutions, we all suffer."

Public meetings on the visioning process will continue to be held at later dates with officials indicating that reconstruction designs will most likely "evolve" and change based upon the community input received.

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PSMS's efforts in personalized learning.

"Last year, we hired an additional teacher at both the 7th and 8th-grade levels to target students' academic needs in math and English language arts. The additional reading plus, math plus and advanced reading classes provided extra targeted support to all our students and resulted in the highest academic growth we have ever seen. Our 8th graders grew academically at the 85 percentile in English Language Arts," Hinger wrote, later noting that they will be scaling this concept to sixth grade to address academic growth and achievement gaps.

Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Principal Sean O'Donnell wrote in an email that PSHS is not pleased with the PSAT and SAT scores.

"When teachers return, we will be rolling up our sleeves, looking at our data, and as an entire high school staff, getting to work to help our students be more successful on these measures of achievement. It is important to us to create a school that prepares our students for success after high school," he wrote. "That means helping all of our students to achieve at the highest level they can. It also means providing them, as much as possible, with courses that allow them to pursue their post-secondary interests. That includes both students wanting pursue a career that requires a college degree or post-secondary training, and also our students wanting to enter directly into the workforce or military."

O'Donnell later noted that 65 of PSHS's ninth-, 10th- and 11th-grade students scored above the 75th nationally representative percentile.

"I would like to see us move more of our students into this range, but also think we need to develop some more relevant and accurate assessments for our students that choose to pursue a career in the military or enter directly into the workforce. This would more accurately reflect our overall achievement as a school," O'Donnell explained.

PPOS School Director James Lewicki was not available for comment as of press time.

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County names administrator finalists

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Archuleta County has named its finalists for its county administrator position.

The finalists are Peter Jankowski, Stephen Felty and Subhajeet Ghose.

Another candidate who was originally named as a finalist, Darren Coldwell, withdrew due to a recent medical diagnosis, according to Archuleta County Human Resources Administrator Robert Smith.

The original three candidates were announced in a press release dated Aug. 16.

The Archuleta Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is anticipated to interview those candidates again on Aug. 31.

Finalists

The following information on the finalists was taken from their resumes and is not extensive. Listed is each finalist's last three jobs and basic education.

Jankowski is the former town manager for Cave Creek, Ariz., serving in that position from 2014 to 2017. Previously, Jankowski was the town administrator for the town of Dudley, Mass., from 2006 to 2014. Jankowski served as town manager for Kittery, Maine, from June to October of 2004.

Jankowski attended the University of New Hampshire in Durham, receiving a bachelor's in resource economics and a minor in political

science in 1989. He attended the Franklin Pierce Law School, receiving a juris doctor in 1996. In 1982, Jankowski attended the U.S. Navy Technical Training Center, attending Electronic Technician's "A" and "C" schools.

Jankowski was admitted to the bar in the state and federal courts of New Hampshire in 1996 and Maine in 1999.

Felty is currently an executive analyst for the Transportation Security Administration in Irving, Texas. He has served in this position since January of 2017. Prior to his current position, Felty worked as the operations manager for Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport from 2011 to 2017.

Felty attended Pennsylvania State University obtaining a bachelor's in international relations. He continued at the same university and has a Master of Public Administration, Felty then attended U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, taking the Homeland Security curriculum.

Ghose is currently the director for Louisville Parks and Recreation in Louisville, Ky., and has served in this capacity since 2015. Before that role, Ghose was the deputy superintendent of the Willamalane Park and Recreation District in Springfield, Ore., from 2013-2015. Before that role, Ghose served as director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Davenport, Iowa, from 2008-2013.

Ghose holds a bachelor's in economics earned in 1987, and a Master of Science in Management/

Organizational Leadership earned in 2003. Ghose also attended the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Executive Program in 2012.

Interview process

The process for selection of the candidates involved executive sessions, interviews and "the Commissioners [sic] individual confidential rankings," according to the press release.

According to that release, shortly after the resignation announcement of former Archuleta County Administrator Bentley Henderson, the BoCC began "a nationwide search for his replacement."

"A total of fifteen (15) applications were received, those applications were narrowed down to five semi-finalists who had a Skype interview with the Board of County Commissioners," the press release reads.

According to an interview with Smith on Aug. 21, the BoCC directed staff to go through the applications and bring them five or six applications that met the qualifications for the position of county administrator, with those being the semifinalists in the first rounds of interviews.

The top three semifinalists, "from the Commissioners individual confidential rankings," were named as finalists, according to the release.

Names of semifinalists are not subject to disclosure, according to Smith.

Then, after the Skype interviews, the commissioners "took mental tally" and when finished they filled out a sheet, Smith explained.

All three commissioners participated, Smith noted.

"As soon as the semifinalists are named as finalists, those names become public," Smith said.

Next steps

Smith described the next steps of the selection process.

On Aug. 30, a tour of Pagosa Springs and county facilities will be conducted with Schulte and the finalists.

From 4:30 to 6 p.m., the finalists will have a "meet and greet" with selected community members.

"It's not a formal interview," Smith said.

Those selected individuals will be able to give feedback to Schulte and Smith, and the BoCC will take these observances into consideration, according to Smith.

On Aug. 31, formal interviews will be held in executive session by the BoCC.

Two other interview panels will take place that same day, including elected officials such as the sheriff, treasurer and assessor, and the county's department heads will interview the candidates, as well, according to Smith.

After that point, the BoCC will meet for an executive session at a time to be determined to discuss these interviews and observations, according to Smith.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Aug. 23

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

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

Friday, Aug. 24

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors special meeting. 6 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Monday, Aug. 27

Citizens for a New Jail. 3 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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.

Wednesday, Aug. 29

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

Pagosa Peak Open School Accountability Committee meeting. 6 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Thursday, Aug. 30

Citizens for a New Jail. 10 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Friday, Aug. 31

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting. 7:15 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398

Lewis St.

Tuesday, Sept. 4

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

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

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

Wednesday, Sept. 5

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

Thursday, Sept. 6

Citizens for a New Jail. 10 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Monday, Sept. 10

Citizens for a New Jail. 10 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Tuesday, Sept. 11

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 High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

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

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

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

Wednesday, Sept. 12

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

Thursday, Sept. 13

La Plata Electric Association annual membership appreciation luncheon. 11:30 a.m., LPEA district office, 603 S. 8th St.

Tuesday, Sept. 18

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, Sept. 19

La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors regular monthly meeting. 9 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

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Business

County unemployment steady at 2.9 percent in July

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County was unchanged at 2.9 percent in July, with 7,022 people in the labor force and 205 of those claiming unemployment.

In June, there were 7,032 people in the county's labor force, with 207, or 2.9 percent, claiming unemployment.

The total workforce decreased 10 people over the month of June while the number of unemployed people decreased by two.

In July of 2017, there were 6,818 workers in the county, of which 176, or 2.6 percent, were unemployed. July of 2018 finds the rate is up .3 percent by comparison.

Looking at the July of 2018 employment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate for the month at 5.8 percent, while Baca

and Cheyenne counties tied for the lowest rate at 1.6 percent.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate for the state increased one-tenth of a percentage point from June to July to 2.8 percent.

The number of people actively participating in the labor force increased 10,400 over the month to 3,084,900 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 8,900 to 2,999,400.

The larger increase in the labor force than in total employment caused the number of unemployed to increase 1,500 and the unemployment rate to increase to 2.8 percent.

The national unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point from June to July to 3.9 percent.

The unemployment rate, labor force participation, total employment and the number of unem-

ployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

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

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

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

Over the year, non-farm payroll jobs increased 77,700, with an increase of 68,000 in the private sector and an increase of 9,700 in government.

The largest over-the-month private-sector job gains were in professional and business services; education and health services; and trade, transportation, and utilities. The largest over-the-month declines were in other services and construction.

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

Over the year, the average work-week for all employees on private non-farm payrolls increased from 34.3 to 34.5 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$27.65 to \$28.77.

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ColorFest weekend fast approaching

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The SUN

The popular fall festival ColorFest is fast approaching with this year's event being held Sept. 14-16. The weekend promises to be exciting and fun-filled.

The morning skies will fill with the color of over 40 balloons — a number that Pagosa has not seen for quite some time. The balloons will launch from the downtown area off of Hot Springs Boulevard on Saturday morning, Sept. 15.

They will launch from the west side of town mostly near the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Recreation Center and surrounding area on Sunday, Sept. 16. Launch times are approximately 8 a.m., with the pilot briefing beginning at 7 a.m.

The Friday evening event, Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival, is sold out at this time. A few more tickets may become available at the beginning of September depending on the number of tickets being claimed by pilots and sponsors. Log onto the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce's website at www.pagosachamber.com and click on the ColorFest tab. It will let you know if tickets are available or not.

This has become a premier event as Pagosa Springs restaurants showcase just a "taste" of a popular menu item and enlighten our attendees as to the wonderful

restaurants and food variety we have in our community. There will also be live music performed by Peter, Paul and Mori.

Saturday's Music and Microbrew's event is not sold out and attendees can purchase their tickets either online or at the door. There are beer tasting tickets available for \$25, which includes beer tasting from a large range of brewers, or general admission tickets available for \$10. Wine by the glass or nonalcoholic beverages will also be available for purchase with a general admission ticket.

There is a change in the type of music this year at the event with two bands from out of the area entertaining. The first group will be CW Ayon Combo, a blues musician originally from Las Cruces, N.M. He has played at Telluride Blues and Brews and the Durango Blues train and at many other area regional locations and festivals.

The headliner will be Oakhurst, a Denver-based "guerrilla" bluegrass band. Nominated by Westword Magazine in a different category for four straight years, they garnered the best bluegrass band in 2007. They are "danceable" with rock 'n' roll and traditional bluegrass styles and will be a great addition to this year's Music and Microbrews festivities.

Saturday evening will conclude with a balloon glow in the Town Park area and the drawing for the Adventure Package Raffle. The drawing will take place at 7 p.m. in the music tent. You do not need to be present to win this fantastic prize package which includes a two-seater automatic RZR, trailer to haul the vehicle, a 2019 "Stumpjumper" mountain bike, a Malibukayak fishing kayak and a gift certificate for winter equipment just to name a few of the items. Hiking, fishing and camping gear is also included in this

stellar package.

Stop by the Visitor Center if you would like to purchase your tickets with a credit card or purchase your tickets online at www.pagosachamber.com until Sept. 10. You can't win if you don't enter.

Also on tap for the 2018 ColorFest activities is Breakfast with Balloons on Sept. 15 hosted by the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership in Centennial Park and Rise Above Violence's Color Run/Walk also on Saturday morning. Visit their websites at www.pagosagreen.org and www.riseaboveviolence.org to obtain tickets or register for the race.

With the crazy weather pattern so far in 2018, peaking of the colors is anyone's guess. But a good time the weekend of Sept. 14-16 is a sure thing with all the various activities.

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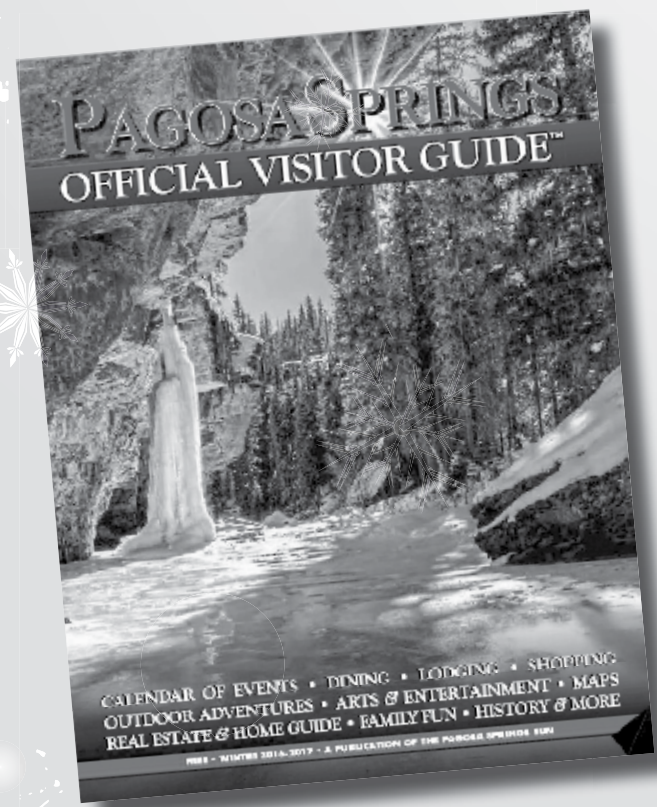
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Town's sanitation district eyes rules and regs update

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Earlier this month, the board of the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) met at a work session to provide staff with direction concerning potential updates to the district's rules and regulations.

In introducing the topic to the board on Aug. 7, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the document was last updated in 2010, when the district was still operating a treatment facility.

Since, the PSSGID has decommissioned its sewer lagoons located near Yamaguchi Park and a pipeline was installed that moves the wastewater collected by the PSSGID to the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) main campus for treatment.

Phillips noted that, with the change, the PSSGID no longer has to follow rules and regulations for treatment, and that there is a lot of cleanup work and verbiage to change relating to only collecting wastewater.

The majority of discussion at the work session centered around counts of equivalent units (EUs) and how under-assessed properties should be dealt with.

An agenda brief used at the work session outlines the two issues:

- Counts of EUs (equivalent units): plant investment fees (tap fees) and monthly sewer service charges are based on the number of EUs a property is assigned. This based on square footage and use type (e.g. restaurant vs. residential, etc.). Some communities utilize fixture counts as a way to determine this instead. Does the Board wish to explore this other calculation method? If we keep the current method that considers usage type, how should newer uses such as ADUs [accessory dwelling units] be assessed?

“• Under-assessed EUs: As a matter of process, sanitation staff reviews the number of assigned EUs for a property at certain points such as proposed change in use, expansions/renovations (triggered by building permit) and on an [sic] regular basis throughout the year as business licenses are renewed. Staff has found properties that are under-assessed; they are assessed fewer EUs than the district's model produces for the use and square footage. How does the Board wish staff to handle these accounts?”

PSSGID Sanitation Supervisor Gene Tautges explained to the PSSGID board that the appendix that is used to determine the EUs and plant investment fee is approximately 10 to 20 years old and compares different types of usage to a single-family residence, or 243 gallons per day.

In that discussion, Tautges used the Pagosa Pines RV Park that was recently annexed into the town's boundaries as an example.

That RV park, which includes a residence, three retail areas, 24 RV rental lots and other features, was previously being assessed at four EUs (the property was part of the PSSGID prior to annexation), though it was discovered during the annexation process that the property should be assessed at 14 EUs.

That, he explained, would be an increase in the monthly charge from about \$150 to \$425.

Tautges explained that the district is finding such instances more and more.

Phillips then asked the board members how they would like the district to handle such situations, pointing out the balance of having the system “adequately funded by users” versus negatively affecting businesses.

Phillips pointed out another recent example — the Mountain Pizza and Taproom.

In that instance, when a new owner purchased the property and

expanded a portion of the building that houses a restaurant, it was reassessed at several EUs higher than what previous owners of the building had been paying for.

That building's current owner, Bob Hart, unsuccessfully approached the PSSGID board in June asking that the plant investment fee be recalculated.

Agenda documentation used at that meeting explains, “In Mr. Hart's instance, the current EU assessment made many years ago no longer matches the buildings [sic] use. The building we are referring to here over the past 42 years has had numerous changes in use, from a Laundromat to restaurant, to offices and other uses. The current modification to this building triggers a reassessment of the number of EU's which affects the Plant Investment Fee (PIF) and monthly service charge (MSC).”

The property went from being assessed at four EUs to seven.

At this month's work session, Phillips reiterated that reviews are triggered by things such as building permits, additions, annexations, changes in use or new construction.

It further was noted by Tautges and Phillips that not all uses are on the appendix used for the assessments, with newer uses such as marijuana establishments not included, and that a lot of discretion is used.

As the conversation progressed, Mayor Don Volger (who also presides over the PSSGID board) noted that exercising a lot of discretion was difficult.

Phillips explained that some communities just look at fixture count — something Volger suggested sounded very objective.

Board member Matt DeGuisse pointed out, however, that expanding a restaurant could mean not adding more fixtures because no bathrooms are added, only seating space.

Phillips noted that it could expand the impact on the existing

fixtures.

Board member David Schanzenbaker noted that fixture counts would be more refined for residential and help differentiate between a 5,000-square-foot home and an 800-square-foot home.

Mat deGraaf noted that fixture count made sense with residential buildings.

As discussion continued, board member Tracy Bunning asked if there was a reasonable way to measure what is entering the PSSGID system, with Tautges explaining that meters are expensive, “if not intrusive.”

As the topic was discussed further, Phillips stated she would look at other options to bring back to the board.

Schanzenbaker suggested aligning the PSSGID with however PAWSD does it.

Phillips then asked if the board wanted the district to bring people up to what their property is assessed for, with the board members providing consensus that no one was opposed to charging for the assessed EUs.

Also discussed during the hour-long work session was the plant investment fee, which Phillips suggested calling a facilities impact fee since the PSSGID no longer has a plant, but maintains a collection system.

In an email to SUN staff following the work session, Phillips indicated that one more work session will likely be necessary, perhaps sometime in September.

“Our goal would be to approve changes by October if possible,” Phillips wrote.

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Aug. 9 — Nuisance/accumulation of weeds/litter/junk/garbage, Fred's Court.

Aug. 13 — All other thefts, Edinburgh Circle.

Aug. 13 — Harassment by phone or computer, harassment-calls repeatedly, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Park Avenue.

Aug. 14 — All other thefts, Colo. 151.

Aug. 14 — All other thefts, Valley View Drive.

Aug. 14 — Domestic violence, first-degree arson, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, third-degree assault-simple assault, criminal mischief, Arbor Drive.

Aug. 14 — Unlawful ownership of vicious dog, vacc. control, impound of dogs, animals running at large, Ute Drive.

Aug. 14 — Fraud by check-other method, County Road 600.

Aug. 14 — Identity theft-possesses, identity theft-uses identity, Colo. 151.

Aug. 15 — Nuisance/animal running at large, Metro Drive.

Aug. 15 — Agency assist, Bill's Place.

Aug. 15 — Warrant arrest, Bill's Place.

Aug. 15 — Warrant arrest, Bill's Place.

