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Fatal accident: Speed in excess of 100 mph

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

A vehicular accident where a car rolled eight times occurred in town on Jan. 8, resulting in the death of a local man.

Tuan Nguyen, 39, of Pagosa Springs, was pronounced dead by Archuleta County Coroner Dan Keuning at the scene of the accident.

"On January 8, 2018 at about 8:10 am the Pagosa Springs Police Department responded to the report of a possible motor vehicle crash that occurred near mile marker 142 on Highway 160," reads a press release from Pagosa Springs Police Chief Bill Rockensock. "Reports indicated there was debris off the North side of the wayside curve."

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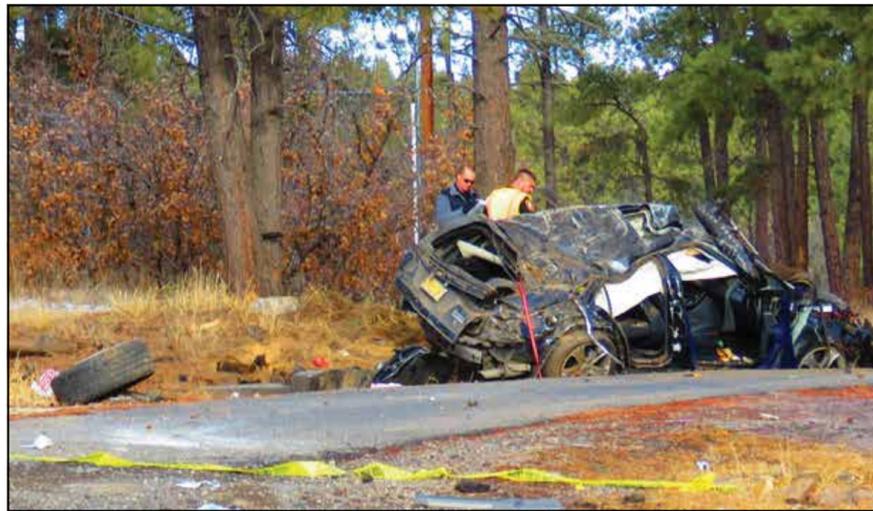


Photo courtesy Reg Larkin

This 2011 turbo-charged Range Rover rolled eight times, ejecting its passenger from the vehicle, resulting in death of Pagosa Springs resident Tuan Nguyen, 39, on Jan. 8

Fire district seeks mill levy increase

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) approved a resolution to authorize a spring election, which will ask the voters for a mill levy increase.

The PFPD will ask for an increase of 3.783 mills, making the total mill levy for the district 7.85.

"Mr. Chairman, as you know, we have talked with many, many people about the possibility of going for the mill levy increase. At one time I presented a proposal for a 9.686 mill levy," said PFPD Chief Randy Larson. "After discussions with the public, Mr. (Ken) Rogers, who's going to take care of our campaign for us, and after our last board meeting, I was directed to see if I could do better than that."

Larson went on to explain that he had come up with a new pro-

posal of 7.85 total mills.

"This would give us approximately \$2 million at the current assessment rate, which will allow us to accomplish several of the goals that were set forth in our strategic plan, including 24/7 staffing, contingency reserves and some benefit increases for our current firefighting staff," explained Larson.

Included in the resolution were two different options for phrasing the ballot language.

Larson explained that, if the board did approve the resolution, he would discuss both options with the PFPD's attorneys and make a decision on which option to use.

He added that one of the options was received by PFPD staff about an hour prior to the meeting.

Director David Blake asked Rogers what feedback he'd received on the prospect of going for the

■ See Election A8

Driver in fatal crash tests above legal limit for THC

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The driver of a vehicle who caused a fatal three-car accident west of Pagosa Springs last month had more THC in his bloodstream than is legal.

THC is the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana.

According to a Colorado State Patrol (CSP) incident report, Neil B. Caryl, 27, of Loveland, suffered fatal injuries when his Dodge Ram hit an icy spot and crossed the median into incoming traffic.

According to CSP Master Trooper Doug Wiersma, Caryl had 9.2 nanograms of THC per milliliter of blood, whereas the limit is considered five nanograms of THC per milliliter of blood.

The crash occurred near mile marker 137 on U.S. 160 at 10:22 a.m. on Dec. 14.

Two passengers, 24-year-old

■ See Driver A8



Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

Fresh snow makes for a picturesque Navajo River Valley near Chromo on Sunday morning. Snow started falling again in the region on Tuesday with over seven new inches of snow falling at Wolf Creek Ski Area overnight. Total snow accumulations of 10 to 20 inches were predicted above 8,500 feet by midnight Wednesday.

SJWCD: Proffitt resigns, general manager search postponed

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a special meeting on Thursday that was originally intended for the hiring of a general manager, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) decided to postpone filling its general manager position.

The meeting began with vice president John Porco announcing that former president of the board, Rod Proffitt, had resigned.

"Mr. Proffitt resigned from the board, effective Jan. 2," Porco said.

In an email sent to The SUN on Friday, Proffitt offered some comments on his resignation.

"Thanks for reaching out for a comment. It's unusual for the paper to get both sides of a story," Proffitt wrote.

"Several members of the board have reached out to me this morning and offered encouragement so I have not abandoned that ultimate objective," Proffitt added.

"Since I have not seen a complaint or contacted regarding any investigation, I don't know what I face in getting everything back on track. I do have to say, the District's board of directors consists of a dedicated group of informed citizens who have done their very best to make this a better community," Proffitt mentioned.

Proffitt went on to commend the board for its work.

"They deserve a great deal of credit for remaining on the board in the face of an unfair onslaught on their integrity and intentions," Proffitt wrote.

"People who simply cast aspersions on devoted volunteers do our community a serious dis-service. This community needs good leadership and this board is made up of the best this community has to offer in the area of [sic] water," Proffitt added.

With Proffitt's resignation and the meeting being the first of the calendar year, the board moved to appoint Porco as president and board member Susan Nossaman to vice president later in the meeting.

General manager agreement conflict

Board member Al Pfister initially raised the idea of postponing the

■ See SJWCD A8

Vigil wins Nurse of the Year award for 2017

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Colorado's highest nursing honor has found its way to Pagosa Springs as the Colorado Health Care Association (CHCA) recently awarded Frieda Vigil with its Nurse of the Year 2017 honor.

Vigil, an employee of Pine Ridge Extended Care Center, sat down for an interview on Monday with The SUN to give her thoughts on receiving the award.

"I didn't know until that night of the award ceremony. There were three finalists. I was one of them," Vigil explained.

The CHCA holds a workshop once a year that lasts all week where nurses do various things, Vigil noted.

When asked about what the award meant to her, Vigil explained that it was a great honor.

"It was wonderful. I was shocked. I thought being one of the top three was winning. I never

thought in a million years that I would actually win Nurse of the Year for the state of Colorado," she said.

In terms of how she was nominated for the award, Vigil explained that the director of nurses sent in a letter of Vigil's history in the profession.

The environment that Vigil strives to create at Pine Ridge is one that gives the best to its residents.

"To give the residents the best care that they deserve to have. Make sure that they get their medications, that the nurses follow the order of the doctors," Vigil said.

Vigil added that being a patient advocate and providing hands-on care are also big parts of the job.

The manager of Pine Ridge, Andrea Con-



Frieda Vigil

stant, provided more information on the award in an earlier interview with The SUN.

"The Colorado Health Care Association does a series of awards, once a year, for different categories," Constant said.

Any facility that chooses to nominate someone has to have two letters to send to the CHCA, one from a family member and the other from the facility, Constant explained.

"You basically have to say 'Why is this person deserving? What have they done that puts them above the next guy in line?'" Constant said.

CHCA then has a panel of judges who read all the nomination letters, which are anonymous, and come up with the three finalists, Constant explained.

The three finalists then attend the convention held in Denver and the winner is announced there, Constant added later.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

More ideas for 2018

Last week, we shared our readers' ideas for the changes they wanted to see in Pagosa Springs during 2018. There were so many ideas, we are bringing you more this week.

James Johnson wrote, "Make a chart for the paper showing connections between office holders...public bodies....business connections...conflicts of interest....Include....past dealings like the Dry Gulch deal."

Lisa Wilson Seider shared, "Stop light at 160 and 84 intersection. Also, stay the cute small town that I love."

Rachel Chitwood responded, "I remember when there were no stop lights. Now there are 7 or 8! I watch old videos of those days and the town has boomed with more stop lights being added. It's not going to slow down, sadly."

Seider replied, "Rachel, I've been going to Pagosa since I was a baby. The town has changed so much but it still has the same charm I remember growing up. My favorite place in the World."

Kassidy Jo Brueckner wants, "A kids splash pad At Yamaguchi Park...? We can dream right?"

Amanda Maurer wrote, "I second this!"

Ashli Stretton quickly added, "Yes!"

Adrienne Lynn Summers chimed in, "I almost wrote the same thing so I'm gonna vouch for this!!!"

Pauline Yago said, "I would actually say at the town park there are too many mosquitoes at Yamaguchi Park during the summer."

Kassidy Jo Brueckner replied, "Pauline Yago the thing is, the town park has such great river access I don't think any more water activities are needed, or will fit, but Yamaguchi is so hot during the summer and has much harder river access."

Kailey Wiggers wrote, "A family friendly, public recreation center!"

The topic changed with Darrell Smith recommending, "Get rid of the bike path downtown. Find an alternative street for all truck traffic in the springs area. Bring in alternative activities that keep loungers around PS for more than 2 days. Last, but not least, approve a cell tower for the PLPOA area, please!"

Tabitha Hart suggested, "Turn lane by pike rd. We just moved here last summer and love the area but I have seen there is a need for Indoor family friendly activities when it's cold or wet there's no where to go or anything to do. I think this would also help tourists to stay longer which would help the local economy."

Genevieve Janak agreed, "Yes to the turn lane!"

Carrie Hill wrote, "A new and improved rec center with more indoor activities would be great but I think all our roads and highways need widening and adequate turning lanes!"

Carrie Thomas wrote, "We need our roads ripped up and re-done."

Shay Cole shared, "The roads in the Vista area need to be fixed properly. All i have seen done is temporary patching that needs to continue being patched. Why not use all of that money to have the roads fixed properly?"

Bill N Tina Hallmark shared, "The biggest change i would like to see is for my home address change from Woodward, OK to Pagosa Springs, CO! Everything else will be fine!"

Robyn Geistman wrote, "Love this one! Ditto!! Except my current address is Victoria, TX!"

Kellie Hays added, "or Forney, TX to Pagosa Springs, CO Y'all are so blessed to live there! We dream of living there."

Summers wrote, "Come on from Woodward I moved from Pawhuska OK to Pagosa best decision I've ever made!!!"

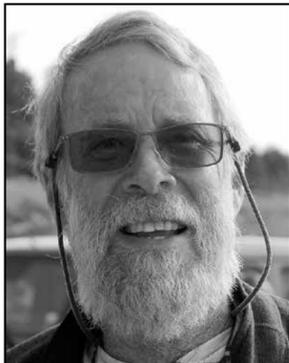
Space doesn't allow for us to print every idea that we received. We'll share more of the ideas submitted in the weeks ahead.

One thing's for certain, we have a lot to look forward to in 2018. Let's all do our part and resolve to get involved to make our community better.

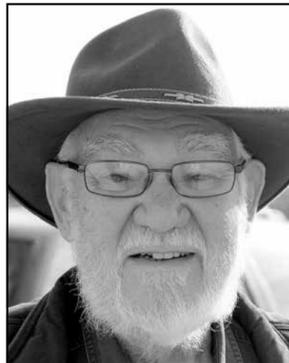
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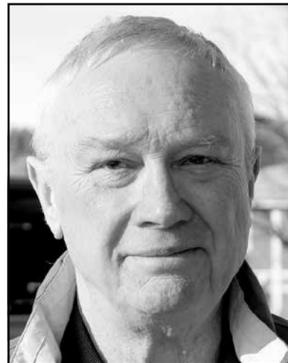
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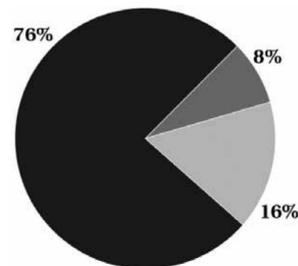
Gary Williams
"Buy soft rubber, ice and snow studless tires."



James Holloway
"Go slow."



Bob Ashworth
"Don't slam on your brakes on the ice."



Poll results (172 Votes)
Invest in good tires — 16 percent
Slow down — 76 percent
Stay off the roads — 8 percent

This week online: What will the local economy do in 2018?
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LOOKING BACK



From the Jan. 30, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. **GOOD FOOD** — Grade school students are a happy lot as they enjoy a hot noon meal. They all seem to enjoy their food, most of them say that they get plenty to eat and that the food tastes good and makes them feel better. The students enjoy the atmosphere of the lunch room and are very enthusiastic about the hot lunches. About 500 students are served each school day under the program and meals are well planned, nutritious, and at a very low cost.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 6, 1928

Sheriff Frank Matthews has received word that the Chevrolet coupe, found abandoned at Pagosa Junction about Oct. 27 and believed to have been used by the would-be Cortez bank robbers, belongs to T.D. Beason, a respected citizen of Salt Lake City, from whom it was stolen on Oct. 14th.

Another big dance scheduled at the Carlsbad Lodge tomorrow night with the promise of the usual good time for those attending. Many new dance records have been received including the latest monthly releases.

Beginning tomorrow night, the Hersch Merc. Co., Joy Market and Dickerson Market will close their stores at 9 o'clock and every Saturday thereafter until further notice.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 15, 1943

The Junior Class is giving a party for the entire student body Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The party is in the nature of a hill billy social. Individual souvenir programs will be given to those present. There will be square dances, as well as other old time and folk dances.

In their best played game so far this season, the Pagosa Buccaneers defeated the favored Del Norte team by a score of 28 to 10 at Del Norte last Friday evening, January 8. The Pagosa Town Team lost to Del Norte Towners in the opener 12 to 13.

The county commissioners met Tuesday of this week and re-organized the board with John R. Stevens as chairman and Dailey Hott, vice chairman.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 11, 1968

The regular school board meeting Tuesday night of this week was a routine affair for the most part. Monthly bills were paid, a discussion of data processing, which is now being used to keep school records, was held. The board tentatively decided that a bond election for the issuance of bonds for construction of a new elementary school would be called soon. Plans were made to contact bonding company attorneys and determine necessary steps. The Board indicated that it was desirous of having the election next month.

Dr. Julian Samora, who is well known to long-time residents here, has been appointed by President Johnson to a Presidential Commission. Dr. Samora was a resident of the community for many years.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 14, 1993

Swearing in of new commissioners and a citizen's effort at establishing home rule as the new form of county government were major items Tuesday on the county commissioners' brief agenda. Appearing as a private citizen, Bob Hand approached the commissioners about his ongoing effort to study the feasibility of establishing home rule government for Archuleta county. He said he considered the home rule question as a vehicle for unifying segments of the community that often appear to be fractured along incorporated areas, unincorporated areas, subdivisions, or geographical locations within the county.

The heavy wet snow that fell Jan. 8-10 finally broke loose in a variety of spots on Wolf Creek Pass, and the resulting slides closed the pass for nearly two days.

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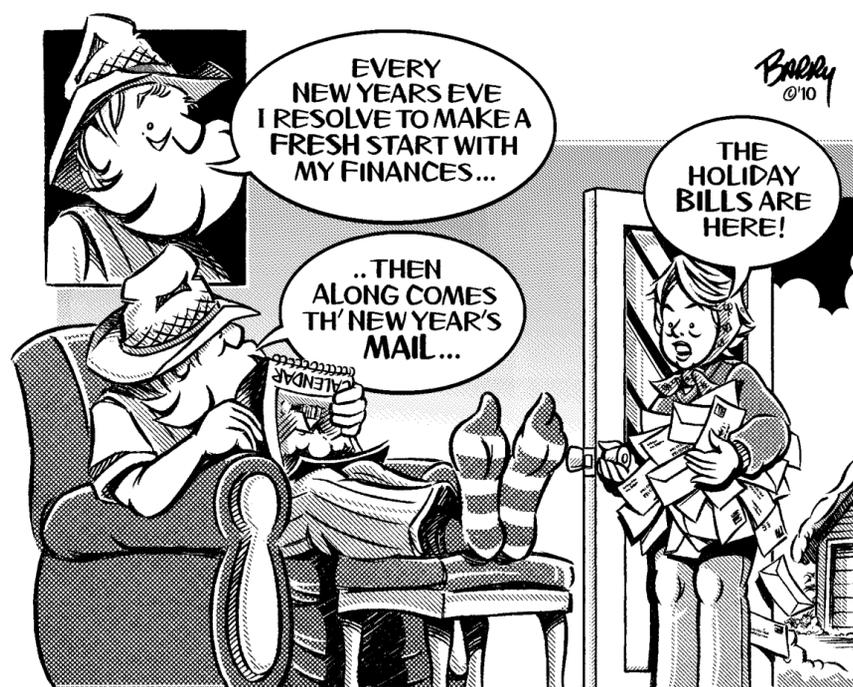
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Light appetizers will be served throughout the
evening by Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club.



Letters

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

Tax scam

Dear Editor:
I want to thank the reader for his response to my letter. I would, however, encourage all to google "causes of the Great Depression." Articles written by historians (not FOX propagandists) are available. You will learn that the Wall Street crash of 1929 and then the banking panics of the early 1930s, were the culmination of decades of unregulated capitalism. There was no regulation of banking or Wall Street, or of manufacturing and agricultural production. No SEC or FDIC and a decentralized Federal Reserve Bank. Also the tax rate on the wealthy was 25% and wealth gap was huge and growing. 78% of Americans were unable to save any money after purchasing necessities but corporate profits were at all time highs. Sounds very similar to today.

FDR came into office in 1933. During his three terms as president, he instituted a number of regulatory policies, formed the Social Security Administration, Fair Labor Standards and provided for numerous infrastructure and jobs programs. More importantly he gradually raised the tax rate on the wealthy to over 90%. There it remained until 1964 when it was lowered to 77% and then 70% in 1965. The top rate remained at 70% until

1982, when it was lowered to 50%. In those 40+ years, the U.S won a war, built the interstate highway system, became the world leader in scientific discovery (including going to the moon), our universities were the envy of the world and the middle class was growing. It would seem to me, we should return to the policies of those years to "Make America Great Again." With top tax rates over 70%, more union membership, relying on scientific thought, investing in infrastructure and education and a general feeling that government can make a difference in peoples lives.

Everything changed with Reagan. The largest tax cuts in post-war U.S. resulted in a top rate of 28%. Beside cutting taxes, he increased defense spending dramatically and had the largest increase in debt that the U.S. had experienced until that time. To make up for those deficits, Reagan increased taxes 11 times, including taxing Social Security benefits, requiring the self employed to pay 14% FICA tax, and the elimination of many deductions. The increases mostly cancelled out the cuts, but shifted much of the burden to lower income Americans.

Now they are at it again. The Tax Scam passed by the Republicans adds \$1.5 trillion to the debt. It simplifies nothing and adds more loopholes and corporate welfare. It was written by bankers for bankers and does nothing to address wages. \$1.5 trillion would have funded many infrastructure projects to fix our roads, bridges, courthouses, waterlines, etc. and provide funds for health care, the VA, and many other important programs that support all Americans.

Please listen to FDR's speeches from the 1930s (they are available online) and then deny history is repeating itself. The same income inequality, crippling consumer debt and Republican support for Oligarch control of America, were common themes in those speeches.

David Butcher

Nativity scene

Dear Editor:
I was dismayed to read in the "Artist's Lane" column (the SUN, 12-28-17) the perpetuation of the tired old rumor that the "former residents" of the White House "discarded" and "made no room for" the White House nativity scene. This is simply untrue, as even a casual online search would have revealed. The same nativity scene has been on display in the same room at the White House every year since 1967. That is for the past nine presidential administrations, Democrat and Republican, including all eight years of the Obama administration. No matter how one feels about the politics of any president, spreading false and unfounded rumors is unacceptable. I hope this serves as a helpful reminder that all of us have the obligation and responsibility to speak up when misinformation is spread — truth is the first casualty

when we are silent and complacent.

Jan Hester

Caucus info

Dear Editor:
Your Precinct Caucus will be held Tuesday, 6 March 2018, at 7pm. The Caucus starts at 7 pm - you should plan to show up, check in, get your ballots, and see what all is going on by about 6:30.

I apologize for getting this letter put together late, but, according to Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams, in order to participate in your Republican Precinct Caucus you must have been registered as a Republican not later than last Monday, 8 January. You also must be a resident in your Precinct not later than Monday, 5 February. While it is too late to change your registration, you can verify that you are registered as a Republican by either going down to the County Clerk's Elections Office at the County Building check with the Elections office or you can go to the internet to www.govotecolorado.com where, once you are on the Secretary of State's web site, you can check your status and, if you have a Colorado Driver's License, you can change/modify your registration if you are already registered.

If you have become so frustrated with the Republicans that you have changed to an 'Unaffiliated' voter, then you will not get a vote until the ballots come out for the primary election on 26 June 2018.

If you are registered as a Republican, and are frustrated with the Republicans in Congress, then you need to attend your Republican Precinct Caucus where the election process starts and where you can have an impact. Your only real chance to influence what is happening is to be involved at the beginning.

