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Following his death, Wolf Creek Ski Area to continue running business Pitch's way

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Country might be largely different today had a man and his wife not purchased an unprofitable Wolf Creek Ski Area decades ago and turned it around.

That man, Kingsbury Pitcher, best known as Pitch or Bill, passed away Dec. 29, 2017, at the

age of 98, but the premises he and his wife, Jane, set out for running the ski area remain.

Pitch's son, Davey, who is currently the CEO of the ski area, noted that his parents had "some very, very simple premises that are ingrained in our family philosophy about skiing."

Those simple ideas have lasted through the decades and helped draw people to the ski area that boasts more natural snow in an average year

rather than larger resorts.

"My mother," he said, "always said if you have good food and warm buildings, clean bathrooms, ... that's a very, very important part of what people want when they come to a ski area. And throughout the years she was very focused on those particular items. Pitch, he was really

■ See Pitcher A8



Photo courtesy Pitcher family

Jane and Kingsbury "Pitch" Pitcher.



SUN photos/Chris Mannara

Big shopping day for Big Brothers Big Sisters

Students enrolled in the Big Brothers Big Sisters High School Bigs Program take a trip to buy some toys with deputies from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday afternoon. This event takes place twice a year and is intended to reward the "littles" for being good kids and to show them the positive influence of law enforcement in Archuleta County.

CDC seeks broadband project coordinator

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

During the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) board of directors' regular meeting on Jan. 10, Board President Jason Cox gave an update regarding the community's broadband situation.

During the meeting, Cox explained that the CDC had drafted a request for proposal (RFP) for a project coordinator to oversee

broadband efforts.

"We put out a request for proposal ... for a project coordinator. We left it pretty high level. We didn't get into the weeds," Cox said. "We put a set of expectations and deliverables, and essentially what we said is 'We want you to involve all the community stakeholders, all the providers, network operators, anybody who can contribute to this project to provide affordable, high-speed, consistent, reliable broad-

■ See Broadband A8

Costs for school facility plans outlined

Committee, board aim for BEST grant deadline, community meetings today

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At two separate meetings this week, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) and Planning Assistance Team (PAT) were presented with price points for scenarios for ASD facilities.

The document, compiled by RTA Architects, details two individual phased scenarios.

Before the presentation of both scenarios at the PAT meeting held on Monday, BOE member Brooks Lindner reminded the PAT to continue to focus on acquiring the Building Excellent School Today (BEST) grant.

"If we don't go for BEST, this whole effort is dead in the water. It's pretty much non-negotiable to go for BEST or not," Lindner said.

Going for the BEST grant will be a service to the community, Lindner later added.

"It's going to save the community a lot of money, so whatever these

numbers are that we are about to see, let's remember that BEST is going to help these numbers look better," Lindner said.

ASD Superintendent Linda Reed then informed the PAT on recent developments regarding the BEST grant.

According to Reed, the BEST grant would pay up to 39 percent of the cost of some parts of the project.

The BEST grant would not pay for everything, Reed noted.

"The highest priority is safety and security. And we found out today that our number has actually gone up, so we would get 39 percent instead of 38 percent, so that's a good thing," Reed explained.

PAT member Brad Ash then reminded the rest of the PAT group that they have not made any commitments yet.

"We're not committing to any sort of, because we haven't made a recommendation as a PAT, what we're committing to is a process that potentially guides you guys to

maybe go for the BEST grant based on the recommendation from this PAT," Ash said.

Ash went on to clarify that once the process has been committed to, it depends on how the funding plays out.

Douglas Abernethy, a representative of RTA, noted that one of the criteria for the BEST grant is to have a master plan.

The PAT's responsibility is then to gather more community input and use that feedback to tighten up the master plan, Ash added later.

Lindner noted that some portions of the master plan need to be specific enough for the BEST grant.

"The interesting thing about master plans is that they're a living document to a certain degree. And they change depending on what happens with funding at the state level," Abernethy explained.

The framework of the master plan presented to BEST grant representatives will be there, but it won't be too specific, Abernethy mentioned.

"It will frame a direction. It doesn't have to frame a specific," Abernethy added later.

The discussion then turned to the documentation, which details both master plan scenarios in phases.

The scenarios also came along with pricing for individual items.

The following is the information from the draft master plan scenarios.

Scenario A phase 1

Under scenario A phase 1, the

document states that:

- The existing elementary school would be converted to a Pre-K through second grade building and district administration building. This item would cost \$12.1 million.

- An elementary school that houses third and fourth grade would be built. This school would have the capability to expand to a Pre-K through fifth grade building in the future. This item is priced at \$20.3 million.

- The third item involves selling both existing administration and the fifth- and sixth-grade buildings. The price point on this item is \$0 due to the unknown price of the property.

- In scenario A, the middle school would receive safety and security upgrades and sixth grade would be relocated into the middle school. This item is priced at \$4.4 million.

- The final line item under scenario A involves Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS). PSHS would receive deferred maintenance 0-50, safety and security upgrades which includes the main office for safety. This item is priced at \$12.1 million.

The subtotal for scenario A phase 1 is totaled at \$48.9 million.

Deferred maintenance 0-50 was described by RTA representative Stuart Coppedge as "a prioritized list of 50 things that need to be done at the high school."

In scenario A, all 50 of these capital projects would be completed.

At the PAT meeting, Abernethy noted that the 0-50 cost of the

■ See Facility A8

Archuleta School District Draft Master Plan Phasing

Phase 1

Scenario A

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Existing elementary school convert to PK-2 and district administration | \$12,100,000 |
| Elementary school build 3-5 school with capability to expand to PK-5 | \$20,300,000 |
| Existing 5-6 building and administration building — SELL | \$0 |
| Middle school — safety and security upgrades, relocate sixth grade | \$4,400,000 |
| High school — deferred maintenance 0-50, safety and security upgrade, administration addition | \$12,100,000 |
| Scenario A subtotal | \$48,900,000 |

Scenario B

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Existing elementary school convert to administration/home school academy/ | \$7,100,000 |
| Elementary school build Pre-K through fifth grade | \$27,700,000 |
| Existing 5-6 building and administration building — SELL | \$0 |
| Middle school — life safety and security upgrades, relocate sixth grade | \$4,400,000 |
| High school — deferred maintenance 0-25, Vo-tech (12,000 sq. ft.), administration, safety and security, auxiliary gym | \$13,800,000 |
| Scenario B subtotal | \$53,000,000 |

Phase 2

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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Existing middle school and site — SELL | \$0 |
| Middle school — build 6-8 | \$35,300,000 |
| High school — deferred maintenance > 51 | \$4,800,000 |
| Phase 2 subtotal | \$40,100,000 |

The draft project costs listed above include cost of construction, design services, construction permitting, materials testing, asbestos abatement, furniture, fixtures and equipment. The costs above do not include any reduction in cost due to sale of district land or buildings, or any reduction for potential grants, including the Colorado Department of Education BEST program.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

More ideas for 2018

These past two weeks, we have shared our readers' ideas for the changes they want to see in Pagosa Springs during 2018. There were so many ideas, we are bringing you more this week.

Buck Frisbee wrote: "Someone needs to figure out where are we going to get water in the very near future. Build, build, build. All the new houses will require water hook ups. No problem, just finish draining Lake Hatcher then Lake Pagosa that ought to work...for now. Hoping we don't go into drought mode this summer. But boy we built alot of houses! Land pimps are joyous."

Michele Sweitzer shared: "Something fitting for the turn into the Country Center off of North Pagosa. Traffic gets narly there!"

Art Benzel wants, "Patriotic Music in the Independence Day Parade."

Marissa Torres wrote: "More rentals and not being outrageous! Stop trying to turn Pagosa into Aspen! Just my opinion."

Sally Logee Neel wants, "A resolution to our courthouse and jail dilemma."

Douglas Neel wrote, "Start paving the residential dirt roads."

Julie Dockery Taylor wants, "New elementary and middle schools in pagosa."

Bob Eggleston said, "8 dedicated pickleball courts for the whole community and summer visitors!"

Greg Munro added, "Me playing pickle ball with Bob Eggleston."

Steve Powell wrote, "Go back 30 years please. Lol"

Leanne Haase Goebel wrote: "A merger of town and county into one governmental entity so we stop duplicating efforts and consolidate our taxes and everyone, no matter where they live has a voice and can run for office. Through the consolidation I trust we will find a solution and can build a new justice center for our community."

Kathleen Wells Steventon agreed, "I'm with Leanne Haase Goebel on this one. Make the county one voting block, so that all of us who live in or around Pagosa Springs has an equal say and vote."

Susan Statler Thornhill suggested, "Truck bypass and a streetscape."

Kristeen Harris shared, "Bike and walking trails to connect uptown with downtown!!!"

Jan Harms wants "SNOW!!!!!!!"

Frank Zellner wrote: "I'd like to see a more family environment for tourists. Tourism is a big factor in our economy and we need more options for families to do. We have hiking, fishing and tubing, but beyond that we are limited. I think a zip line, a sled pull rope, ice skating rink (free and open to the public), craft fairs, concerts in the park, kayak races, etc... might serve to make the tourist vacation memorable."

Robin Tellis-Pehle shared: "We all need to go to county commissioners meetings, town planning meetings and speak up and back up our leaders to make the changes we want to see. It takes us as Residents to make our voices heard and take a stand with our Representatives to make it happen Things will change but it changes with us."

Bryan Looper added: "Your right, we need to be involved. But I am too busy with a full time job, can't make all the meetings. That is why we elect these boards/leaders to take care of issues and communicate."

Whitney Wood chimed in, "Yes to this!!!"

Courtney Alicia Bishop wrote: "Affordable housing for those that can't afford \$1,000/month and the courthouse to be opened again!"

Zack Curvey shared, "The highway threw town returned to the full 4 lane highway all the way to kips again. Also some less expensive restaurants that would stay open past 9 or 10."

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.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

What will the local economy do in 2018?



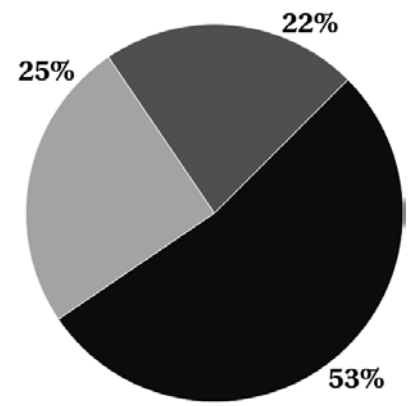
AJ Cavazos
"The local economy will go up because of tourism."



Wil Aucoin
"The economy is stimulated, but big debt defaults in loan industries are worrissome."



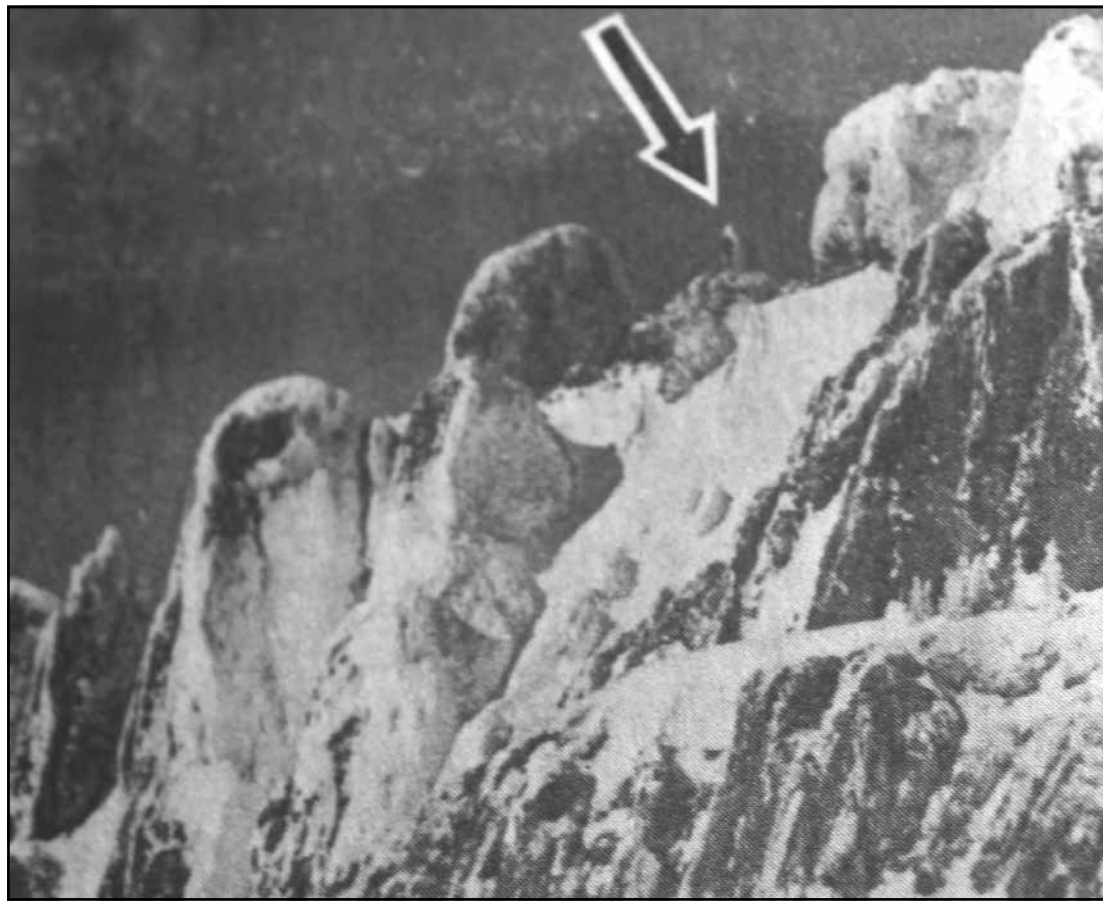
Seth Aucoin
"What's the economy?"



Poll results (145 Votes)
Improve — 53 percent
Weaken — 25 percent
Stay the same — 22 percent

This week online: Would you consider running for elected office? Vote at www.pagosasun.com

LOOKING BACK



From the Feb. 6, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. **THE OLD MAN** — Overlooking the catchment basin and runoff area of the snowslide, known as 160, on Wolf Creek Pass is a peculiar rock formation. It is variously called, "The Old Man," "The General," and the "Watchman." It is here that cornices build up that trigger slides down onto the highway in that area. Arrow points at the formation.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 13, 1928

During the year 1927 there were a total of 50 births in Archuleta county, of which 34 occurred in Pagosa Springs. During the same period 28 deaths took place in the county, 12 of them being in Pagosa Springs.

The Mark Todd ranch, two miles northeast of Pagosa Springs, has been purchased by H.D. Selby, who will take possession and occupy the same in the early spring.

Seventh Grade — In an Arithmetic test of the four fundamentals in whole numbers, fractions and decimals, Horace Martinez received highest score, Paul Decker second place and Elaine Gibson third.

A fistic encounter on the streets of Pagosa this noon drew the most attention that has occurred in this city for some days.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 22, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Macht took the high school boys to the game at Fort Lewis College last Saturday evening. Their little daughter, Jean, is an attractive mascot for the basketball team, and wears a special costume for the games.

Courses in home economics and animal husbandry will be enlarged. These courses have been approved by the State Department of Vocational Education and shall be offered as Smith-Hughes courses. They are being taught by Miss Russell and Mr. Whetten.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Chambers went to Denver Sunday for the Stock Show. Mr. and Mrs. U.S. Chambers are taking care of Anne and Jimmie, while their parents are away.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 18, 1968

Archuleta County's second war casualty in Vietnam was announced this week with the death of Spec. 4 Jose A. Manzanares of Pagosa Springs. Joe was a graduate of the local schools and was well known locally.

A tentative date was set by the School Board this week for an election on a proposed bond issue. The date selected was February 27. This date is subject to change only if all legal steps cannot be completed by that time. The Board indicated that it plans to call for voter approval to issue \$600,000 worth of bonds to be repaid over a 20 or 25 year period, this still to be determined. The bond money, if the election is successful, will be used to construct a new elementary school on property recently acquired by the District.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 21, 1993

Pagosa Springs lost one of its respected lifetime residents Saturday, Jan. 9 with the death of Frank Isadore O'Caña. Mr. O'Caña was born Apr. 13, 1919 at Pagosa Springs. He and Opal Petra Romero, members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church at Pagosa Springs, were married Aug. 3, 1940. For many years, he was a heavy-equipment operator for the Archuleta County Road and Bridge Department.

Roads and remodeling were the major topics of public business acted on Tuesday during the county commissioners' regular meeting. Renegotiating "contractual agreements with county personnel" was discussed in an hour-and-15-minute executive session behind closed doors.

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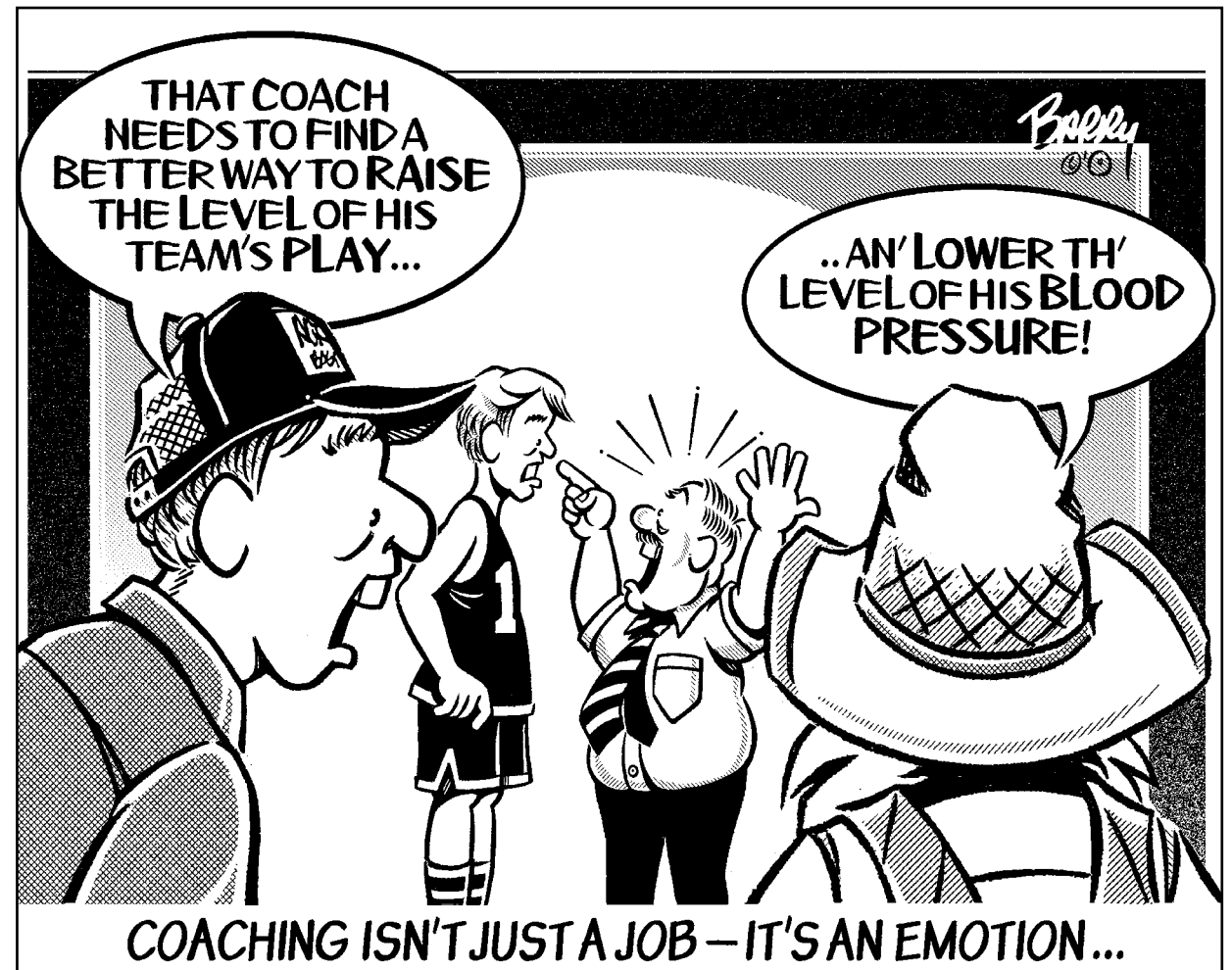
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Light appetizers will be served throughout the
evening by Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club.



Letters

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Invite to Tipton

Dear Editor:
I am a conservative Republican and value integrity, freedom, and personal responsibility. Like a growing number of Americans I am concerned about our current administrations' policies regarding the environment and global warming. Former President George W. Bush, Mitt Romney, Sen. John McCain, and other prominent Republican leaders have spoken out about our need to reduce our carbon emissions and greenhouse gasses, an issue that affects our economy, national security, and quality of life.

I applaud The Climate Solutions Caucus in the House of Representatives who just added 4 new members, bringing the total up to 66. The Caucus protocol is one of party balance, always maintaining an equal number of Democrats and Republicans. The growth of the caucus is an indication of the strong desire among members of the House on both sides of the aisle to move beyond partisan politics.

Republican co-chair Carlos Curbelo said in a press release, "The real-world implications of sea level rise were on display for all to see in Texas, Florida and the Caribbean following Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria last year. Since then, even more Members of Congress have turned their concern into action by joining the Climate Solutions Caucus. This growing coalition of members from both parties and communities from across the country is essential to de-polarizing climate issues and opening the door to ensure meaningful, bipartisan Congressional action is possible."

Please join me in asking our Rep Scott Tipton to join the Climate

Solutions Caucus.

Ed Atkinson
Durango, CO

Racist president

Dear Editor:
Racist, divisive & destructive ...
"... at a White House meeting why he (Trump) should accept immigrants from "s__thole countries" (Black) "rather than people from places like Norway," (White) NY-Times article. Then most of his GOP lackey's rushed to ambiguously deny Trump's "rough language!" There is no excuse for their actions so it has to be religious or messianic not economics, ideology or philosophy, why else would Republicans, et al. stay deaf, dumb & blind as supporters of such a miserable excuse for a human, let alone President of the U.S. You got'a wonder if Republicans remember that their Irish, Scandinavian and Italian forebearers left their countries due to poverty and famine and were despised on arrival.