Aug. 15 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Aug. 15 — Information only, Flicker Lane.

Aug. 15 — Information only, Bill's Place.

Aug. 15 — All other thefts, Lake Road.

Aug. 16 — Warrant arrest, South 8th Street.

Aug. 16 — Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, South 8th Street.

Aug. 16 — Reckless driving, improper registration, marijuana-open container prohibited in vehicle, no insurance in possession, Holly Tree Circle.

Aug. 16 — All other thefts, Silver Circle.

Aug. 17 — Second-degree burglary, theft-from building, Village Drive.

Aug. 17 — Possession of drug paraphernalia-penalty, Catchpole Drive.

Aug. 17 — Disturbance, Weasel Drive.

Aug. 18 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, domestic violence, criminal mischief, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Aug. 18 — Animals/nuisance, Canyon Circle.

Aug. 18 — Littering of public or private property, harassment public place obscene language or gesture, Vista Boulevard.

Aug. 18 — All other thefts, Perry Drive.

Aug. 20 — Littering of public or private property, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Vista Boulevard.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Aug. 15 — Shoplifting, San Juan Street.

Aug. 15 — Animal/running at large, South 8th Street.

Aug. 15 — Animal/running at large, North 6th Street.

Aug. 15 — Violation of restraining order, Eaton Drive.

Aug. 16 — Information only, East

Pagosa Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge D. Brett Van Winkle

July 25 — Samuel Romero, following too closely, fines, costs and fees — \$146.

July 25 — Robert Montoya, consume or possess an open container of any alcohol beverage in any public place, fines and costs — \$160.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Aug. 14 — Megan F. Everly, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$98.50.

Aug. 15 — Jesse Gheen, leaving scene/accident-unattended vehicle, 10 days jail, fines and costs — \$189.58.

Aug. 15 — Lonnie Jay Elledge, driving while ability impaired, 25 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, one year probation, fines and costs — \$1,371.50.

Aug. 15 — Kathleen Theresa Russell, Stage 2-violation of Stage 2 fire ban, fines and costs — \$76.

Aug. 15 — Jeffery A. Laster, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

Aug. 15 — Derrick Drinkard, theft-\$50-\$300, six months probation, 24 hours community service, fines and costs — \$544.50.

Aug. 15 — David A. Montoya, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$163.50.

Aug. 15 — Jonathan D. McSwain, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$163.50.

Aug. 15 — Cullom J. Cahill, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

Aug. 15 — Nicholas J. Crook, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

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County attorney's letter opines on jail committee's use of county funds

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County attorney delivered a letter stating his opinions on the jail committee's ability to use county funds at the Citizens for a New Jail meeting on Aug. 16.

In a letter addressed to Richard Vihel, Citizens for a New Jail's committee chair, County Attorney Todd Starr wrote, "You asked me to opine on several different issues..."

Starr opened on what items were able to be purchased with county funds and until what time.

A letter of this nature was first discussed at the Aug. 13 meeting of the Citizens for a New Jail.

Vihel said that he "consulted with our attorney and he's going to provide us with his advice in writing."

The letter was hand-delivered by Starr at the meeting on Aug. 16.

According to the letter, Starr was asked about several issues, which included:

- "Use of county money to purchase a sign that can't be posted

until 60 days before election,

- "The Purchase of Hamburger and other consumables for subsequent events; and,

- "Whether or not we can campaign for a 'yes vote' urging a result."

In the letter, Starr wrote that he believes that county funds can be used to purchase things such as a yard signs and "other materials that will not be placed in yards until 60 days before the election."

"Wisely, your committee has discerned that the issue here is the expenditure may actually be used after the ballot question is adopted," the letter reads.

Starr wrote, "the important distinction is that the financial obligation will have been incurred and actually paid before the adoption of the ballot question."

According to the letter, the financial obligation must be paid before the adoption of the ballot question in order to not violate the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA).

"It is important to note that the actual check for payment must be issued prior to the adoption of the ballot language," the letter reads.

For the hamburgers and other consumables, according to the letter, it "is exactly like the yard signs."

"If the obligation is incurred, paid and received prior to the adoption of the ballot language I do not think it results in a violation of the FCPA," the letter reads.

As to the urging for a "yes" vote in campaign materials, the letter explains, Starr's review of the statute "indicates that prior to the adoption of the ballot language your committee and its materials may urge a specific result."

"Again, once that language is adopted then the Committee itself, to remain safe, should not urge a specific result."

"However, that would not apply to individual members of the committee," the letter reads.

An example listed in the letter explains that the committee may not write a letter to the editor urg-

ing a "yes" vote, but the committee members as individual citizens "have not lost your right of free speech and therefore you may write a letter to the editor urging a yes vote."

"Finally, although not entirely clear to me, you have asked for a statement about the funds themselves," the letter reads.

Starr wrote in the letter that "it is my understanding that the BoCC has directed staff to spend up to \$5,000.00 on expenses incurred to support your committee and its efforts."

The amount of \$5,000 is within the county administrator's authority, according to the letter.

"That authority is not affected by the presence of an interim County Administrator," the letter reads.

The letter ends by thanking the committee for its efforts to make the county a better place, and adding, "Hopefully this adequately responds to your inquiries."
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'Sorry, it's reality': PAWSD discusses potential rate increases

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) customers could see their water bills go up by 6 percent each year from 2019 to 2023 pending a board decision.

Additionally, PAWSD customers could see their wastewater bills go up 2.5 percent from 2024 to 2028.

The potential rate increases were discussed by the PAWSD board at its regular meeting on Aug. 16.

PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey began the discussion by giving an overview of the rates previously presented to the PAWSD board by Ron Lay of Stantec.

The reporting of these two presentations, along with their rates, were reported in the June 14 and June 28 issues of The SUN.

In documents compiled for the meeting, Ramsey summarized each of the potential rate increases for both water and wastewater.

Water

- Scenario 1: "6 percent Rate Track \$11.75 Availability Charge (Previously presented to Board)."

- Scenario 2: "Reduced Rate \$14.30 Availability Charge (Solved for reduced rate at 5.75 percent for same/close ending balance by FY2028)."

- Scenario 3: "\$14.30 Availability Charge at 6 percent Rate Track (Increased cash balances by FY2028)."

Sewer (wastewater)

- Scenario 1: "2.5 percent Rate Track \$10.70 Availability Charge (Previously presented to Board)."

- Scenario 2: "Reduced Rate \$12.50 Availability Charge (Solved for reduced rate at 1.25 percent for same/close ending balance by FY2028)."

- Scenario 3: "\$12.50 Availability Charge at 2.5 percent Rate Track (Increased cash balances by FY2028)."

Discussion

PAWSD board member Paul Hansen noted after Ramsey's overview of each potential scenario that he preferred scenario 3 for water.

Hansen's explanation of leaning toward scenario 3 is due to the upcoming remodel of PAWSD's water treatment plant on Snowball Road.

A new plant at Snowball would also allow for a higher capacity than the current plant, Hansen added later.

"We haven't had a rate increase in four years," PAWSD Chairman Jim Smith noted.

Ramsey later suggested to the board members that whichever

option they choose, they do the same thing for both water and wastewater.

If chosen, scenario 3 for water could have PAWSD customers see a rate increase of 6 percent over the next four years, Ramsey noted.

"I don't want to raise rates. But, you know what? I do want to have a working water company. And you know, we've done the good thing for several years, but now it's time to, you know, suck it up," McIver said. "Sorry, it's reality."

Later, the board collectively agreed that it was in favor of scenario 3 for both water and wastewater.

Smith later clarified that the proposed 6 percent increase for water would occur every year from 2019 to 2023; however, the wastewater increase of 2.5 percent each year would occur from 2024 to 2028 so PAWSD customers were not hit with a "double whammy."

"I think we should be proud of what we've done the last four years," McIver commented.

McIver later explained that this rate increase not only is the responsible thing to do, but "the only thing" PAWSD can do.

"Our hands are tied at this point. I mean, it's just the way it is. It's economics. You want a functioning water plant that the state approves of? This is what it costs," McIver said. "We've held the line as long as we can; can't do it anymore."

The PAWSD board will be discussing this topic and ultimately voting on a final decision at the next scheduled board meeting on Sept. 20.

The meeting will be held at the PAWSD offices located at 100 Lyn Ave.

A press release from Ramsey notes that while the regular meeting will begin at 5 p.m., the board will discuss the topic at 5:30 p.m.

"This meeting is open to the public and all District rate payers are invited to attend and provide input on this important decision," the press release states.

Additional clarification

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The SUN, PAWSD Business Systems Manager Shellie Peterson and Comptroller Aaron Burns gave more details on the potential rate increases.

The funds from the rate increase will primarily fund operations, Burns explained.

"There's pieces of it that are going to be going to operations. And, we're also, secondarily, trying to save for some of the capital improvement projects that we've got coming down the road. Particularly, the Snowball water treatment plant project," Burns said.

The Snowball project looks to be about a \$6 million project, Burns noted.

"And it's going to involve pretty much completely overhauling that plant," he said. "So what we're trying to accomplish is to not have to finance all of that project."

Later, Peterson noted that PAWSD would have to finance "under half" of the Snowball project, or

about \$2 million.

"I guess one of the things that we would emphasize to the public is that this rate increase is necessary to ensure that PAWSD, it remains a financially stable institution that can continue to meet the needs of the public going into the future," Peterson explained.

PAWSD cannot continue having its rates frozen and eat into its reserves, Peterson added later.

"With increasing costs, we've had to meet the needs by weaning our budget down continually," she explained further.

You can't freeze rates, experience an increase of cost and not eat into your reserves, Peterson added later.

With the rate increase, PAWSD hopes to build its reserves so that it is able to cash finance as much of the Snowball plant project and other capital improvement projects as necessary, she further described.
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Education

Charter school discusses joining with ASD's lunch program

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A potential change to the Pagosa Peak Open School's (PPOS) food program was discussed at the most recent board meeting on Aug. 13.

"I think that while the overall intention was for us to not participate in the normal school program, I think we need to highly reconsider that," PPOS board member Ashley Wilson began. "I understand from the nutritional standpoint and there are some very strong feelings of people who are involved in the school around not doing that."

However, if PPOS were to get on a school lunch program much like the one that Archuleta School District (ASD) is on, it could open PPOS up to more funding opportunities, Wilson added.

"Given the track that the school district is headed, to do more farm-to-table, I feel like even if we have to wait it out for a couple years until they do that, it is better for us to be able to offer something, even if it's not ideal, than to offer nothing," Wilson said.

Wilson noted that it would be too late to implement such a program this year, but that PPOS should consider it as it looks at future budgets.

"There's a lot of grants tied to being part of that food program, and I just think we're kind of giving up that money because we're so strong on what types of food we want to serve, when, at this point, we're not serving anything," Wilson explained.

PPOS needs to weigh the strong opinions of what food is served at the school over nothing being served at all, Wilson noted.

PPOS should also look to enter into negotiations with ASD on joining its lunch program as early as the school can, Wilson explained.

"This might not be exactly what everybody wants, but I don't know if giving what everybody wants or what most people want is even attainable. Unless we are funding our own lunch program privately, which doesn't seem like a very good financial decision," board member Clay Buchner said.

However, board member Bill Hudson raised a question on whether or not it would cost PPOS to participate in ASD's lunch program.

"It's at a much reduced cost to what we paid to cater our lunches last year," Wilson said.

Also, according to Wilson, there are federal subsidies that come back for PPOS students who qualify for free and reduced lunches.

"So, if you participate in the federal school program, you get the money for those kids who qualify financially for those programs," Wilson said.

Wilson explained that she and PPOS Lunch Program Coordinator Jodi Roberts have discussed reaching out to other charters in the area to see if they would be interested in being PPOS's lunch authority.

However, Wilson noted that she was not sure on if PPOS could do this or not considering they are under ASD's jurisdiction.

PPOS School Director James Lewicki clarified that there could be a "rolling potential implementation" of a lunch program for this school

year.

According to Lewicki, 55 percent of PPOS students qualify for free and reduced lunches.

"We're a public school. As soon as we can do a program I'd like to see us do a program. Because those families, some of them, might choose to participate in that program and have a free lunch. Right now, they don't have a free lunch," Lewicki explained.

The implementation of a food program at PPOS is a big priority, Lewicki noted.

Buchner later stated that he had seen the food that ASD serves its students and noted that it was "overall, very good, healthy food."

"I know it's not the hipster, organic potatoes coming out of somebody's garden," Buchner said.

They are a lot of healthy lunch program options out there, but right now PPOS has nothing, Buchner reiterated.

"It's a lot healthier than a lot of the lunches kids are bringing," Board President Ursula Hudson said, speaking on any potential lunch program PPOS would implement.

Lewicki added later that he would like to meet with ASD Superintendent Linda Reed, along with Roberts, to see what options are available.

"As far as direction, we want to have a lunch program. And if the school could provide it, that's the best place we could possibly get it," board member Mark Weiler commented.

"I would motion that Jodi and James take on getting us more information around if the district can take us on and at what time line," Wilson said.

The motion carried unanimously. In a follow-up interview with The SUN on Aug. 14, Lewicki confirmed that PPOS does not currently have a lunch program and students bring a lunch to school.

"We don't currently have a hot lunch program," Lewicki said.

PPOS tried a volunteer-based lunch program last year, Lewicki noted.

"We contracted with some of the local businesses," he said.

However, that process became difficult with almost all volunteers involved, Lewicki noted.

PPOS's Daniels Grant funded its lunch program last year, Lewicki added.

PPOS is trying to provide as nutritious a lunch program as it can, Lewicki indicated.

Currently, PPOS, while independent, still is trying to figure out who its food authority is, Lewicki added later.

"And if it's going to be the district, my understanding, we need a bit of a change in contract," Lewicki said.

To start with something for this school year, PPOS hopes to have a healthy snack policy, Lewicki noted.

"But we want to move it down the road where, how can we get a hot lunch program as soon possible," Lewicki said.

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School starts Sept. 4, open houses set

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Sept. 4 will be the first day of school for Archuleta School District (ASD).

Local schools will be holding open houses for students and families in preparation for the upcoming school year.

ASD previously provided The SUN with incorrect information for Pagosa Springs Middle School's open houses, which was published in the Aug. 9 issue.

The corrected information follows.

The fifth-grade open house

will be held on Aug. 28 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the lower gym.

The open house for grades six through eight will be held on Aug. 29 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the lower gym.

Pagosa Springs Elementary School open house dates are as follows:

- Kindergarten, Aug. 28, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
- First- through fourth-grade, Aug. 29, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

For new students and freshmen, Pagosa Springs High School's orientation will be held on Aug. 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
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Back to school: Questions about vaccine requirements?

Special to The SUN

As a new school year begins, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment reminds parents and guardians that Colorado law requires students to be vaccinated against certain diseases, unless an exemption is filed.

"Vaccine-preventable diseases are dangerous, costly and sometimes deadly," said Lynn Trefren, chief of the department's immunization branch. "As kids go back to school, check to see if they need any shots. If they do, add this to the top of your to-do list."

The department has a number of tips and resources to help parents and guardians with vaccines:

- Required vaccinations: To find out which vaccines are required for students entering child care/preschool, kindergarten, sixth grade and college, visit the school-required vaccines webpage at <https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/school-requiredvaccines>.

- Vaccine records: For vaccination records, ask your health care provider or request them from the department. More information is available at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/immunization-records>.

- Immunization and exemption rates: Look up rates for schools and child care facilities on our data webpage at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/school-and-child-care-immunization-data>.

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- Help paying for vaccines: Families with children ages 18 and younger who are uninsured, underinsured, Alaskan Native/American Indian or on Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) may be eligible to receive free vaccines through the Vaccines for Children Program. Health care providers and local public health agencies have more information about this program. In Archuleta County, contact San Juan Basin Public Health at <http://sjbpublichealth.org>.

- Immunization policy and rules: Review Colorado immunization policy and Board of Health rules at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/immunization-policy-and-board-health-rules>.

- Exemptions: Check on vaccine exemptions at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/vaccine-exemptions>.

While many parents are aware of the recommended vaccines for younger children, they may not know about vaccines recommended for preteens and teens, Trefren said.

Adolescents ages 11 to 12 should receive tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap), human papillomavirus (HPV) and meningococcal vaccines. It's especially important for college-age teens to talk to their health care providers about vaccines to protect them against meningitis.



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Commissioners vote to join class action lawsuit over federal funding

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Among other things, the commissioners approved joining a class action lawsuit at their meeting on Tuesday.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held a regular meeting on Aug. 21 with two commissioners present.

BoCC Chair Steve Wadley was not present at the Aug. 21 meeting. In his place, Vice Chair Ron Maez ran the meeting.

The BoCC voted to approve participation in a class action lawsuit "seeking to recover underpayments" from the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, according to the meeting agenda.

"What you have before you today is the opportunity to join into a class action lawsuit... essentially the allegation is that the PILT funding calculation was incorrect for the years 2015 through 2017," Interim County Administrator Greg Schulte said.

PILT is a federal government program which reimburses local governments for losses in tax

revenues due to the presence of large areas of nontaxable public lands.

The Department of the Interior collects more than \$9.6 billion every year from profitable activities on public lands. The balance is deposited in the U.S. Treasury and in turn pays for various federal programs, including PILT.

A portion of those revenues are shared with the states and counties.

As reported in the July 5 edition of The SUN, the PILT payment for Archuleta County in 2018 is a \$37,222 increase over last year. In 2017, Archuleta County received \$1,125,427 in payment from the PILT program.

According to Schulte, a formula is used to calculate PILT awards each year.

"And, it's somewhat complicated," Schulte said.

The class action lawsuit is currently in progress, according to Schulte.

The law firm conducting the lawsuit estimates that the county could receive about \$44,000 "that we were shorted in that time period," he explained.

Staff recommendation concerning the class action lawsuit was to join it, according to Schulte.

"Because there really is no downside," Schulte said.

Once the county joined the lawsuit, it would be the responsibility of the law firm conducting the suit to "pursue that on behalf of the class."

Concerns involved the amount of time that would be required by county staff to provide information, according to Schulte.

"You didn't want to spend a whole lot of time for very little return," Schulte said.

Staff participation and invested time would be reasonably minimal, according to Schulte, and if it came to a point where the staff time or work was too much, the county had the option to withdraw from the class action lawsuit.

Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr added a few comments.