If you don't know what precinct you are in, you can go to the County website (www.archuletacounty.org), click on 'County Departments' and then 'Clerk/Recorder's office', click on 'Elections' and then on 'Election Precincts' to see the maps — you can enlarge them to get a better look.

Jim Huffman

PLPOA facilities

Dear Editor:
I just found out (via my own research) that the PLPOA decision to stop allowing non property owners to use PLPOA owned facilities — like the recreation center and Gate 5 — is an IRS mandate because PLPOA is a 501(c)(7).

"Reg. 1.501(c)(7)-1(b) makes it clear that making club facilities available to the public for a fee is not a permissible IRC 501(c)(7) activity, and it establishes a presumption that a club is engaging in business if the club solicits public use of its facilities." (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-tege/eotopic80.pdf>).

"One of the distinguishing features of social clubs is that they cannot open their facilities generally to the public without losing their tax-exemption. This counterintuitive IRS position seeks to protect taxed enterprises from untaxed competition and keep the proverbial playing field level. If social clubs are providing services or facilities to the general public, they arguably compete with taxable enterprises, which are burdened by taxation." (<http://www.wagenmakerlaw.com/blog/social-club-q-section-501c7-tax-exempt-organizations>).

Charlotte Maier

Anniversary

Dear Editor:
This week, on January the 8th, we celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans. It ended the War of 1812 with the British. That war was not popular at the time, and has been treated negatively by American historians since, as a conflict that accomplished nothing and was a huge expense in money and men. I think that is an extremely short sighted view, especially now with the advantage of hind sight.

When the Revolutionary War ended, most realized that Briton had received a bloody nose but had not given up on "the colonies" as they still called them. As soon as they could get away from the problems in Europe they would be back. They had no respect for this country and abused us at every chance. President Madison finally had had enough, and convinced Congress to declare war. It became an economic disaster, especially

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Obituaries

Michael J. Arnold

Michael J. Arnold was born on Jan. 15, 1953, and raised in southern California. The first 33 years of his life were spent in that area growing up, going through high school and attending trade schools to better his career in the construction industry. Michael was married to M'Liss Kinkade.



In 1986, Michael moved from southern California to Pagosa Springs. While living in Pagosa Springs, Michael was involved in various construction jobs and most recently in building maintenance. Michael passed away in his home on Dec. 21.

Michael is survived by his father, Myrel Arnold, and his mother, Betty June Leewitt, of Henderson, Nev.; his wife, M'Liss Arnold; his son, M'Kai Arnold; daughter Mea LaCroix (Josh); as well as grandchildren Reilly and Josh Jr., sisters Dena Sudden, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Joanne Banks, of Grover Beach, Calif.; brothers Brian Leewitt, Kevin Leewitt and Darin Leewitt. In ad-

dition, he is also survived by three aunts, Shirley, Peggy and Linda, of Las Vegas, Nev.; many nieces and nephews; and his closest friend, Tim Horning.

Judy Lynn Hammond

Judy was born Eugina Cassell in San Francisco, Calif., July 27, 1954.



She is survived by her brother Rick and Carole Hammond, of Valley Center, Calif.; sister Kathleen and Mark Heid, of San Marcos, Calif.; niece Whitney Heid, of San Marcos, Calif.; nephews Wesley and Leslie Heid, of Santa Ana, Calif.; and Tom Hammond, of San Diego, Calif.; and numerous cousins.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Fred (Dick) Richard Hammond and Alberta Jane Cassell; grandparents Walter Forrest Cassell, Rose Mae Creech, Fred Price (Allen Hagel) Hammond and Bertha Katherine Margaret Stolte Hammond Swall.

Judy discovered her love of

traveling while her father was an operating engineer. They moved wherever the job was located, living in northern and southern California, northern and southern Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Montana and Colorado.

She loved to garden at an early age, along with raising ducks and chickens. Camping, fishing and boating on Lake Mead, Nev., and Lake Pleasant, Ariz. She enjoyed visiting Yosemite, Glacier and Yellowstone national parks, just taking off on a dirt road just to see where it led and taking walks along the beach.

While living in Carson City, Nev., Judy enjoyed being on stage in Carson Capers 88, a member of the Sherwood Forest Players and in "A Christmas Carol." Since moving to Montana, Judy's love of container gardening and river rafting down the Flathead river started back up. She had been researching her family history (off and on for 50-plus years). Since the age of 9, Judy has had a close connection with God, that has helped her throughout the years.

My love to all. No services are to be held. In lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite charity or Brown Co. Historical Society, 611 Utah St. Hiawatha, KS, 66434; Brown Co. Genealogical

Society, 116 So.7th St, Hiawatha, KS, 66424; Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 382, St. Joseph, MO 64502; and Archuleta County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1611, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Randy Richard

Randy Richard — May 16, 1957- Nov. 30 2017

Randy is survived by his wife, Hunter Woods-Richard; mother Pat Richard; son, Leo Richard; two sisters Rochelle Courtney and Julie Frosh; stepdaughter, Dawn Douglass; and grandson, Leo Douglass.

For the last 19 years, Randy lived in Pagosa Springs on his family's property, caring for the land and keeping it beautiful. He loved camping and hiking and was always outdoors. He worked as a firefighter for the Forest Service and many other jobs in his lifetime.

Randy was a kind, generous and giving man. He was a quiet man and a quiet child as well. He could fix anything and helped family and friends with anything that they needed fixing.

Randy was loved by all who knew him. He will be missed by everyone.

A memorial is tentatively scheduled for May 12 in Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Randy will be laid to rest at that time.

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Letters

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for the New England area, where succession was discussed.

The war produced many more defeats than victories for the young country, but there were two American victories that changed the course of history for the United States. The first was the Battle of Lake Erie. In that battle, the young American Navy decisively defeated the British, capturing their entire fleet, including the Commodore. This was the worst naval defeat that the British had ever received and remains so to this day. The second defeat was at New Orleans. The British were soundly defeated by a rag tag army, hastily assembled and superbly lead by Andrew Jackson. The British lost more than 1700 troops and these were more than

just regulars, they were the cream of their army, fresh from their defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo. The dead included seventy five officers, and the commanding general. This, compared to fewer than 100 Americans in total. It was the worst defeat of their Army to that date. During the First Battle of the Somme in WWI more were killed in total, but for battle deaths to those involved, New Orleans is their worst land defeat.

Our historians have said that the Battle of New Orleans was meaningless, since unknown at the time, the armistice had been signed in Europe and nothing was changed as a result of the battle. Again, this is very short sighted. Had the British taken New Orleans, they intended to keep it, control the Mississippi,

and cut the United States off from the lands to the west. Even if the aftermath of those two battles was lost on our historians, it was not lost on the British. Never again did they challenge us on land or sea. The next president issued the Monroe Doctrine warning European governments that we would no longer tolerate their meddling in the affairs of countries on this side of the Atlantic. That document would have been a joke had it not been for the outcome of the War of 1812, and especially those two battles. Also as a direct result of the war, we were able to draw the northern line for British Canada just south of the Vancouver city limits.

So happy New Year, and happy anniversary, America.
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Business

Pagosa Springs Medical Center to host 10th anniversary community open house

By Jesse Hensle
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) will host a community open house Thursday, Jan. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at PSMC.

The open house will offer community members the chance to experience advances in health care at PSMC, meet local physicians and care team providers, and take a tour and see inside of the operating room.

At 6 p.m., CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb will share her vision of the future of PSMC and will introduce medical oncologist Dr. Bill Jordan, FACOI, and the team of caregivers that will help launch The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at PSMC.

Jordan, who has worked at MD Anderson,

joins PSMC full time from the Fort Worth, Texas, area.

The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at PSMC will provide access to quality cancer care, a service many rural community members do not have access to. It will also provide a means for a continuance of care for patients who are not full-time residents.

PSMC opened in 2008 as an acute care hospital providing limited diagnostic and emergency medical care. Over the past 10 years, the medical center has continued to add services to meet the needs of its patients.

PSMC provides the following services: 24/7 emergency room care, 11-bed critical access hospital, telemedicine, laboratory, infusion, and diagnostic imaging including an MRI, mammography suite, CT scanner and bone density

screening.

Patients also have access to general, orthopedic, gastrointestinal, gynecological and ophthalmology surgery.

In 2010, PSMC opened the rural health clinic for a half day per week. Today, a primary care provider is available to see community members six days a week.

With the new addition to the clinic, PSMC is able to provide behavioral health, neurology, cardiology, gastroenterology and gynecology.

If you are unable to make it to the open house and would like hear more about PSMC and The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, please tune in to KWUF 102.5 FM and 1400 AM, or follow along on Facebook live at /psmedicalcenter at 6 p.m.

CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber and high school to host Career Day

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce and Pagosa Springs High School will host Career Day for the students.

This event is a collaboration of interest on both parties to try and inform our students of career opportunities available in our community, as well as educating them on the needs of the existing businesses.

A trained and available workforce has been the lament of community businesses for some time now.

The Chamber has heard these cries of need and is taking steps to try and improve the situation. In the past, Pagosa Springs High School students have attended a Career Day in Durango on a regional basis. In 2017/2018, this partnership was not available. Upon hearing this news, Doug Hershey, Proud Partners coordinator, and the Chamber brainstormed on ways we could solve this vacancy. The Chamber jumped on the opportunity to involve our business community.

In 2017, students took a survey to identify their career interests and possible proficiencies. Using this information, the Chamber is working with businesses, regional educational partners and recruiting offices to inform the students of the opportunities that our community

has and the educational pathways to obtain some of these opportunities.

Students will be broken out into different careers hosted by local business owners. Business owners will communicate what their needs are, including work ethic, job opportunities and educational needs now while in school and in the future.

Regional schools will be on hand to inform students what online and facility-based courses are available to them to achieve their goals. Without the committed participation of our business community, this event would not take place. Numerous business owners have taken time away from their businesses to donate their expertise and inform our youth on career possibilities and the roads to get there.

We are excited about this opportunity and look forward to more interaction with our businesses through the Proud Partners Program at the high school. This partnership includes internships and business educational opportunities.

If your business is interested in participating in future school/Chamber-related activities, please contact us at 264-2360.

Chamber Annual Gala is Jan. 20

Tickets are on sale for the Cham-

ber's Annual Gala to be held on Jan. 20 at the PLPOA Clubhouse. "Hats Off to You" is the theme for this year's festivities and lots of hat opportunities await you. Break out that hat that you wore for the Kentucky Derby and enter into the men's and women's hat contest.

Businesses are encouraged to donate a decorated hat as a table decoration touting your business. Centerpiece hats are due or a commitment that you are donating a hat needs to be in at the chamber by Friday, Jan. 12. There will be a prize for the best centerpiece, which would include either an enhanced listing for your business or an event sponsorship opportunity.

The evening will consist of music, a silent auction, a cash bar and a delicious dinner buffet with vegetarian options available. The evening culminates with two special presentations.

The celebratory Community Awards for Citizen, Volunteer, Small Business and Non-Profit of the Year will highlight our community heroes. The evening will then end with a special live presentation by the Creede Repertory Theatre. This will certainly be an evening to enjoy with friends and business comrades.

Tickets are available online at www.pagosachamber.com or in person at the Chamber. Member

tickets are \$35 each or a reserved table for eight for \$360. A reserved table includes preferred seating and two complimentary bottles of wine. Non-Chamber members are also invited, with ticket prices being \$45 per person. Businesses can reward their employees with a delightful evening out.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 264-2360. We look forward to tipping our hat to our business community.

Membership news

Due to the annual meeting and Career Day, the monthly Maximizing Your Membership breakfast will be moved to Jan. 30 from 9 to 10:15 a.m. This breakfast meeting is free and is packed with information on how businesses can better utilize the Chamber's benefits. To sign up for a slot, call Debra at 264-2360.

We welcome three new members to kick off the new year: ChemDry of the Southwest, RRZ Solutions and The Rock Education Alliance Inc.

Our renewals this week include Pagosa Ski and Snowboard Rentals, H&R Block and Harms Photo/Graphic Associates. Have you been thinking of joining the Chamber? Come to a Maximizing class or contact Debra to see how we can best help your business.

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado announces \$209,665 in donations in southwest Colorado on Colorado Gives Day 2017

By Tracy Pope
Special to The SUN

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado spearheaded a regional effort to increase local participation in Colorado Gives Day — an easy, online initiative for donors to contribute to nonprofits across Colorado.

In our five-county region, we saw some incredible increases in 2017 over 2016 on Colorado Gives Day:

- 82 percent increase in participating nonprofits (from 28 in 2016 to 51 in 2017).

- 47 percent increase in number of donors to southwest Colorado nonprofits (from 473 in 2016 to 696

in 2017).

- 56 percent increase in number of donations to southwest Colorado nonprofits (from 734 in 2016 to 1,145 in 2017).

- 46 percent increase in amount donated in our region (from \$143,595 in 2016 to \$209,665 in 2017).

"This campaign highlights the remarkable outcomes that occur when the nonprofit sector collaborates. At the Community Foundation, we love John F. Kennedy's quote, 'A rising tide lifts all the boats.' It is true. When we all work together, amazing things can happen for everyone," said Briggan Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado.

Colorado Giving Day, Dec. 5, was organized by the Community First Foundation in Arvada. The Community First Foundation hosts a year-round, statewide electronic giving platform featuring more than 2,200 Colorado nonprofits (coloradogives.org). A total of \$36.6 million was donated statewide in just one day, making Colorado Gives Day the state's largest one-day giving event.

This year the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado created a regional platform (swcogives.org) to host participating nonprofits from La Plata, Montezuma, Archuleta, Dolores and San Juan counties. The Community Founda-

tion also organized shared marketing efforts, driving 696 donors to make 1,145 donations to southwest Colorado nonprofits, raising \$209,665 in just one day. The Community Foundation's mission is to power philanthropy, encouraging people to give where they live.

The following nonprofits participate on the regional platform and would be happy to discuss the Southwest Colorado Gives campaign. Online donations may still be made at swcogives.org, as this is a year-round electronic giving platform to benefit local nonprofits in Archuleta County: Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Inc., Rise Above Violence and Sunlight Adventures Inc.

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Education

Charter school seeks volunteer board members

By Ursala Hudson
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Peak Open School — the new charter elementary school authorized last year by the Archuleta School District (ASD) — is actively seeking volunteers from the Pagosa Springs community willing to serve on the school's governing board of directors.

When the ASD Board of Education approved the Pagosa Peak charter a year ago, two of its stipulations for the school's volunteer governing board were that the board include at least one experienced educator and at least one board member

with a background in finance or accounting.

The governing board currently includes those required professions among its members, but is actively seeking additional members with educational and/or financial backgrounds to help move the school forward into its second year of operation. The goals for year two include improvements in financial tracking and fundraising, and enhancements to the school's project-based learning educational model.

The school's primary mission is to provide a high-achieving educational alternative for Archuleta County children, regardless of

family background and individual abilities and interests. The school culture is based partly on the idea that a small, intimate school allows for a learning community where all stakeholders — staff, parents, students and community members — can play an important role.

Board members are expected to become familiar with the school's charter application and, in particular, with the innovative educational and cultural guidelines that will guide the school's future development.

The tuition-free public school — funded primarily through the Colorado Department of Educa-

tion — currently has approximately 70 children in grades kindergarten through fourth grade and is planning to grow over the next few years to serve students K-8.

The board is also seeking additional board members with various professional backgrounds, including but not limited to: legal, construction industry, and corporate and nonprofit fundraising.

Interested community members should contact the board president, Ursala Hudson, at uhudson@pagosapeakopenschool.org or at 946-6204.

You can learn more at pagosapeakopenschool.org.

Electric cooperative to host scholarship open house

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

To assist high school seniors and their parents with the application process for college scholarships available through La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), the cooperative will host a special open house on Tuesday, Jan. 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at LPEA's Bodo Park headquarters located at 45 Stewart St. in Durango.

LPEA staff members will be on hand to answer any questions. No reservations are necessary and copies of all applications will be available.

All high school seniors, including home-school students, in LPEA's service territory who receive their electricity from LPEA are eligible to apply for the variety of funding

opportunities. The deadline for application is March 1. Attendance at the open house is not a requirement of application.

LPEA directly offers the LPEA Scholarship (four year), LPEA/John Voelker Memorial Scholarship (two year) and Lineman Scholarship for aspiring electric line workers, per LPEA Board of Directors policy. The co-op also provides for additional affiliated rural electric scholarships/awards offered by Tri-State Generation and Transmission and Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

Specifically, LPEA will award two, four-year scholarships (140 credit hours) for students attending any college or university beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year. LPEA will cover tuition, books and fees, up to \$28,000 over four years, given that

the students maintain minimum qualifications.

The LPEA/John Voelker Memorial Scholarship recognizes two students attending accredited vocational schools, technical schools or junior college. This two-year scholarship covers fees, books, tools and supplies up to \$10,000 over two years, per student.

The La Plata Electric Lineman Scholarship funds two annual scholarships covering tuition, fees and books, not to exceed \$12,000 for each scholarship for up to one year at an accredited institution, including a vocational school, technical school, junior college or university in the United States, majoring in an electric line worker program. Any scholarship overage, following payment of tuition and fees, can be applied to purchase of tools and supplies required in the trade.

Funds for the LPEA, LPEA/John Voelker Memorial and Lineman scholarships come from LPEA's unclaimed capital credits. Each year, the co-op endeavors to find "missing" members who are due a share of retired capital credits. Those funds unable to be returned to members are then put back into

the community — in this case, into college scholarships.

LPEA supports training and educating local young people for positions they may ultimately secure at a rural electric cooperative, though this is not a requirement of the scholarships. Rural electric cooperatives are known nationally to provide stable employment, livable wages and solid benefit packages. LPEA is no exception and, with more than 100 employees, it exists as one of the more significant employers in the region.

Former scholarship recipients currently employed at LPEA include Manager of Rates, Technology and Energy Policy Dan Harms and Controller Rachel (Lasiewicz) Gilman, both of Durango and graduates, respectively, of Colorado State University (CSU) and Fort Lewis College. Also, Systems Engineer Jake Wills and Staff Engineer Rachel Schur Wagner, both Pagosa Springs High School and CSU graduates, were LPEA scholarship recipients.

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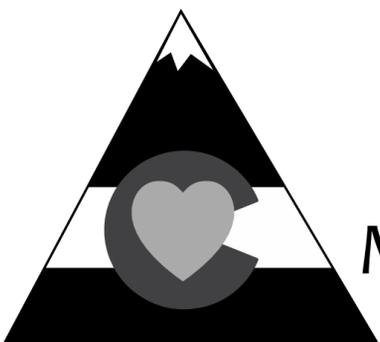
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SJWCD

■ Continued from front selection of a general manager.

"I move that we postpone taking any action on filling the general manager position until the legal issues involving the district, relative to this position, are resolved," Pfister said.

The rationale for this decision is that the SJWCD has "credibility issues" based on past and current actions that the board has been involved in, Pfister added later.

"There's real issues, there's perceived issues. I'm not passing judgment one way or the other on whether all the things that have been said in the past are true or not. I'm just saying there's a lot of issues," Pfister explained.

Pfister felt that if the board acted on the general manager position, it would decrease the board's credibility.

"We can still approve the agreement and whether or not we choose to, at this time, appoint a general manager, that's a separate issue. That's the way I look at it," Porco responded.

Board member Doug Secrist added to the discussion by noting that SJWCD needs a general manager at some point.

"I think, based on what we've got, we know that has to happen. I don't have a problem moving forward with at least saying we have an agreement that we can utilize when that happens," Secrist said.

Secrist then added that he was sensitive to what issues Pfister had originally raised about filling the position.

Investigation

Porco then added his thoughts, citing a recent article written about the SJWCD in The SUN.

"According to the newspaper, and nothing else, there's now an investigation about the district. Not

specific to any individual, at least that's not what the paper said. Nobody has contacted us, nobody has contacted our attorney. We have no clue as to what that investigation is about," Porco explained.

Porco then added that the only person who knows what the investigation is about is the one who filed the complaint, who is unknown to the district.

"My feeling is, OK, there's an investigation underway. We don't know what the scope of the investigation is. We don't know anything about the investigation," Porco said.

"So, should we prejudge what the investigation might come out with, or should we proceed along the path that we started six months ago, or almost six months ago, to hire a GM and then cooperate with the investigation, once somebody tells us about it?" Porco asked.

Porco went to say that once the investigation is complete and the issues are resolved, the district would act accordingly.

An issue with how long the district can go without a general manager while the investigation occurs was raised by Porco.

"Who knows how long this investigation is going to take," Porco said.

SJWCD's legal counsel, Kent Holsinger, participating by phone, reiterated that he had received no contact from anyone about the investigation.

"There may well have been someone that complained to the attorney general's office," Holsinger clarified.

"I don't even know of the existence of any investigation at this point, so I would be even more cautious than what you portray," Holsinger added later.

"I think with everything that's going on around here, there's a

lot more questions than we have answers. And I certainly would not be comfortable moving forward with actually putting someone on the ground and then thinking that some point down the road we have to make another decision. To me, that just does not make a lot of good sense," Secrist said.

Board member Ray Finney then commented that he felt like there has been a lot of negativity thrown at SJWCD recently.

"I don't think we can stop doing our job because you have a couple of people with motives who aren't very clear, and who have not been willing to say what's bothering them," Finney said.