Well you can say without doubt Donald's white alt-right supporters are hanging in there as he's their... surely not ... well maybe, god. It seems that if you're a white male with little or no college (education); you're likely to adore Donald and have a "Free Clive Bundy" sticker on your car. Compound that with a loss or potential loss of job due to China trade, coal decline or robot's and it's a dead certain bet your love is rabid. But if this is you, then take great solace knowing there are highly educated rich Congressional lawyer racists that have his back.

Well, you get the level of government that you deserve. It seems that there are four tests for the death of democracy in a nation. No other Presidential person or candidate has ever met one, Donald scores high on all four! Catastrophically a minority in America is destroying it from within.

Personally I'm at a loss why we haven't seen the KKK marching down Main Street with torches and hangman ropes shouting anti-Semitic chants. But then again, they're probably busy at Trump's imaginary plant making the F52's he said we're selling Norway.

Dave Blake

Error in letter

Dear Editor:
I made an error when referring to the FICA tax being raised to 14%

for the self employed. 13.02% was the correct figure in 1988 and today it stands at 15.3%. I just want you to know I recognize my error.

Dave Butcher

Enforcement

Dear Editor:
Can PLPOA enforce covenants for preserving the architecture and appearance of the housing development? The PLPOA Articles of Incorporation state the "purposes for which the corporation is organized are to promote and enhance the civic, social and recreational interests of those persons who may from time to time be the owners of real estate ... the corporation shall exercise only such powers as are in ... section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code. " A 501(c)(7) is a tax-exempt, social & recreational, non-profit entity.

Are you tired of the PLPOA's management, Environmental Control Committee and the Department of Community Standards which administer and enforce covenants and restrictions for your home?

Rev. Rul. 75-494, 1975-2 C.B. 214 provides that a homeowners' association may not qualify under IRC 501(c)(7) if it "... administers and enforces covenants for preserving the architecture and appearance of the housing development ..."

You can decide for yourself by your own research. You can get professional advice from your tax accountant and/or tax attorney. You can contact the Internal Revenue Service. You can do all the above and more.

Jeff Maier

Revolution

Dear Editor:
One of the most tragic aspects of the epic natural disasters in California is knowing that much of the cost and suffering could have been prevented had we taken action decades ago when the impact of greenhouse gas build-up was first becoming clear. More tragic is the backward action of current national leaders when the link between extreme weather events and human-caused climate change is as close to a fact as science will ever get.

Warren Buffett, a very successful capitalist, made an interesting point in a recent article. The tremendous economic progress

in the 241 years since the founding of the U.S. came at the cost of displacing virtually all the U.S. labor force over time. Had workers successfully defended their industries from new technology and innovation we would not be a world economic power today, and we would have the same standard of living as Americans had in 1776.

Those who defend traditional energy industries with economic arguments ignore that reality. The U.S. would now have new power sources employing people in new industries, cleaner air and water, greater national security, and the momentum of climate change would be shorter-lived and more manageable had our government acted 20 years ago to enable the transition. We still have time and market-based ways, like a carbon fee and dividend, to spur an energy revolution here before other nations leave us in the dust. And our children and grandchildren will face fewer deadly natural disasters as a result. It's a win-win.

Deb Paulson

'Who defines us?'

Dear Editor:
"One Nation Under God" ... really? Turning to the "Good Book" to see if we really are a nation under God with the freedoms we are assured. Turning to the words of the Apostle Peter (I Peter 2:16-17), I find that freedom requires responsibility. Wow. That's something to consider. Quoting the verses: "Live as free men but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect for everyone."

I always need more than one opinion, so I wanted to see what the Apostle Paul had to say about that. In Galatians 5:13-14: "You, my brothers were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge in sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love ... if you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other." Wow again.

And then here are the words of Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce, one of our original Americans who welcomed the white man with friendship: "Good words do not last long unless they amount to something ... there has been too much talking by men who had no right to talk. If the white man wants to live in peace with the Indian, he can live in peace. Treat all men alike. Give them a chance to live and grow." Wow again.

Where have we gone wrong? We have taken our freedoms for granted, elected leaders who place personal ambition ahead of true patriotic service. Then there is our culture. So long as vulgarity and violence sell as entertainment and goodness is boring, we are in trouble. We need to change the focus of today's culture. We need to elect leaders who honor our history. Wake up America. Who defines us?

Patty Tillerson

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Archuleta County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update available for public review and comment

By Mike Le Roux
Special to The SUN

Would you like to learn more about what Archuleta County is doing to minimize the impacts of floods, dam failures, wildfires, hazardous materials incidents and other hazards?

A draft of the county's updated Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is being made available for public review and comment. The plan assesses risks posed by natural and man-made hazards, identifies ways to reduce those risks and allows the county to remain eligible for mitigation funding from FEMA.

A Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) that includes representatives from various coun-

ty departments, Pagosa Springs, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District and the Pagosa Fire Protection District updated the plan over the past eight months with assistance from a consultant.

The plan identifies hazard mitigation goals and a variety of mitigation projects with the intent of reducing losses from hazard events before they occur again.

The planning committee is now soliciting public comment on the plan before it is finalized and submitted for FEMA review and approval.

The comment period will close Feb. 1.

The plan and a comment form can be accessed at www.survey-monkey.com/r/ArchHMPcomment.

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:

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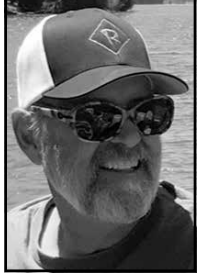
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Obituaries

Richard 'Rick' Bartholomew

Richard "Rick" Bartholomew passed away suddenly on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Mercy Hospital in Durango. He was 62 years old.



Rick was born Nov. 4, 1955, to Richard and Dolores (Mayo) Bartholomew in La Junta, Colo. He grew up in La Junta and Pueblo, Colo. He graduated from Pueblo East High School. He moved to Pagosa Springs with his family in the early 1970s. It was there he met and married Karen (Hill) on Aug. 1, 1981. He and Karen began their family in Pagosa Springs, where Rick worked as a carpenter.

Rick loved working, fishing, hunting and was a skilled long-bow archer. He had broken the Colorado state record in a traditional archery competition. His true passion was his family, especially his granddaughters, Tenley and Hadley — they were the light of his life. Rick was very excited for the birth of his grandson, Beckett. He always talked about teaching him everything he knew and loved about the outdoors.

He was such a loving man with a kind heart, beaming smile and contagious laugh. He will be so dearly missed by everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; children: Kyle (Beth) Bartholomew, and Kelly (Brian) Keegan; siblings: Cindy, Sandy, Bill and Kathy; grandchildren: Hadley, Tenley and Beckett; and many close friends and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

We would like to send a special thank you to the Pagosa Springs EMTs, ER doctors, Kerry, Boo Boo, Durango Cath lab doctors and Durango ICU team for all their efforts in trying to save my dad. Also, a huge thank you to everyone who has sent their kind words, brought us meals, lent us a shoulder to cry on and helped in many other ways. We wouldn't have made it through this hard time without such an amazing community of love.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Parish Hall on Jan.

27, at 3 p.m. We are going to have a big fish fry in his honor. Please bring a side dish, beer and funny stories to share.

Brayden Tyler Mills

On Thursday, Jan. 11, 7-year-old Brayden Tyler Mills received his angel wings and was called home to be with our Heavenly Father at a moment that many would consider to be before his time. Though we may not understand why, we do know that his winged status was well-earned. Brayden was one of the toughest little guys that God ever created. He fought a constant uphill battle of medical issues, and always persisted and amazed all who watched. During his short time that he blessed us with, he left a deep mark on the heart of every person who knew him. He taught us compassion for others, how to have empathy for those less fortunate than ourselves, gratitude for the blessings we have and to always hold onto hope. His smile was contagious, his heart was pure and his love was genuine.

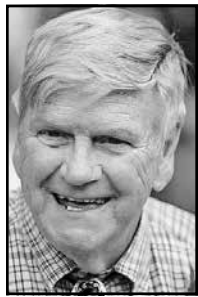


Brayden was born on Aug. 24, 2010, to his parents, Jason Mills and Valerie Lucas, in Durango, Colo. He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Gary Lucas, of Pagosa Springs; Phil and Frances Lujan, of Pagosa Springs; and Morris and Fannie Carter, of Marshall, Texas. Brayden leaves behind his loving parents, Jason Mills and Valerie Lucas; his brothers and sister, Denton Mills, Dallas Mills, Katelynn Mills, Jase Mills and Dalton Mills; Aunt Angie Lucas and family, of Pagosa Springs; Uncle William Clark and family, of Pagosa Springs; Aunt and Uncle Tina and Brandon Hamblin and family, of Phoenix, Ariz.; grandparents Lance and Elisha Lucas, of Pagosa Springs; Kathy Maestas, of Pagosa Springs; Walter Mills, of Longview, Texas; and great-grandmother Firma Lucas, of Pagosa Springs. He is also survived by numerous cousins and other relatives.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Pagosa Springs. Following services, there will be a balloon release downtown and meal served at the Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made at Citizens Bank in Pagosa Springs with checks being made to Valerie Lucas for the Brayden Mills Memorial Account, at both Everyday gas stations in Pagosa Springs, the Sonoco gas station in Pagosa Springs, the Turkey Springs Trading Post in Aspen Springs or through his Go Fund Me account at www.gofundme.com/e5zk9-braydens-angel-wing-fund.

James Gilbert Pechin (Jim)

James Gilbert Pechin (Jim), 88, of Florence, Ariz., passed peacefully on Dec. 18, 2017.



Jim was born at home on July 4, 1929, the last of five children, in Junction City, Kan., where he grew up, attended school and worked at the movie theater. Following high school graduation, he attended Kansas State University in Manhattan until he left school after a few semesters and was subsequently drafted into the Army.

He was stationed at Camp Atterbury in Indiana for training during the Korean Conflict, but was sent to Germany for post WWII reconstruction, and while on a weekend pass from Camp Atterbury, he met his wife, Maxine Hash. He always liked to tell the story of how they met (along with many other stories he enjoyed telling) and his infamous words to her and her girlfriend who were stranded on the busy downtown circle of Indianapolis. He pulled up in his convertible, opened the door and said, "Get in." Maxine and her friend, of course, refused to do so until the traffic horns started blasting. The girls had nowhere to go so they hopped in. Six weeks later, Jim and Maxine were married on July 10, 1951. They were blessed with four children: Jerie, Jimmy, Jamie and Jackie.

During his military tour, he found his passion for teaching and upon his honorable discharge from the Army, he returned to KSU and earned his teaching degree in history and later a master's degree in political science. He and Maxine moved to Colby, Kan., where he had his first teaching job at Colby High School and later taught at Colby Community College (CCC). He was one of the first teachers for CCC, teaching in the basement of the Community Building. Later, he took on coaching the men's golf team for CCC, leading them to the national tournament. He loved his students and until even recently, he still received calls, visits and letters from many of them.

In the early years of teaching, he and his friend, a fellow teacher, Lee Wieck, decided to supplement their income by building a house for sale each summer. Pechin and Wick Construction was formed. The business grew, but Lee moved to Colorado, so Wieck was dropped from the firm name, and Pechin Construction remained, building and remodeling residential and commercial buildings, including the Ascension on the Prairie Episcopal Church, of which he donated much of his own time, materials and labor. His business ventures

didn't stop there. Jim also developed land, the Eastern Heights and Indian Hills subdivisions, and owned several retail businesses during his years in Colby.

In 1980, during the recession, the Pechins moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo. Jim and his son, Jimmy, continued Pechin Construction there until Jim retired from construction. They built over 100 structures in the beautiful Rocky Mountains in and around Pagosa.

Jim could never quite retire. He took on small projects for business owners and friends alike. He even worked in the movie theater in Pagosa. He absolutely loved seeing everyone he knew coming to see a movie. He truly loved movies and he said that he had come full circle working in the theater. His first job was as a movie usher when he was just 12, and his last true job was behind the concession counter.

Jim loved to travel around the country. He preferred to fly in his own plane, but otherwise drove. He would pack his family up every two years to travel to his army reunion, the AT&M Platoon of Comrades reunion. What a great group of men and their families. Reunions were held in Pennsylvania, Georgia, Oklahoma, Colorado and Missouri. Sixty-six years of tradition.

In 2014, Jim and Maxine bought a little condo in Florence, Ariz., where they would winter, but stayed all of 2017 due to their failing health.

Jim was a loving husband and father. He was passionate about

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football, especially his alma mater, Kansas State, as well as many professional teams. He was a true people person. He loved learning, teaching and telling stories. He was a ruthless gin player and got a kick out of beating "Ol' Sol" (solitaire card game). He loved flying his own plane, playing golf, snow skiing and boating at Lake Trenton in Nebraska. He was a member of multiple organizations over the years and enjoyed volunteering his time and knowledge.

He will be missed by many and we know he will always be in our hearts. Jim was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, uncle, nephew, colleague and friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ezra C. and Francis Kay Pechin; his siblings: Velma K. (Pechin) Esker, LeRoy (Buss) E. Pechin, Mary L. (Pechin) Brown and Gordon A. Pechin. Jim is survived by his wife, Mary Maxine Pechin; his four children: Jerie (Chris) Husler, James (Betty) Pechin, Jamie (Greg) Appel and Jackie (Tom) Moran; 10 grandchildren: Jerron Bray, Joe Bray, Calley (Bray) Voth, Tonya (Pechin) Peterson, Nicky (Pechin) Black, Stacy (Pechin) Stroud, Ashly Albers, Amber (Albers) Favaregh, Brett Ford and Jessica (Ford) Kuros; two step-grandchildren, Mike and Marshall Stees; plus 18 great-grandchildren and multiple nieces and nephews.

Per Jim's wishes, there will be no services.

Those wishing to give memorials are urged to consider donating to the CCC (Colby Community College) Endowment Foundation, 1255 S. Range Ave, Colby, KS 67701, in the name of James G. Pechin.

Kingsbury Pitcher

Kingsbury Pitcher, aka Bill Pitcher, aka Pitch, died in his sleep Dec. 28, 2017, in Santa Fe, N.M. He was born in Pasadena, Calif., July 19, 1919, and grew up spending his summers in Silverton, Colo., where his grandfather, Otto Mears, built the railroads and toll roads in the 1800s and he spent his winters in Pasadena which he referred to as his misspent youth. When he started school and was asked his name, he replied "Bill" instead of his given name and it stuck. He learned to ski at Mount Baldy in southern California and Badger Pass in Yosemite. He went to Stanford University, where he met Bill Janss, who taught him to ski race, and Chris Schwarzenbach, who taught him how to fly a plane. He got his degree in economics, which



he told me was very generous and kind of Stanford. Much later in life, Chris, his flight instructor and classmate at Stanford, told me that unlike some of his friends (referring to Pitch) that he thought that when you went to a prestigious university, you should attend at least some classes.

Nevertheless, flying and skiing became his life. While attending Stanford, he and his friends formed a ski team and raced against all the great skiers of the time: Alf Engen and his brothers, legendary Dick Durrance and Freidl Pfeiffer, who had just emigrated from Austria. By 1942, he was teaching skiing for Freidl's Ski School in Sun Valley. In the spring of that year, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and Freidl went to Camp Hale to train the 10th Mountain Division.

After the war, Pitch started a flight school in Santa Fe and in the winter, was the manager, rope tow operator and ski instructor at the Hyde Park ski hill outside of Santa Fe. I believe both the ski operation and the flight school went broke, but he met two very good friends, Pete Totemoff, an Alaskan Native who was also a ski racer, and Ernie Blake, another great skier from Switzerland. Ernie Blake, with Pete's help, developed the Santa Fe Ski Basin out of an old mining tramway and some surplus war equipment and Pitch moved to a small village outside of Taos called Arroyo Seco, where he bought a small ranch and started ranching in the summers and teaching skiing in Aspen, where his old boss Friedl had started a new ski area.

By the middle of the '50s, Ernie Blake and Pete Totemoff were trying to get a new ski area going up the canyon from Arroyo Seco at an old mining camp called Twining. This soon became Taos Ski Valley. At the same time, Pitch moved to Aspen full time and bought another small ranch outside of Aspen in an area called Woody Creek. While working the ranch in the summer, his gaze kept going across the valley to a mountain that he thought would be an excellent ski area. This mountain became the Snowmass ski area.

By the end of the '50s, there was a demand for new ski resorts and Pitch started a company called "Ski Surveys" where he advised his clients on how to lay out the lifts and trails for new ski resorts. This led him to develop the Sierra Blanca ski resort in Ruidoso, N.M., and Pitch moved back to Santa Fe, where he lived for the next 57 years. Pitch bought the old Santa Fe Ski Basin that his friends Ernie Blake and Pete Totemoff had built but had fallen into disrepair and later acquired the Wolf Creek Pass Ski Area in southern Colorado. Both areas became profitable under his management, the Santa Fe Ski Area was sold to the Abruzzo family in 1984 and the Wolf Creek

Ski Area is still owned by his family. Pitch stayed involved in the ski business until the end of his life.

His last words were, "How many inches of snow is at Wolf Creek?" and "How many skier visits do we have?"

Clarence Riley

1953-2018
Wayne Robert "Clarence" Riley lost his battle to cancer on Thursday, Jan. 11, at home, surrounded by family. He was 64 years old. A celebration of life will be held at Yamaguchi Park on Jan. 27 at 2 p.m., with a potluck to follow at the Pagosa Bar.



Clarence was born Nov. 29, 1953, to Frank Riley and Blanche Trujillo in Easton, Penn.

Clarence was a long-time resident of Pagosa Springs, moving here in October of 1980. Between the Town House Restaurant, the Junction, Riley's Restaurant, the Riverside Restaurant, Parelli's and the Senior Center, he has fed many a local resident and plenty of tourists.

Before coming to Pagosa, Clarence and his first wife, Carol, left Pennsylvania to chase their dream of finding Big Foot. They lived in Long Beach, Calif., for a time and then made their way to Camp Verde, Ariz., to be campground hosts at the Grand Canyon. While he lived there, Clarence fed people out of the Kaibab Lodge on the North Rim. After two summers, they found themselves in Pagosa Springs and put down roots, raising two daughters, Eliza and Sarah, in beautiful southern Colorado.

In 2005, Clarence married Jeanie and gained two stepchildren, Michael and Rose. Clarence and Jeanie spent two winters living in Florida working in the kitchen for Parelli's Natural Horsemanship. They always found themselves back in Pagosa Springs.

Clarence loved doing anything outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved taking rides out into the mountains and camping was always at the top of his to-do list in the summer. He loved being out in the wilderness, surrounded by beautiful scenery and wildlife.

One thing that brought Clarence tremendous pride and joy was doing the setup and tear down for the Four Corners Folk Festival over Labor Day weekend and the Pagosa Bluegrass Festival in June. You could catch him backstage playing the air banjo and jamming along with the music.

Clarence was a huge fan of the Denver Broncos; you could say he bled orange and blue. He religiously watched his Broncos, and didn't care who heard or saw him shouting at or rooting for his favorite team, screaming at the opponents or flipping off the refs. F@#\$ the Raiders, GO BRONCOS!! (He asked us to include that).

Clarence battled cancer with grace and dignity. He always had a ready smile or a neighborly wave for everyone. He was a great father, grandpa, husband and all-around great man. Clarence will be missed by everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanie; children: Eliza (Jaime) and Sarah; stepchildren Michael (Randy) Quintana and Rose Quintana;

grandchildren: Davian and Kyleah Coss, Riley and Joby Higgins-Miller; former spouse Carol Riley; and many close friends and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made through his GoFundMe account.

"It's the same story the crow told me, it's the only one he knows. Like the morning sun you come, and like the wind you go." —Jerry Garcia.

Lt. Jacob Shadd Rohwer

It is with great sadness that family, the Farmington Fire Department and Local 2850 announce the death of Lt. Jacob Shadd Rohwer, age 44.



Lt. Rohwer succumbed to his battle with cancer surrounded by his family and friends on Jan. 11 at 10:10 a.m. where he was receiving treatment in Phoenix.

Lt. Rohwer was diagnosed with cancer in June of 2015; its circumstances qualify his death as a LODD (line of duty death). He made the ultimate sacrifice for the community he loved and served. The City of Farmington and the Farmington Fire Department will be working closely with Local 2850 and other state representatives to recognize and honor his service to the department and community.

Lt. Rohwer was a member of the department's Technical Rescue Team, Wildland Team, Surface Water Oil Spill Emergency Response Team (SWOSER) and Engineer Committee. Lt. Rohwer was also a Rescue 3 International Instructor and a member of the New Mexico Urban Search and Rescue Team; he was deployed following Hurricane Katrina for his specialty training and skills.

On the day of his death, Lt. Rohwer reached his 19th anniversary of honorable service with the Farmington Fire Department, by completing his last and greatest act of bravery. He was an admired and well-respected member of the department and his presence on the team will be irreplaceable.

Lt. Rohwer leaves behind his parents, Jerry and Joan; and his brother, Tobi (wife Alison and nieces Grace and Emery), of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; his cousin, Ryan (wife Jodi and children Hailey and Aiden), of Albuquerque, N.M.; and numerous other family and friends.

A visitation for family and friends is scheduled on Friday, Jan. 19, from 5-9 p.m. at Farmington Funeral Home, 2111 W. Apache Street in Farmington.

A memorial service and celebration of Lt. Rohwer's life is scheduled on Sunday, Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. at San Juan College Henderson Fine Arts Center, 4601 College Blvd. in Farmington.

Memorial donations can be made to the following organizations in Lt. Rohwer's honor: Hustle Kindness/Peach's Neet Feet, hustlekindness.com; Farmington Professional Fire Fighters Local 2850/Shadd Rohwer Fund, Four Corners Community Bank.

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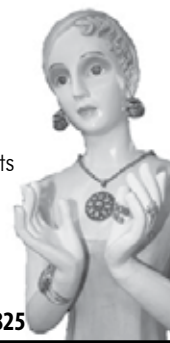
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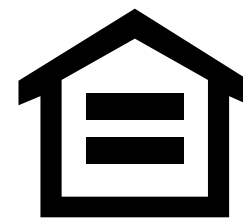
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Colorado home prices continue to rise: 2017 a record-breaking year

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From the Denver metro area's urban core and suburbs, to smaller communities across the state, Colorado's housing market experienced back-to-back years of 10 percent bumps in the median sales price of a single-family home as record low inventory dictated markets, according to the latest statewide housing reports from the Colorado Association of Realtors (CAR).