"This is not a brand-new test case; these lawyers actually took a Utah county and sued the federal government and won," Starr said.

Then the lawyers "came back" and tried to find other counties in similar situations, and "the vast majority of Colorado counties are joining in," according to Starr.

Starr explained he had received emails about different counties joining the lawsuit, including Eagle County, San Miguel County, Hinsdale County and Garfield County.

"I could go on and on," Starr said.

Commissioner Michael Whiting moved to "approve our participation" in the class action lawsuit. Maez seconded the motion, and it passed 2-0.

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Court of Appeals judge finalists selected, governor to appoint new judge

By Jon Sarché
Special to The SUN

The Supreme Court Nominating Commission has nominated three candidates for a vacancy on the Colorado Court of Appeals.

The vacancy was created by the retirement of the Hon. Nancy J. Lichtenstein, effective Jan. 8, 2019.

The nominees were selected during a meeting in Denver on

Aug. 14 and 15. They are Michael Beaver, Matthew Grove and Lino Lipinsky.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from Aug. 16 within which to appoint one of the nominees as a judge on the Colorado Court of Appeals.

Comments regarding any of the nominees may be sent via e-mail to the governor at gov_judicialappointments@state.co.us.

Rio Grande National Forest plans to fell dead trees by Spruce Lakes

By Mike Blakeman
Special to The SUN

Spruce Lakes will be closed to camping and visitation from Sept. 6 through Sept. 12 while the Rio Grande National Forest fells trees along the edges of the lakes with the use of explosives.

The two subalpine lakes are located about 4 miles northwest of Wolf Creek Pass in the Weminuche Wilderness.

Access along the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) above Spruce Lakes will be limited during blasting operations, but there will be daily windows open for travel. The Lobo Overlook parking area and trailhead will be closed on Sept. 5 and 6. People wishing to hike or ride north on the CDNST on those two days will need to get on the trail where it leaves from Wolf Creek Pass.

"Beetle-killed trees have been falling into the lakes and clogging the spillways of the dams, creating a risk the dams will be breached," said Divide District Ranger Martha Williamson. "Directionally knocking down the trees away from the lakes with explosives will greatly reduce the risk of the dams breach-

ing."

Motorized and mechanized equipment is not generally allowed in designated wilderness areas, whereas explosives are sometimes used for removing boulders and large numbers of fallen trees from trails. The Rio Grande National Forest successfully used explosives to directionally fell beetle-killed trees along a forest road a few years ago. The method was proven to be safe and effective.

Spruce Lakes were dammed to hold water for downstream agricultural use prior to the enactment of the 1964 Wilderness Act. Individuals still hold water rights in the lakes and Colorado Parks and Wildlife has stocked brook trout in the upper lake and Rio Grande cutthroat trout in the lower lake.

The project to fell the trees around the lakes is being done in partnership with water rights owners, Trout Unlimited, the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable and Colorado Water Conservation Board.

For more information, contact the Divide Ranger District office at (719) 657-3321.

'Mystery Fire' eludes firefighters

By J. Williams
Staff Writer

Shortly before 10 p.m. Sunday, an emergency call came in from a traveler on U.S. 84 that "smoke and flames" were visible to the east of mile marker 19.

Capt. Kelly Robertson of the Pagosa Fire Protection District headed to the scene in a command vehicle along with two firefighters in a brush truck and two Archuleta County Sheriff's Office deputies.

"Unfortunately, or maybe actually fortunately, we chased that report around most of the night and didn't find anything," Robertson said.

She added, "We saw smoke near Little Mesa Ridge, but all we could find were the remnants of a controlled burn near a secluded home that was tucked way up in there near the top of the ridge. A small burn pile near the house was still smoldering, causing the smoke. But, there was no fire."

Although there may have been

issues with burning after hours, Robertson explained that no citations were issued because it was too hard to determine when the fire had actually been started or extinguished by the property owner.

"Most likely, the traveler who reported seeing flames in the direction of the smoke merely saw reflections of the lights inside the house being distorted by the smoke in the night sky," she said.

Expressing a "better safe than sorry" attitude, Robertson said, "The reported incident was certainly much ado about nothing, but we'd rather have people being vigilant during this time of extremely dry conditions than ignoring something that could have turned out to be a lot worse."

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Sports

FOOTBALL

Pirate football looks to build off last season, takes on Durango tomorrow

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The start of a new football season can mean a variety of sounds will soon be heard: the crashing of pads as players collide, the distant shout of coaches in the background and the subtle bark of play calls being made by the quarterback.

For the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team, it means all of those things, but also a chance at returning to the state tournament for the second straight season.

Last season, the Pirates went 6-4, including a 4-1 league record. The Pirates also saw a state tournament appearance for the first time since the 2011 season.

The Pirates fell to the La Junta Tigers in the opening round of the state tournament for the 2A classification by a score of 34-0.

The Tigers went on to lose in the 2A state championship game to the Bayfield Wolverines.

Coach Myron Stretton noted that he feels no pressure in getting back to the state tournament.

"I don't feel any pressure to get back there. I mean obviously that's what we're trying to accomplish, but I don't feel any pressure," Stretton said.

Stretton later explained that the team is looking all right so far in preseason activities.

The Pirates lost 14 seniors from last year, which leads to many younger players looking to step up in their absence.

"We're going to have a lot of young guys that are at least unproven at this point," Stretton said.

Later, Stretton described the transition of having the majority of the teams' offensive line graduate.

"Well, I think just from what we've seen so far, fundamentally, we look pretty sound," Stretton said. "But, the thing about having little varsity experience is you don't know what it's going to look like until you get in a varsity game-type situation."

With some of the seniors from last year having graduated, Stretton described the leadership dynamic of the team going into this season.

"I think we have six seniors this year. We have a pretty small senior class and a pretty small junior class," Stretton said. "And that's typically where your leadership comes from. We lost a lot of good leaders and we lost a lot of good players."

The seniors on the team this year are also all good leaders and players, Stretton noted.

The Pirates also have good leadership within the junior class this year, Stretton added later.

"I don't see that as being a void. I see that as something that will be filled by the guys that are coming up," Stretton said.

With the consistent turnover of players in high school sports due to graduation, Stretton later explained how he keeps his message consistent



Photo courtesy Stacia Aragon

Junior Paden Bailey keeps his focus and holds on to the pigskin while senior Javier Mariñelarena looks on during a scrimmage on Aug. 17. The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team opens the regular season at home tomorrow against Durango High School, with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

to the team.

"Really, it's the same message all the time. So, yeah, you have a kid for three or four years and then you have new guys coming. But it's pretty much the same message all the time," Stretton said. "They hear it for four years and hopefully they learn something they can use in the future."

Opening drive

Stretton noted that he was not sure practice has been any different this year than usual.

"We have in our backfield, we have three of the four starters returning. So our backfield is pretty solid although we're possibly going to see some guys in different positions," Stretton explained. "I guess the thing that's been a little tough there is the guys that are really competing for that other position also don't have a lot of experience."

Fundamentally, Stretton noted that he thinks the Pirates are good.

"It's just the mental part. A lot of stuff to learn for the guys that don't have that varsity experience," Stretton said.

In learning from last year, Stretton stated that execution is what the team is working on even more this year.

In high school sports, a variety of athletes of varying skill sets always come and go; therefore, the team can always change, Stretton noted.

"But the thing that you can always emphasize and the thing that's going to help you be successful is execution. And that's really what we're working on," Stretton described. "When you're not going to go out and just overpower people, you have to make sure that you do things right in your techniques and executing a play and taking care of your responsibilities."

As of the interview with Stretton on Aug. 16, the Pirates had a scheduled scrimmage in Buena Vista on

Aug. 17.

Stretton noted that along with Pagosa and the Buena Vista Demons, the Monte Vista Pirates, the Gunnison Cowboys junior varsity team and the John Mall Panthers (from Walsenburg) will also be in attendance and participating.

Gunnison will not be fielding a varsity team this year due to low numbers of participants on the roster and in practice.

"So, I would guess that we'll get scrimmages at the varsity level against Monte Vista and Buena Vista, possibly John Mall, I'm not sure," Stretton noted at the time of the interview.

Stretton hopes to see what players will be the best fit on offense and defense within scrimmage play.

"Really what we're trying to do in the scrimmage, again, we have a lot of young guys that don't have much varsity experience, so we've got to get a good look at all of them," Stretton said.

The scrimmage, according to Stretton, is not about necessarily going and out and running plays to score.

"It's really about, 'Hey, we need to look at this guy and this situation and see how he performs,'" he noted.

Schedule

The following schedule for Pirate football was accurate as of Aug. 22, but is subject to change.

All games start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

This Friday, Aug. 24, the Pirates will open the regular season at home by taking on the Durango Demons.

On Aug. 31, the Pirates will travel to La Junta for a rematch with the La Junta Tigers at La Junta High School.

On Sept. 7, Pagosa will face the Centauri Falcons at home.

Then, on Sept. 14, Pagosa will hit the road to face the Basalt Longhorns at Basalt High School.

On Sept. 22, the Pirates will face

the Moffat County Bulldogs in Olathe at Olathe High School, with kickoff set for 1 p.m.

On Sept. 28, the Pirates will conclude the three-game road trip by traveling to Cortez to take on the Panthers.

For homecoming, on Oct. 5, Pagosa will play host to league opponent the Salida Spartans.

Next, for Senior Night, Pagosa will face the Bayfield Wolverines on Oct. 19.

Finally, to close out the regular season, Pagosa will hit the road to take on the Alamosa Mean Moose on Oct. 26.

Prep for Durango

Last season, the Demons finished second in the South Central football standings for the 3A classification; finishing with an 8-4 record that included a 4-1 league record.

The Demons went on to defeat the Cañon City Tigers by a score of 49-21 in the opening round of the Colorado High School Activities Association 3A state tournament.

The Demons ultimately lost in the second round of the 3A state tournament to the Erie Tigers by a score of 35-28.

At the time of the interview, Stretton explained that he had not spent a lot of time looking at the film for the Demons.

"I mean, at this point, that's not what I need to concern myself with. It's just trying to get our guys ready to play," Stretton said. "And, obviously, after this week we'll spend a lot more time looking at Durango."

However, Stretton noted that he expected the Demons to be tough.

"Again, we've got young, unproven guys and it's going to be a good barometer for where we're at, I think," Stretton said. "And we have a tough preseason, so it's going to be a good indicator of where we're at, I think, by the team league play starts." chris@pagosahun.com

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GOLF

Pirate golfers take second, third in back-to-back tournaments

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

With two tournaments in two days last week, the Pagosa Springs High School golf team continued its strong start to the season, logging second- and third-place finishes.

The Pirates hosted their sole home tournament on Aug. 16, finishing second behind Durango, with five teams participating.

"We actually played pretty well for our tournament," coach Mark Faber said, adding, "The guys, they played all right."

Pagosa finished second behind Durango in the tournament, with the Pirates led by Jonathon Robel, who tied for second with a score of 80 on the par-71 course.

Nathan Smith finished seventh overall with an 83, while Richard Fiedler shot an 87 and finished 10th overall.

Taylor Cotts finished 24th with a 102 and Dylan Manzanaras finished 25th with a 104.

"They played pretty well," Faber said.

The following day, Pagosa finished third behind Colorado Academy and host Alamosa at Cattails Golf Course. Around 15 varsity teams participated in the tournament.

"Alamosa beat us, which was a real surprise," Faber said, adding that one Alamosa golfer in particular played "really well."

The tournament also provided a first for Faber — seeing three Pirates shoot 80.

"I've never seen that before," the coach said, "which is pretty nice, pretty amazing."

Faber called the tournament great and "as good as we've been in a lot of years."

Only four varsity golfers could be entered into the tournament, with Robel, Smith and Fiedler all tying for 10th with a score of 80.

Faber noted that it was Fiedler's first time on the course.

Cotts followed with a 100 on the course.

Too, the coach noted the team continues to improve in terms of team scoring.

The Pirates shot a collective 257 at the first tournament of the season, followed by a 250 on Aug. 16 at home and a 240 the following day in Alamosa.

The top three golfers from each team contribute to the team score.

"They're playing better; they've gotten better," Faber said.

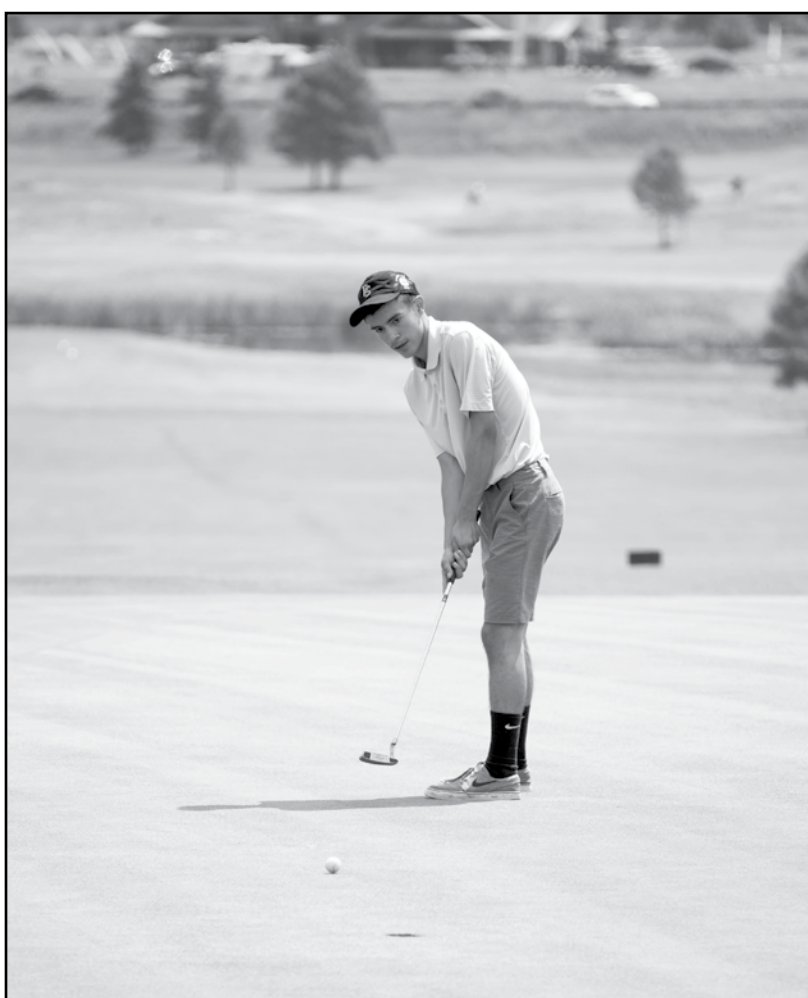
This week, with no tournament on the calendar, the Pirates are working on areas where the golfers may be able to pick up strokes, such as with putting and chipping, which the team worked on Monday.

"We'd rather be playing," Faber noted with a laugh.

The Pirates, however, added a tournament to the schedule for the following week and will now be heading to Hollydot Golf Club in Colorado City for the Pueblo Centennial tournament on Aug. 31.

Scores are courtesy the Colorado High School Athletic Association Golf App.

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Dylan Manzanaras watches his putt during last Thursday's tournament hosted by the Pagosa Springs High School Pirates. The team finished second at the tournament behind Durango.

Booster club supporters catch the hometown spirit

By **Allison Wylie**
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Athletic Booster Club is at it again. Pirate fans can watch for hometown game night flags waving at participating businesses in support of the home team.

Booster Club officers went door to door hanging flags at businesses that wanted to participate in cheering on our student athletes for home games.

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The Boosters are also getting ready for Halloween, so mark your calendar for Oct. 25, 26 and 27. Club members will be scaring up a haunted maze for all ages at the Pagosa Springs High School ball fields with an earlier non-scare time for the younger customers than a frightening later bewitching hour for those who like to be terrified.

We will be needing extras to volunteer to help scare our maze runners. Also, if you have any scary costumes and props you would like to donate, we would gladly accept.

Email Allison Wylie at awylie@centurytel.net. Be on the lookout for spooky details to be posted in future SUN articles.

RECREATION NEWS

Register now for gymnastics and youth basketball

By **Darren Lewis**
SUN Columnist

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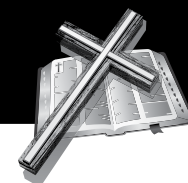
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VOLLEYBALL

Lady Pirates volleyball looks toward big picture

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Every sports season brings in new faces to the team as well as different strategies to outmatch the competition. For the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team, these elements are in play, but the team will also see a change in leadership for the first time in seven years.

Former coach Connie O'Donnell resigned on May 1.

New coach Caitlin Forrest explained in an interview with The SUN that the transition has been smooth.

"It's been an easy transition in that I've wanted this for a long time and I've been jumping the gun at it," Forrest explained.

In the past, O'Donnell had given Forrest responsibilities as the junior varsity coach, which set her up for success, Forrest explained.

Forrest noted that her coaching staff has made the transition easy, as well.

The most difficult thing so far about being at the helm is managing injuries that have been brought to the table, she noted.

"We've had some pretty significant injuries between spine surgery and knee injuries; just some pretty heavy-duty stuff," Forrest said. "And me making the final decision and final call on that has been really hard on me."

Additionally, Forrest noted that while she is a "young-ish" coach, she has varsity experience in her coaching history.

"And then also working alongside so closely with Coach O. I feel like she's really groomed me in terms of the program and just the tiny details that nobody thinks about," Forrest said.

The girls are excited for a little bit of change, Forrest noted.

The hardest thing for the girls is remembering to call her Coach Forrest and not Caitlin, Forrest explained.

"They've been really responsive to me and the little changes that I've asked them to make. They've made those adjustments really well," Forrest said.

There is a lot of trust between Forrest and the girls, which Forrest noted is exciting, as well.

First impressions

Currently, the majority of the girls on the team are underclassmen, and, according to Forrest, there is a level of excitement about the young team.

"I only have two girls that have put in a legit varsity season," Forrest said. "Everyone else is fresh."

"What makes having a young team exciting is that there is a lot of room to grow."

She added, "But, also, there is no one standout player. And I think the girls are really excited that they get to just play together and play for

each other."

In practices, the team has been focusing on serve/receive and rotations, according to Forrest.

"With the young team, I have girls that are very versatile and they can really play anywhere. So, I'm trying to figure out who needs to be on the court," Forrest noted.