Board member Susan Nossaman, also participating by phone, commented that she thought it was a good idea to get the general manager agreement approved.

"Because without the agreement we don't really have anything to offer anyone that we would seek to hire," Nossaman said.

"I didn't expect this backlash that we're seeing," Nossaman later added.

The complaint

Attorney Matt Roane, in attendance at the meeting, then revealed that he was the one who filed the complaint being discussed.

"I filed a complaint with the sheriff's department. I've been in contact with the district attorney's office over in Durango. I don't know if this is the same thing that's made its way up to the attorney general's office, but I raised those issues with the sheriff's department and was given a case number, so that's the beginning of that," Roane explained.

While noting that it was difficult to say, Roan also revealed that he had filed a complaint with the Independent Ethics Commission

(IEC).

"They are scheduled to meet on Monday to decide whether to take that up or not," Roane noted, referring to Monday, Jan. 8.

"My concerns were with perjury," Roane said. "Saying that you're not going to do something under oath and then going and doing it. Whether or not the contract was legal or not is not the issue in my mind. He [Proffitt] said he wasn't going to enter into a contract. Legal or not. That was the issue with the sheriff's department."

Roane went on to explain that the complaint filed with the IEC pertained to Proffitt "becoming an independent contractor and contracting with his own board who he has power and influence over."

"There were several ethical issues that I thought needed to be looked at," Roane said.

Someone needed to raise these questions, Roane added later.

Secrist responded to Roane's comments by saying he appreciated the concern.

"Where the complaint came from is irrelevant. I think what concerns us as a board needs to be what the outcome is going to be," Secrist said.

The agreement

Porco then brought the discussion back to approving the general manager agreement.

"I mean, working on the agreement is fine. Just focusing on that right now is fine. I just wanted to bring that motion up because the agreement is related to the general manager," Pfister explained.

"Well, yeah, but it's not related to the selection of a specific person as the general manager," Porco responded.

Community member J.R. Ford, also in attendance at the meeting, raised a question to the board regarding language within the general manager agreement pertaining to compensation for the new general manager.

"I'm a little concerned with compensation. You've got \$50 an hour, but you have no cap," Ford said.

Secondly, Ford noted that he found that the general manager can attend meetings across the state, but saw no language that stated that these meetings had to be approved by the board before they are an expense of the board.

"It is addressed," Porco responded.

Citing the compensation portion of the agreement, Porco read "Such costs must be approved in advance by the board."

The board then moved to accept the general manager agreement.

General manager selection postponed

As the meeting moved to a discussion on a selection of the general manager, Pfister re-read his original motion.

"Postpone taking any action on filling the general manager position until the legal issues involving the district, relative to this position are resolved," Pfister said.

Porco responded to Pfister's motion by saying that postponing the general manager search will hurt SJWCD, "as we have no idea how

long all of these issues will take to be resolved. Plus, I believe we are prejudging based on an investigation that we now know that Mr. Roane has submitted."

"I just don't think that with the information and some of the questions and allegations i.e. issues, with personalities aside, I think there's some things that we need to answer," Secrist said.

Finney then responded to Secrist by stating that he disagreed.

"We've got a job to do. There are a certain number of detractors who haven't really come up with anything that concrete," Finney said.

Finney went on to state that he never believed Proffitt to be dishonest or inept.

"I have a really hard time trying to postpone something we need to get figured out," Finney explained.

"Yeah, we know about stuff that happened 20 years ago. Twenty years ago you're a different person," Finney added later.

Secrist responded to Finney's comments by reiterating that he would still like answers.

"I need to find out if we're going to basically be in a position where we can make a valid and, basically, an informed decision based on where we're at," Secrist explained.

Porco went on to add that because the board has no idea how long the investigation will take, the board itself will have to do the work a general manager would do.

"Do we have the time to step up and do the work, on a temporary basis, until we are in a position to hire a general manager?" Porco asked.

Pfister responded that moving forward with the general manager search would be a "significant detractor" to the water district's credibility.

Nossaman noted that she felt conflicted about making a decision.

"I really do feel since that we terminated the service agreement with Rod, that we do have a lot of issues that should be handled by someone," Nossaman said.

"I'm just not sure how to proceed," Nossaman added later.

During public comment for this portion of the meeting, Roane commented that he is not out to harm the district.

"I want y'all to succeed wildly. I live in Archuleta County. I don't have any intentions of moving. I am not petty enough to cut off my nose to spite my face," Roane said.

Roane went on to say that he wants SJWCD to do the best for the community.

"I have concerns about how things have gone the last couple of years. And the article in The Pagosa SUN last week was one of the longest I've ever seen them write," Roane noted.

SJWCD does have a credibility problem, Roane added later.

"I think the voters told you pretty solidly last November, you have some issues you've got to fix," Roane said.

Roane added that he does not want SJWCD to continue having the same leadership that has put them in this position.

"Because I think three years from now we're going to be having these same conversations," Roane

said.

Regarding the investigations, Roane noted that he supports them.

"Good God, how is it going to be perceived by the voters who aren't here right now if next The Pagosa SUN says: 'Board hires Rod Proffitt' and then the next week 'Attorney general files criminal charges against Rod Proffitt.' That doesn't make me happy," Roane said.

Finney responded to Roane's comments by explaining that when he went out campaigning for the reservoir project, he had little opposition to the idea.

"I found literally nobody that was against the project, but I saw in the media, and on the part of certain people, all sorts of innuendo, all sorts of negativity," Finney explained.

"We know Rod Proffitt's history. And I think his recent history is OK. That's my personal opinion," Finney added later.

Archuleta County Commissioner Michael Whiting, also in attendance at the meeting, offered his thoughts on what the board should do.

"I'm here as a commissioner and a citizen and a stakeholder in water planning to request that you postpone this action at least until the details get sorted out on this," Whiting said.

SJWCD and its board members' reputations are at stake as well, Whiting mentioned.

"Your professional and personal reputations are in the balance right now in this community. The action that I believe some of you are prepared to take tonight will also fatally wound you as a board and put in jeopardy the mission and goals of your organization," Whiting explained.

Porco then clarified that with the decision to postpone the selection of a general manager, an interim general manager would not be selected either.

"I think the problem is we don't have anybody with the experience," Finney said.

Porco added that only two people applied for the general manager position, Proffitt and Stacy Thompson.

"Stacy did not meet the basic requirements of the job description, nor did she have the necessary knowledge of water that would be required for general manager," Porco explained.

"If we turn down the general manager selection that eliminates the interim general manager. And we will have to deal with the work that needs to be done in the short term, or long term depending on how long this takes, we'll have to do that as board members without a general manager," Porco explained later.

Porco then asked Pfister to amend his motion to state that the SJWCD board will revisit the vacant general manager position in three months.

Porco, Secrist and Pfister all voted to approve Pfister's motion as amended.

Finney and Nossaman voted against Pfister's motion to postpone the selection of a general manager.

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Election

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mill levy.

"The feedback has been positive, about 70 percent of the people are for it, they think it's needed," said Rogers. "A lot of people, probably 90 percent of the people I talk to, didn't know that we aren't 24/7. They thought we had people at the station all the time. There's a misconception in the public about how we actually operate."

Blake then asked Rogers how he planned to proceed, with Rogers saying that a huge part of the campaign would be based around public awareness.

Rogers offered ways to increase public awareness, including advertisements in the newspaper, yard signs, fliers and door-to-door knocking.

"If we go down on this, what's plan B?" asked Blake.

"Then we'll have to reevaluate where we are and probably ask for something smaller in 2019," replied Larson. "But I'm not anticipating

that. All we can do is put out a compelling argument stating the reasons why and how we're going to do it."

Larson also pointed out that the PFPD's last mill levy increase was in 1982.

"There's not that much you can buy with 1982 prices," Larson said. "Just like any election, you just never know. If it doesn't pass, we'll have to reevaluate and figure out where we're going to go from there. It could be cutting budgets and laying people off, and hoping we can do everything with volunteer services or going back to the public and asking for a smaller rate just to keep the status quo, but my personal opinion on that is that the status quo is not going to keep us afloat."

Continued Larson, "There's a big, new subdivision projected to be started in July, and if we don't keep up, we're going to be behind."

In a previous meeting, Larson pointed out that the prospect of what to ask for was a fine line,

in that asking for too large a mill increase won't bring public approval, but asking for too small of a mill increase could mean that the PFPD would need to go to the voters again much sooner.

Blake moved to approve the resolution, with director Ed Ainsworth seconding the motion.

The motion proceeded to pass unanimously.

Seats open

Three different seats will also be open on the PFPD board.

Blake, Jason Webb, and John Thompson all have positions that will be open come the spring election.

Blake is term limited and will not be able to run for a seat on the board again.

Thompson stated he will probably run for reelection again, and Webb stated the he did intend to run again.

The election will be a mail-in election held on May 8.

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Driver

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Talor B. Estrada and a juvenile, were transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) by PSMC EMS with serious injuries.

According to the report, Caryl's Dodge Ram crossed the median and collided its right side into the front of a Toyota RAV4 driven by 69-year-old Leslie Kron, of Pagosa Springs.

Kron was transported to PSMC with serious injuries.

The Dodge Ram then rotated clockwise and collided its left side into a Ford F-250 driven by 57-year-old Kellie D. Lewis, of Sun Valley, Calif.

Lewis was transported to PSMC

with serious injuries.

The report states that all vehicles came to rest on their wheels.

All individuals involved were wearing seat belts and, originally, no drug use was suspected in the crash.

A press release from the PFPD states that four patients required technical extrication from the PFPD, and that the highway was closed to through traffic for approximately one hour.

A fundraiser has been created for Estrada and the juvenile for helping with medical expenses.

"My sister and her young beautiful family were involved in a tragic car accident on Thursday, December 14th while driving from Colorado to New Mexico," reads the

fundraiser description. "Her partner in life and father of the baby did not survive the accident. Their new puppy was another casualty."

Continues the description, "Both baby and my sister were both airlifted to Denver, Colorado. While they have made it out of ICU, they have a long road ahead of them - both physically and emotionally. Our precious little baby is suffering from a broken arm, femur, clavicle, and concussion. My sister has a large laceration to her liver, broken ribs, clavicle, arm, pelvis and five lumbar fractures."

The fundraiser can be found at www.gofundme.com/9h95tj-support-for-surviving-family.

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Accident

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Keuning explained that Rockensock responded to the incident, and found a vehicle off the highway in some trees.

The vehicle — a 2011 turbo-charged Range Rover — rolled eight times, and Nguyen was ejected from the vehicle.

He was not wearing a seat belt.

It's believed Nguyen was traveling westbound up Put Hill, and left the roadway at a high rate of speed.

In an interview with SUN staff, Rockensock explained that speed was believed to be "a huge factor" in the crash.

He estimated the vehicle to be traveling faster than 100 mph.

The crash itself caused a break

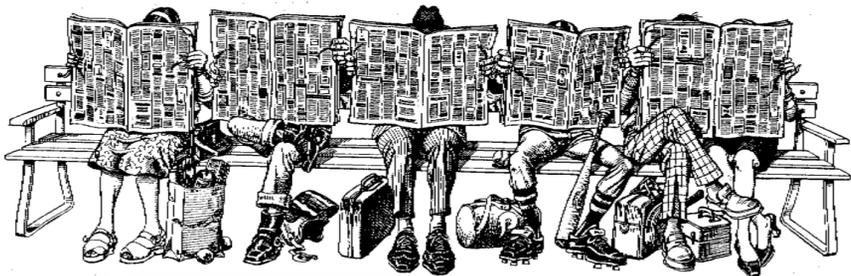
in a gas line, which the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) was able to turn off.

According to PFPD Deputy Chief Karn Macht, the highway was never closed down.

Keuning explained he pronounced Nguyen dead at 8:47 a.m., and that an autopsy would be conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

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ACSO responds to break ins, shotgun-wielding man

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) responded to several different accidents over the course of the week, including two different break-ins and a rowdy individual with a shotgun.

"On January 6th at about 12:43 a.m., dispatch received a call stating there was a man wearing a black hoodie banging on doors behind Pagosa Brewing and carrying a shotgun," reads a statement from ACSO Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton. "Deputies arrived and after a brief search, found the man, identified as 44-year-old Michael Warnell of Pagosa Springs."

Hamilton went on to write that alcohol was a factor in the incident, and that the shotgun was later found and collected as evidence.

Warnell was then arrested on charges of felony menacing, reckless endangerment and unlawfully aiming a firearm at another.

Intruder gets cold feet

"On January 6th at 5:57 p.m., dispatch received a call of an alarm activation at a residence off of USFS road 628," reads Hamilton's press release. "The neighbor and caretaker, Brent Oakley, noticed a man exiting the residence and was able to detain the subject until Sheriff's Deputies arrived."

The statement goes on to explain that the man was later identified as 29-year-old Dustin Wayne Lister, of South Carolina.

Lister reported that he had gotten separated from his friends earlier in the day.

As the day progressed, Lister became worried about the cold

and incoming snow, and claimed he broke into the house to stay warm and try to find a better pair of shoes, as his were falling apart.

Lister was subsequently charged with second-degree burglary.

Intruder scares family

"On January 7th, at approx. 7:50 a.m., dispatch received a call from a 25-year-old female stating that she was locked in her bedroom with her two children with a shotgun because she had an intruder in her residence," reads Hamilton's press release. "She reported that earlier, one of her kids told her that their dad was home, and knowing that wasn't possible because he was at work, she went to check to see what her child was talking about."

The woman allegedly found a man in the hallway wearing a black hoodie.

"She spoke to him, but he didn't respond," reads Hamilton's press release. "She quickly returned to her bedroom with her children, locked the door and called 911."

The press release goes on to explain that deputies arrived to find 24-year-old Joshua Dikes, of Pagosa Springs, standing in the dark in the laundry room.

He was taken into custody without incident.

"Mr. Dikes and the female that called lived in a duplex together, him on one side and her and her family on the other," reads the press release. "It's unknown why he entered her residence instead of his, but drugs may have been a factor."

Dikes was arrested on a non-felony drug charge as well as first-degree criminal trespassing." marshall@pagosasun.com

County approves design contract for third phase of Piedra Road reconstruction

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Preparation for Archuleta County's 2018 road construction season is underway, with the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approving an agreement on Jan. 2 for engineering services for the reconstruction of approximately 2 miles of Piedra Road.

The reconstruction work is considered phase three of the work on Piedra Road and will stretch approximately 2 miles from Ace Court to Cloud Cap Avenue, explained County Engineer Bob Perry at the meeting.

The work will be completed by Bohannon Huston with a cost not

to exceed \$94,472.85.

"Bohannon Huston, Inc. previously prepared the Piedra Road Concept Design Report to be used in obtaining Federal Grant Funds as Phase 1 to the project and Final Design Construction Plans from approximately Laurel Drive north to the Forest Service boundary as Phase 2. This Scope of Work defines the level of effort for Phase 3 to prepare Final Design Construction Documents beginning 1000 feet south of Laurel Drive and extending south approximately 2 miles to Ace Court. The section of road from Ace Court to Highway 160 is excluded from the scope of work," documents included with the Jan. 2 agenda state.

Perry also noted that, because of

the firm's previous work, it would cost less because previous documents can be used and changes noted.

The contract was approved unanimously.

In other business at the meeting, the BoCC:

- Approved a proclamation for January being National Radon Action Month.

- Authorized County Attorney Todd Starr to represent former commissioner Clifford Lucero.

The authorization came after plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the county appealed the court's decision.

The suit stemmed from a series of 11 ballot initiatives that were not

put on a ballot years ago.

On Jan. 9, the Colorado Court of Appeals denied the appeal.

- Ratified a pictometry aerial analytic and GIS contract.

While the contract was budgeted for in the county's 2018 budget, the agenda notes that the county saved over \$12,000 by executing the contract before the end of 2017.

The contract is with Pictometry International Corp. and was signed by Commissioner Ron Maez on Dec. 28, 2017.

The contract includes two projects with a total cost of \$230,745.

The aerial imagery is used in property assessment.

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Community development, water work group to present findings

By James Dickhoff
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) and the Town of Pagosa Springs applied for and received a grant through the Sonoran Institute in September 2017 for technical assistance and training on integrating land use and water planning for development.

The grant required a work group formed by a delegation from the Pagosa Springs area to attend the three-day seminar held in Keystone, Colo. The work group included representatives from Archuleta County, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, SJWCD and the town.

The primary lesson the attending work group received from this seminar is the importance of communication between all entities involved with community growth and water development. As a result, the work group has been expanded to also include the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association and the Pagosa Fire Protection District.

Representatives from each of these entities have been meeting since the workshop in preparation for presenting their findings and recommendations to all participating entity boards at a multiagency joint work session scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 5 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Safe food handler class offered to Loaves and Fishes volunteers

By Nancy Crouse
Special to The SUN

Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County will be hosting a safe food handler class to all who volunteer at the Thursday meal.

The class will be held on Jan. 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall on Lewis Street. It is free to all Loaves and Fishes volunteers and lunch will be provided.

To hold the class, it will be necessary to have 20 participants, so please sign up right away.

The course is important for all Loaves and Fishes participants as it covers the basics of food safety including preventing food-borne illness, food temperature control, personal hygiene,

preventing cross contamination, cleaning and sanitizing work surfaces, and preparing and serving food safely. This course fulfills the state of Colorado requirements for food safety works. A Safe Food Handler Certificate, valid for two years, will be awarded to those who successfully complete the course.

Loaves and Fishes, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, offers a free community meal each Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Parish Hall on Lewis Street. All are invited to come enjoy the food and fellowship.

Please contact Katy Corbett, katycorbett@aol.com, for more information on the course and to sign up.

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Review

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(LPEA), by unanimous vote, approved Resolution 2017-05, which empowered LPEA staff to open discussions with wholesale power supplier Tri-State Generation and Transmission to increase the cap on the amount of electricity LPEA can purchase from outside entities. LPEA hopes to increase the cap from 5 to 10 percent of its energy usage.

On April 20, the town council voted to draft an agreement with the vacation and home rental service Airbnb in the hopes of collecting the taxes the town is owed.

The agreement was finalized later in the year.

Archuleta County brought suit alleging breach of contract, negligence and fraud against Hart Construction Corporation on April 21, with the suit filed on behalf of the county by County Attorney Todd Starr.

The suit arose from work done under a contract between the county and Hart for the repair two years prior of the roof of the county courthouse, over a section of the building formerly used as a jail. The interior of the building beneath the site of the repairs to the roof suffered water damage from leaks during the time that the work was being done by Hart. The damage to the jail left it unusable.

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) hired James Lewicki to be its school director at a special meeting on April 24.

The board had previously voted to hire Lewicki on March 31 during a special meeting.

However, at that time, the board did not take steps outlined in Colorado Revised Statutes which dictate how public bodies must go about hiring their top employees.

According to Open Meetings Laws, finalists for a position must be made public at least 14 days prior to an appointment, with no prior offer of employment made.

PSHS Destination Imagination Team Burt celebrated its third-place

win at the state tournament in April. The win qualified them to travel on to Global Finals May 24-27 in Knoxville, Tenn. The team members included Grace Thompson, Maya Nasralla, Sydney Michelle, Celia Taylor and coach Becky Thompson.

On April 25, on the heels of commending PSMC staff on the successful move to the new outpatient wing, the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors approved an additional \$425,000 for remodeling in the existing hospital portion of the medical center. The remodeling, which was set to include conversion of the existing meeting room into a larger pharmacy, would

move the organization closer to its goal of providing some oncology services.

It was announced on April 25 that PSMC's gross charges set a new record in March for the highest monthly charges in the history of the hospital, besting July 2016. The gross charges in March 2017 reached \$4.8 million, and, despite being under budget by \$222,000, resulted in an operating gain of \$221,000 for the month, according to the report.

The report indicates that lab services, the primary care clinic and the Emergency Department (the ER) contributed to the record month.

After going undefeated in eight games over the month of April, the PSHS Lady Pirates soccer team's win streak was snapped at 10 games as they lost on the road to the Telluride Miners by a score of 5-1 on April 28.

Several PSHS students celebrated their wins at the state Future Business Leaders of America conference in April in Vail. Those winning were Liam Doctor and Colton Castro (marketing); Cade Cowan, Kelvin Su and Nolan Stretton (network design); and Megan Farrah (impromptu speaking). The students qualified to compete at the national conference in June in Anaheim, Calif.

MAY

As of May 1, Navajo Lake was sitting at 94.21 percent of full pool—a level not seen in nearly a decade.

Contributing to that level was an early spring runoff, indicated Susan Behery, the Bureau of Reclamation's hydrology engineer for Navajo Reservoir.

"It means that, currently, we have had a really good snowpack," she said. "It was well above average at its peak."

As of May 1, the reservoir was at 6,078.19 feet above sea level, with the reservoir's spillway at 6,085 feet, which is considered full pool, according to water data for the reservoir.

The all-time average for May 2 for the reservoir is 6,039.19 feet.

On May 2, Clint Alley was appointed to serve as town council member for District 1. The seat was formerly held by Rebecca Anderson, who resigned due to her moving out of District 1.

The BoCC followed up on previous action by the town council with its approval on May 2 of the contract for construction of the westernmost section of the long-discussed Town-to-Lakes Trail.