Mirroring conditions from December 2016 — but with a continually growing population and a limited number of new construction and new listings in the winter months — the 2017 statewide market closed out with median sales prices for single-family homes equal to or near their summer highs, while condo/townhome median sales prices reached their highest point of the year in December.

Some key findings from the December 2017 Report and a look back at the year:

- The December median sales price of a single-family home in Denver reached \$400,000, up 8.4

percent from a year ago, while the median sales price for a Denver-metro area condo/townhome reached \$284,000 during the last month of the year, surpassing its previous June 2017 high of \$277,000.

- The average sales price of a single-family home in the Denver metro region reached \$465,818 in December, up just shy of 11 percent from a year ago. Statewide, the average sales price was \$433,368 in December, up 8.3 percent year-over-year.

- Condo/townhome average sales price in Denver metro closed the year at \$338,992, an increase of 10.6 percent from December 2016 levels. Statewide, the average sales price was \$373,788, an increase of 10.5 percent from a year prior.

- In the Denver metro area, active listings were down 30 percent from December 2016 to 2017 and the month's supply of inventory for single-family homes dipped 37 percent to 1.2 months in the metro area year-over-year while condo/townhome inventory slipped below a one-month supply for the first time in the eight-year history of the

CAR market trends reporting.

- Statewide, active listings were down 27 percent, with the month's supply of inventory at 1.7 months, down 26 percent from a year prior.

With limited new housing starts and traditional winter slowdowns in new and active listings, the record low inventory figures are likely to continue until spring 2018 as the hot seller's market continues among consistent demand from a growing statewide population.

Following are insights about local market conditions from the CAR research spokesperson.

Pagosa Springs/ Archuleta County

"With an exceptionally strong 2017 in the books, there are no signs of weakening in 2018 for Pagosa Springs and the southwest Colorado housing market. We continue to benefit from a great real estate purchase value as compared to most Colorado ski mountain towns, even with the average sales price jumping an impressive 17 percent this past year," said Pagosa Springs-area Realtor Wendy Saunders.

"The 2017 median sales price also jumped 11.4 percent, pushing median homes sales toward the mid \$300s.

"The higher inventory of new construction homes in the last quarter of 2017 contributed to the increase and the new construction trend and price increase should continue through the first quarter of 2018, as spring-like weather has allowed new construction into January.

"Although average 'days on market' was the same in 2016 and 2017 at 151 days, price points under \$350,000 are averaging just 90 days on market in the last quarter of 2017.

"Considering almost 70 percent of homes in Pagosa Springs are second homes, with less inventory and days on market, buyers no longer have the luxury to hesitate on their purchase. Second-home buyers (mainly from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and the Front Range of Colorado) are making purchase decisions more quickly than ever. This is also true for local buyers, as they compete with second-home buyers," said Saunders.

CHAMBER NEWS

Creede Repertory Theatre to perform at Chamber annual meeting

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

Break out your best hats and head over to the "Hats Off to You" Chamber Annual Gala to be held on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse beginning at 6 p.m.

There are many festivities to enjoy that night including the Community Awards and a live performance by the Creede Repertory Theatre's "Boomtown" crew. Pagosans cannot always get over to Creede to enjoy their summer theater season, so we have engaged the theater to come to Pagosa for a

special performance.

The Repertory Theatre continues to remain a Pagosa Chamber member and we appreciate its support. Its improv group will be in attendance to round out the evening's festivities.

Also included in the gala activities will be a delicious buffet dinner — with items for our vegetarian attendees, a silent auction, a cash bar, contests for the best men's and women's hat and, of course, the announcement of our annual Community Awards. The slate of nominees is again fabulous and the decision has been difficult to choose just one winner in each category; all

the nominees are winners.

Tickets are still available by registering online at the Chamber's website, www.pagosachamber.com, or in person at the Chamber building on Hot Springs Boulevard. You do not have to be a Chamber member to attend this event. Think of purchasing a table to enjoy preferred seating for the performance and two bottles of wine with your table.

Call 264-2360 for more information.

WinterFest activities still taking place

We always say that WinterFest activities are "weather contingent."

This year is no exception — just the reverse of what we usually experience — minimal snow. Plans for "Plunge Into WinterFest" are still progressing, starting off with our hot air balloon rally.

Twenty pilots have registered so far, so it looks like we will have two beautiful mass ascensions, Saturday from the downtown area and Sunday from the west side of town.

Numerous nonprofit organizations have already secured "plungers" for the annual Penguin Plunge. So far, the organizations plunging include the Humane Society, Pagosa Springs Medical Center

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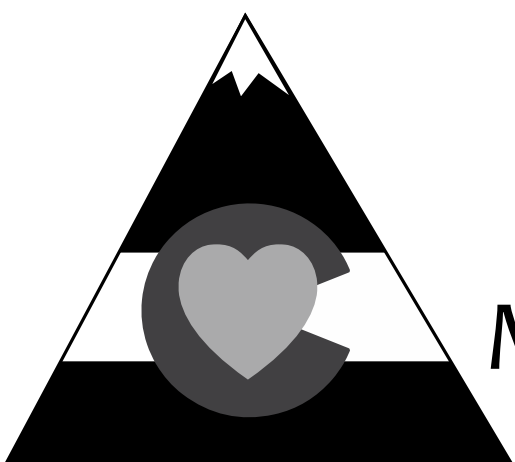
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Facility

Continued from front deferred maintenance would be about \$5.5 million.

BOE member Bruce Dryburgh described these sustaining capital upgrades as, "The type of stuff you need to do year after year to keep your stuff in good working order."

Scenario B phase 1

Another option for phase 1 of the master plan is scenario B, which is outlined below.

- The existing elementary school would be converted to the district administration building as well as having space for Pagosa Family School. This item comes in at \$7.1 million.

- For \$27 million, a new elementary school, housing Pre-K through fifth grade, would be built at a loca-

tion to be determined.

- Similar to Scenario A, The third item involves selling both existing administration and the fifth- and sixth-grade buildings. The price point on this item is \$0 due to the unknown price of the property.

- The fourth item under Scenario B is the same as Scenario A. The middle school would receive safety and security upgrades and sixth-grade students would be relocated into the current middle school building. This item is priced at \$4.4 million.

- The high school would also receive deferred maintenance, but under scenario B it would be 0-25. Vo-tech space is also covered in this scenario, which allocates about 12,000 square feet for an expansion. Administration, safety and

security and auxiliary gym needs are also met in this scenario. The price for this final line item is listed at \$13.8 million.

Much like scenario A, deferred maintenance is integrated into scenario B, but this time deferred maintenance is only proposed to be 0-25, meaning that 25 of the capital projects would be completed.

The proposed cost for deferred maintenance 0-25 was noted by Abernethy to be about \$1 million.

The subtotal for scenario B is listed at \$53 million.

The final piece of the document provided by RTA involves phase 2. Master plan phase 2

- Within phase 2, the existing middle school and site would still be sold, with a varying price point.

- A middle school housing the sixth through eighth grades would be built, costing approximately \$35.3 million.

- The high school would receive deferred maintenance larger than 51, which is estimated to cost \$4.8 million.

The subtotal for phase 2 is listed at \$40.1 million.

After a presentation made by Coppedge, the ASD BOE gave its comments on the scenarios presented at its regular board meeting on Tuesday.

School board comments

After Coppedge's presentation BOE member Bruce Dryburgh offered a suggestion based on his

group's discussion during the last PAT meeting.

"Our group simply suggested that vo-tech become part of phase 2," Dryburgh said, adding later, "We did not think, in our group at least, think we're far enough down the road is the problem."

Board president Greg Schick later added his thoughts on both scenarios.

"I have some idea what I would like to see; however, I truly could go with whatever the people come up with," Schick said.

Schick added that he believes a vo-tech building is needed to due the demand within PSHS.

"What I truly would like to see is something that this community

buys into," Schick added later.

Reed commented that the first phase of either approach would affect all of ASD's students.

Schick then added that whatever scenario is accepted, that he personally would like to see "part of the elementary stay in downtown."

ASD is planning on holding two community engagement meetings today at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The first meeting will be held from noon to 1 p.m., while the second will be from 6 to 7 p.m.

The next PAT meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 22, at 5 p.m. in the middle school library.

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Broadband

Continued from front band to everyone in Archuleta County."

Cox went on to explain that the RFP stated the CDC was hoping to accomplish this within the next couple of years.

"We want the plan done by middle of the year. So, we're getting the funnel filled with people to do this. Hopefully we would get someone from the community. I think we would probably give priority to that," Cox said. "But we also can't ignore if we get an expert who's in York who's done this 88 times and had 79 wins, let's go there."

Cox explained that the ultimate goal was to put together a plan that will get private enterprise involved, public money confidently invested and leveraged out with grants and other forms of funding.

"I'm excited we have people in the process," Cox said. "Beyond that, we're really just keeping our eyes and ears open."

Cox pointed out that compa-

nies, such as USA Communications, were listening to the CDC's plan regarding its broadband efforts.

"Here's what I want everyone to understand. We could solve this issue ourselves. We don't depend on any outside entities, and we can do this," said Cox. "So, I don't want us to feel like we have to bend over backwards to accommodate someone else's needs or criteria. We have the providers in this county and community to do this right now."

Cox also pointed out that the CDC and community had the "political will to put the capital behind it if necessary, and to make decisions necessary to open up things such as zoning."

"This also, out of the three strategic priorities between the town and the county, has the most, from a return-on-investment standpoint, a hard return and a short-term return," said Cox. "I think that once we start really getting things out there ... you're going to see one

project or two projects go, and the other providers are going to say, 'Oh, crap, I better get on this.'"

Continued Cox, "We see all these things coming together, and frankly, we've heard multiple times that a lot of these companies want to make Archuleta County a model for what they do in rural broadband."

"Jason, let me ask a question," said CDC member Neal Johnson. "Yesterday I saw on the news where President Trump signed the rural broadband bill into law. Do you know about that and what the impact would be on Colorado and on our area? I don't know anything about it, just that he signed it yesterday."

Cox explained that he wasn't familiar, but would look into it.

"On Monday (Jan. 15) at 8 a.m. we have our first questionnaire on more information on the RFP from a company," said Mary Jo Coulehan. "We'll have a conference call with them."

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Pitcher

Continued from front

adamant about the staff, trying to have longevity with the staff, not have a lot of turnover."

Too, Davey noted the importance to his parents of having the ski area be accessible by the public.

"It's public use and enjoyment of the forest, and it's very important to include all of the public and not to be exclusive, and to try to include all walks of life into the sport of skiing," he said. "And, certainly, we at Wolf Creek have tried to adhere to these very basic philosophies for years, and I don't see any reason to change any of that."

Family business

Pitch grew up in a family that was no stranger to new industries, with his grandfather, Otto Mears, building railroads and toll roads in the 1800s and playing a key role in the development of southwestern Colorado.

And, despite being born in Pasadena, Calif., on July 19, 1919, it didn't take long for Pitch to find his way to Colorado, spending his summers in Silverton helping his grandfather.

Winters, however, he spent in Pasadena, referring to them as his misspent youth.

California, though, was where Pitch learned to ski and met and skied with the likes of Bill Janss, who taught him to ski race at Stanford University, and more.

By 1942, Pitch was teaching ski school for Freidl Pfeiffer.

After the war, Pitch, also a pilot, began a flight school in Santa Fe. His winters were spent as a manager, rope tow operator and ski instructor.

He later moved to Arroyo Seco, near Taos, N.M., where he ranched in the summers. In the winters, Pitch would head to Aspen, where

Pfeiffer had started a new ski area. He later moved to Aspen full time, ranching there in the summers.

By the end of the 1950s, Pitch had begun Ski Surveys, a company through which he advised clients on laying out lifts and trails for new ski resorts.

That job led him back to New Mexico, and spent the next 57 years in Santa Fe.

Pitch and Jane bought the old Santa Fe ski basin and, later, Wolf Creek Ski Area.

With both ski areas becoming profitable, the Pitchers sold off the New Mexico ski area, but kept Wolf Creek Ski Area, which is still owned and operated by the family.

"They started working together at a time when the ski business was really in its infancy," Davey said of his parents, who he said were married in 1951.

"They were married a long time and they ... had a very, very good, ... very deep love for each other," Davey said, adding they were very supportive and unified in making decisions on running the business.

But, although they grew up in the ski industry, Davey and his siblings never felt obligated to work in the family business.

They all did work in the family business at varying levels, though, with Davey recalling the beginning of the ski year was "a very exciting time."

Davey recalled that his older siblings would be working patrolling, in operations and with the ski school, while he would work in the restaurant aside his mom, who did the cooking.

"They really made it kind of, not drudgery, but something kind of exciting," he said.

Davey also recalled it being the days before self-serve soda fountains, and it was his job to stand

on top of a milk crate and serve up sodas.

If he overfilled one, he recalled, he would just take a sip out of it and hand it to the customer.

Pitch, Davey recalled, was really interested in the employees who worked for him and the different departments.

"That really resonated throughout the years," Davey said.

Holidays, Davey recalled, were not really holidays for the Pitcher family, but were times for "extreme long hours and hard work."

But it was worth it. His parents, he said, respected the customers and got a lot of enjoyment watching people see and be a part of the ski area.

"We'd spend countless hours up in the office at the end of the day watching all the people come down," he said, noting that they would make positive observations as they watched. "I think that was really important."

A lasting legacy

Pitch's involvement in the ski area even continued until the end of his life, with his last words being, "How many inches of snow is at Wolf Creek?" and "How many skier visits do we have?"

But, while Jane passed away in 2014 and Pitch last month, the couple's thoughts and enthusiasm for running a guest-friendly ski area did not.

Davey and his wife, Rosanne, remain very engaged in the business. Too, they get joy out of many of the things as his parents.

Davey said he and his wife still get a "ton of enjoyment" out of seeing kids and beginners skiing, and he is still fond of skiing, particularly powder skiing.

More about Pitch can be found in this week's obituaries.

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Gifts of the Heart

The support Pagosans gave to the Methodist Church "Gifts of the Heart" greeting card program in 2017 is truly appreciated. In total, you raised \$12,600 that was distributed among your choice of four nonprofits. This program helps raise funds for the Methodist Church Food Pantry, the Community Assistance Fund, the Archuleta County Education Center After-School Tutoring Program and Programs for Youth. Cards are available for purchase for occasions throughout the year at the Methodist Church and there are beautiful cards now available for Valentine's

Day. Thank you again to a wonderful community of generous supporters.

Gifts of the Heart Committee
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Scott

We would like to thank Chanlor Ray, who walked 4 miles of Four Mile Road to pick up trash along the roadway and bar ditch. It took her three hours and she collected a total of seven bags of trash. Good citizen and great neighbor.

Thank you, Lisa and Bob Scott

Clarification

The SUN would like to clarify information printed in last week's edition of The SUN about an appeal in a lawsuit concerning a series of 11 ballot initiatives.

On Jan. 2, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners voted as part of its consent agenda to represent former commissioner Clifford Lucero in an appeal.

While the meeting's agenda states, "The Ballot Initiative Plaintiffs have appealed the Trial Courts Judgment in our favor," what was filed with the Colorado Court of Appeals on Dec. 4, 2017, was, in fact, a notice of appeal.

The Notice of Appeal lists the following plaintiffs/appellants: Pat Alley, Dave Brackhahn, Wayne Bryant, Greg Giehl, Cole Graham, Dean Greenamyer, Bill Gottschalk, Sue Gottschalk, Stephen Keno, Tom Kramer, Jeffrey Maehr, Sharon Parker, Tracy Salazar, Dennis Spencer, and "John and Jane Does, 1-600, representing most signatories on ballot initiatives.

The suit names the following as defendants/appellees: "Archuleta County Board of County Commissioner Clifford Lucero, Commissioner Steve Wadley, Commissioner Michael Whiting, County Attorney Todd Starr."

A cover letter included with the appeal indicates three issues related to the appeal:

- "1. Appellants are unclear regarding local procedures and timing for this appeal due to the lack of response by defendants to pleadings, and the glacial pace of response to the October 30th, 2017 motion by the court. Appellants wish to preserve their right to this appeal in a timely manner and do not want to risk this right due to local 'unorthodox' activities and court docket anomaly."

- "2. There is a criminal investigation by the AG's office (sheriff case # (ACSO) S17000707) which may have bearing on the timeliness of filing and the 49 day time limit. Appellants are under the impression that an appeal cannot proceed until the investigation comes to a conclusion, but feel duress in be-

ing forced to wait for clarity of the present, seemingly obfuscated, procedures locally which seem to be waiting to a possible last minute response in an effort to thwart Appellant's appeal process."

- Thirdly, the cover letter notes that there are two post-hearing motions that have not been ruled on that were filed on Oct. 30, 2017, and that the appellants intended to file the ruling with the court "if relevant, once we receive it, or after 60 days when it is deemed denied... which will take us into the first of the year."

Filed along with the Notice of Appeal were several motions, which do not name Alley among the plaintiffs.

Those motions include a motion for signature authorization that would allow Giehl to sign on behalf of the plaintiffs, and a motion to stay the appeal.

The latter motion notes that a "criminal complaint has been filed" that is a pending investigation with the Colorado attorney general's office.

The motion alleges election law violations, "fraud on the court," and "tampering with the public record."

The county's response to that motion, however, refutes those allegations, stating, "However, there is no showing of any such complaint being filed in any court. Appellees are not aware of any complaint having been filed in any court. What Appellees are aware of, is that these misguided patriots have made allegations to law enforcement and those allegations have not resulted in any formal action being taken. (Because of the high profile of the Appellees the various local law enforcement officers have found themselves in a position of conflict and due to that conflict the last known information was that the allegations were being managed by the Colorado Attorney General's office.)"

Alley did not sign the notice of appeal, nor did Alley sign a previous motion to show cause.

On Jan. 9, the Court of Appeals issued an order denying the major-

ity of the plaintiffs' requests.

That order begins by noting, "Upon review of the notice of appeal, the Court notes that the appeal proceeds solely from the district court order of October 17, 2017."

That Oct. 17, 2017, order awarded attorney's fees to Archuleta County in the amount of \$18,565.50.

The order also includes the following:

- "Upon consideration of the motion for signature authorization and the response, the Court DENIES the motion. Every appellant that wishes to remain in this appeal must sign every pleading submitted to this Court. C.A.R. 32(e). A review of the pleadings filed by appellants indicate that not all appellants have signed all of the pleadings. Moreover, use of an electronic signature in the form of: "/s typed name" is not allowed by pro se parties. The use of the Colorado E-file system is limited to counsel. ... Therefore, any further pleadings that are not signed by all appellants will not be considered."

- "Upon consideration of the motion to stay the appeal pending an ongoing criminal investigation and the response, the Court DENIES the motion."

- "Upon consideration of appellants' reply to the response to signature authorization and the reply to the response to the motion to stay, the Court STRIKES the pleadings. See C.A.R. 27. A reply to a response is not authorized under the rule."

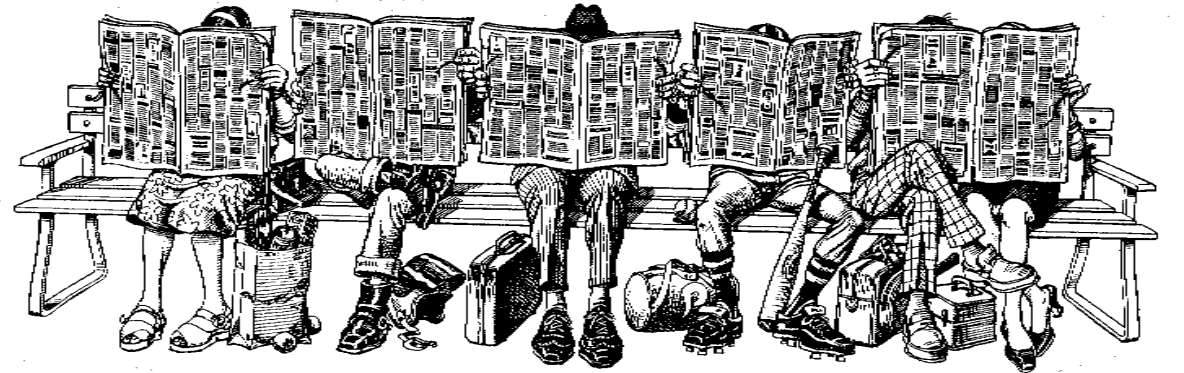
- "Upon consideration of the reply in objection to appellees' counsel entry of appearance, the Court DENIES any relief."

- "Upon consideration of the motion for summons of a grand jury, the Court DENIES the motion. This Court does not have the authority to grant the requested relief."

The order states that the record must still be delivered by March 5 and ends by stating, "Pro se litigants must adhere to rules of procedure applicable to attorneys," and case law.

The SUN regrets any confusion.

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PFPD responds to rollover at Scenic Drive and U.S. 160

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to a two-vehicle accident where one vehicle rolled onto its side.

The driver of the vehicle that rolled was transported to the hospital.

"It began at the intersection of Scenic Drive and U.S. 160," explained PFPD's David Montoya. "I don't know exactly who did what, but I know that the vehicle that rolled over did clip the front end of a vehicle that was sitting on Scenic. Whether they tried to pull out ... I have no idea how that happened."

Montoya explained that the incident occurred around 9:50 a.m.

He went on to explain that the vehicle that rolled was a Ford SUV.

It is unknown what type of car the other vehicle was.

"We did not have to do any extraction," explained Montoya,



Photo courtesy
Reg Larkin

A Ford SUV lays on its side after a two-vehicle accident resulted in the SUV rolling over near Scenic Drive and U.S. 160 on Wednesday, Jan. 16. The driver of the vehicle was able to self-extricate, but was later taken to the Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) by PSMC EMS.

adding that the only person in the car was a female who had self-extricated by the time PFPD units arrived to the scene.

The woman was transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) by PSMC EMS.

"We did perform traffic control," Montoya said. "However, there was no extrication and no significant fluids leaking."

He added that the PFPD dispatched an engine, a rescue vehicle and a battalion vehicle, and that

five paid personnel responded to the incident.

Montoya also added that the crash was originally paged out as only involving one vehicle, but the PFPD later learned two vehicles were involved.

Fire department responds to residence fire

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to a fire at a residence off of Grenadier Place on the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 16.

The fire burned an 8-foot-by-8-foot hole into the wall, and one cat that was in the building perished in the fire.