The journey back

Last season, the Lady Pirates finished 12-13, which included a 5-5 league record and a third-place finish in the Intermountain League (IML) standings.

Pagosa finished below .500 and failed to make the state tournament for the first time since 2014.

Forrest explained the steps to get back to the state tournament. "As I mentioned earlier, the girls are excited that there is no one standout player. There's not a go-to player, so they all have to step up. I think that's going to be the biggest thing they're all excited to step up."

That dynamic will be what sets apart this year's team from last year's team, Forrest explained further.

"We have set goals where we're really going to focus on the opponents and scouting and playing to the percentages," she said. "I'm bringing a lot of numbers to the table."

This year, the girls are going to be held accountable for things such as their hitting percentages and serve aces to serve/receive ratio, Forrest noted.

Forrest added that she has done a lot of research over the summer and has also consulted with Castle View High School girls' volleyball coach Scott Dowis on what stats the Lady Pirates can focus on for success.

Castle View won the state championship for the 5A classification this past season.

"Hopefully, the girls rise to that challenge and that's going to really emphasize a new dynamic to the season this year," Forrest said.

As of the interview on Aug. 17, Forrest noted that the Lady Pirates had some scrimmage games scheduled for Aug. 18.

The scrimmage was scheduled for 10 other opponents to be in attendance, Forrest noted.

Forrest added that she was excited to use all of the games available during the scrimmage to gauge where the team is at.

While league opponent the Centauri Falcons are a tough team, Forrest had another choice for who the toughest team in the IML might be.

"I think Alamosa is going to be the toughest team in our league this year," Forrest said.

Centauri, Alamosa and the rest of the IML have recently lost some solid players to graduation, so the league is up for the taking this year, she commented.

"And I think our girls are hungry for it," she said.



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Randi Pierce

Junior Teagan Stretton maintains form while teammates River Pitcher and Taylor Lewis look on during a scrimmage on Aug. 18. The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team will open its regular season against the Durango Demons on Aug. 25 at home.

Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of Aug. 22, but is subject to change.

On Aug. 25, the Lady Pirates will open the season at home against the Durango Demons, with varsity action set for 1 p.m.

Then, the Lady Pirates will travel to Glenwood Springs for a tournament on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

Then the Lady Pirates kick off a five-game homestand.

On Sept. 6, Pagosa will take on Monte Vista at 6 p.m.

On Sept. 11, the Lady Pirates will face the Farmington Scorpions at 6 p.m.

On Sept. 15, Pagosa will host its IML tri meet against Bayfield and Alamosa, with varsity game times to be announced.

On Sept. 18, Pagosa will take on Centauri, with varsity action starting at 6 p.m.

The Lady Pirates will then embark on a six-game road trip.

On Sept. 20, Pagosa will travel to Aztec to take on the Tigers, with varsity set to begin at 6 p.m.

Then, on Sept. 25, the Lady Pirates will take on the Ignacio Bobcats, with varsity set to begin at 6 p.m.

On Sept. 29, Pagosa will take on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, with game time set at noon.

On Oct. 2, Pagosa will take on Bayfield at 6 p.m.

On Oct. 6, Pagosa will take on Alamosa and Monte Vista for the Alamosa IML tri meet, with game times to be announced.

The Lady Pirates will return home on Oct. 9 to take on Cortez at 6 p.m.

The Lady Pirates will close out the season on another six-game

road trip.

On Oct. 13, Pagosa will face Centauri at 6 p.m.

On Oct. 19, Pagosa will take on the Buena Vista Demons at 6 p.m.

To close out the regular season, Pagosa will take part in the Coal Ridge tournament on Oct. 26 and 27, with opponents and game times to be announced.

Regular-season prep

With the Lady Pirates opening the season against the Durango Demons on Aug. 25 at home, Forrest noted that the team has looked ahead at Durango somewhat.

"We have looked ahead in that, I guess it's just so early in the season; we want to take care of our side of the court," Forrest noted.

This early in the season it is hard to get scouting film, Forrest noted.

"We saw them a little bit this summer and I think we're going to compete with them. That being said, I really have focused on the scrimmage and seeing where we measure up there," Forrest said.

Later, Forrest described this season as a developmental and foundational year for the Lady Pirates.

"And the girls are aware of that. They want to make sure they don't jump the gun and set their sights too far ahead in terms of state," Forrest said.

The girls are ready to set up the program for success, Forrest noted.

"And that's where I feel really lucky to work with this particular group of girls that are not so near-sighted. They see the big picture, and that's been pretty cool," she said.

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Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20209497 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations hereof, 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.

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Lien Amount: \$1,900.68
Lien Amount: \$4,210.00
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Eagle's Loft Property
Owner's Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

v.
Gemini Investment Partners Inc, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2018CV030047
Attorney for Plaintiff:
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TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):

James Trammell
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Nate A Newkirk
Claire S Newkirk
Craig Arthur Patinsky
Mark McCarthy
Timeshare E Alternative LLC
Dells Vacation Holdings LLC
Gladys I Fielder
Leo E Fielder
D J Haines
Jill S Haines
Angel Onwardo LLC
Amparo Q Durham
Norberto Medina
Vance C Johnston
Maribelle J Spencer
J.W. Hairston
Sybil A Hairston
Bryon David Moseley
Denise Dianne Moseley
Richard J Bowers
David J Swanson
Mary E Swanson
Harold Hedges, Trustee
Gloria Hedges, Trustee
Tamara Marie Turnquest
Crystal Symonette OOC
Clemente Martinez Jr.

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Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.
Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: (see following page)
Matter Amount
Phase I of Eagle's Loft
Property Owner: Darcy Burton
Building Number: 7
Lot (Unit) Number: 7007
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 15
Lien Amount: \$6,855.77
Property Owner: A B Daugherty & Venida Daugherty
Building Number: 7
Lot (Unit) Number: 7007
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 15
Lien Amount: \$6,868.37
Property Owner: B & B Enterprises
Building Number: 7
Lot (Unit) Number: 7
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 8
Lien Amount: \$6,324.22
Property Owner: Gary J Garcia & Maria L Garcia
Building Number: 3
Lot (Unit) Number: 3
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 49
Lien Amount: \$12,369.26
In Phase I of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 117699 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and as further described in that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership of Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations"). Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Phase II of Eagle's Loft
Property Owner: Linda O'Kelley & Michael O'Kelley
Building Number: 14
Lot (Unit) Number: 14
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 32
Lien Amount: \$ 8,841.52
Property Owner: Angel Onwardo LLC
Building Number: 9
Lot (Unit) Number: 9
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 49
Lien Amount: \$6,868.37
In Phase II of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 119118 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership of Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that First Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on October 7, 1983, in Book 203, Page 564, Reception No. 119119, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations"). Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Phase IV of Eagle's Loft
Property Owner: Shonderick Holloway
Building Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 31 and 32; 33 and 34
Lien Amount: \$ 6,554.05
Property Owner: Eugene D Townsend & Shirley B Townsend
Building Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 20
Lien Amount: \$2,894.44
Property Owner: Shonderick Holloway
Building Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 31 and 32; 33 and 34
Lien Amount: \$ 6,736.14
Property Owner: Antonio Saldana, Jr. & Mary L Saldana
Building Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 31 and 32; 33 and 34
Lien Amount: \$ 6,868.37
Property Owner: Leslie Passage LLC
Building Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 20
Lien Amount: \$2,894.44
Property Owner: Shonderick Holloway
Building Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 31 and 32; 33 and 34
Lien Amount: \$ 6,736.14
Property Owner: Harold Hedges & Gloria Hedges, Trustees of Hedges Living Trust
Building Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 31 and 32; 33 and 34
Lien Amount: \$ 6,868.37
Property Owner: Amelia K Morton
Building Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Number: 52
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 31 and 32; 33 and 34
Lien Amount: \$ 6,868.37
Property Owner: Alex Leon & Jennifer Crawford
Building Number: 52

Lot (Unit) Number: 18
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 38
Lien Amount: \$2,894.44
Property Owner: Clemente Martinez Jr.
Building Number: 36
Lot (Unit) Number: 36
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 49
Lien Amount: \$6,854.19
In Phase III of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 130203 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on May 30, 1984, under Reception No. 123459, as amended by that First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 13, 1984; Reception No. 124494, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations"). Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
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Eagle's Loft Property
Owner's Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

v.
Mathew Dunham, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2018CV30046
Attorney for Plaintiff:
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Building Number: 52

See Public Notices A19

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Owner's Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

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GERALD W GILKEY, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2018CV30042
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ANNE T TATE
SUE N BAILEY
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Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.
Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: (see following page)
Teal Landing Condominium Phase One-Building 11
Property Owner: GERALD W GILKEY & STEPHANAJA 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 20009604, Second 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 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880, First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20110747, Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765, Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20206614, First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded December 12, 2002 as Reception Number 20211905 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all 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: \$1,805.28
Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven-Building 17
Property Owner: Kenneth B Tate Jr & Anne T Tate
Building Number: 17
Lot (Unit) Number: 1711-1716, 1721-1726
UDI Points: 132,000
Property Owner: SUE N BAILEY
Building Number: 17
Lot (Unit) Number: 1711-1716, 1721-1726
UDI Points: 600,000
of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven - as built Building 17, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20209496, 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 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 2010747, Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765, Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20206614, First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20211905 and Sixth Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal

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Lot (Unit) Number: 52
 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 20
 Lien Amount: \$ 2,894.44
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
 Court Address: Combined Court, 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 Phone Number: (970) 264-8160
 Plaintiff(s): WYNDHAM VACATION RESORTS, INC., A ELWARE CORPORATION
 v.
 Defendant(s): DAVID ALVAREZ, MARA ALVAREZ, RICHARD C. DELONG, A. BONNETA DELONG, JOHN D. ENDICOTT, WILLIAM GERO, DONNA MOODY, KENNETH HARRIS, CHARLOTTE HARRIS, KELLI HARRIS, GERALD HOFFMAN, SHERRY HOFFMAN, J. NADENE JENKINS, JAMES DENNIS JESTER, JEAN JESTER, KRISTY KAE COPPLE, ROBERT L. KELLEY, SUSAN JERI KELLEY, PING WONG, AND YVONNE WONG
 Submitting Attorney:
 Newbold Chapman & Geyer PC; Keith Newbold, Atty. Reg. No.: 010629
 150 East 9th Street, Suite 400, P.O. Box 2790, Durango, CO 81302
 Phone Number: (970) 247-3091; Fax Number: (970) 247-3100;
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 Case Number: 2018-CV-4488, Div.: Ctm.:
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 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

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 This is the action to foreclose on Mortgages and Promissory Notes given by Defendants for the benefit of Plaintiff, and to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described on Exhibit A, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
 DATED this 20th day of July, 2018.
 NEWBOLD CHAPMAN & GEYER PC
 Original signatory on file at the office of Newbold Chapman & Geyer PC
 /s/ Keith Newbold
 Keith Newbold, Esq., Reg. No. 010629
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4(g), Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure.
 EXHIBIT "A"
 Description of Real Property
 1. The property belonging to John D. Endicott (Contract # 171401658):
 A 336,000/62,896,000 undivided fee simple absolute ownership interest in Units 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724, 1725 and 1726 in Building 17, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of TEAL LANDING CONDOMINIUM - PHASE SEVEN - AS BUILT BUILDING 17, as depicted on the Plat recorded as Reception No. 20209496, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium recorded as Reception No. 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20104161, First Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20105651, Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20106880, First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 2010747, Third Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20204765, Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20206614, First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded December 12, 2002 as Reception No. 20211905, Sixth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20209497 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. The property described above is a 336,000 ownership interest as described in the Declaration and such ownership interest has been allocated 336,000 points (as defined in the Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium) for use by the Grantee in Each Year(s).
 2. The property belonging to William Gero and Donna Moody (Contract # 171106354):
 A 126,000/17,740,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Units 7867-7868 in Building 34, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of PEREGRINE TOWNHOUSES PHASE VII, as depicted on the Plat recorded at Reception Number 20005495, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, Third Supplemental Declaration recorded March 13, 2000 as Reception No. 20201424, First Amendment to Declaration and supplement thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado, which undivided interest has been assigned 126,000 Fairshare Plus Points symbolic of said property interest. 3. The property belonging to Kenneth Harris, Charlotte Harris, and Kelli Harris (Contract # 171103088):
 A 233,000/62,896,000 undivided fee simple absolute ownership interest in Units 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1621, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1625 and 1626 in Building 16, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of CORRECTION PLAT - TEAL LANDING CONDOMINIUM - PHASE SIX - AS BUILT BUILDING 16, as depicted on the Plat recorded as Reception No. 20304272, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium recorded as Reception No. 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20104161, First Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20105651, Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20106880, First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20110747, Third Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20204765, Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded December 12, 2002 as Reception No. 20211905, and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. The property described above is a 233,000 ownership interest as described in the Declaration and such ownership interest has been allocated 233,000 points (as defined in the Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium) for use by the Grantee in Each Year(s).
 4. The property belonging to J. Nadene Jenkins (Contract # 171107451):
 A 126,000/63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute ownership interest in Units 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1525 and 1526 in Building 15, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of TEAL LANDING CONDOMINIUM - PHASE FIVE - AS BUILT BUILDING 15, as depicted on the Plat recorded as Reception No. 20204764, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium recorded as Reception No. 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20104161, First Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20105651, Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20106880, First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20110747, Third Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20204765, Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded December 12, 2002 as Reception No. 20211905, and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. The property described

above is an Annual ownership interest as described in the Declaration and such ownership interest has been allocated 126,000 points (as defined in the Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium) for use by the Grantee in Each Year(s).
 5. The property belonging to James Dennis Jester and Jean Jester (Contract # 170901219):
 A 518,000/63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute ownership interest in Units 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1325 and 1326 in Building 13, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of TEAL LANDING CONDOMINIUM - PHASE THREE - AS BUILT BUILDING 13, as depicted on the Plat recorded as Reception No. 20106879, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium recorded as Reception No. 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20104161, First Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20105651, Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20106880, First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception No. 20110747, and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. The property described above is an Annual ownership interest as described in the Declaration and such ownership interest has been allocated 518,000 points (as defined in the Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium) for use by the Grantee in Each Year(s).
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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
 CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE
 SALE N.O. 2018-009

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust.
 On June 7, 2018, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
 Original Grantor(s) River Forest Ventures, LLC
 Original Beneficiary(ies) Weinberg Servicing, LLC
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Weinberg Servicing, LLC
 Date of Deed of Trust November 27, 2015
 County of Recording Archuleta
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust November 25, 2015
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21508774
 Re-Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21608396
 Re-Recording Date of Deed of Trust December 13, 2016
 Original Principal Amount \$220,000.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance \$220,000.00
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
THE LIEN 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.
IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
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 DATE: 06/07/2018**
 Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
 By: /s/ Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Timmins LLC 450 East 17th Avenue, Suite 210, Denver, CO 80203 (303) 592-4500
 Attorney File # River Forest Ventures, LLC
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
 A Public Trustee's Association of Colorado Revised 1/2015
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COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE, PURSUANT TO C.R.S. §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Under an Order for Default Judgment for Foreclosure on Assessment Lien (Reception No. 21705515, recorded 9/8/2017 in Archuleta County), the following described property situated in Archuleta County, State of Colorado, is all of the property encumbered by said Statement of Assessment Lien:

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 If the borrower believes that a lender or servicer has violated the requirements for a single point of contact in C.R.S. §38-38-103.1, the borrower may file a complaint with the Colorado attorney general, the CFPB, or both, but the filing of a complaint will not stop the foreclosure process.
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Current Owner of Evidence of Debt Secured by Order on Motion for Default Judgment of Complaint for Foreclosure on Assessment Lien (Reception No. 21705515, recorded 9/8/2017 in Archuleta County): PINON HILLS RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
 Date of Order on Motion for Default Judgment of Complaint for Foreclosure on Assessment Lien (Reception No. 21705515, recorded 9/8/2017 in Archuleta County): MARCH 8, 2018.
 Recording Date of Order on Motion for Default Judgment of Complaint for Foreclosure on Assessment Lien (Reception No. 21705515, recorded 9/8/2017 in Archuleta County): \$7,600.00 plus interest bearing at 18% per annum and for further assessments and late charges as they become due, and for attorney's fees and costs incurred in collecting said amounts.
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 This is to advise you that foreclosure proceeding No. 2017CV30130 has been commenced in the office of the undersigned Sheriff to foreclose the lien of the above described Order on Motion for Default Judgment of Complaint for Foreclosure on Assessment Lien (Reception No. 21705515, recorded 9/8/2017 in Archuleta County). The following described property situated in Archuleta County, State of Colorado, is all of the property encumbered by said Statement of Assessment Lien:
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Soccer

Boys' soccer prepares for first game on Aug. 28 with everyone 'looking good'

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School boys' soccer team is gearing up for another season.

"Everybody's looking good," coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason said.

The first game of the season will be at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at Crested Butte Community High School.

The first home game will be just days later, on Friday, Aug. 31.

A total of 15 regular-season games are scheduled, with eight at home in Pagosa.

The last game for the regular season will be on Oct. 20 at Ridgeway High School.

Members of the team went to a scrimmage day last weekend in Cañon City, meeting teams from Manitou Springs, Cañon City and Thomas MacLaren High School from Colorado Springs, according to Kurt-Mason.

In each scrimmage the team worked on different aspects of the game, Kurt-Mason explained.

"I think that the most telling aspect that we improved on was our team shape," Kurt-Mason said.

Kurt-Mason explained that, by the third scrimmage, "we started

moving up and down the field with good team shape" without big separations.

"We had a really good outcome there," he said.

That was a good way to end the day, Kurt-Mason explained. "It's not how you start, it's how you finish."

The team started a little shaky, according to Kurt-Mason. "It was our first time out" and with only two substitutions, it was a good test for the character of the team.

"It was a hard day for the guys," he said.

In the meantime, practices and team-building show good results.

The two-a-day practices were going well with "a lot of sore muscles," according to Kurt-Mason.

"We do a traditional run up Wolf Creek Pass," Kurt-Mason explained.

Leaving at 5 a.m., the members of the team run from Treasure Falls to the summit of the pass, according to Kurt-Mason.

"The idea is to stay as a team, run as a team and make it up as a team," Kurt-Mason said.

This year is one of the "top times we've had," according to Kurt-Mason, with the team starting after 5:30 a.m. and reaching the summit of the pass around 7:30 a.m.