The trail section covered by the contract extends from Pinon Causeway to Aspen Village Drive.

The Planning Advisory Team (PAT) toured Pagosa Springs Elementary School on May 2.

The purpose of the tour was to help develop a master plan for ASD facilities with the help of RTA Architects.

After the tour, the PAT then split into four different groups in order to complete a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis for ASD schools.

It was announced in early May that the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs had received \$108,554 from The Rotary Foundation to improve science education at the junior high and high school levels in Senegal. These funds are used to buy textbooks, supplies and computers.

During a board retreat on May 5, the ASD BOE explored different funding opportunities.

These discussions were held with representatives from George K. Baum & Company (GKB).

Some of the ideas included were a mill levy override and a bond issue in the coming years.

The GKB representatives did note to the board that they felt like the district was not far enough along in the master planning process for them to give the BOE specific funding numbers.

The PSHS Lady Pirates soccer team concluded its regular season on May 5 with a 2-1 win against

Ridgway.

The Pirates finished the season with a 12-3 record and finished in first place in Region 5 for the 3A classification.

Seeded 11th for the state playoffs, the Pirates moved to take on Sterling in the first round of the playoffs.

Megan Greenley, Peyton Khung and Maya Nasralla from Pagosa Springs Middle School were finalists in the 2017 state competition for National History Day in Colorado on May 6.

Their performance was called "Corrie Ten Boom: Standing High," in which they reflected the life of this amazingly brave woman who saved hundreds of Jews during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands by hiding them in her family's home. After surviving her own imprisonment in Nazi concentration camps, Boom went on to publish several books, including "The Hiding Place," which is the story of how her faith, hope and love ultimately triumphed over unthinkable evil.

The Pirate baseball team brought its 2017 season to a close on May 8 with a loss in Salida, leaving the Pirates with a 6-12 record for the year.

After beginning the season with a 5-2 record prior to delving into conference play, the Pirates fell into a 1-10 slide over the remainder of the season.

But, with the junior varsity team having its best season in recent memory, coach Jim Fait said, "We're gonna be all right. I think we're going to be all right."

The ASD BOE accepted the retirement of Assistant Superintendent David Hamilton at its meeting on May 9.

During the same meeting on May 9, the ASD board also approved a resolution by the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta county to share a portion of the Special Sales Tax from retail marijuana sales with the ASD.

The BOE also approved a resolution to convey a small piece of property near PSHS to the town to be used by the town "to accommodate the future extension of S. 6th Street in conjunction with the proposed Foothills housing development," according to a letter by Town Planning Director James Dickhoff to the BOE.

The PSHS Lady Pirates soccer team advanced to the second round of the state playoffs by defeating the Sterling Tigers 3-1 on May 12.

The Lady Pirates soccer team was then eliminated from the playoffs by The Academy Wildcats by a score of 9-1 on May 13.

The Lady Pirates finished the

season with a 13-4 record that included a 7-0 record in league play.

The PSHS Pirate track team participated in the Monte Vista Last Chance Meet on May 13, with several athletes qualifying for the state meet.

Ethan Brown, Jacob Hughes, Cade Cowan, Noah Haarmann and Murphy have all qualified for state in at least one event. Murphy qualified in discus and shot put.

"Keena actually threw her best disc on Saturday, so she beat her record again," explained coach Connie O'Donnell. "She did really well."

It was the third time during the season that Murphy broke a school record, and the second time she topped her own record. The school record, and Murphy's new best, now rests at 130 feet, 9 inches.

The ACSO arrested two people on May 14 in connection with the death of an Archuleta County man who was shot the previous Saturday west of Pagosa Springs.

Chad Nystrom, 45, and Charlotte Benally, 34, were both arrested in connection with the shooting, and formal charges were filed the following month.

Town Manager Greg Schulte announced he'd be retiring later in the year. Schulte had been town manager since September of 2014.

May was a good month for PPOS, with the school's board announcing the receipt of several grants.

On May 15, the PPOS board announced that it had received a grant in the amount of \$38,000 from the Walton Family Foundation. In an email on May 18, the board announced that it had also received a \$2,500 grant from the Ballantine Fund. On May 24, the board revealed that it had received a flexible planning grant in the amount of \$7,500 from the Colorado League of Charter Schools.

The grants, along with additional funding received previously, put PPOS over the funding goal set for the school to open.

On May 16, the BoCC directed staff to "begin a search for a full-time county attorney" following an executive session to discuss "personnel issues" during that day's regular meeting.

In an interview following the meeting concerning the reasoning behind seeking in-house legal counsel, BoCC Chair Steve Wadley said, "Our legal expenses have been climbing steadily."

Wadley noted that legal work for the county was increasing, partially due to the increase in building and the issues and work associated with the increase, and the county was no longer realizing a savings by contracting for legal work instead

of having in-house council.

Starr served as the in-house legal counsel for the county from 2009 until October 2015. Following his resignation, the county retained Starr's law firm.

At its meeting on May 18, the PAWSD board declined a request by the Town of Pagosa Springs to help meet the operating expenses of the Pinon Lake fountain.

Nearly two years after it was approved, the land exchange that would help facilitate the controversial Village at Wolf Creek in its current iteration was halted in federal court on May 19.

Senior District Judge Richard P Matsch, U.S. District Court judge for the District of Colorado, issued a 40-page Order Setting Aside Agency Action.

Five PSHS Pirate track athletes participated in the Colorado High School Activities Association State Meet May 20 and 21, with all five securing a position on the podium, despite poor weather that delayed action at the meet, which was supposed to begin on May 18.

Murphy placed second in discus, throwing a distance of 134 feet, 7 inches.

The boys' 4x800 relay team, consisting of Brown, Hughes, Cowan and Haarmann, placed seventh with a time of eight minutes, 18.81 seconds.

Hughes also placed 16th in the 3,200-meter with a time of 10:16.49.

Seven Lady Pirate soccer players, along with coach Lindsay Kurt-Mason, received postseason honors.

Diana Scott was named the Southwest Soccer League's Keeper of the Year award.

Hayley Mitchell, Addie Thompson and Hannah Marnocha all received first team honors with Marnocha also being named Player of the Year.

Alyssa Lewis and Isabelle Pajak also received second team honors while Kurt-Mason was named Coach of the Year.

ASD schools were on lockout the morning of May 23 due to agents from the U.S. Department of the Treasury who did not notify law enforcement of their presence in the area.

The lockout occurred when ASD staff noticed two men near a van,

with one wearing a holster and a firearm.

The USJHSD Board of Directors approved an oncology business plan Tuesday evening, paving the way for additional services to be offered at PSMC.

While the initial goal was to begin offering services on Oct. 1, the opening was later delayed until 2018 due to financial considerations.

On May 24 and 25, a company called Smart Growth America offered a presentation and held a workshop on smart growth in Pagosa Springs.

According to Smart Growth America's website, "Smart growth is an approach to development that encourages a mix of building types and uses, diverse housing and transportation options, development within existing neighborhoods, and community engagement."

A farming-related fatality occurred in Archuleta County on the afternoon of May 29.

Dale Edwards, 54, died after his tractor rolled down an embankment and came to rest on top of him. The tractor didn't have a roll bar.

A pair of Pirate baseball players garnered post-season honors for their work on the diamond. Infielder Keaton Laverty was named to the all-conference first team, while pitcher Shane Miller garnered an honorable mention.

Intermountain League all-conference honors for the PSHS track team were handed out to four PSHS athletes: Michael Wedemeyer, Hughes, Murphy and Cowan.

On May 30, PPOS granted permission to board members Aaron Burns and Chenni Hammon to

move forward with an unsecured loan provided by First Southwest Bank.

The loan, which was for \$85,000, would allow for the school to receive required grants from the state.

Three teachers from the ASD formally requested a portion of the special tax revenue from marijuana sales in the town and county from both the town council and BoCC on May 30.

The goal of the teachers was to create scholarships and increase existing prevention counseling programs within the schools.

During a May 31 work session, the ASD BOE was presented with a draft of the 2017-18 budget.

A projected enrollment increase was discussed within the budget.

On May 31, the BoCC, county staff and court staff heard a preliminary design presentation regarding the newest site being considered to house the ACSO and detention center—the current site of the Fred Harman Art Museum.

As presented, the proposed plan for the site was estimated to cost \$16,923,600 (including site work and "soft costs") if construction were to take place in spring of 2018.

Architect Brad Ash of Reynolds Ash + Associates also noted that the site was much more buildable than the previously chosen Hot Springs location because, while it has a "gentle slope," the grade of the property is "much more manageable" than the Hot Springs Boulevard site.

Multiple storage unit burglaries occurred throughout the months of May and June. A total of 26 storage units had their locks cut at several different storage facilities.

JUNE

A lightning strike started a small fire on the evening of June 1 in the East Fork area south of U.S. 160.

The fire, which was only burning a single tree, was called in around 8:30 p.m. and was spotted in the John Creek Drainage area.

The Upper San Juan Search and Rescue team located a lost hiker near the Windy Pass and Treasure Mountain trails on the afternoon

of June 2.

On June 3, 65 students graduated from PSHS.

The high school graduates received upwards of 100 scholarships which totaled more than \$600,000, with some of the scholarships being renewable.

Twenty-eight graduates earned academic distinctions which included grade-point averages of at

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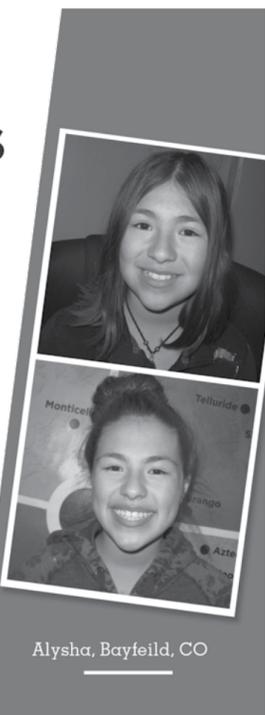
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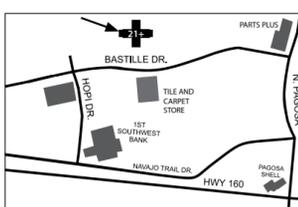
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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Jan. 11
Pagosa Peak Open School work session and special board meeting. 4 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. special board meeting, 7 Parelli Way.

Monday, Jan. 15
Archuleta School District Planning Assistance Team meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

Tuesday, Jan. 16
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.

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.

Wednesday, Jan. 17
Upper San Juan Library District board meeting. 4 p.m., Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St.

Pagosa Springs Town Council, Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, San Juan Water Conservancy District joint special growth meeting. 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Thursday, Jan. 18
Archuleta School District Board of Education community engagement. Noon, Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education community engagement. 6 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Friday, Jan. 19
Pagosa Peak Open School board meeting. 4 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, Jan. 23
Joint town/county work session. 8 a.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 9:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission. 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, Jan. 24
Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall front conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

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

Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosahun.com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.

Review

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least 3.4. Five graduates earned GPAs of at least 3.8, three earned GPAs of at least 3.9 and nine graduates earned Highest Distinction with 4.0 GPAs.

On June 5, the PFPD extinguished a car that was on fire downtown. "It appears that it started at the engine compartment, and quickly spread into the passenger compartment," said PFPD Deputy Chief Karn Macht. "It was a 1987 Ford F250."

During its regular meeting on the evening of June 6, the town council voted to continue to participate in the funding of the fountain located in Pinon Lake.

Two members of the Pagosa Springs Special Olympics track and field team traveled to Grand Junction for the Special Olympics Colorado state meet June 9-11.

Tricia Sierpiejko scored well in the women's division, bringing home two gold first-place awards for her 16.8-meter softball throw and 95-second 200-meter fast walk event.

Dalton Walls, 15, also scored big in the young men's division, winning gold with a 44.4 meter softball throw, the longest distance for the day; silver for his 3.8-meter running long jump; and bronze in the 100-meter dash with a time of 16 seconds. Walls was also chosen to recite the athletes' oath at the Stocker Stadium Torch Lighting opening ceremony.

At its regular meeting on June 12, the SJWCD passed a resolution that allowed them to go forward with a mill levy initiative that would also increase the district's debt.

The mill levy would help fund the Dry Gulch project and would be raised to 1 mill from .316 mills.

If passed, the loan would come from the Colorado Water Conservancy Board.

The board also discussed changing the name of the Dry Gulch reservoir project to differentiate this 11,000-acre-foot project from the 35,000-acre-foot project that was the subject of a legal battle.

Some names proposed by the SJWCD board were the High Pasture Project and the San Juan Headwaters Project.

At a meeting on June 13, the ASD BOE voted to suspend a portion of the board's conflict of interest policy.

The portion suspended pertained to allowing a board member to be hired as a teacher within the Pagosa Family School.

BOE member Brooks Lindner who was participating by phone, recused himself from the vote.

Lindner was later hired by Pagosa Family School as a Spanish teacher.

The ASD board also made several other decisions and took other actions at the same meeting.

The board reviewed a policy that would cut down on the amount of social studies credits needed by PSHS graduates from four to three.

The board hired Laura Mijares as ASD's new assistant superintendent, replacing the retiring Hamilton.

The board also voted to lower the tuition of full-day kindergarten from \$540 to \$120 for Pagosa Springs Elementary School.

The board then voted to extend Superintendent Linda Reed's contract and granted her a raise. Reed's previous salary was \$134,706, her new salary was raised to \$137,367. An increase of \$2,661.

Also on June 13, PPOS adopted its budget for the 2017-18 school year.

PSHS Lady Pirate soccer players Scott and Marnocha both earned all-state honorable mentions for their work on the pitch during the spring season.

A 2016 case involving the death of a man whose remains were found off of Mill Creek Road was determined to be a homicide.

The manner of death for Andrew Chacon, whose remains were discovered on Aug. 23, 2016, was changed from unknown to homicide, with the case remaining under investigation by the ACSO.

Mine That Bird, the 2009 Kentucky Derby winner, made a stop in Pagosa Springs on June 19, with the public able to greet the underdog champion.

Charges were filed against Nystrom, the man accused of killing Richard "Dick" Isaacs. Charges were filed during a June 20 hearing in 6th Judicial District Court. Nystrom is accused of first-degree murder and tampering with a deceased body.

Following an executive session on June 20, the BoCC voted to direct legal counsel to dismiss the action against Fairway Land Trust without prejudice.

The move put an end to the lawsuit with Fairway Land Trust regarding use of the county's Hot Springs Boulevard property for a justice center.

The county entered into eminent domain proceedings the previous fall to remove deed restrictions attached to the Hot Springs Boulevard parcel in order to build a jail and justice center on the site.

On June 20, the BoCC voted unanimously to provide \$80,000 to help fund the first phase of the planned \$1.3 million Veterans Memorial Park.

The park is located near U.S. 160 and Vista Boulevard, and was the

site of an official ground-breaking ceremony on Memorial Day.

Via an email, on June 21 the SJWCD decided to change the name of the Dry Gulch project to the San Juan Headwaters Project.

Despite the name change being discussed at the board's June 12 meeting, it did not vote on this change in a public meeting.

After filing a CORA request to the SJWCD board, The SUN discovered that the board had chosen to vote on the name change via email despite stating during the June 12 meeting that the decision would be voted on at the board's August meeting.

At its regular meeting on June 22, the PAWSD board received a clean audit for 2016.

In what has become a tradition most years, fire restrictions went into effect on June 28 for private lands in portions of unincorporated Archuleta County.

The Colorado Department of Education announced in late June the members of the first-ever Commissioner's Teacher Cabinet.

Pagosa Springs Middle School mathematics teacher Andrew Guinn was selected to serve on the cabinet.

This group of 20 practicing teachers meets with Education Commissioner Katy Anthes on a regular basis and provides a much-needed teacher perspective to the current issues facing our state and schools.

Recent PSHS graduate Lane Schaaf has earned a position on the Colorado State National High School rodeo team and was set to travel with fellow teammates to Gillette, Wyo., July 16-22 to compete at the 69th annual National High School Finals Rodeo in the steer wrestling and .22 caliber rifle competitions.

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Outdoors

More than 50 racers take part in Pagosa Nordic Falls Creek Double Skiathlon

By James Dickhoff
Special to The SUN

On Sunday, Jan. 7, the Pagosa Nordic Club (PNC) hosted the first of four races in the brand-new Southwest Nordic Race Series. Over 50 racers from around southwest Colorado participated in the Pagosa Nordic Falls Creek Double Skiathlon.

The skiathlon requires skiers to classic cross-country ski half the distance and skate ski the other half. The event included a competitive 11km, a youth 6km and a KidK.

Top finishers included:
Male 11km: first place, Terry Daley, of Monte Vista; second place, Clay Mosley, of Los Alamos, N.M.; and third place, Steve Ilg, of Durango.

Female 11km: first place and top finisher, Paige Elliot, of Durango; Sanna Sevanto, of Los Alamos, N.M.; and Sarah Johnson, of Pagosa Springs.

Youth Male 6km: first place, Wiley Corra, of Durango; second place, Logan Moore, of Durango; and third place, Noah Bodewes, of Durango.

Youth Female 6km: Marit May, of Durango; Ruth Moore, of Durango; Carter Reiter, of Durango.

KidK Finishers: Liv Niklasson and Quannah Mosley, of Los Alamos,

N.M.

The Southwest Nordic Race Series has three more races with events at Telluride, Durango and Chama, N.M. Check out Pagosanordic.com for more events information.

PNC is hosting a Learn to Ski Clinic on Jan. 20 for never-ever, beginner and intermediate classic cross-country skiing or skate skiing. Registration is available at Pagosanordic.com under the events tab. Skilled instructors will teach techniques that help make cross-country skiing even more enjoyable.

Additional instructors are needed. PNC has seen a steady increase in attendance at our clinics and we need more volunteer instructors to help with the growing interest in our cross-country skiing clinics. Please contact PNC at PagosaNordic@gmail.com if you're interested in teaching or helping with registration during the clinics.

PNC serves as the local advocate for groomed cross-country ski trails and you can find current cross-country ski trail grooming reports, trail maps, activity and event schedules at PagosaNordic.com.

PNC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, 100 percent volunteer organization with a mission, "To enhance winter recreational opportunities



Photo courtesy James Dickhoff

Youth racers start the 6km skiathlon at the Falls Creek Double on Sunday, Jan. 7.

in Pagosa Springs by maintaining accessible groomed winter trails for skate skiing and classic cross-country skiing for all ability levels and to encourage and promote the use of these winter trails through education, marketing and events."

Public Notices

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Annual Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on January 16, 2018 at the Humane Society Thrift Store meeting room located at 279 Pagosa St. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect Directors for the upcoming year and to conduct such business, which may come before the meeting. Annual meeting attendance is limited to persons who are current members. You must be a new member in good standing by January 1, 2018 or have renewed your membership prior to the annual meeting to attend. Membership can be purchased at the Thrift Store or Animal Shelter front counter or through our website: www.humanesociety.biz Published January 11, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for a "Conditional Use Permit" for the operation of a "Vacation Rental" to be located at 278 N. 1st Street. The Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission will consider the "Conditional Use Permit" application at a public hearing scheduled on February 13, 2018 at 5:30PM in Town Hall located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. Anyone wishing to provide comments should contact the Town Planning Department at 970-264-4151 x 221 or attend the public hearing. Public comments will be accepted at the public hearing. Published January 11, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of CHARLOTTE LABORDE aka CHARLOTTE ANN LABORDE aka ANN REEDY LABORDE aka CHARLOTTE ANN REEDY LABORDE, Deceased Case No. 2017 PR 030073 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before May 18, 2018, or the claims may be forever barred. David B. Kirkpatrick Attorney for Personal Representative PO Box 2747 Durango, CO 81301 Published December 28, 2017, January 4 and 11, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Public Notice:

The Town of Pagosa Springs is in the final phase of reviewing its Draft Comprehensive Plan (Plan). All members of the public are invited to review the document and provide comment or ask questions on the Plan. A copy of the Plan is available for review on the Town's website: www.pagosapings.com, and at Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Boulevard. Reference copies are also available in various locations in the community (Ruby Sisson Library, Ross Aragon Community Center, Senior Center). The comment period will close on February 21, 2018; however, we encourage your comments before January 31, 2018. You may contact the Planning Department for more information or to provide your comments at 970-264-4151 x221 and cschultz@pagosapings.co.gov. Published December 28, 2017, January 4 and 11, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2017-022

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On November 2, 2017, 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) Maureen A. Munro Original Beneficiary(ies) First Southwest Bank Current Holder of Evidence of Debt First Southwest Bank Date of Deed of Trust July 19, 2006 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust July 20, 2006 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20606957 Original Principal Amount \$58,000.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$49,791.38 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), we 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. Condominium Unit B, Fairway Condominiums, according to the Condominium Map for Fairway Condominiums file October 3, 1985, as Reception No. 134289 and as corrected by instrument recorded April 13, 1988, in Book 212 Page 293 and as defined and described in Declaration of Condominium for Fairway Condominiums recorded October 3, 1985, as Reception No. 134290, all in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. Also known by street and number as: 21 W. Golf Place #2, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 03/01/2018, at 449 San Juan St, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 1/4/2018 Last Publication 2/1/2018 Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; 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. Colorado Attorney General 1300 Broadway, 10th Floor Denver, Colorado 80203 (800) 222-4444 www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau P.O. Box 4503 Iowa City, Iowa 52244 (855) 411-2372 www.consumerfinance.gov DATE: 11/02/2017 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: Shay L. Denning #36736 Maynes Bradford Ships & Sheffel, LLP Attorneys at Law, 835 East Second Avenue, Suite 123, Durango, CO 81302 (970) 247-1755 Attorney File # FSW-013 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. ©Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 1/2015 Published January 4, 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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AFLAC	INS PREMIUMS	2,275.19
AIRGAS USA, LLC	FLEET SUPPLIES	310.07
ALBRECHT & ALBRECHT, LLC	NON SVC REFUND	16.00
ALPINE BANK	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	900.00
ALPINE CREDIT, INC.	NON SERVICE REFUND	16.00
ALPINE PORTABLE TOILETS	CLOMAN PARK DEC RENTAL SVCS	113.00
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Participants in the San Juan Conservation District's poster contest are pictured. In the back row, left to right, are Trevor Wirth, Cascia Ward, JC Allen, Honesty Anderson, Gemma Slingerland, Kaylee Clark and Logan Frady; in front, left to right, are Rylie Carr, Emily Reynolds, Samantha Goudie, Dharma Adams, Katelynn Turner and Layla Novak. This year's contest theme was "Healthy Soils are Full of Life."