"We were paged out for a kitchen fire, but it wasn't in the kitchen. It was more in the living area," explained PFPD's David Montoya. "It was

confined to the north wall of the living room area."

Montoya estimated that the fire burnt an 8-foot-by-8-foot hole in the wall and a 3-foot-by-3-foot hole in the floor.

"We accessed it from both outside and inside, and extinguished it," Montoya explained. "The cause of the fire is still under investigation."

He went on to explain that he was fairly sure the investigation was being finished up, but the actual results weren't known yet.

"There were two cats in the residence at the

time," Montoya said. "We were able to get one out safely. The other one did not make it."

He added that PFPD units opened up other parts of the house to check for extension of the fire, but found nothing.

Montoya added that the residence had heavy smoke damage.

"Personnel wise, we had eight paid staff and seven volunteers," Montoya said, adding that the PFPD dispatched three engines, a battalion vehicle and a prevention vehicle.

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Chamber

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foundation's "Ice, Ice Ladies!," Pagosa Peak Open School and Pagosa Climbing Initiative. If you are plunging for an organization, please let the Chamber know so that we can announce your organizations and assist in your fundraising efforts. Plunging is a tough job, so if you are looking to reward the plungers, contact these organizations and make a donation.

The Sledz on Rez will also occur with homemade sleds somehow

coming down Reservoir Hill. The Young Professionals of Pagosa Springs (YPOPS) will make this a fun event no matter the weather. Stay tuned for more information on this event.

The Fat Tire Bike Race originally scheduled for Sunday has been canceled. However, there will be a breakfast and bike demos on Feb. 3 to highlight the downtown mass ascension.

The Pagosa Multipurpose Pavilion Ice Rink coordinators will be offering

free ice skating on Saturday evening. Ice skate rentals are very inexpensive or, if you have your own skates, just come out for an evening of family fun and hopefully a balloon glow.

We will be releasing more information on the Barkus Parade, the BB Gun Biathlon and maybe a few more events. Weather or not, WinterFest 2018 will happen.

Membership news

We have two new members to welcome this week and they are

both artists. Welcome to Susan Martin with Belvedere Arts and Beto Palma with Adrenaline Designs.

Our renewals this week include Boulder Coffee Café, Cabe's Collision, Pagosa Fire Protection District, and individual members John and Carrie Weiss.

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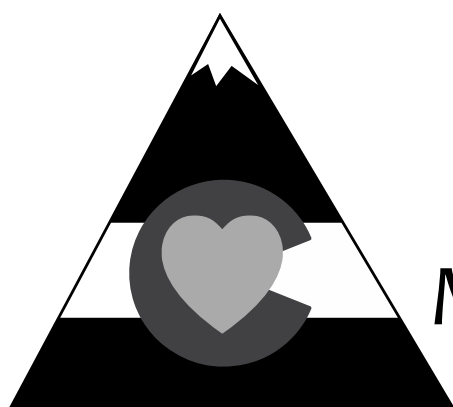
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Education

Charter school discusses project-based learning training

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a special board meeting on Jan. 11, the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) board discussed project-based learning training to be conducted by Angela Crossland.

"The first discussion was scheduled to be on Jan. 5, but we had to change that because of the changes in staff," Board President Ursala Hudson explained.

Hudson went on to explain that the second training was going to be six hours long but Hudson noted that she received an email from School Director James Lewicki requesting that only two and a half hours be scheduled for Crossland's training.

"So I wanted to bring that to the board to discuss whether that was sufficient since we already approved Angela coming in for a full day training," Hudson explained.

Hudson also explained that Crossland had asked the board to have "one unified voice" to present the PPOS staff with a vision for the end of the school year.

The vision pertained to the projects that PPOS students create and whether or not the PPOS board would like to see a project every month or each classroom doing one project by Aug. 1, Hudson clarified.

Hudson also noted that the whole school could do a project by Aug. 1.

"So, you're wanting the board to decide that? Not the staff?" board member Tom McCullough asked.

"Since the board ordered the training, and the relationship, she [Crossland] wanted to make sure that if the board has some idea, what is that idea?" Hudson explained.

Board member Chenni Hammon added that Crossland could help facilitate and support PPOS's staff in integrating project-based learning.

"I think it plays well into what's going on now. I think it supports that," Hammon said, speaking on Crossland's training.

"I would like to discuss, with James, how we can work this out so that the board feels comfortable with this cut to the contact time with Angela, and also try to figure out what the end goal is for the school year," Hudson clarified.

On the current training schedule, Crossland would be at PPOS for two and a half to three hours, Lewicki explained.

Lewicki noted that he suggested the cut in training time due to the recent resignation of outdoor education and field studies program coordinator Jason Stuck.

"It's really a matter of timing. Given Jason's resignation, to take five to six hours on our first PD [professional development] day," Lewicki said.

Lewicki went on to add that it just was not a good use of time under the circumstances.

The changes have been made to give the PPOS staff time to work on the things they need to, Lewicki explained.

"It does sound like four hours would be totally adequate, but I really don't know," McCullough said.

Lewicki and the rest of the PPOS staff are the judges for how much training they feel they need, Hudson noted.

"It is concerning that we haven't had any trainers come in for the whole school year yet," Hudson added.

"And that's why I'm concerned about this two and a half hours," Hudson added later.

There is not enough time to have

all sorts of training in a first year charter school, Lewicki responded.

"There's huge demands on teacher's time to deal with existing things with students," Lewicki said.

Lewicki noted that discussing how to integrate these trainings into PPOS was a worthy conversation, but there is only so much time in a first year school.

"Well I just know that we had scheduled extra professional development days and that we promised, in our contract, that we would work, as a co-learning environment, that it was just as important for the teachers to get the development they had felt they had needed as well as what we felt was needed," Hammon said.

Hudson then asked Lewicki that, with the reduction in Crossland's training time, if he would be willing to commit time in March, during a professional development day, for Crossland.

"Well that was already my communication to her. I mean, you saw. In response to her is 'this is what we need for now, let's set up something in Feb. and March and, you know, let's keep moving the relationship forward,'" Lewicki responded.

"Well, I'm just asking because I don't want it to get pushed aside again," Hudson responded.

Hudson then added that she understood why it was pushed aside. Lewicki then noted that he had met with his staff on what was best needed for his kids in terms of a professional development day.

"I communicated that to the trainer and we're moving forward. The fact that this is a board agenda item is kind of an interesting experience for me as a school leader," Lewicki said.

Lewicki noted that having this kind of agenda item was "highly unusual."

"The board is just trying to stick to the mission and vision," Hammon said.

"Are we not sticking to the mission and vision?" Lewicki responded.

Hammon then explained that she did not think it was unheard of for school boards to suggest that they stick to a plan.

"That's kind of our job is to make sure that we promise the district, the community, the families and the potential staff, that we didn't know at the time, that we fulfill the promises we made in that application. And we're just trying to do that," Hammon said.

Hammon explained that she knows how quickly two hours can pass at a board meeting and suggested that four hours could be more productive for Crossland's training.

"The fact that we're having the conversation about how many hours the training is is not part of a board conversation," Lewicki said.

"It feels that whenever we as a board are trying to support our mission and vision the same sort of response from you comes," Hammon responded.

Hammon also noted that Lewicki's tone comes across as "Please don't question what I'm doing."

"It is our job to question and

make sure everything is in alignment and that we are meeting our goals. And we just think that this is a way to support the staff and you to ensure that we meet our goals," Hammon said.

Hammon also noted that they have to take in Crossland's time into consideration who would be traveling in from Durango to conduct the training.

"I think it's more efficient to, when you have them in town, use them for as much time as you can," Hammon said.

Hudson then asked McCullough if he had an issue with it being a board agenda item.

McCullough explained that because PPOS is a charter school the board has roles that are not perceived as normal school board roles.

"As founding board members you have, I think, the right to pursue what you're doing. Yes it isn't normal for this to happen, I'm sure. But that doesn't mean it's wrong," McCullough said.

If the board feels like it should be doing it then they should do it, McCullough added.

Board member Bill Hudson then asked Lewicki if he could manage a four hour training session with Crossland due to her taking two hours to travel to Pagosa Springs.

"I'd like to check in with the staff," Lewicki responded.

Having this sort of conversation is not appropriate, Lewicki added.

"I understand your intent. But I got a staff that sat down two nights ago at a staff meeting and made a decision for the best interest of the kids for this training and walked into work this morning and saw a posted meeting about what they had already decided," Lewicki said.

Hammon then commented that it sounded like a communication gap.

"That sounds like a micro-management of a board to me," Lewicki responded.

Ursala Hudson then asked Lewicki if he had a chance to explain to the PPOS staff the reasoning behind ordering training from Crossland.

"Yes. That was part of the conversation we had," Lewicki responded.

With this information, hopefully the PPOS staff could understand its board's reasoning behind ordering the training, Ursala Hudson explained.

"That they might be able to understand where we're coming from where we're splitting hairs and asking for four hours," Ursala Hudson added.

"Can you guys look around this place, please? I'm talking about a staff that just worked all weekend, we had a resignation, we're working 24-7 to do what we're doing here,"

Lewicki said.

Hammon stated that the board wanted to see if Crossland could stay for an extra hour of coaching.

"Like I said, if the staff thinks that's a good thing, probably, we can do it," Lewicki responded.

"Maybe it is four hours, maybe it is three hours. But the fact that I'm having that conversation with my board, when I have already it with my staff, undermines my staff," Lewicki said.

Lewicki then suggested that the board figure out its role when it comes to the implementation of its curriculum.

"If you're saying that we're undermining your staff. What about you undermining our order? It's not like we just pulled this out of thin air," Ursala Hudson responded.

Ursala Hudson then went on to commend the PPOS staff for the job it has been doing.

"I think that the staff is doing a really great job with everything that we have right here. And we're trying to keep moving forward on the track that we had envisioned and that might be at a slower pace, and that's fine, but I just want to know that we're still on the right track," Ursala Hudson said.

Lewicki then informed Ursala Hudson that it was not clear to the PPOS faculty that the board thought it was doing a good job.

"Well, we haven't even talked to the faculty," Ursala Hudson responded.

Office Manager Linda Bright, in attendance of the meeting, reiterated Lewicki's statements.

"It doesn't seem clear to us that you feel we're doing a good job," Bright said.

PPOS Special Education teacher Polly Coats, also in attendance of the meeting, noted that she has no time for an extended training session.

"I don't see why this is such a huge deal," Coats said.

Hammon agreed that she did not see why it became a big talking point and that the board just wanted to see if it was fine for Crossland to come for an extra hour.

"No. It's not OK. Because I only have a certain amount of time that I can work with Linda on the computer and I have other things I have to do," Coats explained.

Coats went on to add that she has no special education planning time on her calendar.

Lewicki then stated that he would ask Crossland to come in for four hours because she would make good use of her time.

Bill Hudson then proposed a motion to "Let James and the staff arrange the training with Angela according to what they think is appropriate. Taking into consideration that she's driving two hours to get here." The motion passed unanimously.



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WOLF scholarship fundraiser set for Jan. 25

By Darcy DeGuise
Special to The SUN

Living in Pagosa Springs, even in the winter months, lends itself to a multitude of outdoor activities. From cross-country and backcountry skiing to snowmobiling and hunting, there is no limit to the fun one can have in the snow.

While we enjoy the winter and all its offerings, are we truly aware of the dangers on the mountainside? The Winter Outdoor Learning Fund's (WOLF) mission is to educate teens and young adults about such dangers while better equipping them for fun, or even a possible future, in the outdoors.

Founded three years ago by Wolf Creek Ski patrollers, this nonprofit organization provides scholarships for wilderness medical training

and avalanche awareness courses in the hopes of helping to promote safe practices in the backcountry as well as grooming young people for possible employment opportunities in the future.

Eric Deitemeyer, treasurer and a founding member of the organization, shared, "I wished that I had more exposure to such opportunities when I was a young adult while trying to decide what I wanted to do for a career."

An accomplished river guide and head of Wolf Creek Ski Patrol, Deitemeyer and the rest of the WOLF Board intend to provide support in making such classes and experiences more accessible to the youth of Archuleta, Mineral and Rio Grande counties.

Last year, WOLF awarded 10 scholarships to Creede and Pagosa Springs residents. Four scholarships were awarded in Pagosa Springs, to Liam

Doctor, Wyatt Logan, Wes Laverty and Mike Rung. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$500, which can be used toward Level 1 Avalanche or Wilderness Medicine courses. Applications are available online at www.winteroutdoorlearningfund.com. The application deadline for this year is Feb. 14; however, scholarships are currently available for those who apply and are accepted earlier.

To ensure the availability of scholarship funds, WOLF will be holding a fundraiser on Thursday, Jan. 25, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Borde Rio. There will be a silent auction, food and drink specials, and live music featuring Gleewood.

All proceeds will ensure that WOLF can grow its message while continuing to create outdoor learning opportunities for young people in our community.

Cellphone-free environment works for Durango school

"It's just common sense." How many times have you heard this phrase and thought, "If only more people would just use common sense?" I was thinking that during a conversation with Dan Snowberger, school superintendent in Durango.

Snowberger and I, along with a thousand other educators, attended an Excellence in Education conference last month where use of technology in the K-12 classroom was discussed. While there are already lessons available that introduce students, as early as kindergarten, to technology, the conversation turned to middle and high school students use of cellphones in the classroom. How

can a student concentrate on the task at hand when they are on their cellphone texting a friend? The answer for one principal in Snowberger's district was to ban cellphones in his middle school.

"Ban cellphones," you say. "That's impossible."

Evidently, not for Durango middle school Principal Shane Voss. First, Voss invited parents and in-



Joyce Rankin
State Board
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terested community members to a screening of a film titled "Screenagers," explaining how the child's brain develops. The film attempted to explain the result of too much "screen time" or time spent in front of a computer screen or cellphone.

At first, parents had some concerns about the importance of phones when they needed to get in touch with their child in an emergency situation. Voss assured parents that there would always be personnel available to answer the office phone during school hours. The emphasis of the new "no cellphone" rule was to "keep students engaged in the present," said Voss.

"We have a highly collaborative and innovative learning environ-

ment," stated Voss. "The students can now use 100 percent of their energy with the task at hand." He also added that social bullying during school time has greatly decreased.

Voss, principal of Mountain Middle School (grades 4-8), created a cellphone-free environment that seems to be working. There is a time and place for the teen culture of social media; it's just not at Mountain Middle School. Technology certainly has its place, but so does "focus."

Common sense? Yes, coupled with strong leadership and community support.

Joyce Rankin is on the State Board of Education representing the Third Congressional District.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

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.

Monday, Jan. 22
Archuleta School District Planning Assistance Team meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

Tuesday, Jan. 23
Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 9 a.m., administration office, 309 Lewis St.

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) worksession. 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.

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

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

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

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

Trail fundamentals workshop offered

By Stacy Boone
Special to The SUN

Little snow is on the ground, making volunteers anxious to get outside and work in the dirt.

On Feb. 1, join Tyler Albers, from trails and wilderness on the Pagosa Ranger District, as he leads a discussion on the functioning components of trails. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the why and how of volunteer trail work.

The workshop will be held at the Pagosa Ranger District office from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Planned topics include: Forest Service trail management, evolution of trails, modern trail design and trail features.

Please bring a brown-bag lunch and we can continue to discuss topics through the lunch hour.

Space is limited — send an email to talbers@fs.fed.us to confirm your space. Only reserve a space if you are going to attend.

The Pagosa Area Trails Council (PATC) functions as one of the coordinating organizations to assist with the care and maintenance of a few of the approximately 687 miles of trails that need maintenance in the Pagosa Ranger District.

The PATC is a volunteer-run 501(c)(3) organization which functions as the clearinghouse of organization and coordination for all of the trail user groups in Pagosa Springs. This is the place where all trail users are respected and come together, work together and work to meet the goal of keeping our trails open and valuable to the entire community.

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Sports

BASKETBALL

Pirates defeat Monte Vista and Sanford, take on Bayfield and Cortez this weekend

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys basketball team got back on the right track over the last week, tacking on two more wins at home.

Monte Vista

The Monte Vista Pirates first came to town on Friday and Pagosa Springs took care of business, winning 67-49.

The first quarter against Monte Vista was a back-and-forth affair, with both teams trading baskets.

At the end of the first quarter, Pagosa held the advantage 19-14.

The second quarter proved to be better defensively for both Monte Vista and Pagosa as the teams scored seven and 11 points in the quarter, respectively.

Leading 30-21 heading into the third quarter, Pagosa and Monte Vista again traded baskets at the start of the second half, with Pagosa having a 49-37 advantage heading into the final quarter.

Pagosa finished off Monte Vista in the fourth, outscoring them 18-12 and sealing the 67-49 win.

Isaiah Griego had a double-double in the victory, posting 26 points and 15 rebounds.

Mason Snarr also had a career-high in points with 17, while also adding six rebounds.

Jesus Pacheco also scored in double figures, adding 10 points.

Keaton Lavery posted eight points and six rebounds.

Rounding out the scoring, Ty Kimsey and Nate Lewis added four and two points, respectively.

Lavery led the team in assists with four, while Kimsey added three.

On the defensive side of the ball, both Kimsey and Pacheco led the team in steals with three apiece while Griego led the team in blocks

with three.

Coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN on Wednesday morning that the team was able to get out to an early lead on Monte Vista and extend the lead throughout the game.

"Monte is a good shooting team and it seemed like every time we would build a lead they would hit a couple of shots and get right back into the game," he wrote.

Sorenson noted that it was a good turnaround from the team after its loss to Alamosa on Jan. 9. Pagosa then moved on to face the Sanford Indians on Tuesday.

Sanford

Pagosa continued its winning ways on Tuesday night, defeating Sanford by a score of 47-41.

Pagosa came out strong in the first quarter on both sides of the ball, scoring 17 points to open the game while holding Sanford to nine points.

The Indians came back in the second quarter, outscoring the Pirates 11-8 and making it a 25-20 Pagosa advantage heading into halftime.

Returning from the break, both teams managed eight points in the third heading into the final quarter.

Pagosa held strong in the fourth quarter, edging out Sanford 14-13 to hold on for the win.

Two Pirates scored in double figures for this game. Griego tallied 17 points while Lavery added 13.

Pagosa also had contributions from Pacheco, Kimsey and Snarr, who had six, five and four points, respectively.

Ryan Lewis also threw in two points.

Griego and Kimsey led the team in rebounds with four apiece.

Griego and Lavery led the team in assists with three each and in steals with two each.

Pagosa turned over the ball 15

times against Sanford.

"Last night's game against Sanford was a battle. They are well coached and they play hard. They are always tough to beat," Sorenson explained.

The 15 turnovers were also touched upon by Sorenson in his email, as well as Pagosa's poor shooting performance from the free-throw line.

Pagosa shot 58 percent from the line against Sanford.

"In the fourth quarter their pressure got to us but the kids did a good job of finding a way to win," Sorenson added later.

With both wins, Pagosa's overall record moves to 7-3 while the team's league record goes to an even 1-1.

RPI standings and upcoming games

With the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) releasing its first round of RPI rankings this week, Pagosa initially found itself ranked 30th out of 73 teams in the 3A classification.

With both wins, Pagosa has found itself moving up the RPI rankings, now being ranked 23rd.

Pagosa will now move forward with games against two more league opponents on Friday and Saturday.

Closing out its three-game homestand, Pagosa will take on the Bayfield Wolverines (7-4 overall, 2-0 in league play) with varsity action starting at 7 p.m.

Then, on Saturday, Pagosa will travel to Cortez to take on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers (6-4 overall, 1-1 in league play) with varsity action set to tip off at 7 p.m.

"We have two really tough games this weekend with Bayfield and Cortez. They are both very good teams. We will have to play our best basketball games of the year," Sorenson said.



SUN photo/
Randi Pierce
Pirate
Keaton Lavery soars for a layup against a Monte Vista defender during Friday night's contest. Lavery finished with eight points and Pagosa prevailed over Monte Vista by a score of 67-49.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa's Morgan Lewis looks to push through her Monte Vista counterpart to make a shot in Pagosa's Jan. 12 74-12 victory over Monte Vista. Lewis notched a double-double in the game with 27 points and 11 rebounds.

Martin Luther King Jr. Fun Race results announced

By Julie Martinez
Special to The SUN

Wolf Creek Ski Area hosted the Martin Luther King Jr. Fun Race this past Sunday, Jan. 14.

With 68 racers, Samaya Dunne de Pulido, of Pagosa Springs, came out ahead with the fastest time of 27.4 seconds.

Nash Rutter placed first in the Boys 6-8 division with a time of 35.49.

In the Boys 9-11, Noah Rutter

placed second with a time of 31.58, and Roland Kool placed third with a time of 32.02.

Rhead Kay placed first with a time of 27.76 and Andrew Bowles placed second with a time of 31.17 in the Boys 12-14.

In the Boys 15-17, Nolan Kay placed first with a time of 27.76.

Joe Bush placed second in the Men 36-40 with a time of 29.34.

Charles Rutter placed first in the Men 41-50 with a time of 28.74.

In the Men 60-70, Buzz Burke

placed first with a time of 28.04 and Phil Clum placed second with a time of 32.72.

In the Girls 6-8, Avery Book placed second with a time of 113.84.

Agbree Hampton placed first in the Girls 9-11 with a time of 38.63, and Kenli Bush placed second with a time of 39.05.

In the Girls 15-17, Samaya Dunne De Pulido placed first with a time of 34.40.

Kristi Bush placed first in the Women 41-50 with a time of 31.24,

our defense. You know, it's a varsity basketball team that's won some games, beat some good teams, been in a lot of games, and I just thought our defense was really, really good tonight."

Lewis said the team talked about making sure they were contesting 3-pointers, with Monte Vista landing only one in the game.

Too, Lewis said almost every Monte Vista shot was contested.

Lewis was also pleased with the team's offense in the game.

"The biggest thing we're happy about offensively was that we're balanced again. You know, obviously Morgan Lewis led us in scoring, but ... we got contributions ... from a lot of different kids, and so, that's what we've talked about wanting to be."

He noted it was nice to see 3-pointers from Taylor Lewis and Teagan Stretton, with both capable of such shots.

Morgan Lewis notched 27 points in the game, including 15 in the first quarter. She added 11 of the team's 42 rebounds to earn a double-double on the night.

Hailey Griego followed with 12 points, while Ada Peshlakai put up 10 points.