The time was around two hours

and 14 minutes, which is a good time to get everybody "up there and in one piece," according to Kurt-Mason.

It was a great success, he added. "It's a great team-builder, too," he said.

Now comes the wait for school to start, according to Kurt-Mason. Some members of the team are still away, but by the start of school the entire team should be together.

The team consists of six freshmen, five sophomores, two juniors and three seniors, so far, according to Kurt-Mason.

A couple more players are expected when school starts, according to Kurt-Mason.

"We don't have the numbers for a JV, but we have enough for a varsity," he said.

Schedule

The following schedule is accurate as of Wednesday, Aug. 22, but is subject to change.

Following Tuesday's season opener, the team will face Alamosa High School at home at Golden Peaks Stadium at 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31.

On Sept. 1, the team will play against Manitou Springs at home at 10 a.m.

On Sept. 8, the team will be on

the road again to face Alamosa at the Alamosa High School at 4 p.m.

On Sept. 11, the team will play an away game against Bayfield at Bayfield High School at 4 p.m.

On Sept. 15, the team will face Montezuma-Cortez at home at 11 a.m.

On Sept. 18, the team will play Kirtland Central High School at home at 4 p.m.

On Sept. 22, the team will face Crested Butte Community High School at home at 11 a.m.

On Sept. 28, the team will play against Ridgeway High School at home at 4 p.m.

On Sept. 29, the team will play Telluride High School at home at 10 a.m.

On Oct. 2, the team will face Bayfield High School in its last home game at 4 p.m.

On Oct. 13, the team will hit the road once again to face Cortez at Montezuma-Cortez High School at 11 a.m.

On Oct. 19, the team will be away and will play against Telluride High School at Down Valley Field at 4 p.m.

The last game of the regular season will be an away game on Oct. 20, against Ridgeway at Ridgeway High School at 11 a.m.

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Cross-Country

High expectations for Pirates harriers as season begins

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

"It's a great-looking team," coach Scott Anderson said of the Pagosa Springs High School cross-country team earlier this week.

The team is set to hit the ground running at tomorrow's pre-state meeting at the Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs.

"We've got high expectations of what both teams are capable of," Anderson said, noting that he holds reservations because the teams have not competed yet.

Anderson noted that the state course is challenging, but that the team will use it, as well as the other early-season races, as hard training runs.

"We're not trying to shock the world with our first race," he said, adding that it will be used to wake the team up in terms of racing, gauge where the team's fitness is, and to help establish a trajectory of where the team is and where it could be at the end of the season.

Who will take to the race courses in a varsity uniform could change over the course of the season, Anderson indicated.

"We've got bigger numbers this year," Anderson said, with 15 guys and 23 girls out for the sport.

Not only is the team larger this year, but "pretty diverse" in terms of age and experience.

The boys' squad, which is coming off a season in which it finished 20th at state, looks to be led this year by its older runners, Anderson indicated.

But that doesn't mean some of the younger and newer runners won't factor in.

Anderson pointed out that sophomore Cam Hinger, new to the team, is "definitely in the mix for that front-end group."

Too, sophomore Gabe Heraty, "made the progression we were hoping to see from him."

Anderson added, "He did well freshman year and took another step, and, so, he's definitely in the mix."

A couple of freshman are anticipated to contribute in the future, the coach added.

"The girls, as far as the front end, are deep and good," Anderson said, with 10 to 12 runners, including younger runners, vying for seven varsity slots.

Anderson also noted that the

squads have had excellent senior leadership so far this year.

On the girls' squad, that leadership, he noted, is coming from Emma Heidelmeier, Sarah Ross and Shelby Cronon.

On the boys' side, Anderson noted the leadership of Nate Lewis and Kaleb Buffington.

"They're doing a good job ... from their part getting everybody together and doing a great job with team leadership and team bonding, which is really important to us," Anderson said.

Schedule

The following schedule is accurate as of Wednesday, but is subject to change. All meets begin at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted, with specific race times not included on the schedule.

After the pre-state meet, the Pirates will head to Lloyd's Lake Meet hosted by Monticello High School in Utah.

Then, on Sept. 8, the team will travel to Alamosa for the Joe Vigil Meet.

The following week, the team will travel to Bayfield for the Bayfield XC Meet.

On Sept. 22, the Pirates will host the Pagosa Springs XC Challenge.

Then, on Sept. 29, Pagosa's harriers will head to Mancos for the Chicken Creek Classic.

On Oct. 5, the teams will head to Cortez for the Ancient Trails meet beginning at 4 p.m., and will round out the regular season at the Eric Wolf Invitational on Oct. 13.

On Oct. 19, the team will take part in regionals at Aspen High School with hopes of garnering an appearance at the state meet in Colorado Springs on Oct. 27.

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Crews suppressing Miner Park Fire on Pagosa Ranger District

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Miner Park Fire is a lightning-started fire burning near the Weminuche Trail, approximately 3 miles northwest of Williams Reservoir.

According to a Pagosa Ranger District news release on Tuesday, the fire is burning in dense mixed conifer with standing dead aspen and spruce in steep terrain.

The fire was discovered Monday at approximately 4 p.m. and, as of Tuesday, the fire was being suppressed with air resources and ground personnel.

Smoke from the fire may be visible from the Williams Reservoir area. Visitors to the Poison Park area should check with the district office for current conditions and restrictions.

Pagosa Ranger District Park Ranger Rachel Blandon offered an update

on the Miner Park Fire to The SUN Wednesday afternoon.

"At the moment, they are building fire line. It's around four acres, they're receiving moisture and they don't expect the fire to last much longer. They think the rainfall and the management should take care of it," Blandon explained.

For additional information on the fire, contact Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268.

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Broadway in the Mountains

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August 23, 2018

Thingamajig Theatre Company's summer season running through August

By Tess Wisher
Special to The PREVIEW

The Thingamajig Theatre Company Broadway in the Mountains summer is coming to a close. On Aug. 31, the 2018 Summer Thingamajig Theatre Company will take its last bow after what is sure to be a wonderful performance of "Legally Blonde" and pack up from an amazing summer of performing.

The entire company, over 50 artists, performers and technicians strong, has spent the summer rehearsing and performing five Broadway-style musicals that have gotten rave reviews: "Legally Blonde," "West Side Story," "Thoroughly Modern Millie," "Little Shop of Horrors" and our Theatre for Young Audiences piece, "Pinkalicious."

With performances happening every Wednesday afternoon through Sunday afternoon, there are still plenty of opportunities for locals and tourists alike to see the cast members of the only professional theater company in Pagosa Springs strut their stuff before the season ends.

"Legally Blonde," based on the critically acclaimed movie starring Reese Witherspoon, is a fun, energetic musical. The musical follows the story of Elle Woods as she goes from Malibu to Harvard to win her ex-boyfriend, Warner, back. Overall, the show is a joyous romp through the halls of Harvard, with a lot more pink and dancing than you'd expect in those hallowed halls.

"West Side Story" is a classic retelling of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," set in 1950s New York City with breathtaking music by Stephen Sondheim. A high-energy gang war erupts on stage as soon as

the lights are dimmed with soft moments of romance sprinkled between impressive dances and convincing combat. You'd be remiss if you didn't take the opportunity to see one of the most beautiful pieces of musical theater ever written for the stage.


"Thoroughly Modern Millie" tells the story of a 1920s young woman who moves from Kansas to New York City in search of a rich husband. By far the fan favorite of the summer, the show includes plenty of toe-tapping tap numbers and phenomenal singing through a joyous and funny story.

"Little Shop of Horrors," based on the cult classic horror film, is funnier than it is scary. The show follows Seymour, a young florist, as he raises in fame due to a strange new plant he names Audrey II, after his crush Audrey. The problem arises when we discover the only thing the plant will eat is human blood. This horticultural horror is hysterical.

"Pinkalicious," which plays every Saturday morning at 11 a.m., is apart of the ThingamaWHOs program that combines local Pagosa Springs high schoolers with professional actors from all over the country. The show is a family friendly treat about a girl, Pinkalicious, who eats too many pink cupcakes and turns bright pink from head to toe. While originally written for children, this show is funny and entertaining for the young and young at heart.

There are tickets available to almost all of the shows until the end of the season, but there won't be for long. If you are interested in seeing a show with Thingamajig Theatre, visit the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts website at pagosacenter.org, call at 731-SHOW (7469) or stop by and visit the box office.

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Riff Raff downtown: Ben Gibson Duo, 6 p.m.
Shooters & Shenanigans: Tomyris, 9 p.m.

Saturday

Coyote Moon: Karaoke, 9 p.m.
East Side Market: Open Mic with Steve Rolig, 9 a.m.
La Taqueria: Country Thunder, 6 p.m.
Pagosa Brewing Company: The San Juan Mountain Boys, 5:30 p.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Brooks-i Duo, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff on the Rio: Bo DePena, 6 p.m.
Shooters & Shenanigans: Dave Mensch, 8 p.m.

Sunday


La Taqueria: Ben Gibson, 11 a.m.

Tuesday


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

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Pagosa Brewing Company: Trivia hosted by Justin T., 6 p.m.
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Final opportunity to join this year's Pagosa Springs Girls Choir tonight

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

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If you answered yes to those questions, then come to the Pagosa Springs Middle School band room tonight, Thursday, Aug. 23. You have a final opportunity to be a part of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir for the 2018-2019 school year.

The welcome meeting for new members will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the middle school band room. No audition is necessary.

The meeting will place girls on a specific voice part and answer any questions the girls or parents have.

Each new girl will need an information packet that is available on our website, www.singpagosa.org, or by calling Director Linda Parker at 264-1434. A \$10 registration fee is also required and it will be applied to the yearly tuition.

If tonight's time won't work for you, call Parker and she will arrange a different time for you to audition.

Come share the music, the good times, the new friends and the exciting opportunities that will come your way as a part of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir. See you tonight.

Balance your mind, body and spirit at Tuesday hand-drumming sessions

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 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.

Music is a magnificent tool for personal and societal well-being.

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Keeping the beat on a hand drum is an easy way to plunge into the art of music-making. Swimming in the rhythmic pulse of a community drumming circle can really get the creative juices flowing.

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Curtain's Up Pagosa to present 'One Night Only' featuring Robert Neel

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtain's Up Pagosa's (CUP) 2018 concert series continues with "One Night Only," an evening of Broadway tunes starring our own Robert Neel, talented performer and music director.

Neel recently played the role of Father in "Children of Eden" for CUP, in addition to working as music director for the show. Neel continues to offer his amazing talents to our students and community while supporting Pagosa's community theater.

"One Night Only" will be held Friday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church on South Pagosa Boulevard. Tickets at the door are \$15.

Neel will be accompanied by Sally Neel, with proceeds to benefit Sally's Scholarship Fund for College Performing Arts students.



Photo courtesy Dale Johnson

Robert Neel as Tevye in Curtains Up Pagosa's "Fiddler on the Roof" in 2016. Neel will present "One Night Only," an evening of Broadway tunes, at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Tickets will be available at the door.

Community Fall Festival and Raffle set for Sept. 9

By Roxanne Schick
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Catholic community is preparing for the upcoming Community Fall Festival and Raffle.

This event was previously called the Pagosa Catholic Community Picnic and many thought that the event was for only Catholic members of the community. Hence, we changed the name to Community Fall Festival and Raffle.

The Community Fall Festival and Raffle will be held on Sept. 9 at Town Park from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is a free event and everyone in the community is welcome. There will be free food, provided by the Knights of Columbus, and a cash bar. The Retro Cats Band will again

donate their time and musical talent. The Pagosa Springs Line Dancers, headed by Beverly Chester, will entertain the crowd while the band is taking a break. Games and face/arm air brush temporary tattooing for all ages will also be part of the event.

This event is a fundraiser for the Catholic church building expansion at Pope John Paul II Church. They are adding rooms to provide much-needed space for activities for our growing population of young families with children, teens and youth.

There will be a raffle with the following prizes:

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In addition, there will be brown bag raffles. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5, and drawings will start at 2 p.m. The prizes for this raffle were donated by local and out-of-town businesses.

Mark your calendar for this family event and spend a day full of fun, merry-making, wonderful food and the opportunity to win cash and fabulous prizes.

Curtains Up Pagosa announces auditions for 'Nutcracker the Musical'

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

It's that time again: Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is very excited to announce auditions for its winter production of "Nutcracker the Musical," a celebration of song, dance, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, theater and fun.

We are looking forward to offering Pagosa's very own version of the classic "Nutcracker" to our mountain town. Adding to the wonder of the season and community, CUP is partnering with local dance academy students in the performance. This partnership is the first of its kind between the two and we are thrilled for the opportunity.

Auditions for dance academy students only will be held Thursday, Sept. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m., with an age breakdown as follows: 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 7-10; 5 to 6 p.m. for ages 11-13; and 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 14 and up.

Regular auditions for performers age 7 and up will be held on Sept. 7 from 2 to 7 p.m.

We are seeking all actors between the ages of 7 and 90 for this musical. Auditions will be held at Pagosa Springs High School.

Contact CUP's director, Dale Johnson, at 946-1500 or Casey Crow for further information. CUP is looking forward to your audition.

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Nahko and Medicine for the People to headline 23rd annual Four Corners Folk Festival

By Crista Munro
Special to The PREVIEW

The 23rd annual Four Corners Folk Festival is rapidly approaching and, before you know it, the gates will open to campers streaming in from all over the country for the event.

The longstanding Pagosa Springs Labor Day Weekend tradition 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), Sam Bush, We Banjo 3, Amy Helm, The Accidentals, Sam Reid and the Human Hands, Front Country, Darling West, Jon Stickley Trio, The Jacob Jolliff Band, The Western Flyers, Bonnie and the Clydes, Tallgrass, and this week's featured performers: Nahko and Medicine for the People, and Courtney Hartman and Taylor Ashton.

Nahko and Medicine for the People

It sounds like the logline for a classic '60s film: An Oregon native leaves home at 18, follows love from Alaska to Louisiana only to learn about heartbreak the hard way, meets his birth mother for the first time, eventually settles in Hawaii and launches a successful band. It isn't the fulfillment of some loose end in "Easy Rider" or "Five Easy Pieces," though. It's the origin story of Nahko captured on his 2017 solo offering, "My Name Is Bear."

The album predates his rise to mythos among diehard fans of Nahko and Medicine for the People, and it's an important piece of the puzzle that is Nahko.

Collecting music he penned between the pivotal ages of 18 and 21, the musical maverick appropriately described the 16-track journey as "a prequel."

"It's the first chapter," he elaborated. "I leave home at the begin-

ning. On the back end, I meet my birth mother at 21, everything changes and the Medicine for the People catalog begins. It was about coming of age and shedding that skin. When you're on your own, those are the first steps to freedom. You have to take care of yourself and survive in a world with the tools you have. For me, those tools were my guitar, my songwriting and my thumb to hitchhike."

Artfully merging rustic acoustic guitars, upbeat energy, tribal flavors, fiery percussion and ponderous lyrics, these recordings reflect the soul and spirit fans have come to know and love from his work in Medicine for the People, while venturing into decidedly more "rocking" and "personal" territory, as he puts it.

Along the way, he realized who he was.

"I came from a broken indigenous home, but I was raised in a beautiful, privileged white home by my adoptive parents," he said. "It was pretty confusing as I began to come of age because I knew I didn't come from that household, but somehow through my music I was able to garner the attention of many young people going through the same thing and coming to a similar conclusion. My music did not define me at 18-21 the way it does now. It was my comfort zone. I turned to it to get me through all of the transitions. I had no definition of life at the time. Music is my language, that is certain. It is my way to get in, out, over and under. It's my bridge. I can connect with people and many other things with it."

Strengthening that connection, Nahko introduces this collection with the lead-off and first single "Dragonfly." Fingerpicked acoustic guitar builds into an unshakable melody punctuated by an African-style beat and chirping birds as he carries the chant, "To my former dragonfly, I resist and I survive." The companion video, starring

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Nahko and Medicine for the People will headline the 23rd annual Four Corners Folk Festival main stage on Saturday, Sept. 1, at 8 p.m.

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 Nahko's friend, Paris Jackson, brings the narrative to life vividly. "I wrote that at 18," he recalls. "It's a special one about following my heart in relation to a first love. I was very enamored with her. We met in Alaska and she had a similar story to my birth mother. I followed her to Louisiana by way of a very long road trip. We spent four months in a house in the Deep South hanging out. It came from surviving that first year away from home. It was a special piece for me."

He pays homage to the influence of Ram Dass' "Be Here Now" with the swaggering electric guitar, groovy bass and bright horns of "Be Here Now" — originally penned upon his arrival in Hawaii. The gorgeous conclusion "Die Like Dinoz" nods to his experience in a Hawaiian treehouse at the base of a volcano as it compares two lost dinosaurs to lovers who lose their way.

As much as "My Name Is Bear" serves as a prequel to Medicine for the People, it can certainly be construed as the foundation for meeting his mom, as well. To rewind even further, Nahko's birth mom gave him up for adoption as she was just 15 years old. She would be thrust into unthinkable circumstances, but managed to send letters and photos until he turned 5. At 17, his parents handed over the correspondence. In 2007, following his return to Portland from Hawaii, he Googled her name on Aug. 6. Turns out, his birth mother lived 15 minutes away.

"I drove there and there she was, my mom," he continues. "My two sisters, their kids, my two brothers ... everyone. Mom was crying. I was crying. The first thing she asked was 'What do you do?' I shrugged and said, 'I play music.' It literally happened like that — all by divine intervention. I picked up, left Hawaii and came home to not so randomly discover my mom lived basically down the street from where I grew up."

Consequentially, this transpired

towards the end of the period chronicled on "My Name Is Bear." He penned "Early February" about it.

"It's the only song that has anything to do with my birth mother or my family," he said. "It's about identity. That link ties to my other records, because they're full of stories. 'My Name Is Bear' celebrates becoming a man."

Finger-snaps set the stage for a delicate and heartwarming narrative about the birth of his brother's first child on "Call Him By His Name." Strings underscore the emotional heft of the soulful ballad "Susanna," which relays the journey from home towards love. Meanwhile, the shimmering piano of "Alice" echoes with lively and lush melodies.

In the title, he also subconsciously embraces his given moniker, Nahko, which means "bear."

"I reclaimed the name at this time," he continued. "I was going by my adopted name of David until I got to Hawaii and a friend encouraged me to go by Nahko. It's a statement to myself. I'm no longer a little bear. I've reached a place where I've progressed through this journey of music. I can share these songs from a very specific period today."