San Juan Conservation District holds poster contest

By Cynthia Purcell
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Conservation District hosted its annual poster contest for fifth-grade students. This year's theme was "Healthy Soils are Full of Life."

The students were given a presentation on the importance of conservation and using natural resources wisely. They created a poster depicting between one and three conservation practices. District supervisors judged the posters and awarded cash prizes to the top five entries.

Additionally, each student who participated in the contest received a temperature key tag. The top two winners were sent on to the state competition at the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting in Loveland earlier in November.

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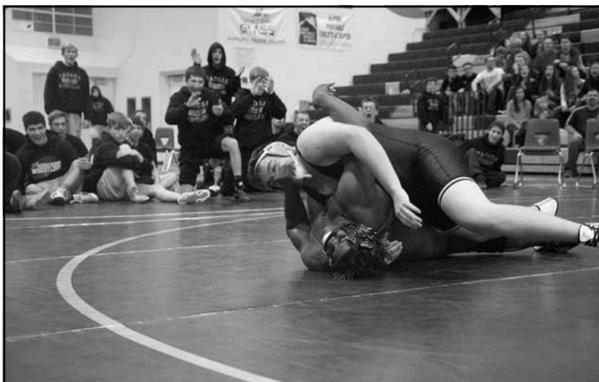
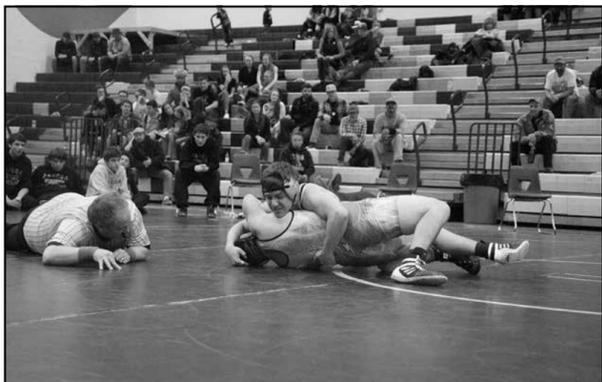
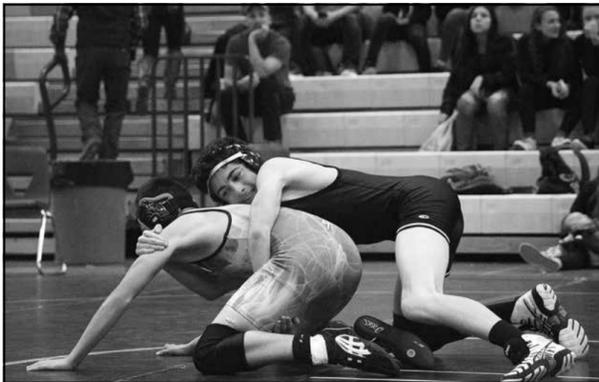
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Sports



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The Pagosa Pirates hosted two duals last Friday, with one being against the Sheridan Rams and the other being against the Taos Tigers. The Pirates beat the Rams 54-12 and the Taos Tigers 60-15.

WRESTLING

Pirates place first at Rocky Mountain Invitational

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team hosted the Rocky Mountain Invitational last weekend, with the Pirates placing first out of 20 teams.

The Pirates garnered 253.5 points. The Aztec Tigers placed second with 195.5 points, followed by the Monticello Buckaroos with 165 points.

"We're doing good," said coach Dan Janowsky. "We're climbing the ladder, but there are still some guys out in front of us. We do get better every week, and we're having a good time."

Janowsky went on to explain that the Pirates had four total champions, two freshmen and two seniors.

The champions were Dylan Tressler, Cameron Lucero, Trevor Bryant and Colton Castro.

"All four of those, they put together a good run during the day, and they kind of did it in different ways," said Janowsky.

In the 106-pound division, freshman Erik Wyman placed second, scoring 24 points with a win-loss record of 13-7.

At 113 pounds, Tressler, a freshman, was the champion of his division, going 16-2 and scoring 30 points.

In the 120-pound division, freshman EJ Monteroso placed fourth, going 6-5 and scoring 15 points.

At 126 pounds, sophomore James Thomas placed third, going 14-4 and scoring 19 points.

In the 132-pound division, Lucero, a freshman, was the champion of his division, going 18-3 and scoring 28 points.

At 138 pounds, freshman Grant Aucoin went 4-3, placing sixth and scoring 11 team points.

In the 145-pound division, senior Tate Hinger placed third, going 17-3 and scoring 19 points.

At 152 pounds, Bryant, a senior, was the champion of his weight division, going 17-3 and scoring 27.5 points.

In the 160-pound division, junior Ian Reinhardt placed fifth, going 8-3 and scoring 11 team points.

At 170 pounds, senior Dalton Lucero placed third, going 18-1 and scoring 19 points.

In the 182-pound division, Castro, a senior, was the champion of his division, going 16-4 and scoring 28 points.

At 195 pounds, sophomore Caleb Janowsky placed fourth, going 2-2 and scoring 13 points.

At 220 pounds, senior Nolan Stretton placed fourth, going 11-6 and scoring 10 points.

"I'd like to emphasize, over individuals, that our team, there's not a guy wrestling right now that isn't really putting in their heart and soul," Janowsky said. "They don't all win yet, they don't all have the same skill level, but they're putting out the best effort that they can." Prior to the invitational on Saturday, the Pirates also hosted two duals on Friday, with one against the Sheridan Rams and the other against the Taos Tigers.

The Pirates beat the Rams 54-12 and the Taos Tigers 60-15.

Today, Thursday, Jan. 11, the Pirates travel to Monte Vista to take on the Monte Vista Pirates, with action starting at 6 p.m.

Then, on Jan. 12 and Jan. 13, the Pirates will travel to Florence to participate in the Mel Smith Invitational.

"It's got 30 teams in it. It's got every top-10 team in 3A except Alamosa," said Janowsky. "After this week, we will know a lot about where we are and what we can do to get better."

Janowsky went on to explain that there are two different formulas for establishing rankings, with the Pirates being fifth in one and fourth in the other for the 3A division.

"Wrestling is an individual sport, but it builds unbelievable camaraderie like no other sport," said Janowsky. "I feel it from the coaching staff and from the kids. There's a lot of camaraderie in everybody."

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Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Colton Castro
Wrestling



Favorite subjects: English and science
Comments from coach Dan Janowsky: "Colton has been a stalwart, reliable presence in three sports throughout his high school years: football, wrestling, and track. As a senior has become more than that, he is a dominant performer. This week-

end he won 4 important matches on his way to being Rocky Mountain Invitational Champion. Colton is an ideal leader in all aspects, from his grades which are outstanding, to his work ethic and to his willingness to reach out to all team members, regardless of ability or skill level. He truly brings honor to our school."



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Scroll down to *Latest News* and click on *Facilities Updates*.

The location for the meeting is the Community Center. There are two meeting times:

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BASKETBALL

After 22-point win in Alamosa, Pagosa looks to take on Monte Vista

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

The No. 4 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team started 2018 on a positive note, defeating the Alamosa Mean Moose in the first Intermountain League game of the season.

The 53-31 win moves the Lady Pirates to a 6-2 mark on the year.

"We were successful, so that was good," coach Wes Lewis said Wednesday. "It was nice to open up league play with a win against a team that's playing pretty well this year."

The Lady Pirates came out strong in the game, outscoring their hosts 17-9 in the first quarter, and expanding that lead to 24-14 by halftime.

The Pirate defense stayed strong in the third quarter, holding Alamosa to a pair of points while the Pirates added 13 points to the board on offense.

The fourth quarter, however, was a different story, with Pagosa outscoring Alamosa by only one point, 16-15, giving the Pirates a 22-point victory.

The loss moved Alamosa to a 4-3 record, with the team also dropping

out of the top 10 in the Jan. 9 CHSAA Now.com Girls Basketball Polls. The Pirates moved up a spot to No. 4 in the polls.

Offensively, Lewis said the Lady Pirates looked better in the game.

"Our book was really, really balanced in scoring," he said, noting that Morgan Lewis led the team in scoring, but that the team was where it wants to be.

He continued, "I thought we did a better job of attacking the paint area to get shots last night. I thought that we did a good job pushing the basketball and getting some easy transition opportunities."

The Lady Pirates, the coach noted, struggled a little bit with some of the Mean Moose's full-court pressure, but for the most part, "handled it fine."

Too, Wes Lewis noted the team had more turnovers than it would have liked, but that some of those came in transition, which are turnovers you can live with.

Part of it, he said, also stemmed from the fact that the Lady Pirates hadn't seen game action since Dec. 21.

"On the whole," he said, "I was OK with it. I was glad to get a win."

Too, the coach praised the team's

defense.

"Our defense was really good for three quarters, gave up 15 points in three quarters," he said, acknowledging the team got a little loose in the fourth and allowed several 3-pointers. "I'm certainly happy with the outcome."

Additional stats were not available by press time Wednesday.

Now, the Pirates will look to carry that momentum forward.

Over the next week, the Lady Pirates will host a pair of games.

The first game will come against the Monte Vista Pirates on Friday, Jan. 12, at 5:30 p.m.

The Monte Vista Pirates are 3-4 on the season.

The coach noted he hadn't seen much on Monte Vista as of Wednesday morning, but that the team traditionally shoots well from the 3-point line and beyond.

"We're going to have to be really strong with our half-court defense," he said, noting Monte Vista shoots 3-pointers from deep. "And, we're going to have to establish our inside presence a little bit."

Then, on Tuesday, Pagosa will welcome the 2A Sanford Indians, who are 5-3 on the season.

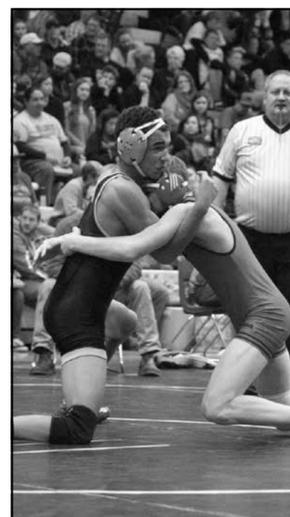
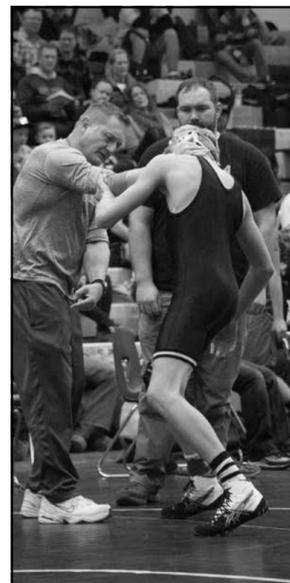
Tipoff is set for 5:30 p.m. randi@pagosasun.com



Rocky Mountain Invitational

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

With the help of volunteers and officials, the Pagosa Pirates hosted the Rocky Mountain Invitational last weekend. Out of the 20 teams that attended, the Pirates placed first, scoring 253.5 points.



Pirates fall to Alamosa in first league game, take on Monte Vista Friday at home

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

After three weeks of no action, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys basketball team returned to the hardwood on Tuesday to take on the Alamosa Mean Moose.

The Pirates, however, could not start 2018 with a win, as they fell to Alamosa 26-48.

This game marked the start of league play for both teams.

At the end of the first, Pagosa led Alamosa 6-4, but the second quarter was not as kind to the Pirates as they gave up 19 points and only scored three times themselves.

Down 23-9 heading into the third quarter, the Pirates could not find themselves on the right track, being outscored 13-12 in the third and 12-5 in the fourth quarter.

Isaiah Griego led all Pirate scorers with nine points.

Ty Kimsey and Keaton Laverty contributed four points each.

Cade Cowan added three points

and three Pirates added two points apiece.

Griego led the team in rebounds with eight and also led the team in steals with three.

Pagosa turned over the ball 19 times for the game.

"I really cannot explain last night's performance. Give Alamosa a lot of credit. They played a good basketball game and they are a good basketball team," Coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN on Wednesday morning.

Sorenson explained that the team let Alamosa's pressure "eat them up" and they failed to run any sort of offense.

"We have worked and worked on handling pressure and shooting and finishing but yet we only scored nine points in the first half and twenty six in the game," Sorenson mentioned.

Until the team learns to handle pressure and score, the team will not win games, Sorenson added later.

"We got pounded on the boards

and we turned the ball over fourteen times in the first half. All of those things are not a recipe for success," Sorenson explained.

Sorenson reiterated earlier sentiments that the IML is tough this year and all of the teams are good.

"We are going to have to play well each and every night in order to have a chance. We will keep working hard and trying to improve," he concluded.

With the loss, Pagosa falls to an overall record of 5-3 with an 0-1 record in the Intermountain League (IML).

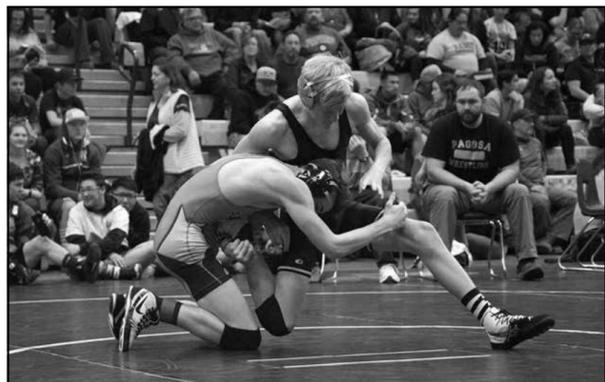
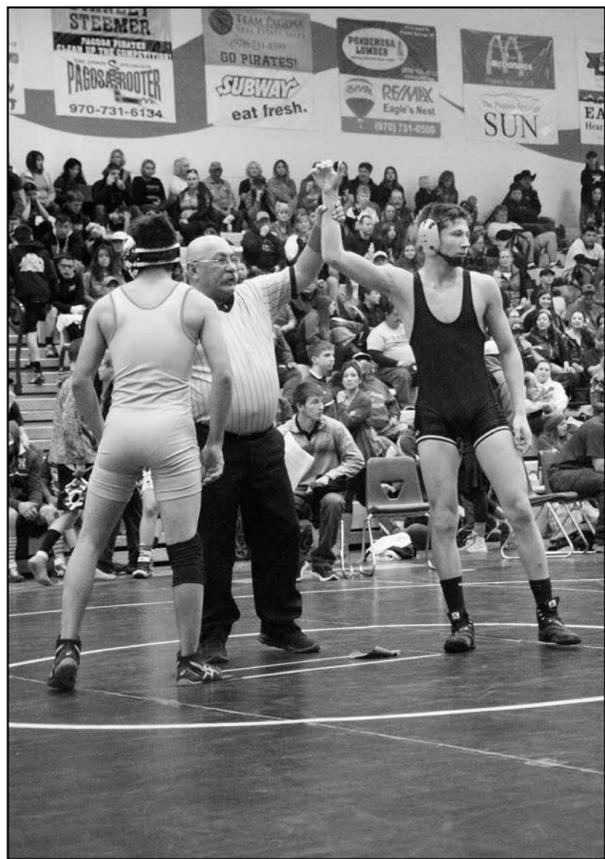
Alamosa moves to a 7-1 record overall and a 1-0 record in the IML.

Next up for the Pirates comes another league test, this one at home against the Monte Vista Pirates (4-4 overall 0-0 in the IML) on Friday.

The Pirates will then take on the 2A Sanford Indians (3-3 overall) at home on Jan. 16.

Varsity action is set to begin at 7 p.m. for both games.

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Town sets times, dates, locations for meetings

By **Marshall Dunham**
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Jan. 2, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved the first reading of an ordinance that designates the scheduled time, dates, locations and place of postings to notice town meetings.

"This is a beginning of the year cleanup item. This is an ordinance, so it does require two readings," explained Town Manager Andrea Phillips. "Just for the record, Ordinance 874, 2018 series, is an ordinance

identifying town council regular meeting dates, locations and times, and agenda posting requirements."

She went to explain that the ordinance states town council meetings will be held at the Pagosa Springs Town Hall on the first Tuesdays of each month and the third Thursday of every month.

Both monthly meetings will be held at 5 p.m.

"If we have months with five Thursdays, the council may direct that the second regular meeting of the month would be moved to the fourth Thursday," said Phillips.

"This also sets out that all meetings are open to the public, and that we would post our agenda in Town Hall a minimum of 24 hours before those meetings. We also have it on our website, and some folks have signed up to receive a notification by email so they can receive the packet and agenda beforehand."

Council member Tracy Bunning moved to approve the first reading of the ordinance, with council member Mat deGraaf seconding the motion, which then passed unanimously.

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Make the year 2018 a safe one

Special to The SUN

Another beautiful new year is upon us here in Pagosa Springs. In order to make this year a safe one, follow these tips provided by the Pagosa Fire Protection District:

Check your smoke detectors

Now is the time to check your smoke detectors to ensure they are in good working order. A monthly

check involves testing the battery by pushing the test button. January is a good time for your yearly check. Check the date on your smoke detector; they are good for 10 years. Make sure to clean/dust your detector to keep it working its best.

Keep extra supplies at home

Potential winter storms don't have to be a struggle if you are

prepared. Keep extra batteries for flashlights in case of power outages. Stock the pantry with extra nonperishable food items in case bad weather prevents you from leaving the house for a few days. Only use approved indoor heating devices; never use heating devices that produce carbon monoxide (propane heaters).

Check on neighbors

The winter months can be a challenging time for some. Checking on a neighbor can really go a long way to ensure their safety and well-being. Helping to clear snow and ice from an elderly neighbor's walkway might be the difference between a trip to get the mail and a trip to the hospital.



Learn about lynx at meeting

By **Kathy Sherer**
Special to The SUN

The Four Corners Back Country Horsemen will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Florida Grange on Hwy. 172 (1/2 mile south of Elmore's Corner).

We are pleased to announce that Scott Wait from Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be joining us to discuss the process of bringing lynx into

southwest Colorado from Canada. He will tell us all about how and why this was done.

Nonmembers are always welcome to attend.

The Four Corners Back Country Horsemen work to perpetuate commonsense enjoyment of public lands by horsemen and pack stock users. To learn more, go to: www.4cbch.org or contact Julie Figg, chapter president, at (970) 442-0575 or jfigg@frontier.net.

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Planning Assistance Team receives community feedback

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Monday night, the Planning Assistance Team (PAT) was presented with a packet of compiled information from its Facilities Community Conversation meeting held on Dec 5.

The data, compiled by RTA Architects, was presented to the PAT in order for the PAT to understand the community's wants and needs in regard to Archuleta School District (ASD) facilities.

Douglas Abernethy, a representative of RTA, began by commending the PAT for its work at the Facilities Community Conversation.

"I did two of these last fall at Lewis-Palmer school district in Monument in Northern El Paso County and I don't think I got 84 responses in either one of those meetings and they have 5,800 students in their district," Abernethy said.

The informational packet opens with results from a questionnaire handed out at the Dec. 5 meeting.

Community meeting questionnaire results

In total, 84 responses were gathered from the questionnaire, Abernethy noted.

When asked if they had children in ASD, 48 said yes and 36 answered no.

Abernethy noted that the numbers may not add up because some parents could have had multiple children in the district.

When asked which school(s) their children attended, 29 answered that their child attended Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) and 17 answered that their children attended Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS).

Additionally, 18 responses were gathered for parents who answered that their children attended Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS).

One response each was gathered for parents who noted their children attended Pagosa Peak Open School or Valor Academy.

It was clarified by ASD Superintendent Linda Reed that the lone students in the PPOS and Valor Academy categories would be grouped in with the PSES group.

When survey participants were asked what their role in the district was, 53 responded that they were

parents or grandparents, 32 noted they were district employees and 24 identified as community members.

Two survey takers identified as "other" within this portion of the survey.

Question three on the survey asked the community members their thoughts on growth in the district.

Eight community members answered that they were aware that the district was growing.

Seventy-nine respondents answered that they were aware the district is growing and also acknowledged that some of the schools are crowded.

One survey taker answered that they were aware of local growth, but were not convinced of school needs.

The next question on the survey asked the community members, with each master plan scenario being based on a variety of criteria, what topic is the most important to the citizen?

When asked, 73 people noted that adequate space and resources to deliver high-quality educational opportunities were most important to them.