Stretton and Taylor Lewis each logged seven, and Devin Wilson and Keena Murphy added four each.

DeAnn Schaaf added two and Adelyn Dozier added a free throw.

The team was six for 10 from the free-throw line.

The team turned the ball over nine times in the game, with the coach noting that the goal is to have no more than 10 turnovers.

Pagosa stole the ball 22 times in the game.

Sanford Indians

Pagosa's Lady Pirates were back at it again Tuesday evening, this time against the 2A Sanford Indians.

And, again, the Lady Pirates logged a win, this time by a 20-point margin, 46-26.

Pagosa notched 15 points in the first quarter while allowing only two, and extended that lead by scoring 10 in the second quarter while allowing six.

Things were closer in the second half, with Pagosa outscoring Sanford 11-8 in the third and staying even at 10 each in the fourth.

"I thought we played well in the first quarter. I thought we got ... a little sloppy after that," Wes Lewis said following the game. "I didn't really feel like we executed great in the second half in particular. ... We got into basically just trading baskets with them, and that's not what we want to do."

The coach explained that the team missed opportunities and didn't run a new offense very well.

More than anything, though, he said the team faltered in making decisions, adding that he was "a little disappointed that our second half wasn't a little bit better, to be quite honest with you."

Morgan Lewis again led the team in scoring in the game with 24 points, also chalking up nine of the team's 34 rebounds.

Wilson followed with seven points and seven rebounds.

A trio of Lady Pirates put four points on the board each — Griego, Murphy and Peshlakai.

Elsa Lindner added two and Dozier again put up a free throw.

The team was nine for 14 from the charity stripe, for a success rate of 64 percent.

The team logged 15 turnovers in the game while stealing the ball seven times.

Upcoming games

This week, the coach indicated Tuesday, he will challenge the girls to play up to their potential and give their best effort every night without worrying about who their opponent is.

To be successful, he explained, the team needs to be "sharper in a lot of ways": running offenses effectively, executing, finishing when they do get opportunities, cutting down the number of turnovers, getting to the free-throw line more and making better decisions on offense. The Lady Pirates will work on being successful in those areas in a pair of games over the next week, beginning with a home matchup against the Bayfield Wolverines Friday night in the PSHS gym.

Tipoff is set for 5:30 p.m. against the Wolverines, who are 3-7 overall this season and 1-1 in league play.

The Pirates and Wolverines have one common opponent so far this season, Monte Vista, with Bayfield defeating Monte Vista 51-49.

The following day, the Pirates will head to Cortez to take on the Panthers, who are 2-8 on the season, including an 0-2 record in the conference.

The Pirates and Panthers have one common opponent thus far this season — the Alamosa Mean Moose — with Pagosa defeating Alamosa 53-31 and the Panthers losing to the Mean Moose 33-15.

Again, tipoff is set for 5:30 p.m. randi@pagosahun.com



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WRESTLING

Pirates win Mel Smith Invitational

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team participated in the Mel Smith Invitational in Florence over the weekend, placing first out of 32 teams.

The Pirates won the tournament with a score of 158.02 points. The Eaton Reds placed second with 155.03 points, and the Valley Vikings placed third with 151.04 points.

"I had a great time watching those boys compete," commented coach Dan Janowsky. "This was a good measuring stick. I don't want to look too far ahead, but clearly we're in the conversation."

On Thursday, Jan. 11, the Pirates also fought the Monte Vista Pirates, winning 63-6.

"It was a great day," said Janowsky about the Mel Smith Invitational. "It was fun, it was exciting, and we had our ups and downs like we always do. But we were going toe to toe with some of the best 3A schools in the state."

Janowsky pointed out that the win was due to three points, and talked of just how slim that margin is.

"We won by three points over Eaton and four points over Valley. So, basically, if you flip one match, the score flips. It was that close," Janowsky said. "What I'm saying is that we're not resting on that, but we're in the conversation."

The following are stats for the Mel Smith Invitational:

At 106 pounds, freshman Erik Wyman had a win-loss record of 15-9 and scored nine team points.

In the 113-pound division, freshman Trevor Torrez went 1-2.

At 120 pounds, freshman Brae Bergdolt went 3-2, scoring the team 10 points.

"The freshmen that we subbed in did a great job," Janowsky explained. "Brae Bergdolt, that was his first tournament as varsity, and he got three wins, and those three wins made the difference. It was really great how they stepped up."

In the 126-pound division, sophomore James Thomas went 19-5, placing third and scoring 21 points.

"James Thomas had a really good day. I think he wrestled four or five ranked opponents, and only lost to one of them," Janowsky explained. "He beat four or five ranked opponents, finished third,



Photo courtesy Stacia Aragon

Junior Colton Castro grapples with his opponent during the Mel Smith Invitational last weekend in Florence. Castro wrestled in the 182-pound division with a win-loss record of 10-5, placing third and scoring the team 17 points. The Pirates placed first in the 32-team tournament.

and just had a great day. You take away one of those matches, and like I said, we wouldn't have won it. He beat some really good guys to help himself, but every time he does, he helps the team."

At 132 pounds, freshman Cameron Lucero went 21-4, placing second and scoring 26 team points.

In the 138-pound division, freshman Grant Aucoin went 8-6, placing sixth and scoring 16 points.

"Grant Aucoin is a freshman and was in a pretty tough weight, and he got sixth place," said Janowsky. "He scored a significant number of team points."

At 145 pounds, senior Tate Hinger went 18-5, scoring four team points.

In the 152-pound division, senior Trevor Bryant went 21-5, placing fifth and scoring 15 points.

At 160 pounds, junior Ian Reinhardt went 5-3, scoring six team points.

In the 170-pound division, senior Dalton Lucero went 22-2, placing third and scoring 18 points.

At 182 pounds, senior Colton Castro went 20-5, placing third and scoring 17 points.

"I thought Colton Castro had a great tournament also, he finished

third as well," said Janowsky. "He lost 3-2 in the semifinals to the kid that was second last year at state. It was a very close battle there, but he won the rest of them."

In the 195-pound division, junior Connor Aragon went 12-10.

At 220 pounds, senior Nolan Stretton went 14-8, placing fourth and scoring 16 team points.

"My guys ... they wrestled hard. They didn't choke or do anything foolish or anything like that," Janowsky said. "They competed hard to the very end."

"Everybody wrestled hard," Janowsky explained. "We had five guys in the semifinals. That's the one thing, we didn't have any champions, but we had kids that were fighting hard at every spot."

Janowsky also pointed out that the Pirates lost four matches in the semifinals by one point.

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They didn't choke or do anything foolish or anything like that," Janowsky said. "They competed hard to the very end."

He also pointed out that wrestling season is coming to a close, with only about a month left in the season.

"At this point, we're working on not so much specific techniques anymore, but on some of the things that might be getting away from us, and one of those might be that we have to finish those matches. You have got to have an extra edge in your conditioning, and you have to get better tactically and strategically to win those close ones."

Today, at 6 p.m., the Pirates will host a dual against the Centauri Falcons at Pagosa Springs High School.

"For the last half a dozen years they've been in front of us," Janowsky explained. "I like those guys, and their team and the way they wrestle. It's going to be a fun, fun evening. They've got a full roster, and it's going to be close."

Then, on Saturday, the Pirates will travel to Aztec High School to participate in the Tiger Duals, with action beginning at 9 a.m.

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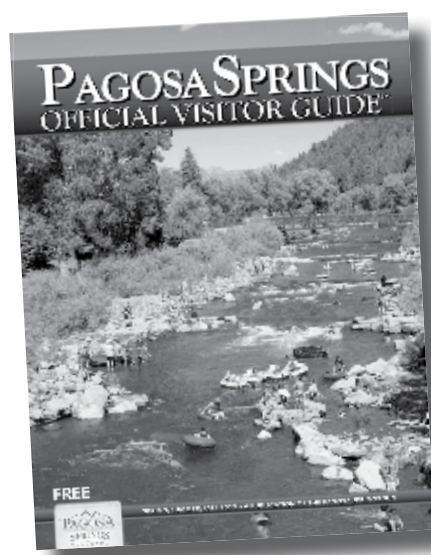
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RECREATION NEWS

Artists invited to join open paint sessions

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

Open paint sessions will be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. through Feb. 22. Ideas and techniques can be shared and discussed in an atmosphere of social time.

Sessions will be facilitated by local watercolor artist Jeanie Lemmo.

This will be a free open session for artists to bring their own supplies and work on their current projects.

No sign up is necessary; just bring your supplies and come have fun. Lemmo can be reached at 731-1590.

Youth volleyball registration

The Recreation Department is accepting youth volleyball registration for the 9-10 and 11-12 age groups through Feb. 23.

The 9-10 division will be an instructional league held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The 11-12 division will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

The cost is \$35.

Community Center open on Saturday

The Community Center will be open on Saturday starting Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for open gym. This will continue through April 21.

Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the town's website, Facebook page and in The SUN.

Please call the recreation department with any questions, 264-4151, ext. 232.

Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2017-2022

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: In 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), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. 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.

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DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO
WATER RESUME
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of December, 2017, for Archuleta County and Mineral

County.
17CW3048 Archuleta County, APPLICATION FOR AN ABSOLUTE UNDERGROUND WATER RIGHT AND FOR ABSOLUTE WATER STORAGE RIGHTS. Applicants, Jerry & Terri Smith, 200A Ranch Place, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-731-0726. Please direct all correspondence to Amy N. Huff, COLORADO WATER AND LAND LAW, LLC, 679 E. 2nd Ave., Ste 11B, Durango, CO 81301, 970-403-1770, amy@waterland-law.com. **A. SMITH WELL**, Permit No. 64859-F. UTM coordinates N 4117925; E 317672; Street Address: 200A Ranch Place, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Bear Springs Ranch, Lot: 1. NW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 15, T34N, R2W, NMPM, 2273 Feet from the South Section line and 2162 Feet from the East Section line. Source: Groundwater tributary to San Juan River. Depth: 137 feet. App Date: 8/30/2006. Amt. 150 gpm. Absolute; 35 AF. Uses: Irrigation of up to 10 acres, stock, fire protection, storage in Smith Pond I. **B. SMITH POND I**. UTM coordinates N 4117859; E 317785. Street Address: 200A Ranch Place, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Bear Springs Ranch, Lot: 1. NW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 15, T34N, R2W, NMPM, 2273 Feet from the South Section line and 2162 Feet from the East Section line. Source: Surface runoff tributary to San Juan River. App Date: 12/28/2017. Amt. 5 AF. Absolute. Uses: Irrigation of up to 15 acres, stock, fire protection, on Applicants' property. Applicants own the land upon which all of the structures described herein are located. See Application for additional information. (9 pages)

17CW3050 MINERAL COUNTY, DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO, COURT ADDRESS: 1060 E. Second Ave., Durango, CO 81301, Phone: (970) 247-2304. APPLICATION FOR WATER STORAGE RIGHTS AND GROUND AND SURFACE WATER RIGHTS. A. Applicant: Bootjack Ranch, LLC 12500 E. Hwy. 160 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Telephone: (970) 264-7280 c/o Wayne F. Forman, Esq., Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, 410 17th Street, Suite 2200, Denver, CO 80202. Phone: (303) 223-1100; Fax: (303) 223-0920; E-mail: wforman@bhfs.com B. Water Storage Rights: 1. Marie Lake. a. Legal Description: The center of the dam creating Marie Lake is located in the SW¼ NW¼ of Section 29, T37N, R.1E., N.M.P.M., Mineral County-UTM Coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 33187.00, UTM Y: 4142518.00. See Figure 1. Water from the Brown South Well is first delivered into Elizabeth Lake described below, which overflows into a ditch which fills Marie Lake. See Figure 1. (2) Unnamed tributary of the West Fork via the Elizabeth Lake Ditch. Legal Description of Elizabeth Lake Ditch: The diversion point is located on the SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 29, T37N, R.1E., N.M.P.M., Mineral County-UTM coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 331887.00, UTM Y: 4142518.00. See Figure 1. Water from the Brown South Well is first delivered into Elizabeth Lake described below, which overflows into a ditch which fills Marie Lake. See Figure 1. (3) Unnamed tributary of the West Fork via the Elizabeth Lake Ditch. Legal Description of Elizabeth Lake Ditch: The diversion point is located on the SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 29, T37N, R.1E., N.M.P.M., Mineral County-UTM coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 331887.00, UTM Y: 4142518.00. See Figure 1. (4) Unnamed tributary of the West Fork via the Elizabeth Lake Ditch is first delivered into Elizabeth Lake which overflows into a ditch which fills Marie Lake. See Figure 1. (5) Unnamed tributary of the West Fork. Marie Lake is an on-channel reservoir which impounds water from the unnamed tributary of the West Fork at the location of the Marie Lake dam described above. See Figure 1. d. Appropriation Date: November 16, 2010. (1) How initiated: Formation of an intent to appropriation and actual construction of Marie Lake. (2) Date Water Applied to Beneficial Use: May 31, 2011. e. Fill rate: 300 gpm for Brown South Well; 1 c.f.s. for Elizabeth Lake Ditch; 1 c.f.s. for unnamed tributary. f. Amount: 5.34 acre feet, Absolute, with the right to fill and continuously refill in priority to keep the lake full throughout the year. g. Uses: piscatorial, wildlife watering and habitat enhancement, recreation, fire-fighting, aesthetics. 5. Upper Twin Lake 3. a. Legal Description: The center of the dam creating Upper Twin Lake 3 is

Legal Description: The center of the dam creating Elizabeth Lake is located in the NW¼ NW¼ of Section 29, T.37N., R.1E., N.M.P.M., Mineral County-UTM Coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 331580.17, UTM Y: 4143095.87. See Figure 1. b. Description of Elizabeth Lake: (1) Area: 1.40 acres. (2) Active Volume: 0 acre feet. (3) Dead Storage: 0.0 acre feet. (4) Average Depth: 8.25 feet. (5) Dam length: 100 feet. (6) Dam height: 10 feet. c. Sources of Water: (1) West Fork via the Brown South Well. Legal Description of Brown South Well: The diversion point is located on the west bank of the West Fork in the NE¼ SW¼, Section 29, T.37N., R.1E., N.M.P.M., 2,320 feet from the South Section line and 2,200 feet from the West Section line of said Section 29. Also described as UTM coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 331887.00, UTM Y: 4142518.00. See Figure 1. (2) Unnamed tributary of the West Fork via the Elizabeth Lake Ditch. Legal Description of Elizabeth Lake Ditch: The diversion point is located on the SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 29, T.37N., R.1E., N.M.P.M., Mineral County-UTM coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 331286.14, UTM Y: 4142895.75. Water from Elizabeth Lake Ditch is first delivered into Elizabeth Lake which overflows into a ditch which fills Marie Lake. See Figure 1. d. Appropriation Date: November 16, 2010. (1) How initiated: Formation of an intent to appropriation and actual construction of Elizabeth Lake. (2) Date Water Applied to Beneficial Use: May 31, 2011. e. Fill rate: 300 gpm for Brown South Well; 1 c.f.s. for Elizabeth Lake Ditch. f. Amount: 11.55 acre feet, Absolute, with the right to fill and continuously refill in priority to keep the lake full throughout the year. g. Uses: piscatorial, wildlife watering and habitat enhancement, recreation, fire-fighting, aesthetics. 3. Upper Twin Lake 1. a. Legal Description: The center of the dam creating Upper Twin Lake 1 is located in the NW¼ NW¼ of Section 29, T.37N., R.1E., N.M.P.M., Mineral County-UTM Coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 331399.52, UTM Y: 4143281.18. See Figure 1. b. Description of Upper Twin Lake 1: (1) Area: 0.19 acres. (2) Active Volume: 0 acre feet. (3) Dead Storage: 0.72 acre feet. (4) Average Depth: 3.75 feet. (5) Dam length: 50 feet. (6) Dam height: 5 feet. c. Sources of Water: (1) West Fork via the Brown South Well. Legal Description of Brown South Well: The diversion point is located on the west bank of the West Fork in the NE¼ SW¼, Section 29, T.37N., R.1E., N.M.P.M., 2,320 feet from the South Section line and 2,200 feet from the West Section line of said Section 29. Also described as UTM coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 331887.00, UTM Y: 4142518.00. Water from the Brown South Well is first delivered into Upper Twin Lake 3 described below, which overflows into a ditch which then fills Upper Twin Lake 2 and Upper Twin Lake 1. See Figure 1. d. Appropriation Date: October 1, 2012. (1) How initiated: Actual construction and filling of Upper Twin Lake 1. (2) Date Water Applied to Beneficial Use: October 1, 2012. e. Fill rate: 300 gpm for Brown South Well. f. Amount: 0.72 acre feet, Absolute, with the right to fill and continuously refill in priority to keep the lake full throughout the year. g. Uses: piscatorial, wildlife watering and habitat enhancement, recreation, fire-fighting, aesthetics. 4. Upper Twin Lake 2. a. Legal Description: The center of the dam creating Upper Twin Lake 2 is located in the NW¼ NW¼ of Section 29, T.37N., R.1E., N.M.P.M., Mineral County-UTM Coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 331384.38, UTM Y: 4143236.43. See Figure 1. b. Description of Upper Twin Lake 2: (1) Area: 0.16 acres. (2) Active Volume: 0 acre feet. (3) Dead Storage: 0.49 acre feet. (4) Average Depth: 3.06 feet. (5) Dam length: 60 feet. (6) Dam height: 5 feet. c. Sources of Water: (1) West Fork via the Brown South Well. Legal Description of Brown South Well: The diversion point is located on the west bank of the West Fork in the NE¼ SW¼, Section 29, T.37N., R.1E., N.M.P.M., 2,320 feet from the South Section line and 2,200 feet from the West Section line of said Section 29. Also described as UTM coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 331887.00, UTM Y: 4142518.00. Water from the Brown South Well is first delivered into Upper Twin Lake 3 described below, which overflows into a ditch which then fills Upper Twin Lake 2. See Figure 1. d. Appropriation Date: October 1, 2012. (1) How initiated: Actual construction and filling of Upper Twin Lake 2. (2) Date Water Applied to Beneficial Use: October 1, 2012. e. Fill rate: 300 gpm for Brown South Well. f. Amount: 0.49 acre feet, Absolute, with the right to fill and continuously refill in priority to keep the lake full throughout the year. g. Uses: piscatorial, wildlife watering and habitat enhancement, recreation, fire-fighting, aesthetics. 5. Upper Twin Lake 3. a. Legal Description: The center of the dam creating Upper Twin Lake 3 is

located in the NW¼ NW¼ of Section 29, T.37N., R.1E., N.M.P.M., Mineral County-UTM Coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 331327.66, UTM Y: 4143175.27. See Figure 1. b. Description of Upper Twin Lake 3: (1) Area: 0.05 acres. (2) Active Volume: 0 acre feet. (3) Dead Storage: 0.11 acre feet. (4) Average Depth: 2.2 feet. (5) Dam length: 50 feet. (6) Dam height: 5 feet. c. Sources of Water: (1) West Fork via the Brown South Well. Legal Description of Brown South Well: The diversion point is located on the west bank of the West Fork in the NE¼ SW¼, Section 29, T.37N., R.1E., N.M.P.M., 2,320 feet from the South Section line and 2,200 feet from the West Section line of said Section 29. Also described as UTM coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 331887.00, UTM Y: 4142518.00. See Figure 1. d. Appropriation Date: October 1, 2012. (1) How initiated: Actual construction and filling of Upper Twin Lake 3. (2) Date Water Applied to Beneficial Use: October 1, 2012. e. Fill rate: 300 gpm for Brown South Well. f. Amount: 0.11 acre feet, Absolute, with the right to fill and continuously refill in priority to keep the lake full throughout the year. g. Uses: piscatorial, wildlife watering and habitat enhancement, recreation, fire-fighting, aesthetics. C. Ground Water Right: 1. Brown South Well First Enlargement. a. Legal Description of Brown South Well: The diversion point is located on the west bank of the West Fork in the NE¼ SW¼, Section 29, T.37N., R.1E., N.M.P.M., 2,320 feet from the South Section line and 2,200 feet from the West Section line of said Section 29. Also described as UTM coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 331887.00, UTM Y: 4142518.00. b. Prior Adjudication: Case No. 98CW98, December 19, 1998; Source: West Fork; Amount: 2.67 c.f.s. (1,200 g.p.m.) for multiple purposes including recharge of Michael's Lake, domestic, commercial, piscatorial, stock watering, fire fighting, recreation and irrigation. Appropriation Date: July 29, 1998, Conditional. Case No. 10CW71 made absolute 156 g.p.m. during irrigation season and 53 g.p.m. during non-irrigation season. Case No. 17CW3043, pending, to make absolute an additional 332 g.p.m. during the irrigation season and 537 g.p.m. during the non-irrigation season. c. Source: West Fork Water Right: 1. Elizabeth Lake Ditch. a. Legal Description: The diversion point is located on the north bank of an unnamed tributary of the West Fork in the SW ¼ NW ¼, Section 29, T.37N., R.1E., N.M.P.M., Mineral County- UTM Coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 331286.14, UTM Y: 4142895.75. See Figure 1. b. Source: Unnamed tributary to the West Fork of the San Juan River. c. Appropriation: (1) Amount: 1 c.f.s., Absolute. (a) Appropriation Date: May 31, 2011. (b) How appropriation initiated: Formation of intent to appropriate and actual diversion of water to storage in Elizabeth Lake and Marie Lake. (c) Uses: To fill and successively refill Elizabeth Lake and Marie Lake for recreation, piscatorial, fire-fighting, wildlife watering and habitat enhancement and aesthetic uses. E. Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) of the land on which structure is or will be located, upon which water is or will be stored, or upon which water is or will be placed to beneficial use: Applicant: Bootjack Ranch, LLC, 12500 E. Hwy. 160, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147. F. Prayers For Relief: 1. A decree granting the new absolute storage rights and ground and surface water rights described in Sections B, C and D of this Application. 2. Such additional relief as the Court deems necessary and appropriate to further the purposes of the rights requested herein. (12 pages)
THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THE FOREGOING APPLICATION(S) MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY ANY WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE ADJUDICATED WITHIN THIS DIVISION AND OWNERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OBJECT AND PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY STATUTE, OR BE FOREVER BARRED.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE until the last day of February, 2018, to file with the Water Clerk, a verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service shall be filed

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JULIA G PEPER

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Village Pointe Condominiums for failure to pay assessments to Village Pointe Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.

Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901 and Samuel S. Vigil, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054.

Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: CAROL A ENGLAND AND GEORGE L ENGLAND, Lien No. 21706912 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 11/03/2017 against the following described property, to wit:

Unit 7507, Building 2, Unit Week 28, in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304; Village Pointe Phase II recorded in Plat File No. 331 A-E, under Reception No. 10168713, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado
WILLIAM D SCHWARZER AND ROSEMARIE L SCHWARZER, Lien No. 21706912 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 11/03/2017 against the following described property, to wit:

Unit 7511, Building 3, Unit Week 16, in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304; Village Pointe Phase II recorded in Plat File No. 331 A-E, under Reception No. 10168713, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

CAS B WINDHAM JR AND DONNA MARIE WINDHAM, Lien No. 21706912 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 11/03/2017 against the following described property, to wit:

Unit 7513, Building 4, Unit Week 20, in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of

Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304; Village Pointe Phase II recorded in Plat File No. 332-332A-E, under Reception No. 171189, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

JOHN J PEPER AND JULIA G PEPER, Lien No. 21706913 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 11/03/2017 against the following described property, to wit: Unit 7528, Building 6, Unit Week 6, in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304; Village Pointe Phase III as recorded in Plat Filed No. 238A-F under Reception No. 179324 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Archuleta County Semiannual Report

| Start Date | 07/01/17 |
|------------|----------|
| End Date | 12/31/17 |

| Account Name | Beginning Balance | Tax Collections | Delinquent Taxes | Specific Ownership | Miscellaneous Collections | Treasurer's Fees | Disbursements | Ending Balance |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 0100 County General | \$13,389,471.80 | \$232,805.57 | \$3,574.62 | \$244,844.23 | \$3,440,445.53 | (\$63,964.00) | (\$5,516,752.84) | \$11,730,424.91 |
| 0201 Road & Bridge | \$5,927,085.42 | \$82,842.39 | \$924.96 | \$87,126.28 | \$2,325,843.72 | (\$44,450.97) | (\$3,327,497.97) | \$5,051,873.83 |
| 0202 Social Service Fund | \$731,379.05 | \$16,575.90 | \$231.27 | \$17,432.88 | \$857,871.42 | \$0.00 | (\$844,312.07) | \$779,178.45 |
| 0210 Public Trustee | \$9,801.02 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$154,408.69 | \$0.00 | (\$153,092.76) | \$11,116.95 |
| 0216 1 A | \$134.28 | \$0.00 | \$352.76 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$10.58) | (\$476.46) | \$0.00 |
| 0217 1 A | \$453,215.10 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$353,062.96) | \$100,152.14 |
| 0219 Combined Dispatch | \$22,958.63 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$309,545.75 | (\$1,954.11) | (\$209,219.76) | \$121,330.51 |
| 0221 Conservation Trust | \$904,658.28 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$57,451.78 | \$0.00 | (\$643,619.54) | \$318,490.52 |
| 0230 Taylor Grazing | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 0301 Courthouse Facility Fund | \$20,091.82 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$48,450.67 | \$68,542.49 |
| 0310 Fairfield Settlement | \$502,770.38 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,054.67 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$505,825.05 |
| 0501 Solid Waste | \$1,335,035.13 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$593,419.10 | (\$5,934.52) | (\$414,529.25) | \$1,507,990.46 |
| 0504 Airport | \$690,834.66 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$69,554.95 | (\$690.63) | (\$451,169.66) | \$308,529.32 |
| 0607 Fleet | \$504,050.54 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$16,970.24 | (\$169.70) | \$203,763.47 | \$724,614.55 |
| 1340 School District JT 50 | \$64,705.71 | \$367,643.32 | \$5,726.22 | \$430,325.31 | \$23,208.14 | (\$965.37) | (\$813,890.71) | \$76,752.62 |
| 1350 School District JT 50 Bond | \$10,718.19 | \$61,735.97 | \$830.07 | \$0.00 | \$3,257.73 | \$0.00 | (\$76,002.80) | \$539.16 |
| 1370 School District JT 10 | \$1.82 | \$1,453.84 | \$0.38 | \$753.05 | \$65.79 | | | |

Review

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eastern portion of the courthouse remaining open.

On Sept. 6, a former Pagosa Springs resident entered an Alford plea to a 1987 statutory rape case after avoiding prosecution for almost 30 years.

According to an article from the Kitsap Daily News in Washington, Ronald Lee Paulson, 71, allegedly lived in Pagosa Springs with his wife, Debra Jean Paulson from 1998 to 2005.

Ronald Lee Paulson was found in Pottawatomie County, Okla., operating under the alias Warron Big Eagle.

On Sept. 6, PPOS officially opened its doors to 72 students, the same day the rest of the county's students went back to class.

Three bears met an unfortunate end after breaking into a home in the Blanco Basin area.

The three bears, a sow and two cubs, broke into a house on County Road 326 on Sept. 6.

According to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the bears had been a problem for a couple of months.

On Sept. 8, the SJWCD moved to terminate its services agreement with board president Rod Proffitt.

With the termination of the agreement, SJWCD looked to hire a general manager.

Sept. 9 was a good day for the Pirate cross-country teams, with the majority of Pirate harriers setting personal records (PRs) at Alamosa's Joe Vigil Open.

The PRs helped the Lady Pirates finish 8th out of 25 teams, while their Pirate counterparts finished

12th out of 27 teams.

On Sept. 11, the courthouse closed for several days to allow an industrial hygienist to test the facility's air quality.

The testing was performed after significant health issues arose with some county employees.

"Due to health concerns associated with our employees, we have chosen ... to carry out a full battery of testing," Henderson said, noting that it had not been confirmed that the employees' illnesses were caused by the facility.

The courts and ACSO did not reopen in the facility.

At its Sept. 12 regular board meeting, ASD superintendent Linda Reed explained that ASD's enrollment has climbed to 1,544 students.

This was an increase of 46 students from the previous year's total of 1,498 students.

Early and mid-September were rough on the Pirate boys' soccer team, with the team dropping to a 1-5 record.

On Sept. 14, PSES received an improvement rating from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).

A school that has received an "improvement" rating is required to adopt and implement a performance plan, according to the CDE.

Pagosa Springs Middle School and PSHS were calculated to receive a performance rating.

The CDE uses these ratings "to let parents and communities know how well they are doing" in preparing students for success in the workforce and college.

On Sept. 14, a federal court judge denied a motion by the developers of the proposed Village at Wolf Creek that sought to have the court reconsider its previous decision to halt a land swap between the developers and the U.S. Forest Service.

While a 2015 Forest Service Record of Decision granted the land swap needed to facilitate the controversial project, a 40-page May decision by Senior District Court Judge Richard P. Matsch, U.S. District Court judge for the District of Colorado, set aside the Forest Service's action.

On Sept. 16, in its first league action of the season, the PSHS Pirate volleyball team went even at the Bayfield tri tournament, defeating the Monte Vista Pirates 3-0 and falling to the Bayfield Wolverines 3-0.

The Pirates left the tournament with an overall record of 5-5 and a league record of 1-1.

With the last regular-season tournament and regional tournament in the books for the Pirate golf team, two Pirates earned state spots.

Pirates Jonathon Robel and Nathan Smith earned their way to state at the Sept. 18 regional tournament, with both competing at the state level for the second consecutive year.

Law enforcement personnel arrested a man on the morning of Sept. 20 after he allegedly got into a man's van and tried to assault him with weaponry.

Frederick Calder, 51, of California, was arrested on charges of first-degree criminal trespassing, felony

menacing, attempted first-degree assault and second-degree assault on a peace officer.

On Sept. 22, Ricky Armando Perez failed to return to the community corrections facility Hilltop House in Durango from an approved employment pass.

Perez was serving a 30-month sentence for assault 2-strangulation, a class-4 felony. He was found in January of 2018.

The season ended for the majority of the PSHS golfers on Sept. 26 at the Intermountain League Tournament in South Fork. The Pirates finished second in the tournament behind Cortez.

The PSHS Pirate football team extended its win streak to three games after defeating the Delta Panthers 26-7 in a league game on Sept. 29, giving the Pirates a 3-2 overall record and a 1-0 record in league play.

While the final report was not yet in the hands of Archuleta County officials, the county's air quality test results for the courthouse were returned to the county on Sept. 29 in the form of a progress report sent to Henderson.

The results of similar tests run by a firm hired by the court system, however, remain outstanding.

"Based on the investigation, sampling, and laboratory results, no indoor air quality anomalies were detected," the final progress update from Lennie Herron of HERRON Enterprises USA states.

A trio of letters delivered to the BoCC and county administration at the end of September and beginning of October questioned the safety of the courthouse. Those letters were sent from 6th Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson, Sheriff Rich Valdez, and Coroner Dan Keuning and Dr. Jim Pruitt, who both served as medical consultants within the jail.

On Sept. 30, the PSHS Pirate volleyball team split again with league opponents at the Pagosa tri tournament. The Lady Pirates fell to the Alamosa Mean Moose 3-1, but then came back to defeat the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers 3-0.

With the split, the Pirates' record moved to 8-7 overall and 3-3 in league play.

SENIOR NEWS

Next health and wellness event Jan. 31

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN 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.

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Verbal and emotional abuse II

By Kay Kaylor

As the long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes.

Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life. Last week I gave examples of verbal and emotional

abuse of residents and will continue to do so in future columns, along with specific examples of retaliation and neglect.

How do such acts affect residents? Emotional abuse intentionally degrades people's sense of value and hurts their self-esteem. Verbal abuse is emotional abuse by using a tone of voice or certain words that harass or frighten people as a means of control or punishment.

According to the National Adult Protective Services Association, emotional abuse "involves creating emotional pain, distress, or anguish through the use of threats, intimidation or humiliation. This includes insults, yelling or threats of harm and/or isolation, or non-verbal actions such as throwing objects or glaring to project fear and/or intimidation."

Name calling, using silent treatment, criticizing, complaining, playing mind games, discouraging or devaluing hopes, ignoring and refusing to admit such acts as if a resident is lying, misinterpreting or exaggerating (questioning perceptions or reality) are also emotionally abusive.

Among the several signs of abuse are residents who are consistently thirsty, hungry, tired or listless; dressed in torn or dirty clothing; and fearful, withdrawn or excessively sad.

For further information, you may call me at 403-2164 or send an email to ombudsman2@sjbaaa.org.

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.

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. 18 — Lemon-baked tilapia, brown rice pilaf, garlic rosemary potatoes, baked tomatoes Provencal, salad bar and pumpkin muffin.

Friday, Jan. 19 — Crispy pork carnitas taco, squash calabacitas, black bean and mango salsa, salad bar and snickerdoodle cookie.

Monday, Jan. 22 — Green chili jack chicken, Brazilian black bean soup, green peas, salad bar and orange dessert bar.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 — Pork sausage pepper skillet, home-style potatoes, spinach, salad bar and pumpkin muffin with butter.

Wednesday, Jan. 24 — Teriyaki salmon, whipped sweet potatoes, roasted cauliflower with red peppers and salad bar.

Thursday, Jan. 25 — Pork baked ziti, glazed carrots, broccoli with red peppers, focaccia bread and salad bar.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a reservation at 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to dine in the Community Cafe at the Senior Center.

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.

Cancellation

By Jennifer Martin
Special to The SUN

Due to no snow, this year's eighth annual Pagosa Paw Sled Dog Race that was scheduled for this weekend has been canceled.

Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 1 Peter 3:21

Matthew records the last instructions Jesus gives to His apostles. Go and "make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

The apostles were obedient. In Acts 2 they proclaimed Jesus as Lord and Christ. The people asked what they must do. They were told to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sin. About three thousand were baptized that day. Throughout the book of Acts when people believed in Jesus as the Lord and Christ, they were baptized.

In Romans 6, Paul describes baptism as the place where we rise out of the water to walk in newness of life. Peter says it saves us as we appeal to God for a good conscience.

Baptism was commanded by Jesus, taught by the apostles, and practiced by the early church. The inspired writers of the New Testament show its importance. May we study more with you?

Dorman Diller, minister



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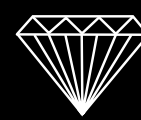


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2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

2017 was a busy and interesting year in Pagosa County. 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 July, August and September.

JULY

• Don Weber was announced as the recipient of the 2017 Red Ryder Award presented by the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo committee and the Board of the Western Heritage Event Center. The award coincides with the three-day Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo, which spans the Fourth of July holiday.

• During a meeting on July 5, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a bid for improvements to park parking lots, Hermosa Street and Hot Springs Boulevard, with the work totaling \$695,151.

• At its meeting on July 5, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted to remove from the books its waiver program concerning new residential construction and radon mitigation.

In 2010, a previous iteration of the BoCC established a waiver program to allow those building new houses to avoid having to install radon mitigation that would otherwise be required as part of

an appendix of the International Building Code adopted by the county.

• At the same meeting, the BoCC approved a resolution affirming its support for the protection of national monuments, a response to President Donald Trump's April 26 executive order calling for the review of certain national monuments. July is also National Parks and Recreation Month.

• On July 6, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) noted that two school board seats would be available in the November election. The seats up for grabs were District 1, held by Brooks Lindner, and District 5, held by Bruce Dryburgh.

• The Tony Grampsas Youth Services Program, a program of the Colorado Department of Human Services, announced grant awards totaling \$8,884,506 to 95 community-based organizations to serve an estimated 81,000 children, youth and families in 56 Colorado coun-

ties and one tribal community.

Rise Above Violence, previously the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program, was awarded \$25,000 in the violence prevention category.

• During a special meeting on July 10, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) board officially voted to change the name of the Dry Gulch reservoir project to the San Juan River Headwaters Project.

• In response to a continuing wildfire threat, the preparedness level (PL) in the Rocky Mountain Area was elevated from PL 2 to PL 3.

The Rocky Mountain Area consists of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

The change in preparedness level was primarily based on current fire activity in the area and other parts of the country, as well as the increased risk for large fires across parts of the Rocky Mountain area, primarily in western Colorado and Wyoming.

• Following a day interviewing the two finalists, the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors voted on July 11 to offer to Dr. Rhonda Webb the job of CEO of Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC).

Prior to the appointment, Webb served as PSMC's chief medical officer.

• The BoCC decided during a special meeting on July 11 to offer Todd Starr the job of being the county's in-house legal representation.

BoCC chair Steve Wadley informed The SUN on July 12 that the board had decided during executive session the previous day to extend an offer, though at that time he declined to name who the board opted to make the offer to.

County Administrator Bentley Henderson later clarified that dis-

cussions concerning all four candidates occurred in open session following the executive session.

• The BoCC requested that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission conduct an investigation into "the sudden and suspect decline in cell service coverage" within the county.

The move came in the form of a letter approved by the BoCC at the July 11 special meeting, with the letter approved by commissioners Steve Wadley and Ron Maez.

• Three bears were killed locally within a week in July, two by homeowners and one by federal officers.

Those bears had proven to be threats to humans and animals in the area.

• At the July 13 meeting of the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County, Colorado Rep. Barbara McLachlan presented the state flag of Colorado for the park. The flag was flown at the state capitol on Memorial Day 2017, also the day of the park's official groundbreaking. The flag, along with the American flag, will be kept in safekeeping until such time it can be ceremoniously flown over the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County.

• Monsoonal moisture in Pagosa Country led to local agencies lifting fire restrictions that had been in place since late June.

Archuleta County, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Southern Ute Indian Tribe all lifted their respective Stage 1 restrictions on or around July 14.

• On July 14, Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) officially approved its budget for 2017-18 during its regular meeting.

The board had previously approved the budget on June 13, but was questioned regarding the legal-

ity of how the budget was approved by the ASD, as well as The SUN.

The questions concerning the budget dealt with the lack of notice regarding the availability of the budget and the time line for adopting the budget.

The board also recognized vice president Kierstan Renner, who had recently resigned from the board.

• Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) announced its new building trades class on July 20.

The class, it was explained, was to focus on reading construction documents, understanding and interpreting building codes, estimating bills of materials, bidding, and planning project schedules.

• On July 20, town council selected Andrea Phillips to be the new manager for the Town of Pagosa Springs.

• During its regular July 20 meeting, town council awarded a contract to repave South 10th Street.

• The Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) arrested two individuals on July 20 after they allegedly assaulted a man, resulting in serious bodily injuries.

According to PSPD Detective Scott Maxwell, 33-year-old Patrick Johnson and 29-year-old Gordon Nunziato III were arrested on charges of first-degree assault.

• On July 23, the PFPD responded to a vehicular accident where a vehicle jumped a roadway, just like "The Dukes of Hazzard."

The vehicle was occupied by four Germans, and none were injured.

• Four preliminary funding options for a potential new detention facility and sheriff's office were announced during a July 25 joint work session of the BoCC and town council.

Prior to putting a question on

the November ballot, the BoCC needed to choose a funding mechanism to fund the construction of the facilities, with that funding mechanism then a part of the ballot question.

Funding mechanisms presented at the meeting included a trio of sales tax options, as well as an option for a general obligation bond paid for with a mill levy (property tax) increase.

• With the approval of amended bylaws during a meeting on July 25, the Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Foundation (DMFMF) got a new look.

The bylaws approved at the meeting include a structure consisting of an advisory council to allow for community involvement and leadership within the organization, and a small board to tend to the business and ministerial matters of the board.

In 2015, the foundation's bylaws were amended to allow the USJHSD board to serve a dual role, overseeing both organizations.

Then, in June, it was suggested that the foundation again move away from that structure.

The DMFMF is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit that exists as a fundraising and support arm for the USJHSD, which operates PSMC.

• The emergency room (ER) at PSMC saw a record month in June, with July setting more records.

As was reported in Chief Nursing Officer Kathee Douglas' report to the USJHSD board during a meeting on July 25, the ER saw 798 patients in June, up 65 visits from the previous year.

• The town council attended a town shop needs assessment on July 27, and was presented with tentative figures on the construction of a new shop.

AUGUST

• On Aug. 1, town council came to a general consensus that it would prefer Archuleta County fund a new detention center and jail through a mill levy as opposed to a sales tax increase.

On Aug. 2, Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger wrote a letter to the BoCC explaining that.

• During its regular meeting Aug. 1, the BoCC took two actions related to the hiring of Starr as the county's attorney as an employee.

The first was voting to correct the minutes of the July 11 special meeting at which the board gave direction to pursue a contract with Starr to again become the county's in-house legal counsel after interviewing four candidates.

The second was to approve Starr's contract following an executive session.

The BoCC had previously approved the minutes of the special meeting at its July 15 meeting without discussion. Prior to the minutes being approved on July 15, Wadley informed SUN staff the board had discussed the attorney candidates and given direction to negotiate with Starr while in executive session.

Henderson, however, contradicted Wadley, explaining to The SUN the commissioners had in fact discussed the candidates and given direction while in open session.

Per state law, decisions cannot be made in executive session, either formal or informal.

The board then unanimously approved the minutes as part of the consent agenda at its July 15 meeting, with those minutes failing to

describe any discussion following the executive session.

• Veteran's Choice Program, Medicaid and the future of health care were a few of the topics touched on at a roundtable conversation held at PSMC on Aug. 2. In attendance were U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton, Webb and USJHSD board members Mark Floyd and Greg Schulte.

• During the month of August, the Pagosa Fire Protection District, PFPD, responded to several accidents involving semi trucks and Wolf Creek Pass.

Two accidents involved semi trucks rolling over on the pass, and one involved a semi truck catching fire as it came down the pass.

• Multiple cases of canine distemper virus were confirmed in the Pagosa Springs area in August of 2017.

• The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) arrested a juvenile on Aug. 6 after he allegedly had a physical confrontation with his older sister and tried to halter a horse to ride into Pagosa Springs from the Aspen Springs subdivision.

• The PFPD assisted PSMC EMS in extracting an injured man who fell 25 feet from a zip line on Aug. 8.

• On Aug. 8, the PSPD arrested two individuals on charges of theft after they attempted to sell stolen items to the San Juan Trading Post.

• On Aug. 8, the PFPD Board of Directors directed the organization's chiefs to pursue a proposed agreement that would allow Verizon Wireless to place a communication facility on the PFPD's

property for Station 1 at 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

• Emergency personnel responded to a rollover on Aug. 10 that occurred due to using a phone while at the wheel.

The incident occurred at the intersection of U.S. 160 and 10th Street.

• During a regular meeting on Aug. 14, the SJWCD Board of Directors approved its ballot language for the district's proposed mill levy increase.

The district sought a mill levy increase from .316 of a mill to 1 mill in order to fund the acquisition of land and easements necessary to develop a water storage facility, as well as to increase its debt by \$2 million.

• It became official on Aug. 15: Archuleta County voters would consider a 1 percent sales tax increase for the county to fund "justice system capital improvements," including the construction of a new jail and sheriff's office.

The ballot language specifying the request for the 1 percent sales tax increase was approved by a 2-1 vote of the BoCC during the board's regular meeting.

Commissioner Michael Whiting voted against the measure.

The ballot question asked voters for a 1 cent tax increase to result in additional revenue, and to allow the county to increase its debt by an amount not to exceed \$20,550,000, with a maximum repayment cost of \$26,550,000. The proposed facility was projected to cost \$17.9 million.

• The Archuleta County Transfer Station received a new lease on life

on Aug. 15 with the approval of a new 20-year lease for the land the facility sits on.

The lease comes at a price of \$1 per year and with the option to extend the lease for an additional 20 years.

The original acreage leased was 0.948 acres, while the new lease is for 2.61 acres.

• The PSHS Pirate golfers hosted the team's annual home tournament on Aug. 18, finishing tied for third out of 5 teams.

The tournament was the third of the year for the Pirates, with the Pirates taking to the links again the following day.

• On Aug. 22, it was reported to the USJHSD board that July was another record-setting month for PSMC, with records set in more than a dozen different categories.

Among those records were the number of patients seen in the ER — for the second consecutive month.

The ER saw 908 patients in July, besting the record set in June of 798 patients.

July's volume increased by 129 patients over July 2016, with the department averaging 29 patients per day.

• On Aug. 23, 71-year-old Don Nix allegedly shot 65-year-old Durango resident Gary Phipps in an apparent act of self-defense.

The incident closed U.S. 160 for 15 hours, and no charges were filed against Nix.

• The PSHS Lady Pirate volleyball team opened its season on Aug. 25 against the Bloomfield Bobcats, defeating the Bobcats 3-0 to start

the season.