At the end of the day, this prequel sets the stage for a whole lot more from Nahko though.

"To be honest, I decided to make this last year as the world was changing," he left off. "I know I could go deep on Medicine for the People, but I had to go back in time for myself, clean out the closet a little bit, and give listeners something that feels good, but makes them think. I hope in making them feel good for an hour, it makes them feel better. That's how I feel."

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Courtney Hartman and Taylor Ashton

We tend to think of songs as snapshots in time, but they're really more like handwritten letters

that we carry around for years, their meaning changing each time we read and re-read them. On their quietly stunning debut, "Been on Your Side," songwriters Hartman and Ashton bring forth songs full of ephemeral charm, created separately and together while living New York City. Each song's been weathered a bit by time like an old letter, tempered a bit by the honest assessments of a true friendship and imbued with layers of meaning.

"I am fascinated by the life of songs," Hartman said. "Seeing after they're written how they continue to change based on your life and what you're experiencing and what you've loved and lost. I guess they're like frames that you can see life's seasons or certain relationships through."

Both Hartman and Ashton are known for their instrumental prowess — Hartman as a subtly virtuosic guitarist and Ashton as a deft clawhammer banjo player — but the focus here is on the songs they've made and shared together, their rich, entwining vocal harmonies, and their collaborative method of songwriting and arranging. "Been on Your Side" is a beautifully compelling album of new American roots music coming out at the end of this month.

Ashton and Hartman met in New York City coming off tours with their bands — Ashton with adventurous Canadian roots ensemble Fish and Bird, and Hartman with Grammy-award nominated Della Mae — and both looking to relocate to the city.

As Ashton told it, they met at

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a secret Julian Lage and Chris Eldridge show.

“It was one of those New York moments,” he said, “where you see this incredible music in a tiny place and you’re inspired to make something. You look around for someone to harness that energy with.”

What they found was a remarkably productive musical friendship that immediately saw the two of them writing and collaborating on songs. “

A writing together process is one of listening,” Hartman said. “You play a new and raw thing for someone with open and objective ears. That’s a gift, you don’t find that in everybody. Sometimes it feels like growing a song together.”

As the songs grew, both Hartman and Ashton continued with other projects, and it took a few years before they were able to find the time to sit down and record.

Retreating to an empty old dance hall in South Dartmouth, Mass., Ashton and Hartman holed up with producer Jacob Blumberg to record the album over one wintry week.

“There was a dark beauty to that space,” Hartman said, “maybe especially in winter.”

With views of the water and a fire in the hearth, the pair recorded into old ribbon mics just a few feet from each other, roughly the same distance they sat writing the songs originally.

Though time passed between conception and recording, Ashton and Hartman kept the songs fresh and deliberately brought unfinished songs to the recording to work on together. The result is an incredibly intimate performance between two master musicians, each attuned to the others slightest musical movements, and both committed to an honesty in music making that is rare. Ashton focused on the rolling waves of his clawhammer banjo playing, an instrument whose rhythm, he said, was always a key part of their work together. Hartman, recently nominated for an Instrumentalist



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Courtney Hartman and Taylor Ashton will open Sunday morning’s music performances on Sept. 2 with an 11:30 a.m. set on the main stage of the Four Corners Folk Festival.

of the Year Award by the Americana Music Association, focused on her acclaimed guitar work.

As Ashton pointed out, “Courtney’s a virtuosic guitarist, but her virtuosity is a virtuosity of sensitivity. She’s able to shred in such a way that you almost don’t notice.”

At times during the recording, you can hear the fire crackling in the background, and though Hartman and Ashton returned to New York and added in additional instrumentation, the beating heart of the music remains their musical partnership.

As Hartman said, “At my core, I love improvising and I love exploring what a piece of music is right now, that it wasn’t yesterday or the day before and the same goes for collaborative relationships.”

Hartman and Ashton will open Sunday morning’s music performances on Sept. 2 with an 11:30 a.m. set on the main stage.

More information

FolkWest is seeking a few more volunteers age 17 and over to help out at the event. Volunteers who work two four-hour shifts earn free three-day admission to the festival and there are shifts scheduled before, during and after the event. Additional information about volunteering can be found at www.folkwest.com/fcff-volunteer or by

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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.

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Family-friendly Dallas Holm concert set for Sept. 2

By Jason Rose

Special to The PREVIEW

Wrap up your Labor Day weekend this year with by enjoying the music of Dallas Holm in concert. The Grammy-nominated and Dove award-winning artist will be offering a family-friendly concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2.

The event is sponsored by Grace in Pagosa and will be held at Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive.

The doors will open an hour before the concert begins. Admission is free. A love offering will be received during the concert, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the artists.

Pioneer, forerunner, legend — Holm is an icon of Christian music. Though he never feels comfortable with such descriptions, Holm agreed, “Through God’s grace, I’ve been part of the Christian music ministry for a long time.”

Holm has earned his influence in today’s Christian music throughout more than 30 years of writing, singing and ministry in some 3,000 concerts in every state in the USA as well as many countries abroad. His 37 recordings have garnered gold records, multiple Dove awards, Grammy nominations, No. 1 songs and countless accolades. During his travels, Holm also speaks and teaches what God has taught him in his journey.

Holm’s creativity and diversity offer everything from inspirational to blues, from country to reggae. Whatever the style, it all points to Christ and the Cross. Songs like “Rise Again,” “I Saw the Lord,” “Here We Are” and “Before Your Throne” remind us that it’s all about Jesus. Holm’s songs focus on His life, His death and resurrection, and His desire for intimate relationship with us.

God has used Holm to shape the landscape of today’s Christian music. Greg Long of Avalon said, “I rededicated my life to the Lord at a Dallas Holm concert.”

Dallas has touched the lives of such influential stars as Steven Curtis Chapman, who said, “He’s still a hero to me.”

Twila Paris, who opened for Dallas Holm and Praise when she was a fledging artist, remembers his album, “For Teens Only” (1971) as the first contemporary Christian recording she heard.

Holm said, “When people come up to me after a concert and tell me they’ve given their life to the Lord during the concert, I’m humbled and amazed.”

Letters pour in from around the world telling of marriages saved and lives changed. Comments that keep Holm focused, fresh and committed to his calling are those that express how God used him to save their kids or, as kids often write, to save their parents.

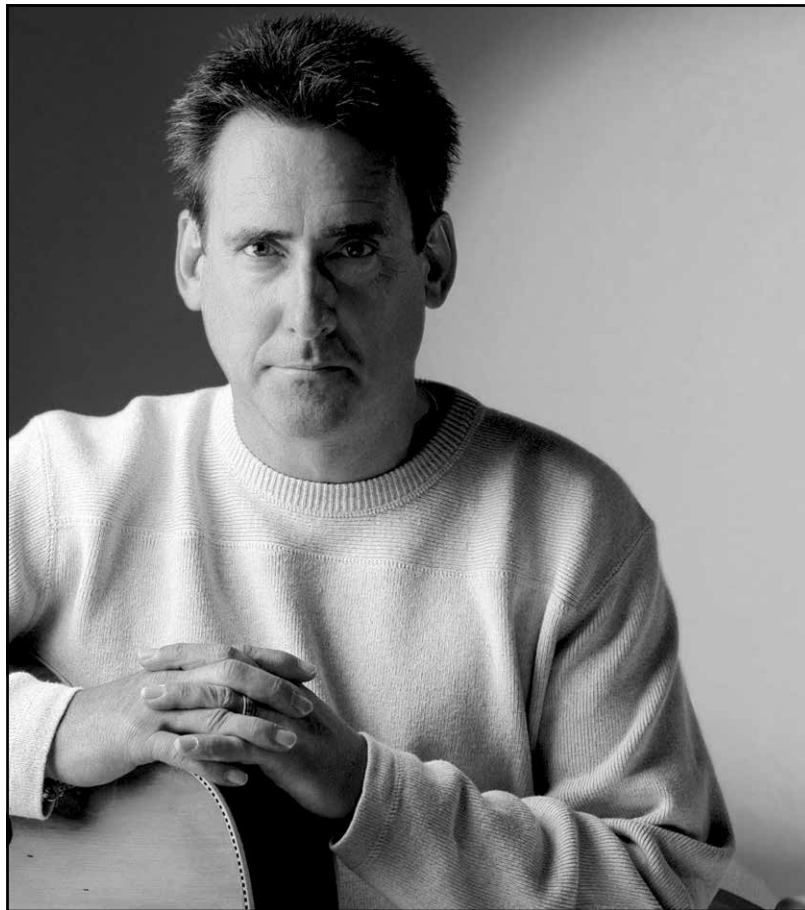


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Dallas Holm, a Grammy nominee and Dove award winner, will be offering a family-friendly concert at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 2, at Restoration Fellowship Church.

His family, his role as husband, father and grandfather, take precedence for Dallas. “If I reached the whole world but lost my own family, I’d consider myself a failure. Early on, I set a priority system that put God first, family second and ministry third. If I’m not the husband and father I need to be in my own home, I have no right to proclaim truths of the Kingdom to others.”

This arrangement has worked well for Holm and Linda since their marriage in 1969. They now have two grown children, Jeffrey (his fishing buddy) and Jennifer. Jennifer and her husband Jason have two children, Jacob and Sophia.

Holm said, “I was my son’s age when I started in full-time ministry. Now I have grandchildren!” He and Linda travel to concerts across the country.

Dallas is quick to point out, “It’s been a remarkable journey, yet it hasn’t all been easy. When people hear my music or see me on TV or in concert, they don’t realize those are just moments in a life. I’ve had struggles, heartaches and disappointments just like everyone else. Linda has fought an ongoing 20-plus year battle surviving cancer. But Christ remains preeminent in all things. No matter what has happened, what I’m going through now or what I may endure tomorrow ‘nothing can separate me from the love of Christ.’”

Holm grew up in Minnesota. In 1965, at the age of 16, he was pursuing a music career in local rock bands. Holm remembered, “One night the pastor of our church sat

down and talked with me about my life, my goals and Jesus. On Oct. 17, 1965, I committed my life and my music to the Lord. I’ve never looked back.”

After Bible college and a short stint as youth pastor, Holm joined David Wilkerson in his youth crusades in 1970. He traveled and

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The Pagosa Springs Choral Society's 2017 Christmas choir performs before a full house in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Rehearsals for the 2018 concerts will begin at 7 p.m. on Sept. 11 in the high school music room. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. Dan Burch will once again serve the choir as director. Members of the community are welcome to participate.

Pagosa Springs Choral Society to begin rehearsals Sept. 11

By Richard Bolland
Special to The PREVIEW

It may be August and the weather is still warm, but your fellow Pagosans are getting ready to begin rehearsals for the annual Pagosa Springs Choral Society's (PSCS) Christmas choir concerts. You are invited to combine your voice with those of your neighbors to make the joy of the Christmas season even more joyous.

The first rehearsal is scheduled for Sept. 11, with registration beginning at 6 p.m. followed by our first rehearsal from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Rehearsals will continue every Tuesday until the concerts (except for Thanksgiving week) from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Musical selections are a blend of both sacred and seasonal Christmas music with both accompanied and a cappella portions of the program being performed in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

The concert dates will be Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 2 beginning at 4 p.m.

Some of the selections to be performed are: "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," "Fum, Fum,

Fum Fantasia," "Shepherd's Joy" and George Frideric Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." There will also be a select jazz ensemble that will present two additional selections.

Members of the jazz ensemble are selected from the members of the choir by audition.

Each participating choir member is asked to pay a \$20 fee to defray the cost of the music.

Once again, the PSCS is pleased to announce that Dan Burch, music director at Pagosa Springs High School, will direct the choir and Venita Burch will serve as accompanist for the choir.

Participation in the Christmas choir is open to all members of the community. Being able to sing helps. Being part of such a community effort will help to make your Christmas holiday even more special.

Concert

■ continued from previous page ministered with Wilkerson for 10 years. During that time, he formed Dallas Holm and Praise in 1976.

Holm said, "It amazes me that even with such turnover in the Christian music industry and such diversity within the church, God keeps this ministry effective year after year. I love what I do now more than ever and consider it a privilege to be a co-laborer with Christ."

Holm reminded, "In the movie 'Chariots of Fire,' Eric Liddell said,

"When I run, I feel God's pleasure. I say, When I write, sing and play these songs, I feel His pleasure."

Mark your calendars for 6 p.m. Sunday evening, Sept. 2, at Restoration Fellowship Church, where we'll welcome musical legend Holm to Pagosa Springs. I can't think of a better way to wrap up your summer. Invite your friends and neighbors for this free concert in what will be an entertaining and inspirational evening.

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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.

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San Juan Stargazers. 7 p.m., Visitor Center. Come before 7 p.m. for time to socialize. We start the meeting with introductions and information about upcoming events. For more information, visit www.SanJuanStargazers.com or call 335-8286.

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir Welcome Meeting. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School band room. Girls who will be entering grades five through eight have another opportunity to become members of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir. Rehearsals will begin Sept. 10. For more information, call Linda Parker at 264-1434 or visit singpagosa.org.

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 co-worker 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.

Friday, Aug. 24

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park

(South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. They will be discussing "The Paris Wife," by Paula McLain. Stop by to pick up a copy. 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.

Senior Center Picnic in the Park. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Town Park. Call for reservations, 264-2167.

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Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book, "Daughter of the Pirate King," by Tricia Levenseller. Stop by to pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Humane Society Auction for the Animals. 6 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. A fun evening featuring fabulous auction items, fine spirits and great dining. The theme this year is "A Bluesy Night in Memphis" and will include soulful sax music from Bob Hemenger and a delicious barbecue menu. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at the Humane Society Thrift Store and animal shelter, the Chamber of Commerce, Two Old Crows Gallery and the Choke Cherry Tree, or by calling 264-5549.

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Luminosity Talks. 7-9:30 p.m., 40 N. 15th St. Tolec from Sedona, Ariz., will update us on current information about the composition of the Andromeda Council, its actions and impact on the people of planet Earth.

Saturday, Aug. 25

Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. For more information, contact Pauline Benetti at paulineb@centurytel.net.

Open Play. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 5 and under. We've got plenty of fun toys, puppets, puzzles and such that will be available for this hour of open playtime. Socialize, pretend, play and pick up a few books while you're here. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Cub Scout 807 Nerf Wars. 9:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. The Cub Scout troop invites boys ages K-5th grade. Call Eric Smith at 582-0148 for more information.

Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk. 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Suite B-15. All are welcome.

Mountain High Garden Club Annual Vegetable Garden Tour. 10 a.m., Education Dome. Ron Chacey will walk us through the secrets of growing abundantly in raised beds. He will guide you through our outdoor Community Garden as his example. Join the fun while exploring your options. Bring your own potluck

contribution to the finger-food refreshments served following the presentation.

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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 information and tickets, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

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Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, Aug. 27

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 Net-

work. 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

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

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

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

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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: Learning Express Library. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. This valuable database is an interactive online learning platform of practice tests and tutorial courses designed to help anyone prepare for a variety of tests and improve academic skills. Improve math or writing skills. Master job search and workplace skills. There are also several computer and software tutorials for Windows 10, Microsoft Word, Excel and many more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tween Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For those in the 4th-8th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Archuleta County Democratic Party Central Committee. 6 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. Topics for discussion will be voter registration, candidate appearances and fundraisers. Preparations for the annual chili supper. Volunteers are needed for phone calling and providing pots of chili, desserts and side dishes. Democratic candidates will be invited to attend and speak. Meetings are open to the public. Call Becky Herman at 264-2171 or 903-0788 for more

information.

Pagosa Peak Open School Community Presentation. 6:30 p.m., 7 Parelli Way. All members of the community are invited. We will reflect on what our students accomplished last year and discuss the philosophy behind our unique school model. We also invite you to tour and sample vegetables from our new school garden.

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.

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 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.

Tuesday, Aug. 28

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets).

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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., River Sports Bar. Annual silent auction luncheon. The auction items will be inside the River Sports Bar and the luncheon on the deck along the river. The auction funds support the spring scholarships for girls. Please RSVP to 946-1895 so we can save you a place.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as

we learn swing on the move, also called progressive swing. Danced to country music, this dance has a shuffling characteristic. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, Aug. 29

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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Role-Playing Game. 3:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing role-playing game. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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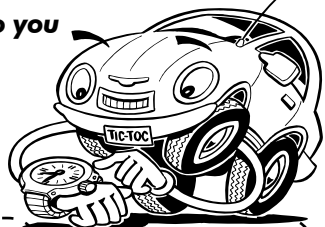
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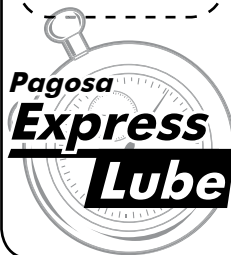
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Thursday, Aug. 30

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.

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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

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Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance,

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Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'One Night Only.' 7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. An evening of Broadway tunes starring Robert Neel. Tickets at the door, \$15.

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Paws to Read. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For those in K-5th grade. Come and share your favorite book with Hondo, a dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Sunday, Sept. 2

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Pagosa Uke Jam. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All levels welcome. Come sing and share the fun. Instruction for beginners provided.

Dallas Holm in Concert. 5 p.m., Restoration Fellowship. Doors open an hour before the concert begins. A family-friendly concert of Christian music. A love offering will be received during the concert.

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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.

Men's PTSD Combat Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church library. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. For more information, contact Vets for Vets at 799-VETS.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 5

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Course in Miracles Study Group. 9-10:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

Audubon Rockies Volunteer Educator Training. 9 a.m.-noon,

Community Center arts and crafts room. This will familiarize attendees with concepts and our approach to hands-on education. No prior experience necessary. For more information, contact Keith Bruno at kbruno@audubon.org.

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.

Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

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

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

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Thank you again to all the sponsors, volunteers and attendees; the Fair Board looks forward to seeing you all at the 2019 fair the first weekend of next August.



‘I don’t hurt anymore, Mama’

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

I woke from an unsettling dream. Chad, my youngest nephew, died several years ago from cancer. In the dream, Chad laid in a coffin. We all stood around him and mourned his death.

His eyes opened. Chad looked at the bruised area on his arm from the IV site. “I don’t hurt anymore, Mama!” My sister, Donna, broke into tears.