An additional 24 responses were attributed to the safety and security of the students, staff and community.

The condition and age of existing ASD facilities was noted as important for 15 people.

Six respondents answered "other" and seven people noted the total cost as being the most important issue.

The final question involved what master plan scenario community members favored at the time.

Scenario E.1 garnered the majority of the votes, with 34 people voting for it.

Scenario F received 23 votes. Twelve community members answered that they favored none of the scenarios at the time, while 10 community members proposed their own scenarios.

Scenario H and Scenario D earned eight and nine votes from community members, respectively.

Three community members stated that they did not have enough information to make a choice.

Scenario E.1 involves the building of a new K-5 elementary school. The existing PSES building

would be converted to a pre-school, district administration and home-school academy building.

The existing property for PSMS would be sold under Scenario E.1.

PSHS would receive minor interior renovations, additions for vo-tech programs, offices and an auxiliary gym.

Phased or future construction under this scenario would involve the building of a new middle school for grades six through eight.

Within the document detailing all of the scenarios, RTA notes that the pros for Scenario E.1 are that new elementary and middle schools will be built.

Additional pros for Scenario E.1 are that it accommodates for growth and current educational environments.

Cons associated with Scenario E.1 include the cost of the scenario, as well as the value of the middle school property.

Community meeting summarized comments

Later on in the document provided by RTA were the summarized comments and proposed ideas from the community meeting.

Comments quoted below are printed as received without editing.

A common theme noticed at the community meeting was that people wanted to keep K-5 together but also to add pre-K education and to accommodate the needs of special needs students.

"The K-5 community is important. Pre-school services are much needed in this community," one comment read.

Re-purposing the school buildings to appeal to the community and also passing the bond measure was another theme raised by the community.

"I believe there are a number of potential benefits to consider new elementary/middle/Jr high facilities at high school campus and re-purposing existing facilities," another comment read.

The comment went on to state, "Move elementary to courts/jail, Jr to rec center, and middle school to museum in historic building. If voters perceive multiple entities working together, a ballot measure has a higher chance of passing."

Moving PSES away from the highway was also a point of agreement for the community.

Education Center and Early Care and Education Work Group finalize merge

By David Smith
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Education Center and the Early Care and Education Work Group (ECEWG) unanimously approved their merger, with the Pagosa Springs Town Council and the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) supporting the merger.

Given the missions of the two groups, the merger will help to expand early care and education in Archuleta County. The Ed Center has been providing high-quality, cost-effective education to the residents of Archuleta County for over 25 years.

The ECEWG was established two years ago by the town and county with the mission to advise local government on practical means for expanding early child care and education.

Linda Reed, superintendent of Archuleta School District, and Archuleta County Commissioner Michael Whiting co-chair the work group.

The Archuleta County Education Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization which has provided a wide range of educational services

to our community. Services offered at various times include preparation and testing for the GED, an alternate high school, adult education classes, after-school tutoring and enrichment classes, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. The types and levels of services varied over the years, depending on community needs and available funding.

The specific charge from the town and county to the work group was to collect and analyze data, and to recommend ways to expand early care and education. The work group spent a year determining the availability and need for additional services. This effort included studying other communities that have made good progress in offering affordable services. This charge led to a report that was presented to the town and county in April 2017. It is available on both the town and the county websites.

The merger of these two groups will facilitate expanding early care and education in Archuleta County. The work group's research revealed two problems that must be tackled before early care and education can be expanded. The number of slots must be increased and services must be affordable for the parents. Money will help to resolve both

problems.

The town council and BoCC have each approved \$100,000 in their 2018 budgets to support the first year of a five-year plan that will substantially increase the availability and affordability of early care and education services in our community. The nonprofit status of the Ed Center will facilitate grants from foundations and donations from our community.

Card of Thanks

Nordic Club

The Pagosa Nordic Club would like to thank many who made our Falls Creek Double Skiathlon on Jan. 7 a big success. Registration and course monitors: Jennifer Martin, Coquette Collins, Steve Earle, Dan Bartley, Doug Call and Kevin Wieser. A big thank to Dan Batwina for grooming at 3 a.m. in the morning after a little fresh snow,

CDOT for clearing the parking lot and the Pagosa Ranger District for allowing us to hold the event at Falls Creek. Also, many thanks to the over 50 racers that participated. James Dickhoff

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Thank you, Archuleta Integrated Healthcare-Axis Health System for giving the community back the love. Bruce Young



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Joseph was seventeen years old when Jacob sent his favorite son to check on his brothers tending the flock. Joseph's jealous brothers used the opportunity to sell him into slavery. Taking his coat from him they tore it, and dipped it in some blood. Arriving at home, they showed the coat to their father. He was heartbroken, thinking his son had been killed by a wild beast.

When Joseph was thirty nine years old, Jacob learned Joseph was alive. Initially, he was stunned and did not believe his other sons. The brothers assured him it was true and he determined to go see Joseph. In Egypt Jacob was reunited with Joseph.

Can you imagine believing a lie for twenty two years? It can happen. Sometimes people believe things taught to them from the Bible only to find out they were taught wrong and believed something not true. Let us keep studying God's Word to make sure we have the truth.

Dorman Diller, minister



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2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

2017 was a busy and interesting year in Pagosa Country. There was no want for controversial issues, no lack of interesting news events to keep SUN readers focused on local events, situations and personalities.

Over the next few weeks, The SUN will take a look back at some of those events, selected by SUN staff writers. This week, we look back at April, May and June.

APRIL

• As of April 1, the snowpack in the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River Basin continued to look strong, sitting at 128 percent of median.

Statewide, the snowpack sat at 111 percent on that date.

• In the month of April, it was revealed the Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board had been holding illegal meetings via email throughout the prior two months.

A Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request issued by the SUN yielded a stack of emails a little higher than one-half inch.

• Discussion by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) of the then-recent proposal of the site of the Fred Harman Art Museum as a location for a new jail and sheriff's office continued at the commissioners' first work session and regular meeting in April.

The site, at the top of Put Hill adjacent to the intersection of U.S. 160 and Piedra Road, was described at the work session by Sheriff Rich Valdez as "probably one of the best possibilities" for effective law enforcement, as it affords excellent highway access.

• On April 4, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a proposed design for the overlook in the downtown area and directed staff to solicit bids for the project.

• Summonses were issued for two individuals who allegedly allowed horses to roam near and on highways, which resulted in one pregnant horse getting struck and killed by a car.

• After previously beating a record that was held for decades, Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Lady Pirate Keena Murphy again set a new school record for discus at the Abel Velasquez Invitational in Ignacio on April 8.

Murphy broke her previous record of 128 feet, 10 inches with a distance of 130 feet.

• On April 9, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) located a woman who escaped Hilltop House, a community corrections facility in Durango, on March 21.

Terri Lisa Thayn, 36, escaped after failing to return to Hilltop House after receiving an approved pass to look for work.

• On April 10, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) approved a resolution that would allow for the district to apply for a \$2 million loan to help acquire the property needed for the Dry Gulch raw water storage project.

• At an April 11 work session, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) heard a presentation from RTA Architects regarding an updated enrollment forecast.

The presentation notes that 352

met with the BoCC at its weekly Tuesday morning work session and later appeared at the luncheon meeting of the Archuleta County Republican Women.

• On the morning of April 11, the ACSO responded to a report of two men fighting, with one wearing a kilt and a wizard hat.

One man reportedly hit the other in the head with a bottle, and the fight included allegations of animal cruelty, which were also investigated by the ACSO.

• Archuleta County Public Works Director Susan Goebel-Canning told the county commissioners at their April 11 work session that the costs of road paving projects that had previously been announced for the summer were likely to be more costly than had previously been anticipated. As a result, she said project reprioritization was required, with some projects now set to take place in 2018 following design work in 2017.

• The ACSO was searching for two individuals who tried to break into a marijuana grow operation on April 12.

The two men were unable to get into the facility, and attempted to break in using a wrench and a cutting drill.

• At the halfway point in the season, the Pagosa Springs High School baseball team owned a 5-4 overall record and 0-2 league mark.

• On April 13, a landslide behind PSHS forced the athletic/music wing of the building to be closed while mitigation work took place. It reopened April 19.

ASD Superintendent Linda Reed noted that additional work would be done over the summer and that work included additional dirt work and the installation of French drains behind the building.

• Also on April 13, PSHS Lady Pirate Megan Farrah signed her National Letter of Intent to play collegiate volleyball at Colorado School of Mines in Golden.

• On April 16, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) and Archuleta County Emergency Management responded to Williams Lake for a man who fell out of a kayak.

Although the man was wearing a life jacket, he didn't know how to swim, and later removed the life jacket due to hypothermia. He was transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC).

• Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger began spearheading a "beautification campaign" for the town,

which included planting flowers, litter pickup and creating a scavenger hunt throughout the town.

• The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board voted on April 18 to table any consideration of community recreational uses of property in which it holds interest as a result of the Dry Gulch raw water storage project.

According to PAWSD board member Mike Church, the subject cannot be re-presented to the board without unanimous consent of its members.

• The BoCC unanimously approved a resolution at its regular meeting on April 18 that could lead to construction of a new sheriff's office and county jail at the current site of the Fred Harman Art Museum.

The site at the top of Put Hill was offered by the Harman family in March, on the conditions that exhibition space for Harman's art would be provided, and that historic structures located within the 4.9-acre parcel would be preserved.

The resolution approved by the commissioners did not commit the county to actually use the site, but only approved the terms of the offer. One aspect of the terms approved is that the county had

until five days after the November election to decide whether or not to take ownership of the Harman site.

• Also at its meeting on April 18, the BoCC gave final approval to an ordinance to require permits for open burning in the unincorporated areas of the county.

• The saga of the Village at Wolf Creek entered a new chapter in Denver on April 19, as oral arguments in a pending lawsuit were heard by a federal judge.

The previous chapter, which sparked the April 19 hearing, was the approval of a land swap between the U.S. Forest Service and the privately owned venture in 2014. This swap would transfer 205 acres of Rio Grande National Forest land for 177 acres of privately owned land. The transaction is crucial for the proposed development, as it grants direct access to U.S. 160.

A group of local environmental organizations, the Friends of Wolf Creek, claim in the lawsuit against the U.S. Forest Service that it colluded with developers to push through an environmental impact statement that did not fully investigate the effects of the project.

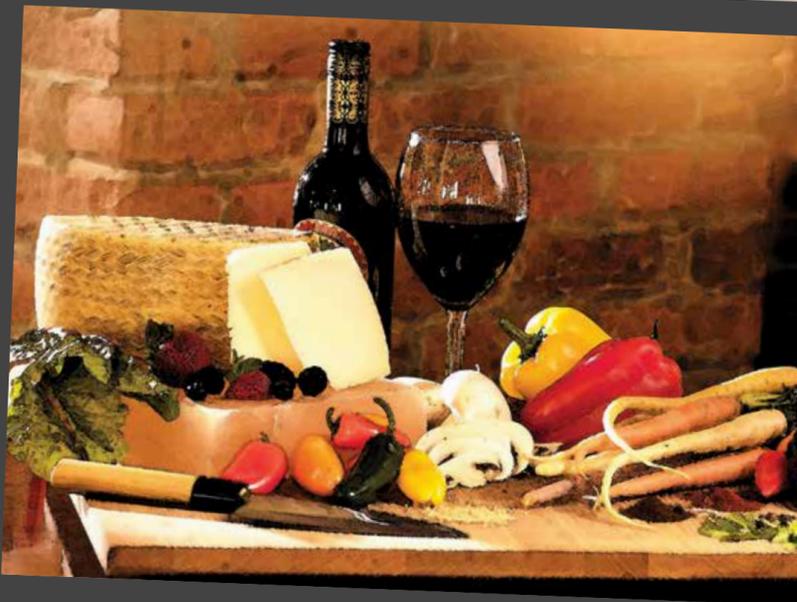
• On April 19, the Board of Directors of La Plata Electric Association

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United Way Ski Day

Wednesday, Jan. 17 • Wolf Creek Ski Area



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Ski and save at Wolf Creek United Way Ski Day

By William Hudgins
Special to The PREVIEW

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, Wolf Creek will host its annual United Way Ski Day.

Lift tickets are just \$59 and the ski area generously donates \$11 from each ticket sold to United Way who, in turn, allocates the proceeds to many Archuleta County nonprofits.

This is one of United Way's major fundraisers, so we urge you to come on up, enjoy a great day on the slopes and help our community at the same time.

All proceeds remain in Archuleta County, and those charities benefiting are Axis Health System, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Colorado, Community Connections, Pagosa Outreach Connection, Rise Above Violence (formerly Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program), Seeds of Learning and Tri-County Head Start.

United Way will also be offering its CD, "Play for the Way-Music of Pagosa," so use your lift ticket savings to buy this great CD for \$12 featuring 19 original songs by 15 of our very talented local artists. All proceeds from these sales also go to our local charities. Play for the day and play for the Way.

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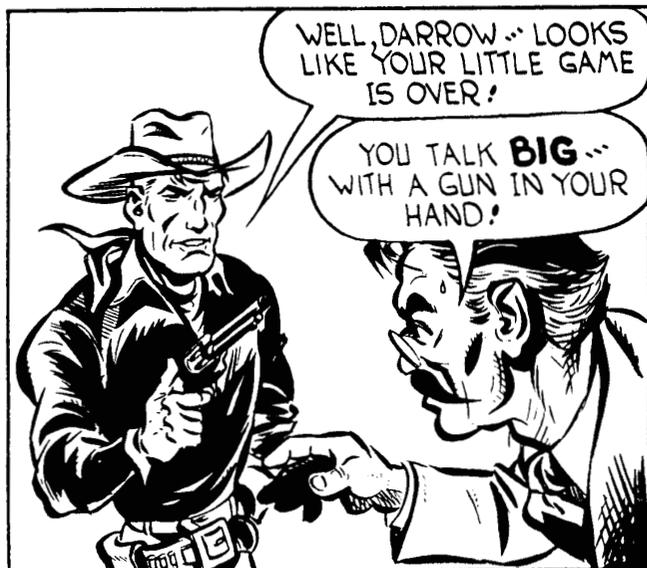


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By Fred Harman



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FRED HARMAN 3-11

Life comes full circle at Center for the Arts

By R. Eli Townsend
Special to The PREVIEW

A play about four adults and a teen taking a creative dramatics class over the course of six weeks?

Off hand, it sounds like a recipe for stereotypes replete with clichés. Not in the case of “Circle Mirror Transformation,” a 90-minute, one-act by playwright Annie Baker opening Jan. 12 at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Thanks to Melissa Firlit’s deft direction, Thingamajig Theatre Company’s production is exceptionally charming and filled with performances to fall in love with.

At the heart of the class is Marty (Boni McIntyre), a longtime community center instructor who has finally achieved her dream of teaching a creative drama class for adults. Enrolled in the class are her husband, James (Dennis Elkins), middle-aged recent divorcee Schultz (Dan Morrison), high school student Lauren (Kathleen Macari) and Theresa (Ivy King), an actor who became disenchanted with the New York stage and settled down in the small Vermont town in hopes of making a difference in people’s lives there.

As the class and the story progress, fleeting moments of romance, friendship, tension and more spark between the participants as they share more and more of themselves through the exercises.

Baker’s style of storytelling is hyper-realistic. For example, the title, “Circle Mirror Transformation,” comes from the name of a theater game that is played in real time onstage, in which the participants lie with their eyes closed in the dark and must count to 10 as a group without anyone speak-

ing simultaneously. The game is slow and quiet, but within it lies infinite layers of meaning as each subsequent iteration embodies the changing mood and relationships of the characters involved. Baker makes symphonies out of silences, poetry out of the pedestrian. Her text is subtle, rich and layered, yet simple.

During the six weeks, relationships are formed and strained, and the characters learn more about each other than they imagined they would. There’s as much going on underneath and between the lines as in the dialogue itself.

One scene — a simple actors’ exercise between James and Theresa — is almost a metaphor for the play itself. The two are instructed to speak to each other using short, nonsense phrases. By the end of the game, sparks are flying as the two are communicating much more and much deeper than the useless words they’re using would suggest.

All the subtlety and subtext make it a difficult piece to perform, but this ensemble is so engaging, so real, so recognizable you’d be hard-pressed to find a better quintet on-stage. The cast finds the humor in the characters’ foibles and none of the performers overact or overplay things, a testament to Firlit’s direction. And though the group partakes in a few quirky theater games, Baker’s play never goes for the kind of cheap laughs you might expect from a story about a group of would-be actors.

The play’s ending is handled exceptionally. It’s a scene between Lauren and Schultz where the two are instructed to imagine meeting 10 years later. The characters improvise what that encounter might be, and slowly the stage lights focus on the two, helping to blur time and place and creating theater magic. Simple, subtle, well performed and surprisingly moving, the ending sums up the entire production.

“Circle Mirror Transformation” is a brilliant play and the folks at Thingamajig Theatre Company have created one of the best offerings in their short seven-year his-

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Sunday Night Unplugged a musical feast for meditation

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

The public is invited to enjoy a beautiful and unusual tapestry of music provided by Paul Roberts and Jessica Peterson at Sunday Night Unplugged at 5 p.m. this Sunday evening, Jan. 14, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S Pagosa Blvd.

Peterson and Roberts will enchant us with Celtic and Renaissance music, some of which was recently performed in concert at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse. If you missed that wonderful concert, you will have another opportunity to enjoy the enchanting sounds of this melodic and ethereal music played on a variety of period instruments.

When Peterson and Roberts pair up with their musical skills and knowledge of early music, we can be assured the result will be sublime. Peterson is not only a talented artist on the flute, but she is also a flute maker.

Peterson is also skilled at playing a small clay flute known as the ocarina. The instrument's history goes back to ancient cultures in Asia, Africa and the Americas. Oddly, Europe was without ocarinas until the late Renaissance, when Aztec musicians played the small, toy-like instruments in the royal courts. Three centuries later, a young Italian brick-maker changed the ocarina to give it greater range and accurate pitch. After another hundred years, an Englishman developed a full-octave ocarina with only four finger holes.

Peterson will play this sweet-sounding English style of ocarina. In the tradition of ancient ocarinas, hers is shaped as a bird.

Roberts is well known in the community for his large collection of a variety of stringed instruments and drums. His skill on each of these instruments is truly amazing and a delight to hear. The music featured at Sunday Night Unplugged will feature the cittern,

cello banjo, five-stringed banjo, guitar and drum.

Sunday Night Unplugged is just what its name suggests, a time to listen to beautiful music, a time to meditate and a time to reconcile our own spirits with the world surrounding us.

"The evening will present a unique combination of two very fine talents in our community. I strongly urge all of our guests to make a special effort to come this Sunday evening and enjoy this musical feast," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's.



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Explore the universal language of music in Tuesday classes

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at noon.

The class offers a welcoming environment that encourages fun, creativity, playfulness and connecting with others. Hand drums are provided for those who don't have one. Even participants who have no experience playing a musical instrument can immediately get into the groove. Besides hand drumming, the class includes body percussion and songs of indigenous peoples.

"The meaning of song goes deep," wrote Scottish philosopher Thomas Carlyle. "Who in logical words can explain the effect music has on us? A kind of inarticulate, unfathomable speech, which leads us to the edge of the infinite and lets us for a moment gaze into that!"

Music takes up where words leave off. By allowing ourselves opportunities to become musically creative and expressive, we can become free from the limitations of words and concepts, access deeper parts of ourselves and explore how this universal language can benefit our lives.

Research is demonstrating how music can be mentally and physically beneficial. It's encouraging to hear the affirming words of scientists about how music stimulates the brain, improves learning, improves heart rate, reduces anxiety, enhances social support, self-esteem and confidence.

"Why do so many of us try to explain the beauty of music, thus depriving it of its mystery?" The question, posed by celebrated American composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein, brings attention to fact that music, being a nonverbal experience, can never be fully explained.

Approaching music with an open heart and an open mind, we can appreciate the affirmations from the scientific community about the importance of music while experiencing this wondrous renewable resource and its beneficial potential for human beings and the planet.

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"to flow." In the Pagosa drumming class, we gain a sense of interpersonal support as we flow with rhythms into a state of well-being.

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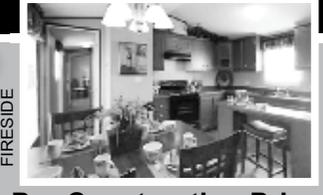


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Six Dollar String Band to headline Wild West Party Jan. 17

By Carla Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

The Six Dollar String Band captures the exuberant, communal and unifying spirit inherent in old-time music.

In their hometown — the mountainous and musically diverse micropolitan of Durango — they are widely regarded for their tight, driving and passionate sound.

Join the Wild West Squares for a free Wild West Party featuring the Six Dollar String Band from Durango on Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the PLPOA Clubhouse..

The Six Dollar String Band is: Robin Davis, guitar; Jimi Giles, bass; Brendan Shafer, banjo; and Tony Holmquist, fiddle.

This family-friendly event includes demonstrations of modern western square dance with caller Carla Roberts and the Wild West Squares, refreshments, and a community “barn” dance with live music for anyone who would like to try very simple and fun square dance activities. No partner is necessary.

Winter/spring beginner class starts January

Wednesday, Jan. 17, is also the kick-off night for a new 2018 square dance class. Come and meet the students and teaching “angels” of the Wild West Squares who are part of an outstanding group of square dancers learning and laughing together while dancing.