• The PSHS cross-country teams got off to a hot start at the Cheyenne Mountain Stampede in Colorado Springs on Aug. 26, running in 85-degree weather.

The Lady Pirates took fifth out of 17 teams at the meet, while their Pirate counterparts took 12th out of 19.

• Things did not go according to plan for the Pirate soccer team in Aug. 26's season opener against the Salida Spartans.

The Pirates fell to the Spartans 8-2 in the affair at Golden Peaks Stadium.

• Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) were released to the ASD on Aug. 31.

Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares noted in a report on the CMAS tests that ASD did not meet

state standards in English language arts or math.

In science, ASD fifth-grade students earned "met or exceeds" at a lower rate than the state.

However, eighth-grade and high school students scored very close to the state average.

Thirteen percent of Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) students met or exceeded expectations, compared to 24.8 percent state average.

• On Aug. 31, a lawsuit was filed against ASD that alleged that a 13-year old special needs student molested a 6-year-old student while on an ASD bus in 2016.

The suit claims the incident occurred "as a result of and was proximately caused by the careless, negligent, grossly careless, and reckless conduct" of the bus driver.

SEPTEMBER

• The PSHS Pirate football team lost in its opening game of the season on Sept. 1 against the Salida Spartans by a score of 30-22.

• The ASD began the month by canceling the school board's fall election due to lack of contested races.

The two seats that were up for election were retained by Lindner and Dryburgh.

• A search was underway for a man who went missing after calling 911 and explaining that he was lost on Sept. 4.

Matthew Johnston, 51, parked his car at the overlook on Wolf

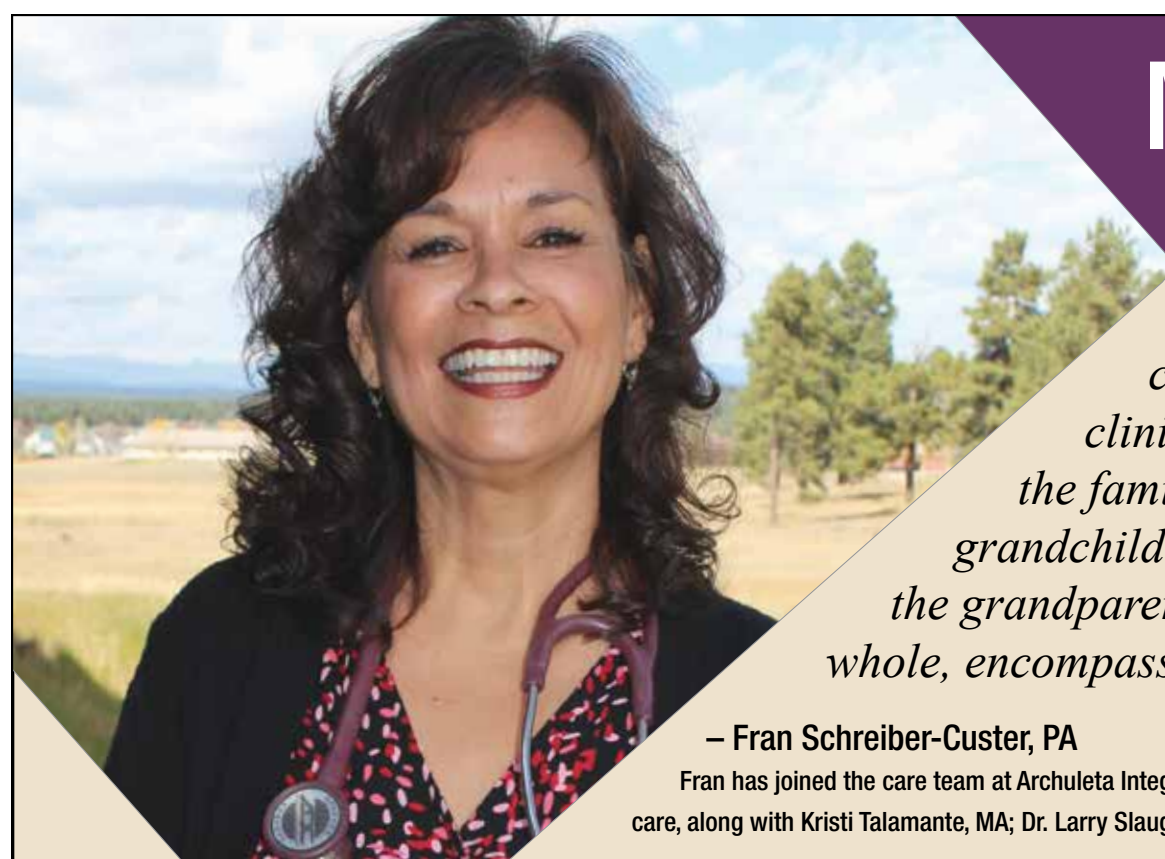
Creek Pass and claimed to have hiked up the nearby embankment. He was never located.

• The ACSO's location in the courthouse closed Sept. 5 due to environmental concerns.

"We continue to have concerns about the environmental quality of the building, and we are taking appropriate steps to investigate those concerns to see if they are real and what steps need to be taken," Starr said.

Starr noted that the concerns are centered around the western end of the courthouse, with the

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ARTS & LIFE

'Circle Mirror Transformation'

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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 currently showing at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Thanks to Melissa Firlit’s deft direction, Thing-amajig 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 divorcé 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 speaking 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

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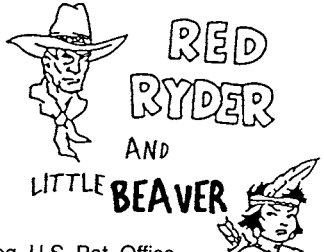


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Backcountry Film Festival coming to Pagosa Springs

By Jen Pitcher
Special to The PREVIEW

The 13th annual Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival will show in Pagosa Springs on Jan. 27 at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse.

All proceeds benefit the Colorado Mountain Club (CMC) Conservation Department.

Through advocacy and stewardship, CMC Conservation works to preserve and enhance human-powered recreation in balance with natural resource conservation on Colorado's public lands.

The Backcountry Film Festival is produced by Winter Wildlands Alliance as a celebration of the human-powered experience and a gathering place for the backcountry snow sports community.

Winter Wildlands Alliance is a national nonprofit organization that partners with groups like the CMC at the local level to inspire and educate the backcountry community to protect and care for their winter landscapes.

Funds raised at each screening stay in the local community to support human-powered recreation and conservation efforts, winter

education and avalanche/safety programs and to raise awareness of winter management issues.

Adventure, environment and climate, youth outdoors, ski culture — you'll find it all in this award-winning lineup. Films in this year's program include:

- "The Space Within," DPS Skis Cinematic — 5 minutes, 28 seconds.
- "Ruth Gorge," Noah Howell — 8 minutes, 1 second.
- "Below 0," Itai Hagage — 4 minutes, 54 seconds.
- "The End of Snow," Jane Zelikova and Morgan Heim, 20 minutes, 35 seconds.
- "Follow Through," Anya Miller and Becca Cahall — 21 minutes, 48 seconds.
- "Genesis," Ben Sturgulewski and Dan Pizza — 5 minutes, 50 seconds.
- "Idaho 12ver Project," Mark Ortiz — 12 minutes, 10 seconds.
- "Adventure Not War," Max Lowe — 7 minutes, 35 seconds.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and films begin at 7 p.m.

Admission for CMC members is \$12 and for nonmembers is \$15. Tickets are available online at cmc.org/bcff or at the door.

Life

■ continued from previous page 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 history. This play is a must-see for fans of the Pulitzer prize winner's work.

Thingamajig Theatre Company presents "Circle Mirror Transformation." Rated PG-13. Playing weekdays and Saturdays at 7 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. through Jan. 28. For tickets and show information, visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW (7469).

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Thingamajig's summer 2017 production of "Hairspray" won best comedic musical and four other awards in the Broadway World competition.

Thingamajig wins landslide victory in Colorado BroadwayWorld awards

By Carole Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa's own Thingamajig Theatre Company won almost half of the available awards in a 2017 statewide contest sponsored by BroadwayWorld Denver, according to results announced in Denver on Jan. 12.

This showing is by far the best of any theater in Colorado.

Thingamajig was the victor in 12 of the 27 categories in the competition that honors productions that opened in Colorado between October 2016 and September 2017.

The 12 categories which Thingamajig won are best dramatic play ("God of Carnage"), best comedic musical ("Hairspray"), best director of a play (Michael Thomas Walker for "God of Carnage"), best actor in a play (Tim Moore in "God of Carnage"), best actress in a play (Christina Norris in "God of Carnage"), best actress in a musical (Jameelah Leandra in Elton John's "Aida"), best supporting actor in a musical (Dan Morrison in "Hairspray"), best supporting actress in a musical (Hannah Zilber in "Hairspray"), best choreography of a musical (Paul Thiemann for "Hairspray"), best lighting design of a play (Laine Wong for "God of Carnage"), best set design of a play (Laura Moore for "Buyer & Cellar"), and best small ensemble in a musical ("Hairspray").

Thingamajig 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 company was co-founded

seven years ago by the husband-and-wife team of Tim Moore, producing artistic director, and Laura Moore, production and business manager, both of whom won individual awards for their work

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Said Tim Moore: “The high number of nominations for our performers speaks to their professionalism and the quality of entertainment they bring to Pagosa Springs. Their enthusiasm and Broadway-caliber performances never cease to energize and enrich our highly sophisticated audiences.”

Added Laura Moore, “These awards directly reflect the support and enthusiasm our patrons have for our stellar performers and production staff.”

Thingamajig competes in the Denver market, which also includes Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre, the Evergreen Chorale, Denver Center Theatre Company, Creede Repertory Theatre, Merely Players, the Midtown Arts Center, the Open Stage Theatre and Center Stage.

“The high number of nominations for our performers speaks to their professionalism and the quality of entertainment they bring to Pagosa Springs.”

Other Thingamajig nominees making it to the final ballot included best actors in a musical (Dennis Elkins in “Hairspray,” Luke Hefner and Morrison in “Aida,” and Tyler Price and Stuart Rial in “Big River”), best actor in a play (James Scott in “Santaland Diaries” and Andrew Start in “Buyer & Cellar”), best actress in a musical (Heather McCall in “Aida,” Marion Bienvenue in “Hairspray,” and Boni McIntyre and Sarita Amani Nash in “Sister Act”), best dramatic musical (“Aida” and “Big River”), best music director (McIntyre for “Sister Act,” “Hairspray” and “Aida”), best supporting actor in a musical (Sheldon Steele, Morrison, Hefner and Ian Lah in “Hairspray”), best supporting actress in a musical (Sara Burks and Shuga Henry in “Hairspray”), best small ensemble in a musi-



Photo courtesy Carole Howard

Jameelah Leandra was named best actress in a musical for her role in Thingamajig’s production of Elton John’s “Aida.”

cal (“Aida” and “Sister Act”) and best Colorado debut in a musical (Bienvenue, Henry and Burks in “Hairspray,” Leauandra in “Aida” and Price in “Big River”).

Winners and nominees who have returned to Pagosa to perform in Thingamajig’s current winter season are Morrison, Elkins, McIntyre and Norris in “Tuna Christmas,” “Circle Mirror Transformation” and “Proof.” The February show featuring local actors will be “Welcome to Siberia. Now, Go Home!” written by local writer Karl Isberg.

Next summer’s four musicals will be “West Side Story,” “Legally Blonde,” “Thoroughly Modern Millie” and “Little Shop of Horrors.”

Globally, various Broadway-World award contests this year took place in a record number of markets, with a record number of votes, including 56 cities across the U.S. and 11 countries around

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My daughter had lost 36 pounds and I needed to do the same. But, over Christmas vacation with cookies, fudge and specialty foods? Chain me up, tie my hands behind my back, duct tape my mouth shut; it would take it all to stop the fudge from touching my lips.

I squirreled away a bag of comfort food and ate it before the plane landed just to hedge any hunger pangs. I was traveling in comfort and was taking all my comforts with me. I packed my Greek book and downloaded all my projects on a flash stick, threw in an electric blanket, slip-on shoes without laces and Christmas gifts.

Then the fear that I feared came upon me. Our daughter, excited over a food plan, asked me if I was serious about changing my lifestyle and I told her yes.

“This is what you can eat. Sweet potatoes smothered with chili made from pumpkin, noodles made from zucchini, all vegetables, fruit and proteins. No cheese, no milk, no sugar, no grain.”

“No sweets? What about sugarless candy?” I asked knowing I had a suitcase packed with these harmless items.

“No, we are going to reset your taste buds.” My daughter rolled her eyes at me. “It’s going to be harder than I thought.”

Instead of visions of sugar plums dancing in my head, weird foods were whirling in my mind. I thought life as I knew it was about to end.

Hands on hips, my daughter said, “They’re just vegetables. You have to learn to eat healthier foods and read the labels. You will find

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“You can no longer have sugar. Absolutely no sugar.”

that everything has sugar in it. You can no longer have sugar. Absolutely no sugar.”

“Well, I do love sweet potatoes. I’ve never eaten one without brown sugar and butter, but I will try.” After tasting a sweet potato without all the sweet stuff added, I learned that a sweet potato is actually sweet. This was news to me.

I felt like the old man in the commercial years ago, sitting on the front porch of his southern home. He drank ice tea and was bewildered. “For 50 years I’ve been drinking Lipton tea and believed there was nothing else. Now I have discovered Louisiana sweet tea. Wonders will never cease.”

I understood completely. I have learned something new at this late age of life. By the end of our vacation, I was sold. I perused labels on everything, copied recipes and made wise choices at restaurants.

I was surprised that I didn’t cheat. Only at the communion table did I eat a little cracker, but believed I was under grace. After 10 days without sugar, in the midst of our vacation, which seemed like three months, I was ready to confess, “I am a sweet-aholic.”

So what is comfort? I brought all my comfort with me, extra pounds, tight pants and moved like an old woman in and out of the airport. Pantyhose was out of the question, left those at home. I did bring my Sweet Al to help me out of low chairs and tie my shoes. I couldn’t reach them without losing my breath.

It has been a long time coming in resetting my idea of comfort. I blamed it on my genes. My people are stout people. Just look at our grandsons. We produce football players.

On the way home, I packed cashews, bananas and tangerines. I reminded myself not to fall for the peanuts on the plane even if they fell into my lap. It’s a new year and I am determined to eat right. It doesn’t sound exciting, but living in a younger way makes good sense.

Final brushstroke: I can actually live without sugar. I dropped 10 pounds over my Christmas vacation. Sometimes it takes courage to move out of one’s comfort to experience new things, like date paste, naked sweet potatoes and eggs cooked in coconut oil. Maybe one day I might even indulge in a game of Twister if the grandchildren asked me.

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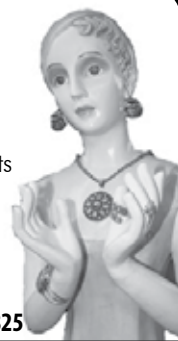
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Malinda Burnett's Pagosa Springs Middle School seventh-grade band. The schools' band program was recently awarded with a check for \$300 from Curtains Up Pagosa.

CUP awards check to middle school band program

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) recently presented the music department at Pagosa Springs Middle School, lovingly and exceptionally run by Malinda Burnett for the past six years, with a check for \$300 for her band program.

Burnett, a CUP college scholar-

ship recipient, began her career by performing on the stage in 2007 in a high school performance of "Peter Pan the Musical" as a Pirate and hasn't stopped since.

CUP is excited to partner with Burnett and her students and also look forward to Burnett stepping into the world of musical theater as a pit conductor for CUP's summer 2018 production of "Children of Eden."

CUP is in service and mentorship to our schools and to our young people in Pagosa who have interest in the performing arts.

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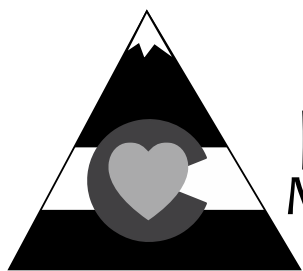
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Enroll now for free square dance class

By Carla Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Kick up your heels with the Wild West Squares and learn how to square dance.

Wednesday, Jan. 24, is the next class continuing the open enrollment period for new dancers. Class is from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse at 230 Port Ave. Call Carla Roberts now to enroll at 903-6478. All classes are free.

The Wild West Squares offers a modern approach to the uniquely American tradition of square dancing. Roberts teaches simple calls that are quick to learn in a fun, easygoing and free introduction.

Looking for something to do in Pagosa? If you can walk at a brisk pace, you can square dance. Dancers may walk three to four miles per evening without even noticing, while burning 300 to 800 calories, improving cardio condition, strengthening bones and lowering blood pressure. Square dancing helps maintain your balance, coordination and range of motion.

Stay focused and challenged. Classes are mentally stimulating. People who start modern square dancing soon realize that it's a "thinking person's activity."

The interaction with the caller and the other dancers to complete a movement successfully keeps the mind sharp, focused and challenged and it's noncompetitive. Square dancers dance for the excitement of working through the sequences successfully. There are no winners, losers or champions, just people having fun.

In this new dancer course, Roberts will teach at the basic level, so new dancers can quickly master enough calls (or dance steps) to



Photo courtesy Sue Hamlet

Caller Carla Roberts will continue to teach simple calls that are quick to learn in a fun, easygoing and free introduction to square dancing next Wednesday, Jan. 24.

experience the exhilaration of dancing in a group setting. The class focus is for everyone to have an enjoyable dance session while learning the building blocks of square dance.

This is a fun, easygoing and

free class open to families, couples and singles. The suggested age for children is at least 8 years old. For more information, call 903-6478.

Care about your health? So do we

By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs community is gearing up for the 2018 9Health Fair.

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is scheduled for April 28 at Pagosa Springs High School.

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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.

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir invites community to ‘Keep Pagosa Warm’

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) will be participating in its first annual “Keep Pagosa Warm” event to help those in need stay warm during the cold winter months.

On Monday, Jan. 22, at 4:45 p.m., the members of the Girls Choir will take warm scarves and tie them to the fence located directly across U.S. 160 from Pagosa Springs Middle School. Each scarf will have a note attached to encourage those who need a warm scarf to take it with them with the girls’ best wishes.

The note will read: “I am not lost. If you are cold, take me with you and I will keep you warm, from the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir.”

The Girls Choir is inviting the community to join in this event. Simply bring a warm scarf to the location on Jan. 22 and tie your scarf with the others.

“This is a great opportunity to teach the girls about giving while helping our brothers and sisters in need,”

said PSGC Director Linda Parker. “This community has been so good to the choir and generous in their giving; we want to give back to the community.”

The idea originally came from an article Parker saw on Facebook.

“Everyone knows that Facebook is the authority on everything. In this case, I thought it was a great idea, simple to do and a valuable lesson to teach young people about supporting their community,” said Parker. “We’re hoping that others will join us and cover the entire fence with warm scarves. We certainly want scarves in good condition, new or gently used. Everyone has clothing that they don’t wear or need any more that can be utilized by others. Although this is an unusual winter and daytime temperatures are on the warm side, nothing feels as good as a warm snuggly scarf when the sun goes down and the temperature starts to dip.”

Please mark Monday, Jan. 22, on your calendar. We’ll see you at the fence directly across from the middle school at 4:45 p.m. and we’ll “Keep Pagosa Warm.”

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not operating properly. Now, she has a full head of hair and all the energy and enthusiasm of a woman half her age. We’re here to help.

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If you have questions or want

to volunteer, contact Constance d’Angelis at (813) 373-8004 (text or call) and/or email 7LawsofHealth@gmail.com.

Remember, this year’s fair is set for April 28 from 7 to 11 a.m. at Pagosa Springs High School, 800 S. 8th St.

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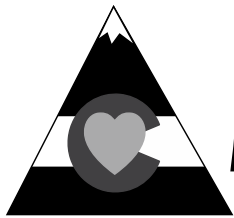
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Kids Club for youngsters, book club for teens, DIY for adults and health screenings for all

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Four free programs at your library in the next week provide excellent examples of the myriad activities for all ages that are available to you and your family on a regular basis:

- Kids Club for first- through fifth-graders takes place this Saturday, Jan. 20, from 11 a.m. to noon. Each month, this new program will feature a different theme and include book-sharing, games, crafts and snacks. January's theme is ice.

- Tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 19, from 2 to 3 p.m. at their teen book club, seventh- through 12th-graders will discuss "And Then There Were Four" by Nancy Werlin and enjoy free snacks. Stop by the library to pick up a copy.

- Free health screenings to check cholesterol, blood glucose and blood pressure and provide health coaching will take place Monday, Jan. 22, from 9 a.m. to noon when staff from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) will be on hand at the library. Fast for nine hours prior to your screening to get the most accurate results. Any questions? Call SJBPH at 264-2409, ext. 214. No registration is required.

- At this month's free DIY event next Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 1 to 2 p.m., we'll repurpose jewelry gift boxes and decorate them with a map or other image to create an easy storage space for small trinkets or loose change from a favorite trip or vacation. No registration is required.

Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults.

All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 19, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for a PG movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to iden-

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tify the film titles in the media, but you can find them listed on the activities calendars.

Otaku for teens

The Otaku (Anime/Manga) Club meets on Monday, Jan. 22, from 4 to 5 p.m. Join us to watch anime, talk about manga and Asian cultures, and enjoy snacks. This free club is for teens in the fifth through 12th grades.

Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens on Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the seventh through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Computer/technology classes

Join us on Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. to learn a technology skill or application. Today, Jan. 18, is the basics of Microsoft Excel. Jan. 25 will be the basics of malware threats and antivirus programs.

Family storytime

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m., join us for free great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. This is an excellent way for kids of all ages to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

Baby storytime

Every Saturday from 9:05 to 9:25

a.m., join us for a free short session of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little ones. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Recommended for children up to 12 months.

Toddler storytime

Every Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m., join us for 30 minutes of free stories, songs and fingerplays with open play afterwards. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life.

Free tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Adult education

Our PALS program — Pagosa Adult Learning Services — takes place three days a week: Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help with high school equivalency, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Spanish conversation,

Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 4 to 5 p.m. practice your Spanish with others at this free informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. No registration required.

Spanish books

"La Templanza" by Maria Due-
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Literary Ladies to meet Jan. 26, discuss 'The Walk'

By Marilyn Stroud
Special to The PREVIEW

The book for our meeting on Jan. 26 at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library is "The Walk" by Richard Paul Evans, who has written many novels on the New York Times bestseller list.