Donna also dreamed about Chad. She stood spellbound as he ran through the tall grasses and flowers in heaven. No longer attached to IVs, his arms waved in the air as he leaped with abandonment. A smile covered his face and the laughter from deep within filled his mama’s heart with joy. Her baby didn’t hurt anymore.

Sometimes, the answers to our prayers may not come when

A Matter of Faith

we want them, or wrapped in a pretty package. Chad’s body carried bruises and scars, an outward reminder of the cancer. But now, he lives free from pain, suffering and sorrow. Jesus healed his disease and wiped the tears from his eyes.

Before the sun peeked across the mountain range, I understood the meaning of the dream. I have often said, “I shall serve Him whether I live or I die. On earth or in heaven, a simple matter of geography.” Chad’s healing came in the twinkling of any eye, when he left this world to live with Jesus throughout eternity.

Because of Jesus, someday we

shall say, “I don’t hurt anymore.” Maybe geography is all that stands in our way of answered prayer.

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” — Revelation 21:4 (KJV).

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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship announces annual picnic

By Bob Lecour
Special to The PREVIEW

On Sunday, Aug. 26, the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship will hold its annual picnic at a private home in town. The picnic will start at 10:30 a.m. There will be no service at the fellowship hall this Sunday.

As part of the UU annual picnic, Pastor Dean Cerny will facilitate an informal conversation about UU Rev. David Rankin’s document known as “What do Unitarian Universalists believe?” If the food doesn’t whet your appetite to attend, then perhaps the open discussion surrounding UU beliefs will.

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a caring,

inclusive fellowship dedicated to spiritual growth, justice and serving the needs of our larger community. As a welcoming congregation, we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all.

Check out our calendar of events at pagosauu.org. All of these events take place at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

If you would like to schedule a private meeting with Cerny, or for further information, call 731-7900.

Tolec returning to speak at Luminosity Talks event

By Veronica Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Luminosity Talks welcomes back Tolec from Sedona, Ariz., who will update us on current information about the composition of the Andromeda Council, its actions and impact on the people of planet Earth.

This event will be held at the Pagosa Community of New Thought, located within the Momentum 24/7 Fitness building, 40 North 15th St., on Friday, Aug. 24, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

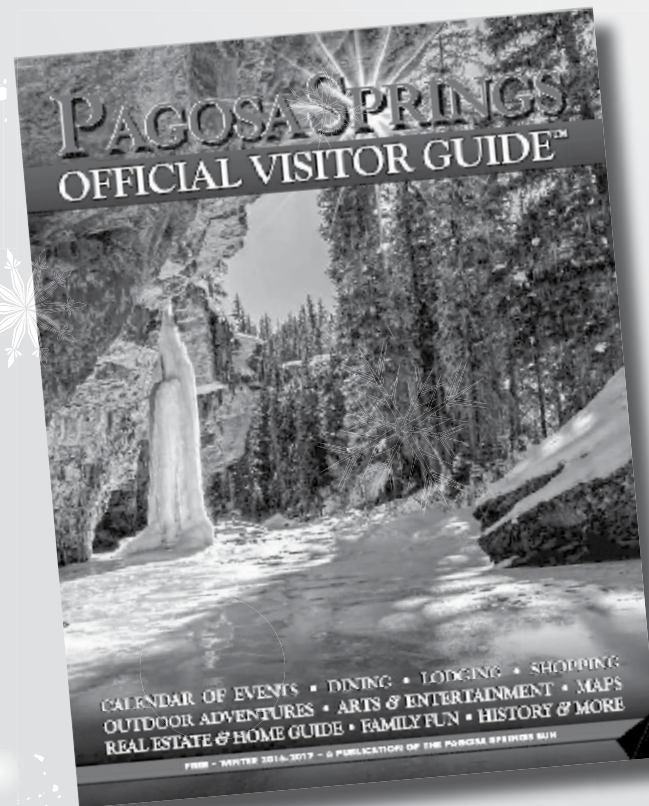
In addition to this speaker, we will honor Lynnzie Sutton as she steps down from the position as

sole event coordinator. She evolved Luminosity Talks over the last five years to what it is today, offering a broad array of alternative information and education for the Pagosa Springs community. Please join us for this two-part event of gratitude and a stimulating evening talk about cosmic happenings.

Luminosity Talks is a not-for-profit group that presents innovative speakers and films to educate, inspire and inform. All are invited to this free event and donations are gratefully welcome.

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New Thought topic: 'Born to shine'

By Janie Garms
Special to The PREVIEW

All are welcome to attend Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) on Sunday, Aug. 26, at 10

a.m., as we present Andrea Maehr, RN, to speak on the topic "Born to Shine."

Maehr's experience over the past decade has led her to see that, for millennia, the focus has

been on educating the mind and exercising the body, while virtually ignoring the expression of the soul.

Unity is shifting the collective consciousness for all. 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 welcomes children and has made changes to our service to be more accommodating to children.

PCNT holds Sunday services each week at 10 a.m. at the Momentum Fitness building, 40 N. 15th St.

Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain information by joining us, emailing PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, calling (505) 604-5031 or mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or our website, www.PagosaNewThought.org.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the western grebe.

Elegant is an adjective commonly applied to the western grebe. Both sexes of this water bird have long, slender necks and cobra-like heads. Colored black from the base of the bill, through the red eye and down the back to the tail, which is offset by white from the chin through the belly, they are only confused with the similar Clark's grebe.

Western grebes breed on freshwater lakes with vegetation at the edges suitable for building and hiding their floating nests. They are adept at diving and eat mainly fish.

They can be found in large numbers in the spring and summer on Lake Hatcher and Navajo Reservoir, where their calls resound across the water. Grebe pairs are feeding young on Lake Hatcher now. In winters when areas of open water remain on local lakes, some western grebes remain, but most winter in the Pacific saltwater coastal areas.

Western grebes perform elaborate courtship displays entirely on water. A pair will mimic head and neck movements, rise up and rush on feet across the top of the water, and end with a dive, all in synchrony. They may also display nesting material to each other in an upright dance to seal their pair bond.

Because these birds inhabit our fishing lakes, they are especially vulnerable to careless disposal of fishing line and boating practices, which flush them off the nest.

For local bird-watching events, visit www.weminucheadubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/.



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Housing survey extended to Sept. 1

By Lynne Vickerstaff
Special to The PREVIEW

We have extended the community-wide housing survey conducted by Pagosa Housing Partners (PHP) until Sept. 1.

To date, we've only received about 200 replies, but have nearly 1,500 online cards and written surveys in distribution.

Getting a full picture of our community need is critical to future planning. If you've been in town for a short while and want to stay, or if you've lived here all of your life, this survey is for you. If you work in Archuleta County

at any income level, part or full time, this survey is for you. If you currently rent and can no longer sustain the rent level or you're trying to buy a starter home, this survey is for you.

Retaining our small town's authenticity is critical to our success as a healthy, diverse community, which means helping you stay here to live, work and play. Together we have the ability to grow and shape our town.

Please go online to pagosahousingpartners.org and take our five-minute survey. And, please, tell a friend, neighbor or family member about it, too.

Tomato problems abundant in late summer

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Tomato problems are abundant in late summer.

Early blight (*alternaria solani*), a fungal disease, causes brown leafspots with a distinct target-like pattern. As the disease progresses, leaves yellow and drop, making sun-exposed fruit susceptible to sunscald. Early blight develops first on the lower leaves and moves upward in the plant. Damp weather, close spacing and overhead irrigation promote disease development. Early blight can be minimized by avoiding overhead irrigation that splashes fungal spores onto leaves.

Tomato spotted wilt virus and impatiens necrotic spot virus are two diseases that cause similar symptoms. Affected plants may appear wilted, but tissue remains stiff. Brown leaf spots and stem cankers develop. Some describe the appearance of affected tomato plants as "dirty" or "dusty." Fruit may be distorted and have distinct

ive yellow rings or spots.

There is no chemical control for the disease. Affected plants must be removed and destroyed to avoid spreading the virus. Western flower thrips transmit the fungus from infected plants to healthy ones as they feed. Spinosad is recommended for thrips control.

Green or yellow shoulders (the tissue nearest the fruit/stem attachment) appear on ripening fruit due to high temperatures and/or sun exposure. The problem cannot be reversed, but shading plants to decrease fruit sun exposure reduces the incidence on newly developing fruits. Floating row cover fabric can serve this purpose if foliage cover is insufficient.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Triathlon need
- 5 Up to snuff
- 9 Amorous archer
- 14 Altar word of old
- 15 World Cup cry
- 16 Battery cell
- 17 Applicability
- 19 Type of sentence
- 20 Make intelligible
- 21 One way to listen or follow
- 23 River ride
- 25 Meter need
- 28 Hard to rattle
- 29 Kid's claim
- 33 Agree to, as terms
- 35 Coupler
- 37 Bumped into
- 38 Bake, as eggs
- 39 Go for the gold?
- 40 Old saying
- 42 Till bill
- 43 Like some vaccines
- 45 Seaplane's anchor
- 46 As a result
- 48 Prefix for section or state
- 50 Tape, say
- 51 Track event
- 54 Place for plates
- 57 Last Supper attendee
- 61 In progress
- 62 Most important
- 64 Big dipper
- 65 Unwelcome look
- 66 Pigmented eye part
- 67 Young chicken, for cooking
- 68 Not straight
- 69 Throw in the towel

- 4 Makeup bag item
- 5 2004 Meg Ryan film, "_____ the Ropes"
- 6 Hood worn on "The Handmaid's Tale"
- 7 Resinous deposit
- 8 End of a race
- 9 Chocolate substitute
- 10 Still wrapped
- 11 Southern dish
- 12 Adored one
- 13 Withhold from
- 18 Airport shuttle, often
- 22 Vegas "lady"
- 24 Payment to a writer
- 25 Social division
- 26 Reddish yellow
- 27 Cupcake topper
- 30 Photoshop item
- 31 Kicked off
- 32 Knight's ride
- 34 Debate position
- 36 Bud holder?

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- 1 Drill
- 2 Alpine goat
- 3 Food for sea urchins

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Multitude of new suicide prevention and intervention materials available at library

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Thanks to a generous grant from San Juan Basin Public Health, we have added 26 new suicide prevention and intervention materials — books and DVDs — to our collection that we think will be useful to our community.

Suicide is a major health issue in our country. It is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. In 2016, there were 44,965 recorded suicides, up from 42,773 in 2014, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics. On average, adjusted for age, the annual U.S. suicide rate increased 24 percent between 1999 and 2014, from 10.5 to 13.0 suicides per 100,000 people, the highest rate recorded in 28 years.

Here is a list of 23 new books on suicide-related topics now available at your library:

- "Children, Teens and Suicide Loss" by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is available in both English and Spanish.
- "Dead Serious/second edition" by Jane Mersky Leder is an updated guide to breaking the cycle of teen suicide that is written for teens, adults and educators.
- "Real Men Do Cry" by former NFL quarterback Eric Hipple is his inspiring story of tackling depression and surviving the suicide loss of his son. This book includes resources, including a checklist for depression and actions to avert it.
- "Unbroken Brain" by Maia Szalavitz offers a new perspective on addiction, arguing that they are learning disorders and looking at different treatment methods.
- "The Journey: A Story of Healing and Hope" by the American Foundation for Suicide Preven-

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tion shows how a diverse group of suicide loss survivors are coping.

- "After" by Francis Chalifour is a memoir of a teen healing after his father's suicide.
- "My Uncle Keith Died" by Carol Ann Loehr helps parents and professionals discuss suicide with young children.
- "True Life Lasts" by James Wegert, a school counselor, communicates important information about healthy relationships that teens and young adults need to know.
- "Self-Reg: How to Help Your Child (and You) Break the Stress Cycle and Successfully Engage with Life" by Dr. Stuart Shanker helps parents and their kids deal with excessive stress.
- "Eating Mindfully for Teens" by Dr. Susan Albers is a workbook with 27 tips to help teens make healthy choices, end emotional eating and feel good about their body.
- "Why Suicide" by Eric Marcus offers answers to questions about suicide, suicide prevention and coping with the suicide of someone you know.
- "Learning to Love the Girl in the Mirror" by Helena Grace Donald contains self-empowering and self-loving tools to make teen girls feel Supergirl confident.
- "The 6 Most Important Decisions You'll Ever Make" by Sean Covey is a guide to help teens succeed in school, make good friends, get along with parents, wisely handle dating and sex issues, avoid

or overcome addictions, and much more.

- "The Power to Prevent Suicide" by Dr. Richard E. Nelson and Judith C. Galas is a guide for teens helping teens when your friend asks for help.
- "Daring Greatly" by Dr. Brene Brown uses warmth and humor to help you live, love, parent and lead.
- "Untangled" by Dr. Lisa Damour is a practical guide for teenage girls going through seven transitions into adulthood.
- "The Healthy Teen Cookbook" by teen chef and cooking show host Remmi Smith offers easy-to-cook recipes and menus from around the world to inspire teens.
- "The Whole-Brain Child" by Drs. Daniel J. Siegel and Tina Payne Bryson provides 12 strategies based on the latest neuroscience

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 research to nurture your child's developing mind.

- "After Suicide Loss: Coping With Your Grief/second edition" by Drs. Jack Jordan and Bob Baugher offers advice for people of all ages.

- "Stop Anxiety from Stopping You" by Dr. Helen Odessky is a program of tools and techniques for conquering panic and social anxiety.

- "Touched by Suicide" by Dr. Michael F. Myers and Carla Fine combines the perspectives of a physician and a survivor, offering compassionate and practical advice.

- "The Parent's Guide to Helping Teenagers in Crisis" by Rich Van Pelt and Jim Hancock, experts in youth ministry and crisis management, focuses on suicidal thoughts, death of a friend, eating disorders, substance abuse, pregnancy, hazing, cheating, violence and more.

In addition, here are three DVDs on the subject:

- "The Journey: A Story of Healing and Hope" by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention shows how a diverse group of suicide loss survivors are coping.

- "Living with Bipolar Disorder" by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention uses case histories to describe how to achieve and maintain wellness.

- The "EmpowerWorkouts" contains motivational fitness routines led by teens.

As well, there are a lot of great resources available on the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado website, including effective ways to talk about suicide, as well as quick facts and other helpful information. Visit that website at <https://suicidepreventioncoalitionofcolorado.wildapricot.org/>.

Early literacy librarian job opening

Paige Shook, our early literacy librarian, is resigning to take a library job in her home town, so we are looking for her replacement. If you are interested in the position, please go to the library's website to review the job description, requirements, salary and benefits, and how to apply.

Teen book club tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 24, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the teen book club, seventh- through 12th-graders will discuss "Daughter of the Pirate King" by Tricia Levenseller and enjoy free snacks. Stop by the library to pick up a copy. Note the change of day and time because school is out.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 24, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for a free

all-ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family.

Literary Ladies tomorrow

This free book-lovers' group — formerly the Senior Book Club — meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 24, they will discuss "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain. Stop by your library to pick up a copy. For more information, contact Marilyn Stroud at Bakestroud@aol.com.

Tween gaming

Free gaming for fourth through eighth grades is next Monday, Aug. 27, from 4 to 5 p.m. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Teen gaming

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

Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Wednesday, Aug. 29, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Open play

Instead of family storytimes, we will have open play on Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for the rest of the month.

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Join us on alternating Mondays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. for free sessions to learn a useful skill or application.

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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.

Two new Spanish books

"Stranger: El Desafio de un Immigrante Latino en la era de Trump/Stranger: The Challenge of a Latino Immigrant in the Era of Trump" by Jorge Ramos, an Emmy award-winning journalist and Univision anchor, is the memoir of a man who has spent 35 years in the U.S. but still often feels like a stranger here. "La Linea se Convierte eb Rio/The Line Becomes a River" by Francisco Cantú is the memoir of a border patrol agent who was raised in the Southwest.

Thrillers, mysteries and suspense

"Scorpien Strike" by John Gilstrap is a Jonathan Grave thriller.

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Monday, Sept. 3, The Pagosa Springs SUN office will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

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A predictably unpredictable mind

My Sweet Al said to me, “If you go to a dance with an ugly man, you still get to dance.”

“Where did that come from? What is that about?”

Who is this man I married? I have been reading the predictably unpredictable mind of my Sweet Al for 58 years. I thought I knew the mind of this man, but I seem to be changing mine as I try to read his.

I like predictability. Summer is predictable. Its starts the same way each year and follows the same path. A trip to the town diamonds and you’ll hear the crack of a bat

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



as the softball league starts in full swing. This is also the time of year when we get to enjoy visits from family and friends who travel from different states.

As with last summer, I finished writing my second book,

“Heart Bender’s Secret,” in a four-book collection, “Sangre de Cristo Mountains Series.” The long summer days were the perfect setting to write, re-write, edit and re-edit. With the hit of “send,” I made my July deadline to the publisher. And just like clockwork, book three will take shelf in the summer of 2019.

Long-time friends Maynard and Gloria Doolittle from Arizona came for a visit. Friends for over 45 years, they are a staple of our summer fun. Even if our hair color has changed and our pace is slow-

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Library

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ic” by Ace Atkins is a Spenser mystery. “Baby Teeth” by Zoje Stage follows a woman and her daughter who cannot or will not speak. “Paradox” by Catherine Coulter is an FBI thriller featuring Savich and Sherlock.

Other novels

“The Errant Duchess” by Victoria Rose is a romance set in Venice in 1817.

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“The Past is History, The Future’s a Mystery, Being Here and Now is a precious gift, That’s why they call it the Present.” — From “A Walk in the Wood: Meditations on Mindfulness with a Bear Named Pooh” by Dr. Joseph Parent and Nancy Parent.