If you are interested in joining, this new new class will continue enrollment through January. Call 903-6478 to register by phone or register in person at the Wild West



The Six Dollar String Band with chickens. The band is slated to perform at the Jan. 17 Wild West Party.

Party on Jan. 17.

With live, old-time music, square dance demos and a community barn dance or general ruckus, the Wild West Party on Jan. 17 will be a free evening of entertainment for the whole family to

attend. The PLPOA Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave. The doors open at 6 p.m. For more information, call Roberts at 903-6478.

Photo courtesy Tony Holmquist

The Motet brings ‘the future of funk’ to the Community Concert Hall Friday night

By Indiana Reed
Special to The PREVIEW

The dance floor will be open Friday, Jan. 12, as The Motet, with special guest DJ Naysayers, brings what has been called “the future of funk” to the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College.

Curtain is 7:30 p.m. and the dance floor will be open.

Founded in 1998 by Dave Watts, the Denver-based band is said to seamlessly fuse elements of Afro-beat, electronica, funk and jazz for an infectious and improvisational sound that defies categorization. Descriptions of The Motet have included: funk-flippin’, booty-dippin’, dance party delivery squad.

Key to The Motet’s popularity is that the band members do not mimic bands of the past, but rather create new, authentic sounds in a language based on foundations established by those earlier bands.

Tickets for The Motet — \$25-\$35 — are available by calling 247-7657, on the Web at www.durangoconcerts.com or by visiting the ticket office inside the Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue in downtown Durango. Ticket office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On show days, the box office at the Concert Hall will be open one hour prior to curtain. All sales are final.



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New, award-winning plays to be presented as part of playwrights' retreat

By Ann Pittman
Special to The PREVIEW

The HBMG Foundation is presenting two new award-winning plays at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse and bringing the National Winter Playwrights Retreat (NWPR) to Pagosa Springs.

The foundation will be presenting "Memoirs of a Forgotten Man," by award-winning playwright D.W. Gregory, whose works have included a Pulitzer nomination.

Heidi Kraay's new work, "How to Hide Your Monster," will also be performed. Kraay, an Idaho native, has been published and produced regionally and in New York City.

Performances will be Jan. 28 and 29.

The staged readings will begin at 7 p.m., followed by discussion with the playwrights, actors, director, dramaturg and community members. The readings are free and open to the public, who are encouraged to attend and participate in the feedback session.

Now in its fourth year, the NWPR welcomes playwrights to week-long retreats in Creede, Colo., in

the January and February months. Leading into this season, 85 NWPR alumni participated in a new play contest resulting in the NWPR Winter Workshop: the workshopping and staged readings of two brand new scripts.

Prior to the readings in Pagosa Springs, local and national actors, including Creede's Annie Butler, Logan Ernsthall and Ann Pittman Zarate, will be rehearsing and performing the two winning plays in Creede, with direction and dramaturgy provided by Jeni Mahoney and Manuel Zarate.

HBMG Foundation set out to use the serenity and creative energy of the Rocky Mountain winters to encourage writers and provide a retreat setting conducive to new play development.

"Stories define America. They illustrate our past and help define our future. Writers create the words that inspire us to change the world, turn dreams into reality and find meaning in everyday life. They help preserve us all," said Manuel Zarate, executive director of HBMG Foundation.

"Really, it's more a movement than just a retreat," said NWPR 2017 playwright Tom Coash.

For this year's retreats, HBMG Foundation expands from Creede into the greater Wolf Creek area of southern Colorado in a new program called Playwright Sponsored NWPR. Pagosa Springs Playwright Sarah Lawrence, who attended NWPR in Creede in 2017, will sponsor this retreat welcoming playwrights and guest actors from across the nation to the Wolf Creek area Jan. 28-Feb. 3.

Attend "Memoirs of a Forgotten Man" and "How To Hide Your Monster" at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse, located at 230 Port Ave. For more information, call Lawrence at (469) 236-0017.

For more details, visit hbmg-foundation.org.

About HBMG Foundation

The NWPR is a program of the HBMG Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation established in 2004 and located in Austin, Texas.

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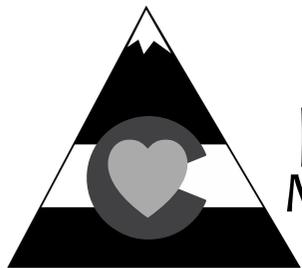
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Take the lid off the jar in 2018

I told my Sweet Al 2018 is here and it's time to take the lid off the jar.

He looked at me funny and said, "I can't get the lid off any more. I don't have the strength I used to have."

It's a metaphorical expression. It's all about living big. I might have to take the lid off the jar for him.

"Whatever you say." He continued to pet his dog and talked baby talk to her.

"Oh brother, I've got a big job on my hands this year."

At the beginning of a new year, I always look back and gather up my thoughts as to "what happened?" Then I look forward to "what might be."

So, what really happened in 2017? Beats me. It started with the ball drop in New York City's Times Square on New Year's Eve. They announced no porta potties. People arrived early that morning. Definitely a change would be required on New Year's Day 2018. So I surmised it would be a year of change and a year of laughter. Both happened.

If I had to describe 2017, I would use two words, "interesting" and "forgettable." Interesting is an interesting word. It says nothing. It's a word people say if they are baffled and don't know what else to say. Forgettable? No one remembers.

2017 was an interesting year for sure. Omarosa, one of the highest paid staff members at the White House, was fired. What do I say? I forgot why she was there and what she was there for. That's how I would describe the year 2017. Nothing seemed to make sense, forgettable, but interesting.

Changes happened at every turn. Old friends moved away and new friends moved in. Many friends didn't even get a hello from

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



us this year. Our children made some changes with their jobs and I signed a book contract with a publishing company. The first of four books in the series was published. I have three books to go.

Some things remained intact. We are entering our fourth year in our writers' group. This year has produced some really good writers. We are trudging into our fifth year and into deeper mud in our Greek class. We can actually pronounce a word or two in Greek.

2018 will mark my 10th anniversary writing articles for the "Artist's Lane" column. This weekly submission will be No. 431 for The SUN. My writing career has grown up in front of you. I still wonder why you read my column. But I'm blessed beyond measure that you do. I am thankful for loyal readers.

I have always said that nothing happens on the Lower Blanco, and the opportunity to write every week with something to say is bigger than I am. How does it work? It's a miracle.

Jonathan Cahn explains it best in an excerpt from "The Book of Mysteries." He writes about the open vessel. He calls it infinity in a jar: "Can that which is little contain that which is big? Only, if it is in an open container. A closed vessel can never contain anything larger than its own size. But an open vessel has no limitations."

"How can you contain that which is bigger than you ... that which is bigger than your ability

to comprehend?" By becoming an open vessel. The truth is always greater than our knowing. Your mind and heart are finite and the truth has no end. The eternal is infinite and always flowing.

I discovered Cahn in 2017. Now, he is notable. He wrote "The Book of Mysteries," which is at the top of my reading list. He seems to be the next voice as to where the church is going today, which speaks much about joining Israel and Christians together.

If we want to experience 2018 bigger than we are and what we are capable of doing, we need to take the lid off the jar and open ourselves up to God. He wants to pour into us. We need to be willing to receive whatever comes our way. If not, we will sit in closed vessels and we will die in our smallness.

So, this time of the year, leaving 2017 and entering into 2018, a quote from a new friend might sum it up: "We may be nothing more than a line or two in the great novel of another person's life."

You might have a profound effect on another person's story. So many of you have written line upon line on my heart. I quote you by the principles you share with me and I quote you more than you probably want to be quoted. I need you. After all, nothing interesting happens on the Blanco and I've already forgotten about 2017.

Final brushstroke: To live large in 2018, we must take the lid off the jar — keep our mind and heart open so that we can contain God's bigness. Happy New Year's from my Sweet Al and I.

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Area Agency on Aging offers vouchers

By Kay Kaylor

Special to The PREVIEW

Do you need help with gas for traveling to Durango or Farmington for a nonemergency medical appointment? Do you or does someone you know age 60 and older need assistance at home with personal care or homemaking? Or do you, as a nonprofessional caregiver, need a break from caregiving a person age 60 or older or a grandchild?

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (AAA) currently offers gas and in-home care grants to assist low-income Pagosa Springs residents through the Older Americans Act. To qualify, participants must be

age 60 and older (or 55 and older for caregiving a child related by blood or marriage) and must undergo an assessment for in-home needs.

For the \$18 gas voucher, the applicant must provide proof of the medical appointment (a pre-travel form is available and other items are acceptable) once the trip has been completed. The issued voucher must be redeemed only at the Sonoco station in downtown Pagosa Springs. The gas voucher participant may choose to use a volunteer driver, such as a family member, neighbor or friend who holds a valid driver's license. Drivers must sign a liability release form.

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Attend a Community Meeting with the ASD School Board Thursday, January 18th.



The topic of this meeting is facilities.

We continue to seek community feedback on potential master plan scenarios. You can view these on the ASD homepage at

mypagosaschools.com

Scroll down to *Latest News* and click on *Facilities Updates*.

The location for the meeting is the Community Center.

There are two meeting times:

- Noon to 1:00pm
- 6:00 to 7:00pm
- Lunch/Dinner will be provided.
- Child care will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Photo courtesy Community Concert Hall

Who's Bad, the ultimate Michael Jackson tribute band, is slated to return to the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College on Jan. 16.

Ultimate Michael Jackson tribute band to return to Durango

By **Indiana Reed**
Special to The PREVIEW

Said to be a musical “must see,” Who's Bad, the ultimate Michael Jackson tribute band, will take the stage at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Called an unrivaled celebration of pop music's one true king, Who's Bad has earned its name by paying studious attention to Michael

Jackson's every original groove and gravity-defying dance move. The band is the longest-running Michael Jackson tribute band and the only one to pre-date Jackson's passing.

The Who's Bad cast, with more than 100 years combined professional experience and resumes that include Broadway productions such as “Phantom of the Opera,” was originally assembled in 2004 in Chapel Hill, N.C., by composer and saxophonist Vamsi Tadepalli, who

believed in the band's boundless possibilities.

The velvety vocals and pinpoint choreography of frontman James Times, combined with the five-piece band's blaring horns, down-deep rhythms and the dancers' synchronized routines, results in a performance delivered with soul and precision superseded by no one but the King himself.

A die-hard fan of Jackson (know-
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Vouchers

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To use the \$400 in-home care vouchers, the participant must coordinate with one of the professional caregiving agencies. Each voucher is equivalent to 20 hours of services. The personal care, homemaker or respite voucher will expire if services are not started within the first 30 days but can be used, if the caregiving agency allows, periodically until the grant year ends June 30. Priority will be given to people who are most in need and to those who haven't used an in-home voucher in the past two years.

In the same spirit of serving as many people as possible, a limited number of gas vouchers will be allowed for each applicant in a grant year.

The AAA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, operates under the belief that older adults have the right to live independently and with dignity and respect, even if they are not fully able to care for themselves.

The AAA receives funding from local, state and federal sources and

helps fund local service providers who offer congregate (community dining sites) meals and home-delivered meals, assisted transportation/escort services, in-home services for home health and personal care, legal services for elder abuse prevention and respite grants to family caregivers.

The AAA has an office at the Senior Center, which is located in the Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. The agency serves older adults who are living in Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties with offices also in Durango, Cortez and Cahone.

In addition to the above vouchers, services include material aid vouchers (currently, residents are added to waiting lists), long-term care options counseling, Medicare benefits counseling and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman advocacy program for residents who are living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

To apply for gas and in-home

care vouchers, you must call or visit in person at the AAA office. For more information, assistance with long-term care options or complaints for the ombudsman, please contact Kay Kaylor at the AAA office, 264-0501, ext. 1. You may also visit the AAA website: www.sjbaaa.org.

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Los Lobos, now entering its fifth decade, is set to return to the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College on Jan. 19 in support of the band's new album, "Gates of Gold."

Los Lobos to return to the Community Concert Hall

By Indiana Reed
Special to The PREVIEW

The renowned Latin blues-rock band Los Lobos will return to the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College on Jan. 19, touring in promotion of the release of the new, full-length studio album, "Gates of Gold."

Special guest Garrett LeBeau will open the show at 7:30 p.m.

Los Lobos may be most widely known for the hit "La Bamba," but the band continues to reign as one of the world's most innovative and critically acclaimed groups, nominated for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2016.

As Rolling Stone magazine wrote, "... with the exception of U2, no other band has stayed on top of its game as long as Los Lobos."

Formed in the mid-1970s, Los Lobos began as a traditional acoustic Mexican group. Under the influence of L.A.'s '80s punk rock scene, however, the members decided to go electric, thus incorporating blues, R&B, Latin, jazz and rock

influences into a more energized sound.

In 1987, Los Lobos achieved widespread fame creating the soundtrack for the movie "La Bamba," a story about the life and tragic end of Mexican-American pop star Richie Valenz.

Over the years, the band has continued to write and release ground-breaking music. With "Gates of Gold," the first collection of new songs since 2010, the band offers music that is characteristically dynamic and eclectic, with thoughtful, darkly romantic and spiritual lyrics enhanced by slow-burning blues rock, impressionistic soul and traditional Mexican folk music.

Never heavy-handed with politics or agendas, Los Lobos is said to subtly challenge its fans with conscience-raising songs and thought-provoking lyrics. A biography of the band, "Los Lobos: Dream in Blue" has recently been released by University of Texas Press.

Special guest LeBeau was born and raised on the Wind River

Indian Reservation near Lander, Wyo., and is an enrolled member of the Shoshone Indian Tribe. During his youth, the "blues" with "soul" spoke to him, and since that time he has endeavored to create music with a spirit about life and the trials of the working man. "Rise to the Grind" is LeBeau's debut album.

Tickets for Los Lobos with special guest LeBeau (\$39/\$49/\$54) are available online at www.durangconcerts.com, by calling 247-7657 or visiting the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue in downtown Durango. Ticket Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All sales are final.

Tribute

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ingly) since the age of 3, frontman Times didn't realize his unique gift of dance until August of 2009, the year of Jackson's passing. Times' dream of performing as Jackson on stage became a reality when he approached MJ LIVE and was accepted to perform with the troupe in Las Vegas in 2015. His time performing with MJ LIVE served as the ultimate preparation for joining the ranks of Who's Bad.

Like Jackson, Times, who has a natural similarity to Jackson physically, is a self-taught and innate dancer. It has been said that he effortlessly captures the mannerisms, uniqueness and deep soulful dancing of Jackson, which

is the result of the countless hours of studying Jackson's every hand, foot, finger, head, upper and lower body placement and angle in each song/performance. An absolute perfectionist, Times has set a strict standard and motto for himself and that is, simply, "If it's not the way Michael did it, it's not right."

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By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

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the essentials of this philosophy. Putting Science of Mind into action can create a powerful mechanism for you to add a practical spirituality to. You can connect with the power of this universe to create the genuine and authentic world that you know exists, yet eludes you.

Come to the Center for Spiritual Growth at 40 N. 15th St. on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. with Wyrick. The subject matter of the discussion for Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. can be determined, and the movie "Happy" is available for viewing.

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What to do when you and your boss disagree

By John Lough
Special to The PREVIEW

Your boss may be a wonderful person and great to work with, but there are still going to be times when you will have disagreements or differences of opinion. These can be awkward situations, since you know who's in charge, but yet you still feel stressed and possibly upset about your reactions.

Since you know workplace disagreements will happen, what you want is a logical process that will get you through such situations without feeling stressed. Your goal is not to win the disagreement, but to get through the process feeling good about how you conducted yourself.

A starting point is to evaluate how important the disagreement really is. We often respond emotionally when there's a disagreement, then find we've made a mountain out of a molehill.

If the problem really does matter, decide whether to deal with it now or later. There's no "right" answer. Sometimes dealing with a disagreement immediately can make you seem argumentative, while, at other times, waiting to voice your objections may mean you're acting too late, or are setting up bigger problems. When to act is a decision based on a careful evaluation of the problem and its implications.

Next, consider alternative

courses of action. Your boss and you may have opposing directions on the matter at hand, but, in reality, there's almost always more than one way to confront a problem. You want to think through any possible alternatives and try to evaluate which one would actually be the best way to proceed.

When you have what you feel is the best alternative, then take action. At this point, the action you're taking is not a heated, emotional response, but rather one based on careful and clear evaluation of the situation and possible solutions.

A final step is to evaluate the outcome. You may not have been able to change the decision or action that led to the initial disagreement, but that isn't always your goal. Remember, the boss is still the boss and it's not within your power to change him or her. People are simply who they are.

Fly off the handle and get in a heated argument with your boss and neither you nor your boss are going to feel good about it. But react with a well-reasoned, carefully thought-out approach, and you'll end up feeling less stressed and much better about this work situation.

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UUs to learn how to talk at Sunday program

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

So you think you know how to talk? This Sunday, the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) will learn how to use the “gift of gab” in a very specific way. We will explore the idea of solving conflict through conversation.

The service is inspired by the NPR TED talk series called “Dialogue and Exchange.” Having listened to the program, Anna Ramirez, our service leader and speaker, was motivated to share the ideas with PUUF.

Ramirez indicated that we will look at three aspects of this kind of talk. We will look at what keeps us from engaging in conversations with people who have opposing views, we will examine the power of dialogue to resolve conflict and, finally, we will seek ways to improve our own ability to converse with others who have ideas we do not agree with.

Ramirez is a PUUF member and

a past teacher of children’s religious explorations. She is the mother of three boys who keep her busy most of the time. Ramirez loves to talk to anybody and believes in the power of conversation to resolve conflict.

The topic aligns exactly with our times.

The topic also promotes several of the seven principles which Unitarian Universalists hold as strong values and moral guides: First — the inherent worth and dignity of every person; second — justice, equity and compassion in human relations; fourth — a free and responsible search for truth and meaning; fifth — the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large; and sixth — the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all. These principles are foundational for the practice of solving conflict through conversation.

The service is dedicated to the memory of Martin Luther King Jr., whose birthday we celebrate this

month and who so wisely concluded, “We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.”

Know this about PUUF: We are a welcoming congregation; we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all. Service begins at 10:30 a.m. and, following that, we invite you to share refreshments and conversation.

On third Sundays, our service includes children’s religious explorations. All youngsters ages 5-12 are welcome and there are no prerequisites.

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

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

A smooth, straight path

By **Jeff Smith**
Special to The PREVIEW

As I read my wisdom scriptures in the morning, Proverbs 11:3 reminded me that my ethics should guide me when I decide what to do next, if I want my life to be good. Today’s verse tells me that a good, righteous decision, once made, will often result in a smooth path to get there.

“The righteousness of the good man will make his way straight [or smooth or level in some versions], but the sin of the evil-doer will be the cause of his fall.” — Proverbs 11:5 (BBE).

For those who do not pretend to be deep thinkers, walking in a “straight” path is a good thing.

One of our best ideas as a couple came from a how-to-be-a-good-Christian seminar we attended before our marriage. Based on some insights from the book of Ephesians, we were told to put the Lord first, the marriage second, children third, career fourth and our service in the kingdom last.

A Matter of Faith

The way we applied the idea was, I earned the money and she managed the home when kids started to arrive. I advanced my career only when our walk with Jesus was good, the marriage was good and the kids were doing well.

Right away, I began to get good feedback. The one paycheck stretched farther in the hands of a full-time expert. The marriage was better knowing it wasn’t going to be short-changed, and the kids did better with the input of both parents. The odd part was that the career did OK, too.

Now, if one believes in God it is normal to ask Him for money and other resources we don’t have. Miracles do happen.

In hindsight though, we grew as a couple when we learned to manage well the meager resources we had.

One test of what one believes is this: Does it cause us to flourish? In those arenas that mattered to us most, I would say yes. The goal was noble. The logic to get there was simple. The path was “straight.”

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Pioneer times on the East Fork: the Warr family

The East Fork pioneer family we'll look at this week is the Warr family.

This family is of special interest to me because a descendant of this family I knew as Bill Warr gave me a first-hand tour of the East Fork and was knowledgeable about other aspects of Pagosa Country history.



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

Additionally, Bill was married to a Golda Laughlin, daughter of John Laughlin, another pioneer of the East Fork mining country who later settled in Pagosa Springs. According to Bill, the Warr family were descendants of Welsh miners.

Wade Armstrong Warr was born Sept. 25, 1883, at Del Norte, Colo., to William Warr. He grew to early manhood there until 1898 when, as a young man, he moved to the boomtown of Creede, where he worked in the mines. He came to Archuleta County in 1900 and for the next few years lived on and operated the Warr Homestead. This homestead more recently has been known as the Wally Thomas Ranch and was known as the Turkey Creek Ranch. In 1908, Wade went to work for the newly organized U.S. Forest Service and helped build many of the trails of the East Fork of the San Juan and the Weminuche area.

In 1910, he married Ella Robarn at Del Norte. They lived in Pagosa Springs until about 1915, when they moved to Del Norte. From then until 1931, Wade worked in the mines of Creede, Summitville and other mining camps. He also did some prospecting. The Warr family returned to Pagosa Springs in 1931 and engaged in ranching and some mining ventures.

The writer of his obituary said, "He was very familiar with this country and had a deep knowledge of the early days of the San Juan."