Evans has two first-place Sto-

rytelling World Awards for his children's books and 2005 Romantic Times Best Women's Novel of the Year Award. Several of his books have been made into television movies.

As a child, Alan Christoffersen establishes a relationship with his next-door female neighbor who shares a similar loss of their mother's. In their teen years, this

friendship blooms into a love affair that ends in marriage. However, McKale has a horseback riding accident that results in her being confined to a wheelchair in their beautiful home in the Seattle area.

Join the Literary Ladies on Jan. 26 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss this book and the author. Books are available at the library.

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nas is a novel set in 1860s Mexico City, Havana and Spain about a self-made man who loses his fortune but finds a new life. "The Marciano" ("The Martian") by Andy Weir tells of an astronaut stranded on Mars. "Ansiosos for Nada" ("Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World") by preacher Max Lucado offers calming Christian advice focused on overcoming anxiety to find peace in life. "Mas Alla del Invierno" ("In the Midst of the Winter") by Isabel Allende starts with a minor traffic accident and takes readers into a moving love story. "La Cabana" ("The Shock: Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity") by William Paul Young is a Christian mystery story set in the Oregon wilderness.

CDs

"Secrets of Cavendon" by Barbara Taylor Bradford features two families, the aristocrats and the family working for them. "Darker" by E.L. James relives the passion of "Fifty Shades Darker" through the eyes of Christian Grey. "The People vs. Alex Cross" puts its hero on trial for murder. "Where the Long Grass Blows" by Louis L'Amour is a western. "Year One" by Nora Roberts is book one of a new dystopian sci-fi thriller trilogy. "Canto Bight" contains four other-world novellas by four different authors. "Count

to Ten" by James Patterson is the latest in the Private mystery series, this one set in Delhi. "Tom Clancy Power and Empire" by Marc Cameron is a Jack Ryan adventure. "The Lemon Crown" by James Rollins is a Sigma Force adventure.

Mysteries and thrillers

"Demon Crown" by James Rollins is a Sigma Force novel. "Void Star" by Zachary Mason is a tech-thriller set in the future in San Francisco. "The Bomb Maker" by Thomas Perry pits a skilled bomb maker against the LAPD. "Death at Nuremberg" by W.E.B. Griffin and William E. Butterworth IV is a Clandestine Operations thriller. "The Whispering Room" by Dean Koontz is a Jane Hawk mystery.

Novels

"Spoonbenders" by Daryl Gregory follows a lovable family of psychics. "One Station Away" by Olaf Olafsson tells of a New York neurologist and three women who change their life.

Large print westerns

"Judgment Day" by James Reasoner and L.J. Washburn is book six in the Wind River series. "All the Queen's Men" by Ethan J. Wolfe is book three of The Regulator series. "Snake Oil: Easy Pickin's" by Marcus Galloway is book one of a new series. Other westerns include "An

Arizona Christmas" and "The Hour of Death: Sixkiller, U.S. Marshal" by William W. and J.A. Johnson, "Dead Man's Boot" by Patrick Dearen and "Destiny at Dry Camp" by John D.

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Rediscover your rhythm at hand-drumming class

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. 23, 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.

Childhood is a promising time to encourage children to appreciate the value of their musical inclinations. The teacher's task is to sensitively foster a supportive attitude, always being aware that disparagement can trample on children's musical aspirations, undermine their confidence, create feelings of fear and anxiety, and make it difficult for them to achieve successful mastery of a skill they can enjoy for their entire lifetimes.

For those who were discouraged as children, it may be hard to give music another try in adulthood, but the potential rewards are worth the effort.

"I was always afraid of rhythm,"
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Matthew records the last instructions Jesus gives to His apostles. Go and "make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

The apostles were obedient. In Acts 2 they proclaimed Jesus as Lord and Christ. The people asked what they must do. They were told to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sin. About three thousand were baptized that day. Throughout the book of Acts when people believed in Jesus as the Lord and Christ, they were baptized.

In Romans 6, Paul describes baptism as the place where we rise out of the water to walk in newness of life. Peter says it saves us as we appeal to God for a good conscience.

Baptism was commanded by Jesus, taught by the apostles, and practiced by the early church. The inspired writers of the New Testament show its importance. May we study more with you?

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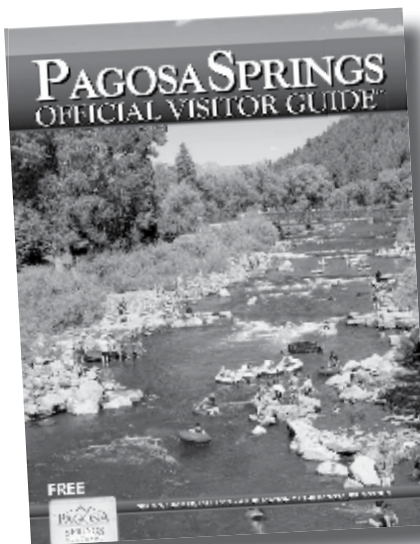
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Applications and nominations will be accepted from January 18th-February 1st 2018.

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 said Catt LeBaigue, “so it’s huge that I am coming to this class. When I was in third grade, we had a sing-along every week with the music teacher and his guitar. I really liked it. On the last day of the class, the teacher told us there was orchestra next year and we would start on a recorder. After that, we would get the chance to pick an instrument if we were good enough. He gave us a test to see if we would be good enough to play an instrument. He went around the room, about 23 students, and had us, one by one, tap out a 4/4 rhythm on our right thigh and a 2/4 rhythm on our left. I was so shy and nervous. I was scared to death that I wouldn’t be able to do it.”

“He didn’t give me much time before telling me that I had no sense of rhythm. I believed him and I took it hard. I was crushed. That statement had a lifelong effect on me. They let me play an instrument, flute, but I had to fight against the judgement that I had no sense of rhythm. I quit after a few years. Later, as a music major, I sang for a few years and even performed in some college operas, taking the tricky part of second witch in ‘Dido and Aeneas’ by Henri Purcell. I did OK, but it was very hard because I fought against the music teacher’s statement the whole time. I turned from voice major to electronic music major, where sequencers could keep the rhythm for me. I didn’t realize that I did have a sense of rhythm and I could do well with it. I missed out on a lot because of my perceived lacking sense of rhythm.”

“Although I got my BA in music, I am an oddity in that I have never played. After focusing on electronic music composition in college, I went into postproduction

sound editing for television and film, not the music side, but rather sound effects, dialogue and Foley, sounds that enhance the auditory experience of a movie. I did that for 20 years in Hollywood, working for the studios. When sound is enhanced, the film begins to come alive. As the dialogue is smoothed out and the background sounds are layered, we suspend our belief and we forget every angle happened at different times. Sound effects and Foley bring reality to the environment. What is not heard by the location mic now becomes part of an integral reality — we start to believe. This is before the really fun stuff of adding sound effects for action scenes. Later, as it all comes together, the music is added and emotions are activated. Doing sound for movies is like painting.”

LeBaigue’s filmography is extensive. She has worked with Judd Apatow, Melissa McCarthy, Keifer Sutherland, Seth Rogen, James Franco, Jason Segel, John Stamos, Don Rickles, Michelle Williams, Katie Holmes, Mykelti Williamson and many others.

“When I was supervising sound editor for Warner Bros. in Burbank, still believing I had no sense of rhythm, I refused to dance with Keifer Sutherland. We had gone to a karaoke bar after a long day of dubbing Keifer’s movie, ‘Truth or Consequences, N.M.’ Keifer finally got me to dance, because he gave me the choice of either singing or dancing, and I chose dancing. In Hollywood, at the wrap party for Dallas, my first dialogue editing job on a prime time TV show, I nearly refused to dance with Larry Hagman who played ‘J.R.’ Ewing in the show. Fortunately, my friend, another sound editor, kicked me under the table and let me know that

I couldn’t refuse the star of the show. I almost missed that opportunity. He was a great character.”

“After avoiding anything to do with rhythm, because it embarrassed me over and over, I got up the courage to take a belly dance class. I had a lot of fun laughing, trying, failing (because everyone does at first), and finally discovered that I not only have a sense of rhythm, but that it is fun. I left the entertainment industry because I felt it wasn’t serving my greater purpose for being on earth. I feel my purpose is to help uplift humanity through sound, and that’s what I will be doing in the latter part of my life. Your class feels integral to this. If we can, as a community, unite around rhythm, our hearts sync up. Harmony begins in the community. It’s odd that I couldn’t feel rhythm in my body for so long. Now, it’s something that I need. I enjoy my sense of rhythm and I enjoy playing drums.”

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

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UU topic: MLK and Christian racism

By Dean Cerny
Special to The PREVIEW

Fifty-five years ago, while incarcerated for his nonviolent activism, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. penned what has now become known simply as the "Letter From a Birmingham Jail."

In honor of the life of King, this document will be the focus of our services on Sundays, Jan. 21 and 28, at 10:30 a.m.

King's letter is a superb example of the power of prophecy to "get in the face" of institutionalized evil. In King's situation, it was the systemic evil typical of the white Christian America of his time.

For a message to be prophetic, it must be timeless. Truly, this message remains prophetic for our current times. Those of us who pride ourselves as spiritual have not avoided the "sins" of organized religion. Catholic theologian Father Richard Rohr reminds us that "evil lurks powerfully in the shadows, in our unconscious complicity with systems that serve us at other's expense."

Using the actual text of this document, with sidebar commentary, we will explore the timeless insight of MLK's words as they express the historical hypocrisy and hope of the Christian faith in dealing with issues of race, social justice, non-violence and peace. Coming from a long lineage of religious prophets, King speaks truth from the experience of his heart; truly a prophet for all times.

Unitarian Universalism (UU) has a historical record of supporting King. On March 7, 1965, King sent a telegram to UU headquarters in Boston asking for religious leaders and concerned citizens to join him in Selma, Ala. Hundreds of UUs responded by marching with King. Two of them did so at the cost of their lives.

To this day, it is still the nature of Unitarian Universalism to be on the forefront of social justice issues. Likewise, the Pagosa UU Fellowship strives to be more conscious of the subtle racism in our personal lives and within the predominantly white Pagosa community. We enthusiastically invite you to be a part of this endeavor.

The Pagosa UU Fellowship is a caring, inclusive fellowship dedicated to spiritual growth, justice and serving the needs of our larger community. As a Welcoming Congregation, we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all.

Enjoy refreshments and conversation after services, which are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Av-

enue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

Kids' program

This Sunday, the UU Kids' Religious Education class will continue its exploration of the soul or spirit — that unseen force which animates life. Through science and art activities, youth will learn about the third and fourth principles of Unitarian Universalism, which encourage spiritual growth and a responsible search for truth and meaning, within our congregations. This class, held on the third Sunday of each month, is open to all kids, ages 5-12.

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by Margie E. Burke

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- 5 Vindictiveness
- 10 Command to Fido
- 14 Rainfall measure
- 15 Tanks and such
- 16 Legal lead-in
- 17 Kind of prize
- 18 Chronic drinker
- 19 Over again
- 20 Keyboard key
- 22 Put on
- 23 Choir accompaniment
- 24 Alluring
- 27 Shaggy locks
- 30 Roped by all fours
- 31 Increase, with "up"
- 34 With intensity
- 36 Arranged in layers
- 38 Prepare to shoot again
- 39 Faze
- 40 Type of bypass surgery
- 42 Minuteman, for one
- 43 Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
- 44 Leak stopper
- 46 Swindle
- 47 Sign of things to come
- 49 Rope fiber
- 52 Dickensian cry
- 53 Odd-numbered page
- 57 Mid-month day
- 58 Skewered food
- 60 Hefty competitor
- 61 Bar request
- 62 Dome-shaped house
- 63 New Year's word
- 64 Ripe, so to speak
- 65 Hard up
- 66 Marvin and Majors

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- 2 Soon, to a poet
- 3 Sean Connery, for one
- 4 Bit
- 5 Test for teens
- 6 Gifted one
- 7 Lamborghini, e.g.
- 8 Hammer slantingly
- 9 Miss the mark
- 10 Fifth wheel
- 11 Astronaut drink
- 12 Environs
- 13 Betray boredom
- 21 Practice session
- 23 Michelangelo, for one
- 25 Platoon member
- 26 Demeanor
- 27 Homer's gal
- 28 Poseidon's domain
- 29 Life sign
- 31 Playful prank
- 32 ___ Cup (classic candy)
- 33 Groom with care

- 35 Daycare charge
- 37 "___ a deal!"
- 41 Corned beef go-with
- 42 Virility
- 45 On the hook, legally
- 47 Like some decisions
- 48 Fit for a king

- 49 Be a rat
- 50 Notion
- 51 Clothing line?
- 54 Sleuthing game
- 55 Raconteur's offering
- 56 Bookie's quote
- 58 Reunion bunch
- 59 Scout leader?

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Seeing things seven days later

By Jeff Smith
Special to The PREVIEW

Smart people have hope. Living outside the U.S. long ago, it was something to watch American news. The local TV station got the tapes in the mail and would show them a few days later.

So, the news anchor comes on. He is grim. His face is dark and scowling. The music is tense. The tone portends great evil. There is a crises in the Middle East. Protests are flaring. Commies are winning. Dow Jones is slipping. Markets are shaking. The president is failing.

Preventing radon problems in the home

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners have proclaimed January as National Radon Month.

The CSU Extension office will be holding two workshops to educate on the effects of this gas, how to test your home, and what to do if elevated levels are found.

The workshops will be Jan. 23 and Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. at the Extension office. Preregister for one class and get a free radon kit per household.

Quick facts

- Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that can enter the home.

- Most of Colorado contains high concentrations of radon, considered the second leading cause of lung cancer.

- All Colorado homes should be tested for radon.

- Radon-reduction methods can be planned for and installed during new home construction.

- Home buyers and renters should ask if the home has been tested for radon and for the results.

What is radon?

Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas emitted from uranium, a naturally occurring mineral

A Matter of Faith

The world teeters on the brink.

Since that was seven days ago, it was good to know that we made it through somehow.

One of the most hopeful figures of that era was Ronald Reagan, who said we would “transcend” communism and called for the tearing down of the Berlin Wall.

After he left office and was by some measure feeling the onset of dementia, the wall came down, and a few years later, the Soviet empire dissolved. A piece of that wall is on display at his library to remind us.

Wise King Solomon said this:

“At the death of an upright man his hope does not come to an end, but the hope of the evil-doer (with all his power and wealth-implied) comes to destruction.” — Proverbs 11:7 (BBE).

Scripture often demands a lot of me. Sometimes, it says I must look into the face of immense, dark, hopeless, grinning evil, wherever it is, with all of its plans to stick around, and believe it will not last. It will not win.

When I think I can handle a dark world by myself, I can lose hope when my smarts aren't enough and the money goes. So, I learn it is better to shoot for greater ideals and to hope in one greater than myself. That way when ability and money run out, my hope remains.

Evil says, “It's no use, son. Don't even try.”

Yeah, well, I'm starting to see things seven days later.

Extension Viewpoints

in rocks and soil. Normally, radon rises up through the soil and dissipates in the air outside.

Radon becomes a concern, however, when it seeps through openings such as cracks, loose-fitting pipes, sump pits, dirt floors, slab joints or block walls and accumulates in the home.

Air pressure inside the home is usually lower than pressure in the soil around the house's foundation. Because of this difference, the house acts like a vacuum, drawing radon in through foundation cracks and other openings.

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‘Howdy, neighbor’: a changing routine

Have you ever been confronted by a friendly “Howdy, old-timer” from someone you met in a public place, maybe the supermarket?

Used to be when I heard that greeting, I’d look around to see who they were talking to. No more. These days, I don’t bother to look around. There has been a kind of metamorphosis to the “howdy, neighbor” greeting process round here.

Used to be, 40 or 50 years ago, you’d look forward to meeting friends every day when you went to check the mail. That was when Dick DeVore was postmaster and the post office was located on the southeast corner of 4th and Lewis streets. That building is still on that corner, but a few years went by and they built a new post office across the river, where it is now.

About the time they built the new post office, I noticed that folks in my age bracket were meeting regularly at the prescription window at Jackisch Drug, where Ben Larry or Emmett Martinez were filling pill bottles at an ever-increasing pace.

Last month, I noticed the “howdy, neighbor” routine had changed



Pagosa’s Past

John M. Motter

again. In the first place, I wasn’t seeing many of those old-timers any more. Most of them were gone. In the second place, I’d reached a point where I’d look, then think “Do I know him or her?” and act like I did just to be safe and not hurt anyone’s feelings — or, worse, appear to be suffering from a loss of brain power.

You might have guessed, the place to meet old friends now is in waiting rooms found at the doctor’s office, or the clinic, or the emergency room at the hospital. That happened to me about a month ago when I was waiting to get something or other fixed.

It was the first cold night of the season and people were walking around blowing on their hands, trying to keep warm. I was sitting there, legs crossed, wondering if the receptionist remembered what

I came in for. I made eye contact with man across the room who was also trying to be a patient patient. His sleeves were rolled up and his hands decorated with calluses, so I figured he was the kind of guy I’d enjoy talking with.

“Remember the good old days when getting’ up early and milking the cow was a pleasure because it was the only morning chore where you could keep your hands warm?” I asked in my most “howdy, neighbor” dialect.

“Oh yeh,” came the answer accompanied by a knowing grin that seemed to sprout from some long-forgotten storage bin in the

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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.

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 Microsoft Excel. 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 facilitated by local watercolor artist Jeanie Lemmo. Call 731-1590 for more information.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Circle Mirror Transformation.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. In an artsy small town, an unlikely collection of strangers sign up for Marty's adult creative drama class. Unfolding like a charmingly funny indie film, the group plays Marty's imaginative (and sometimes awkward) theater games. But, as their relationships develop over the course of the summer, the seemingly silly games generate some real-life drama. For more information and ticket purchases, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Friday, Jan. 19

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.

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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back of his head. Together we reminisced, picturing the cow's head in the stantion while her long, black tongue greedily licked up the coffee can full of grain dumped in the trough; squatting on the three-legged milking stool with the shiny old bucket between our knees and our forehead buried in the cows flank while her fly-swatter tail slapped us on the back of the head; and squirt, squirt, squirt, the two-handed rhythm of squirting

the warm milk into the bucket, interrupted by an occasional creamy stream aimed at the mother cat mewing under the cow's belly.

More memories followed, such as finding and milking the goats and my senior year at Grants Pass High School (1952) in Oregon when I worked in a Golden Guernsey Dairy morning and night the whole school year, except for Sunday nights. The job paid for my first car, a 1936 Ford sedan.

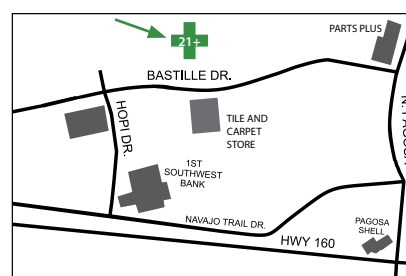
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Saturday, Jan. 20

Pagosa Nordic Club Learn to Ski Clinic. 10 a.m., Fall Creek. For never-ever, beginner and intermediate classic cross-country skiing or skate skiing. Registration and more information is available at pagosanordic.com.

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the town's website, Facebook page and newspaper. Call 264-4152, ext. 521 for more information.

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.

Toddler Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For toddlers 12-36 months. A half hour 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.

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 informa-

tion and ticket purchases, go to www.pagosachamber.com.

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Circle Mirror Transformation.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. In an artsy small town, an unlikely collection of strangers sign up for Marty's adult creative drama class. Unfolding like a charmingly funny indie film, the group plays Marty's imaginative (and sometimes awkward) theater games. But, as their relationships develop over the course of the summer, the seemingly silly games generate some real-life drama. For more information and ticket purchases, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

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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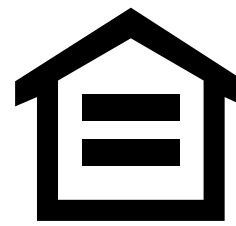
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Uke Jam. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Come strum, sing and share the fun. All levels welcome. Instruction for beginners provided.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo

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Monday, Jan. 22

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.

Free Health Screenings. 9 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Staff from San Juan Basin Public Health will be at the library for a free health screening that will check cholesterol, blood glucose, blood pressure, and they will provide health coaching. Participants are encouraged to fast for nine hours prior to your screening to get the most accurate results. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

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Bridge for fun. 1 p.m., Senior

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Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Otaku. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 5th-12th grade. If you are into anime or manga, this club is for you. Come and watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir 'Keep Pagosa Warm.' 4:45 p.m., U.S 160. Members of the choir will take warm scarves and tie them to the fence directly across from the middle school. Each scarf will have a note attached to encourage those who need a warm scarf to take it with them.

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership. 6-7 p.m., Community Center, South Conference Room. An informational session for the public. The GGP board will host a question-and-answer session.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Preventing Radon Problems Workshop. 10 a.m., CSU Extension office. To educate on the effects of this gas, how to test your home and what to do if elevated levels are found. For more information and to preregister, call 264-5931.

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Hand-Drumming Class. Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, email banjocrazy@centurytel.net or call 731-3117.

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Meth-

odist Church. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Kevin Kelly, Ph.D., at (505) 699-0824 for more information.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230

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Port Ave. Join us this month as we begin West Coast swing. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Walk-to-School Wednesdays. 7:25 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Retro Metro Kids Safe Routes to School Coalition is trying to provide opportunities for the Pagosa Springs Elementary School youth to walk and bike to school safely. We walk or sometimes skip our way to school. Participants earn miles toward The Hundred Mile Club and earn an invitation to the end-of-the-year celebration.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Kids Kare VBS. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Ave. This is a program for kids ages 3-5. The program includes Bible time, crafts and game time. This is a service to the entire community; all little kids are welcome. Parents are welcome to come and visit with their little ones. For more information, contact Frank and Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email at CE-Flittlekids@gmail.com.

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.

Free Blood Pressure Checks. 10:30 a.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Do-It-Yourself: Souvenir Boxes. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Repurpose jewelry gift boxes and decorate them with a map or other image to create an easy storage space for small trinkets or loose change from a favorite trip or vacation. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

Spanish Conversation. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Are you interested in practicing your Spanish skills with others? This information meet-up allows you to increase fluency by speaking with other

Spanish language learners and speakers. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing

RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

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 com-

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