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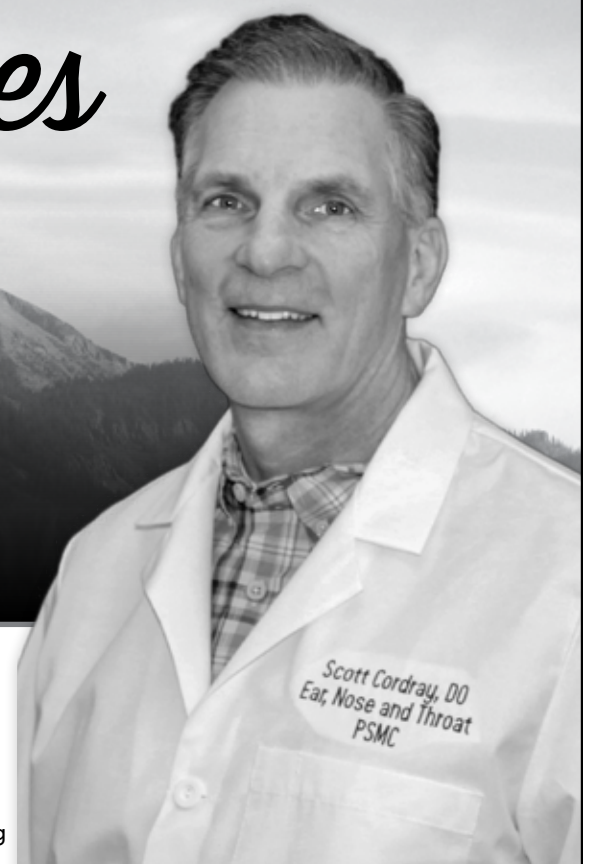
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Falls prevention, driving classes scheduled at Senior Center

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; you 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 pleased to announce our fourth Matter of Balance program. The Matter of Balance program lasts eight weeks. Classes are on Wednesdays beginning on 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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Lane

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ing down, our time together is the same. We laugh and reminisce, and always order Gloria an extra bowl of salsa. If we don't, she will surely eat everyone else's.

Picture a Norman Rockwell illustration. Never meeting a stranger, everybody's grandparents, Maynard and Gloria are the perfect characters for the front cover of "The Saturday Evening Post."

We planned a road trip to the sand dunes with our Arizona guests. I expected Maynard and Sweet Al to sit in the front seat without a word between them. Meanwhile, Gloria and I talk until we run out of things to say or fall asleep. It's how our friendship has always been and we like it that way.

This trip was different. Before we even stepped into the car, Al was off and running with a catalog of stories. From

the driveway, down the road and over Wolf Creek Pass, we listened to Al tell one story after another. Even at the end of the day, he was still talking.

I said to our friends, "Who is this man I married? Have you ever known my Sweet Al to talk so much? He's always been a man of few words. His words are like gold to me. But these stories now seem to be happening all the time and they are getting longer."

We left Maynard and Gloria in

town and headed home. "Al, you did all the talking. You didn't even give poor Maynard a chance to speak up. You could have asked him what was new in his world, or have him tell you about his new car."

Al said that his doctor had upped his "brain medicine" and that he was thinking about upping it again. I suddenly realized why the change in my Sweet Al. Do I

say no to having his medicine increased, or do I embrace this unlocking of his mind?

Not only is he more engaged during the day, his dreams are becoming more and more vivid. Every morning, he wakes up and tells me one never-ending story after another. They are usually about selling someone an insurance policy or running down the street to meet another client.

Summer for me has always been a time when I move in and around the days like clockwork. But as we round off the summer months, I'm left wondering what has changed. Suddenly, I find my Sweet Al, a man of few words, a man who won't quit talking.

Final brushstroke: Time has a way of making us change how we think — and listen. It can open us up to conversations we may have otherwise missed out on. As my Sweet Al revs up his storytelling, I seem to be running out of things

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Senior

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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 be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing the course, so consult your insurance agent for details.

AARP membership is not required to take the course.

The classroom course costs only \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers.

To register, visit aarp.org/find-acourse. The Senior Center staff will be glad to help you register.

Due to popular demand, the Senior Center is hosting a second class on Sept. 14 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Health and wellness

The Senior Center has a pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring, or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next health and wellness event is scheduled for Sept. 19.

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: Bullying Is Ageless IV

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.

How do we create a caring community in long-term care, senior centers and senior housing? We create an environment that promotes empathy with a culture of respect, accountability for bullying behaviors and everyone standing up for what is right, Dr. Robin Bonifas of Arizona State teaches. A high level of trust must be cultivated by paying attention, listening, including others, not gossiping, pleasantness, apologizing when needed and giving only constructive criticism.

Strategies include regular discussions about communal living and staff training and support around recognizing and responding to bullying and aggressive behaviors, along with policies and procedures that guide behavior and encourage the reporting of incidents. Other ideas are acknowledging those who make others feel welcome, noticing and rewarding acts of kindness, and training elders in bystander intervention.

Bullying continues and the bully is empowered if others participate or don't intervene. Those who bully can be taught ways to vent frustrations and deal with loss, to feel more in control and to communicate positively. People who are bullied can be taught how to bolster their self-esteem, stand up for their rights and manage anger, for example.

In the final column, I will describe ideas that assisted living residents shared in the research. For further information, you may call me at 403-2164 or send an email to ombudsman2@sjbaaa.org.

Menu

Everyone is welcome to join us for

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

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$8.50 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, Aug. 23 — Pork green chile stew, glazed carrots, squash calabacitas, cornbread muffin with butter, milk and salad bar.

Friday, Aug. 24 — Picnic in the Park — Honey barbecue chicken, potato salad baked beans, milk, fruit kabob and cherry cobbler.

Monday, Aug. 27 — Shrimp and grits, roasted broccoli, yellow squash medley, milk, salad bar and poached pears.

Tuesday, Aug. 28 — Hot turkey sandwich, honey garlic green beans, cranberry apple coleslaw, milk, salad bar and lemon cookies.

Wednesday, Aug. 29 — Beef Bolognese with spaghetti, baked zucchini with Parmesan, spinach mandarin orange salad, breadstick, milk and salad bar.

Thursday, Aug. 30 — Hot chicken salad, shredded Brussels sprouts, steamed asparagus with lemon, milk, salad bar and ice cream sandwich.

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

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

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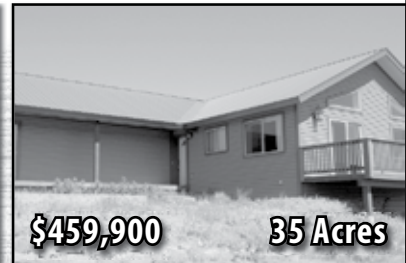
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What's your sign?

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

My daughter Celese was working at a fast food restaurant. As employees often do, they would play jokes on each other.

Celese had worked there for a long time and had risen to the rank of manager. One day it was her turn to manage the evening shift. As her shift was starting, the manager of the previous shift paused to give Celese some notes.

"The sign was changed earlier today," that manager told her.

That was always important to know. When a new special was put up on the sign,

there was usually about a 50 percent increase in sales of that item for a few days. The crews had to work harder to keep up with orders, especially on the foods that were discounted.

Celese went to look at the sign so she would know what her crew needed to keep ready. The sign said, "Check out our new hot chicken sandwiches. Try them today."

As Celese took over for her shift, she warned her crew to keep the chicken sandwiches cooking so they could keep up. For the first hour or so on her shift, it was all that her crew could do to keep the chicken cooked for the sandwiches. But after about an hour, something changed.

The number of people coming in increased dramatically, and sales were soaring. But it wasn't all chicken sandwiches. Those coming through were ordering many varieties of food. But there was another change, too. The customers were almost all boys, and they were making strange comments. They would say things like, "I love your sign," "I love your hot chicks," or "Hey, Baby, what's your sign?"

The sales were through the roof, and her crew was exhausted from the constant rush of orders. But the strange things people were saying,

and the fact that it was mostly boys ordering, made Celese wonder if something more than a new special was going on. And it all seemed to have something to do with the sign.

Finally, Celese went out to look at the sign and, to her dismay, she found it had been changed. Instead of what it had said, it read, "Check out our hot new chicks. See them today."

Celese realized that her crew was all girls, and she knew that the boys who worked at the restaurant must have changed the sign. She was annoyed and determined to change it back. She called the head store manager and told him there

was a problem with the sign and asked him where a ladder was. He told her where it was, and she immediately went and pulled it out of the storageshed.

She found that the removed letters were sitting at the bottom of the sign. She had just set the ladder up and was climbing it with letters in hand when the restaurant owner showed up.

He looked at what the sign

said, looked at Celese holding the letters, and said, "What do you think you're doing?"

Celese tried to explain that she was sure the boys must have changed the sign, and she was just trying to change it back. The store owner seemed less than believing, and looked at her skeptically.

The next day, when the owner did the financial audit of the previous day, he seemed even more skeptical. There were bonus points given to crews that had high sales, and Celese's crew had higher sales than any shift had had for months.

"I appreciate you attempting to push up sales," he said to Celese, "but there are certain techniques that probably shouldn't be used."

Celese tried again to convince him that she hadn't done it, but she never was sure he ever believed her.

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Lightning in the Centennial State

By James Pringle
Special to The PREVIEW

In the United States, there are an estimated 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning flashes per year and each one is a potential threat to both life and property.

During the past 30 years, 44 people have been killed each year by lightning on average, while during the last 10 years, this number is 27. Last year, 16 people were killed by lightning, while many others were injured. All of the people who were killed by lightning in 2017 were involved in outdoor activities.

In Colorado last year, lightning killed two people and injured two. During the past 37 years, on average, Colorado has had three lightning fatalities and 12 injuries per year. Since 1980, El Paso County, including the Colorado Springs metro area, has had the dubious distinction of having the most lightning casualties of any county in Colorado, with 10 fatalities and 84 injuries. Larimer County has had 10 fatalities and 75 injuries, while Jefferson County has had nine fatalities and 38 injuries.

Because it usually affects one or two victims at a time, and does not cause the destruction left in the wake of tornadoes or hurricanes, lightning generally receives less attention.

Many people do not act in a timely manner to protect their lives, and the lives of others, simply because they do not understand all the dangers associated with thunderstorms and lightning.

You need to become aware of the situations that put you at a greater risk of being struck by lightning, and what you can do to reduce that risk. While nearly all people take some protective actions when rain, hail and wind

are occurring with thunderstorms, many leave themselves vulnerable to being struck by lightning as thunderstorms approach, move overhead and move away.

Lightning can strike more than 10 miles from the rain area of a thunderstorm. That distance is about as far as you can hear thunder. If you can hear thunder, you could be in danger of being struck by lightning. When thunder roars, go indoors.

Most lightning deaths and injuries in Colorado occur during the afternoon when lightning is most likely to develop, and when people are more likely to be outside. Quite a few lightning fatalities occur when little or no rain is falling.

The chance that you will be struck by lightning in the United States is about 1 in 960,000 for each year of your life. However, your chance of being struck will depend on whether you consistently practice all the lightning safety rules.

Lightning starts around half of the forest and rangeland wildfires

across the state. Colorado averages around 2,500 wildfires each year. Many of these lightning caused fires occur with very little or no rain. These storms often generate gusty winds, which can fan the flames of the fire.

When planning outdoor activities, check out the hazardous weather outlook and the latest forecast, which include thunderstorm and lightning potential. Make sure you get the specific forecast information of the location you will be visiting.

The websites for National Weather Service offices which cover Colorado and issue these products are: Denver/Boulder — www.weather.gov/den; Grand Junction — www.weather.gov/gjt; Pueblo — www.weather.gov/pub; and Goodland — www.weather.gov/gld.

NOAA's lightning website, which contains abundant information on lightning safety, can be found at: www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov.

Lightning information specific for the Colorado can be found at: www.weather.gov/pub/lightning.



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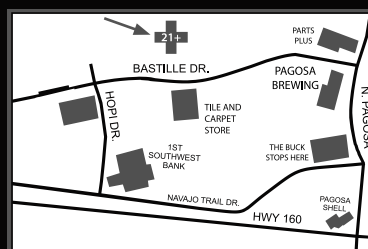
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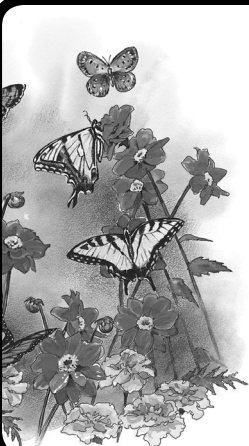
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FULL-TIME DETENTION OFFICER. Archuleta County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for a full-time Detention Officer. Starting wage is \$18.48/ hour. Visit www.archuletacounty.org for position description or submit application and resume to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

YARD SALES

MOVING SALE. 60" TV, TV stand, tools, storage cabinets, queen bed, antiques, desk, lots of stuff. Free stuff, too. Everything must go. 150 Aztec Dr. Saturday, 9a.m.-2p.m.

YARD SALE ON SATURDAY, August 25, 8a.m.-1p.m. 37 S. Birdie Ct. If you have a little dog, baby or can drive- come. Lots of miscellaneous.

YARD SALE- SATURDAY AND Sunday, August 25 and 26, 8a.m.-3p.m. on Beaver Circle. Hunting equipment, skis, saddles and tack, tools, baby items, clothing, household items. Something for everyone and in good shape.

YARD SALE, 86 E. GOLF PL. 9a.m.-2p.m. Saturday 25th. Baby items, barbecue grill, miscellaneous clothing, etc.

VETERANS FOR VETERANS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY. Yard Sale to benefit local veterans. Saturday, Sept. 8, 8a.m. to 2p.m. **WALMART PARKING LOT.** Bring your donation items the day of the sale! **PLEASE NOTICE: NO ELECTRONICS OR TVs.** More info: (970)799-8387.

YARD SALE. SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th, 9a.m. to noon. FURNITURE ONLY. 166 Saturn Dr. (off North Pagosa).

SATURDAY 8/25, 7:30A.M.-12P.M. 261 Pines Club Pl. Mower/ trimmer, drill stones, rock specimens, slot board hardware.

YARD SALE- LUCERO FAMILY yard sale. 410 S. 10th St. Saturday, August 25, 8a.m.-2p.m.

MOVING SALE, ALL MUST GO. Snowblower, appliances, tools. 8 Marble Ct. Saturday, 9a.m.-1p.m.

MOVING SALE. FURNITURE, LIBERTY gun safe, zero turn lawn mower, generator, tower washer, patio furniture, kitchen items, taxidermy, decor and more. Hwy 160 West. Right on N. Pagosa, right on Northlake, right on Northbay Circle. House #191. Saturday, August 25th. 7:30a.m. sharp. AEHPAE.

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YARD SALES

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A hike in the South San Juan Wilderness

This week we return to our description of events that took place in the southeast corner of Archuleta County that I am loosely referring to as Banded Peaks Country.

A few years back while I was living in Dulce, things got restless around the house and so I decided to take a hike, but where? In the



Pagosa's Past

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deeper recesses of my cranial cavity, I heard Navajo Peaks, Price Lakes and the Little Navajo River calling. The call soon amounted to an echo reverberating around and around and around. I'd rather not discuss the geographic condition that allows sounds to reverberate around in my cranial cavity. Think of Carlsbad Caverns and draw your own conclusions.

Anyway, I sent the now-empty coffee cup to the sink, strapped my 6-inch Buck knife with No.

119 etched on its worn leather sheath to my left hip, my .357 magnum pistol with its worn leather holster on my right hip, hung a pair of 8x21 binoculars around my neck, stuffed several chaws of beef jerky into a vest pocket, slipped into my hiking boots and set out for a relaxing stroll in the high country.

Chipmunks (golden mantled ground squirrels) frequently challenged my old GMC pickup for the right of way as we (we = plural meaning me and my old pickup, definitely a relationship) thumped up the mountain on the narrow, rock-infested dirt road. I slowed down at the first beaver pond, hoping to see trout splashing around trying to grab a bug or two. My fly rod lived in the back of my old pickup, armed and ready with a gray hackle yellow fly on a No. 14 hook.

"Nope. No fishing today," I told myself. "Today I'm going for a walk."

The Navajo Peaks blotted out the eastern skyline as I set the hand

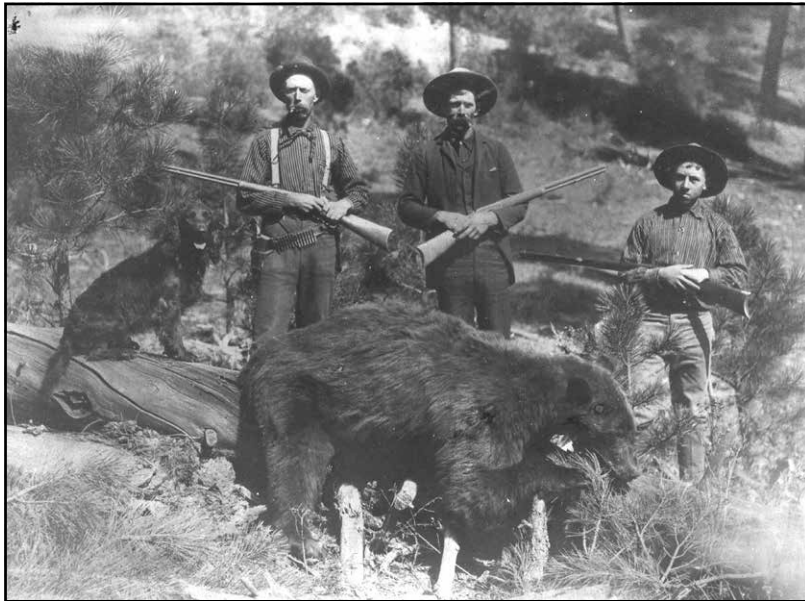


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Pagosa pioneer Fil Byrne shows off the effectiveness of his new 30.30 to a couple of young admirers back about 1900. Byrne was our first superintendent of county schools. The bear formerly lived in the Lower Blanco Basin. The 30.30 Winchester was first marketed in 1895.

brake while my old GMC pickup nestled into the parking lot at the entrance to the South San Juan Wilderness area. From there, the trail snaked along a corridor through closely packed conifers, tip-toed past a fair-sized beaver pond, and dropped down and down through an opening in the woods. Birds chattered, squirrels scolded and the occasional sound of elk crashing through tangled underbrush provided a choral background adding to the satisfying pleasure warming my heart on this beautiful outing.

Soon I reached the Rito Navajo River, rested on my haunches long enough to drop a stick of beef jerky and then started back up the trail on my way home. A short distance off, a crashing through the

bushes reminded me of more elk. As I rounded a turn in the trail, I discovered the source of the noise. No, it was not elk. About 30 yards ahead on my right, a black bear was busy with both paws tearing the bark from a stump and lapping up the ants and other occupants living under the bark. Suddenly, the ursine critter quit ripping up the bark, fixed his stare in my direction, turned toward me and took a few stiff-legged steps closer in order to see me better. My brain began to search for a plan. I thought I needed a remedy.

Read this column next week to learn what happened next.

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