The obituary continued, "He is survived by his wife, Ella; two sons, Donald and August (Bill); three daughters, Frances Jones, Joyce Steele and Jennie Harris." (The Pagosa Springs Sun, Dec. 11, 1958.)

In concluding the history of the East Fork, I should point out that at the time of the environmental impact study of 1985, there were several cabins located on each side of the road at the point of the road's intersection with Quartz Creek. It is presumed that this was the incorporated town of Bowenton, which had a post office once upon a time. This town was presumably started by John Laughlin. Bowenton was named for Thomas Bowen. Bowen was an important public official who was well-known throughout

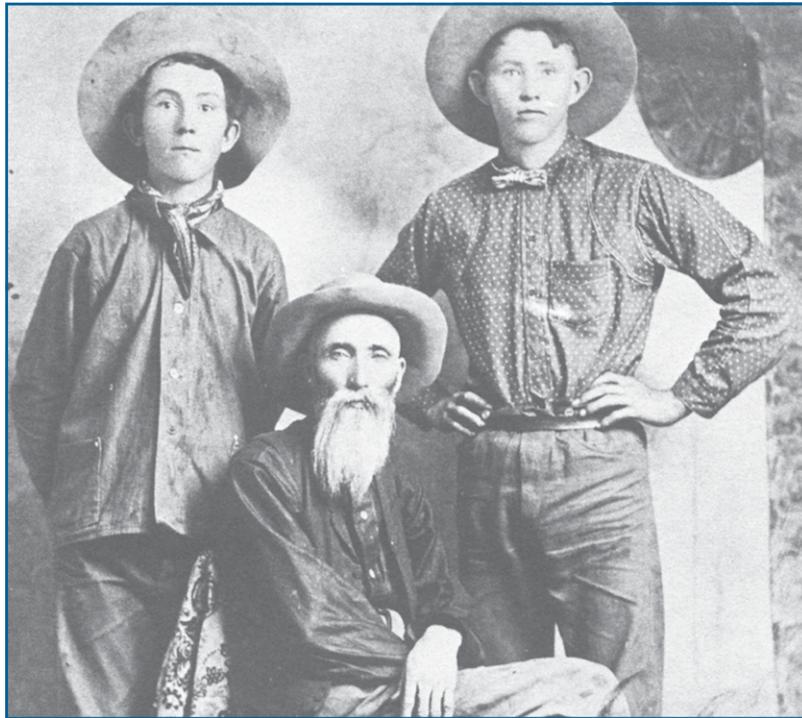


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The O'Neal family pictured here was represented by some of the first pioneers in the San Juan Basin. The O'Neals were among several families who started with a herd of longhorn cattle from Erath County located in the central part of Texas and a couple of years later in 1876 arrived in the Four Corners, where they first settled near what was to become Aztec and soon homesteaded near Pagosa Springs. O'Neal Park on the upper Piedra is named for this family. O'Neal family descendants still live in the Pagosa Springs area.

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Colorado and who invested heavily in the early mining properties in the southern San Juans.

Some carvings made by sheep herders, commonly known as aspen art, were found on aspen trees in the East Fork area, none dating earlier than 1930. The identifiable names were Emilio Chacon, Raphael Valdez, A.E. Trujillo, James Lujan, Fred Aguilar, Trujillo Agostos, Tony Trujillo, Claudio Cordova and Jose Tobias.

Based on the study of 1985, no historic artifacts or edifices were discovered which would justify opposing construction of the proposed ski area. The owner and originator of the proposal abandoned the project for other reasons.

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THINGAMAJIG ACTORS CELEBRATE TWELFTH NIGHT

Photos courtesy Bob and Carole Howard

Scene ... actors in Thingamajig Theatre Company's "Circle Mirror Transformation" play, opening tomorrow, Jan. 12, and several patrons gather Dec. 6 at the home of Bob and Carole Howard for a Twelfth Night celebration dinner. The event included champagne, an indoor scavenger hunt and the traditional gingerbread cookies that have symbolized this event in England and Europe for centuries. Twelfth Night marks the last of the 12 days of Christmas, the end of the Christmas season, and the day when the three wise men brought the baby Jesus their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. "Circle," set in a drama class at a community center in Vermont, plays Jan. 12-28. The award-winning Thingamajig Theatre Company is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit professional theater in residence at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts that produces dramas, comedies and musicals year-round.



The best New Year's gift for your children: their own library

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Do you know the value of a home library for your youngsters? Research shows that kids who have books in their home have improved vocabulary and overall reading performance; do better in math, science and social studies; perform better on standardized tests; and are more likely to go to college.

Those are impressive skills for your child to cultivate — and they are especially relevant now that Archuleta County kids have returned to school after the holidays.

Another valuable tip to help your child be successful in school and in life is reading aloud. You are stimulating language and literacy skills, as well as building motivation, curiosity and memory. Ever try to skip a page in your child's favorite book? You'll be caught every time.

Paige Shook, your early literacy librarian, can help you with reading to your child. She leads three free storytimes every week.

Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. is family storytime, with stories, songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. This is an excellent way for kids of all ages to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

Saturday is baby storytime from 9:05 to 9:25 a.m., with a short session of stories, songs and fingerplays for children ages 0 to 12 months; and toddler storytime from 9:30 to 10 a.m., with stories, songs and fingerplays plus open play afterwards. Both these sessions help you learn how to include literacy skills in everyday family life.

Paige also would be happy to help you select books for home reading and a home library for your child. As we start the new year, this may be a good time for parents, grandparents and other relatives to make a personal resolution to help build home libraries for your loved ones.

Library closure

Your library will be closed Monday, Jan. 15, for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Legal clinic tomorrow

A free legal clinic via computer link for people with no attorney takes place tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 12, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veterans benefits and civil protection orders.

No registration is required. Everyone will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. Walk-ins are welcome.

Library News

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Jan.

12, 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.

LEGO Club

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — this Saturday, Jan. 13, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

Teen gaming

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

Teen writers group

Join us next Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 4 to 5 p.m. for our free teen writers meeting for seventh-through 12th-graders. This group's

interests include stories, poetry, graphic novels and fan fiction.

Computer/technology classes

Join us on Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. to learn a technology skill or application. Today, Jan. 11, is the basics of Internet searching. Jan. 18 will be the basics of Microsoft Excel. Jan. 25 will be the basics

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Joseph was seventeen years old when Jacob sent his favorite son to check on his brothers tending the flock. Joseph's jealous brothers used the opportunity to sell him into slavery. Taking his coat from him they tore it, and dipped it in some blood. Arriving at home, they showed the coat to their father. He was heartbroken, thinking his son had been killed by a wild beast.

When Joseph was thirty nine years old, Jacob learned Joseph was alive. Initially, he was stunned and did not believe his other sons. The brothers assured him it was true and he determined to go see Joseph. In Egypt Jacob was reunited with Joseph.

Can you imagine believing a lie for twenty two years? It can happen. Sometimes people believe things taught to them from the Bible only to find out they were taught wrong and believed something not true. Let us keep studying God's Word to make sure we have the truth.

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Wednesday	Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

In Search of the Lord's Way, KWUF Radio, Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Jan. 11

Mountain View Homemakers. 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. Covered lunch provided by members. All area women are invited. Carpooling recommended. For information, call Tozi at 731-3360.

Duplicate Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Computer/Technology Classes. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to learn a technology skill or application. Today is the basics of Internet searching. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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CRIA Lecture Series. 7 p.m., The Springs Resort. Paul Blackman, Pagosa District recreation program manager with the San Juan National Forest, will be giving updates on the new construction at Chimney Rock National Monument. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. For more information, visit chimneyrockco.org.

Friday, Jan. 12

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung

capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

Hand and Foot. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. A free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney. By computer link, volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms and explain the process and procedure for all areas of civil litigation, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veterans issues and civil protection orders. Walk-ins are welcome; no appointment is necessary. Everyone will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis, time permitting. Call 264-2209 for more information.

All-Ages Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Saturday, Jan. 13

Baby Storytime. 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. For babies 0-12 months. Twenty minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Fundamentals of Buddhism: A Practice and study with Debra Quayle. 10 a.m., Universalist Unitarian, Suite B-15, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are welcome.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 10 a.m., CrossRoad Christian

Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. Members are ready to start the new year with a calendar full of new programs and workshops for our gifted quilters, and for those just wanting to dabble in this amazing hobby/craft. Even if you are only wondering if quilting is for you, this group will inspire, delight and teach you with creative ideas, classes and tools to learn. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship, show and tell and refreshments, too. Everyone is welcome.

Yoga with Charlotte. 10:15-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For 6- to 12-year-olds. We've got the LEGOs, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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High Country Squares. 2-4 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Mainstream and Plus Squares dancing with Richard Berry calling. For more information, contact Steve at 731-0044.

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, Jan. 15

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. 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.

TEFAP Food Distribution. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Restoration Fel-

lowship, 264 Village Drive. There will be an inventory clearance from 1-2 p.m., in which any remaining inventory will be distributed until gone. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS). 3:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center. Everyone welcome. Call Phyl Daleske at 731-4589 for more information.

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

Tuesday, Jan. 16

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Hand-Drumming Class. Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, email banjocrazy@centurytel.net or call 731-3117.

Hand and Foot. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Pagosa Springs Earth Community. 1-3 p.m., Ruby M. Sisson Library. We will be discussing the two most recent issues of YES Magazine.

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

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Wednesday, Jan. 17

Wolf Creek United Way Ski Day. Wolf Creek Ski Area. Annual United Way Ski Day. Lift tickets are \$59 and the ski area donates \$11 from each ticket sold to United Way, which then goes to local nonprofits.

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Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Flow Yoga Class. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

Hand and Foot. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

Teen Writers. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Calling all teen writers. Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

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.

Beginning Square Dance. 6-7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A great winter dance activity. No partner needed. Call 903-6478 to register.

Wild West Party. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA

Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Featuring the Six Dollar String Band from Durango. This family-friendly party will include demonstrations of modern western square dance with caller Carla Roberts. Refreshment will be provided. For more information, call Roberts at 903-6478.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, Jan. 18

Medicare 101. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Learn about Medicare parts A to D and Medicare Advantage plans. For more information and to reserve a spot, call the San Juan Basin Area Agency of Aging at 264-0501, ext. 1.

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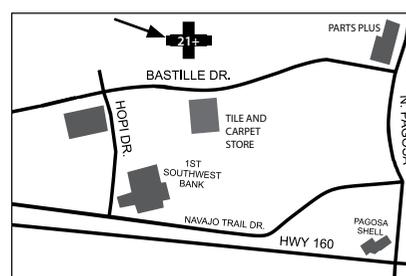
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Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book, "And Then There Were Four" by Nancy Werlin. Call 264-2209 for more information.

All-Ages Movie. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. A cocky hot rod gets stuck in a small town en route to a big race and learns a lesson in humility. With the help of the town's quirky automobile population, he learns that sometimes life is more about the voyage than the outcome of the race. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Yoga with Charlotte. 10:15-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

Kids Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For those in the 1st-5th grades. Each month will feature a different theme and will include snacks, games, crafts and book sharing. The theme for January is ice. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Chamber Annual Gala: 'Hat's Off To You!' 6 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Attendees will be treated to music, delicious food, a cash bar and a silent auction. The evening will also celebrate the 2017 winners for the Community Awards. Attendees are encouraged to dress for

hat success as there will be a hat contest. There will be winners in the men's and women's categories. Another fun aspect will be the table decorations, which will of course be hat-themed. Businesses are encouraged to create a hat as a centerpiece. For more information and ticket purchases, go to www.pagosachamber.com.

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Sunday, Jan. 21

THRIVE Open House. 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., 602 S. 8th St. THRIVE will commemorate National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday to raise awareness about the incomparable worth of every human life. Stop by to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and desserts, tour the building and learn about our programs. For more information, visit www.thrivepagosa.org or call 264-5963.

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Uke Jam. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Come strum, sing and share the fun. All levels welcome. Instruction for beginners provided.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

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Tuesday, Jan. 23

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Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Kevin Kelly, Ph.D., at (505) 699-0824 for more information.

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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.

Beginning Square Dance. 6-7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A great winter dance activity. No partner needed. Call 903-6478 to register.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, Jan. 25

Computer/Technology Classes. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to learn a technology skill or application. Today is the basics of malware threats and antivirus programs. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Open Paint Sessions. 1-4 p.m., Community Center. Ideas and techniques can be shared and discussed in an atmosphere of social time. Sessions will be fa-

cilitated by local watercolor artist Jeanie Lemmo. Call 731-1590 for more information.

Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACECmanager@gmail.com for more information.

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Friday, Jan. 26

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

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Saturday, Jan. 27

Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk. 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Suite B-15. All are welcome.

Yoga with Charlotte. 10:15-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

Crafting Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and shar-

ing 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.

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Next health and wellness event set for Jan. 31

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center has a pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring, or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

The next health and wellness date is Jan. 31.

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.

Medical alert system

Medical Alert monitoring systems are available for seniors. The Senior Center 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: Examples of verbal and mental abuse

By Kay Kaylor

I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes as the long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life. One of the most important resident rights is to live free from abuse and neglect.

Most people can imagine extreme abuse and neglect, but here are some less-obvious examples from Disability Law Colorado. Family and friends may need to help empower residents, who may be fearful of retaliation, another form of abuse. Due to the many frequently occurring examples, I will continue them in the next few columns.

Verbal and mental abuse includes avoiding or ignoring a resident while lavishing attention on a more pleasant or interesting one; changing a radio or television station without the resident's permission; making a promise without intending to keep it or without explaining why it couldn't be kept; and sarcasm, deep sighs that convey disgust or irritation, curt replies, shaking the head in exasperation and other rejecting gestures.

More examples of abuse involve not taking a complaint seriously; making assumptions or taking for



granted a resident's response, such as not inviting a resident to an outing because "she didn't go last time" or "doesn't like it"; refusing to allow a resident to go on an activity; having a conversation in front of or about a resident without including the resident, treating the person as a thing; and treating a resident as an infant or child.

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

Memberships

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

Menu

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

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 11 — Beef goulash, seasoned green beans, cauliflower with red peppers, salad bar and chocolate pumpkin cake.

Friday, Jan. 12 — Chicken fettuccine Alfredo, green peas, green beans with bacon, salad bar and banana split.

Monday, Jan. 15 — Closed for the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 — Honey-barbecue chicken, glazed carrots, seasoned green beans, salad bar and chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 — Beefmeatloaf, mashed cauliflower, gravy, roasted broccoli and salad bar.

Thursday, Jan. 18 — Lemon-baked tilapia, brown rice pilaf, garlic rosemary potatoes, baked tomatoes Provencal, salad bar and pumpkin muffin.

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

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.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Chowder tidbit
- 5 Representation
- 9 Offering at some bars
- 14 Kind of lamp
- 15 Astronomical sighting
- 16 Remove fasteners
- 17 Walkie-talkie word
- 18 Change of heart?
- 20 Orbital point
- 22 Creep
- 23 Milk container
- 24 Set off
- 26 Alias
- 30 Nile slitherer
- 33 Immature insect
- 34 Derriere
- 35 Type of roof
- 37 Winery process
- 39 Big galoot
- 40 Circle
- 41 Tree with pods
- 42 Dollar division
- 44 Foretell
- 45 Before, poetically
- 46 Uncredited author
- 49 Had in mind
- 50 Feedbag morsel
- 51 Artificial
- 54 Not sidesaddle
- 58 Work against
- 61 Etcher's need
- 62 Trigger, for one
- 63 Grimm figure
- 64 Keep an eye on
- 65 Bid
- 66 Thought-provoking
- 67 Jittery

- 4 Substance featured in "Pineapple Express"
- 5 Two, for one
- 6 Apple leftover
- 7 Lab eggs
- 8 Bert's twin
- 9 Part of the psyche
- 10 Like a new cigarette
- 11 Debate (with)
- 12 Sight starter
- 13 Digging, so to speak
- 19 Did laps, say
- 21 Bazooka, e.g.
- 24 Metrical foot
- 25 P.T.A. member
- 26 Chop-chop
- 27 Tea additive
- 28 Enliven, with "up"
- 29 Church official
- 30 Brothers' keeper?

DOWN

- 1 Hoof sound
- 2 Bathe
- 3 State confidently

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- 31 Baseball maneuver
- 32 Nursery rhyme boy
- 36 Act as a go-between
- 38 Driven person
- 43 Hoedown dance
- 47 Confused state
- 48 Kind of race
- 49 Parson's home
- 51 Audio effect
- 52 It may be pitched
- 53 Catch a wave
- 54 Ranch unit
- 55 Like some coffee
- 56 Little dent
- 57 Whirling water
- 59 Stewart of song
- 60 Census datum

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Navigating Medicare: Medicare 101 session set for Jan. 18

By Christina Knoell
Special to The PREVIEW

Medicare is complicated. It is important that you know your rights, options, deadlines, possible penalties and where to find the information you need.

Did you know that assistance is available in Pagosa Springs through the nationwide State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)? Trained and certified Medicare counselors are available by appointment to guide you when dealing with Medicare enrollment, questions and problems.

One of the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA) volunteer Medicare counselors, Katy Deshler, will offer a free Medicare 101 class Thursday, Jan. 18, in the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library to help you get started. The class will start at 10:30 a.m. and will run until around noon. Please call Kay at 264-0501, ext. 1, to reserve your spot because space is limited.

Medicare help has been offered in Archuleta County at the Senior Center for almost 15 years. SJBAAA is the sponsoring agency for free Medicare counseling services at the Senior Center (the west end of the Ross Aragon Community Center).

On most Mondays, called Medicare Monday, counselors are available by appointment. Counseling occurs on additional days during Open Enrollment and sometimes

by phone or appointment on other days. Please call the phone number above to make an appointment or to ask questions.

Medicare eligibility begins at age 65 unless you are younger and have been on disability for almost two years. Three months before your birth month, you can enroll in Medicare and start making decisions about your options. Some of the questions you need to consider follow:

- Are you eligible for Medicare Part A and Part B? Do you need both?
- Do you have a retirement plan that will work with Medicare?
- Do you want a Medicare supplement (also called Medigap)?
- Would you prefer coverage through a Medicare Advantage plan or cost plan?
- Do you want a Part D drug plan? If so, which plan would work best for you? This varies depending on which drugs you take.

Generally, you can enroll in Medicare online at www.ssa.gov or by calling the Social Security Administration. If you are already receiving a Social Security check, you will be automatically enrolled in Part A and Part B, but you will need to enroll in Part D yourself. You can also find valuable information at www.medicare.gov.

If you are already on Medicare and have a Part D drug plan, you need to review that plan each year during the Open Enrollment

Period, Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, because plan premiums and coverage of drugs change each year. Medicare counselors can help you during that time, or you can go to www.medicare.gov to review your plan. You also can sign up for My-Medicare.gov to check your billing. If you are receiving Social Security disability, you will probably be eligible for Medicare starting 23 months after your disability begins and will have a limited time period to enroll in a Part D drug plan. It is important to know all enrollment deadlines to avoid penalties.

THRIVE open house set for Jan. 21

By Marcy Mitchell
Special to The PREVIEW

On Sunday, Jan. 21, THRIVE will commemorate National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday to raise awareness about the incomparable worth of every human life and to remind the community about the programs offered at THRIVE.

Please stop by THRIVE at 602 S. 8th St. anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and desserts, tour the building and learn about our programs.

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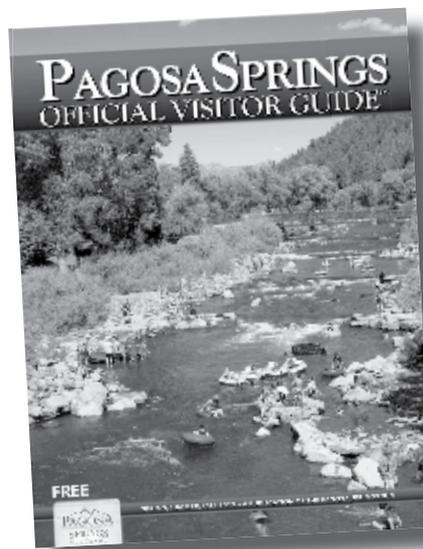
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Earth Community announces pair of Jan. 16 meetings

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Earth Community will be meeting at the Ruby Sisson Library on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

There will be two different times to accommodate more people. In the afternoon, we will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. and an evening session will be from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. The large meeting room is reserved.

At both sessions, we will be dis-

cussing the two most recent issues of YES Magazine. The fall issue is on freedom and fairness in renewable energy. We have free copies for everyone who attends. Fran Korten left copies for us when she was here to speak in September.

Some of the topics to be discussed are: the renewable revolution, mountaintop coal mines, feeding ourselves in a time of climate crisis and climate change.

The winter issue of YES Maga-

zine is on solidarity. Some of the topics to be discussed include: building a joyful economy for each other, reducing inequality, exchanging time instead of money and capitalism.

The format for both sessions will be that the people who attend select the topics to be discussed. We may read together sections of articles in the magazine. I am certain that each session will be informative and interesting explor-

ing new concepts and ideas.

We are living in such a political time. The Earth Community is not a political group, but it is good for us to stay informed of interesting thoughts and activities taking place in the U.S. that are shared in YES Magazine, whose motto is "Journalism for People Building a Better World." If that, too, is your goal, I hope to see you there. If there is a snowstorm, the sessions will be postponed.

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