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CDOT worker dies from injuries sustained in Feb. 2 accident

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer



Olson

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) employee Nolan Olson, 64, died on Feb. 11 from injuries sustained in a Feb. 2 accident.

"On Friday February 2nd at about 11:30 am, two Colorado Department of Transportation workers had a CDOT truck parked on the south side of Highway 160 near milepost 140.4," reads a press release from Town of Pagosa Springs Manager Andrea

■ See Olson A8



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Pagosa Springs Police Department Lt. Brooks Brown investigates an accident where a car slid into a stop sign off of Lewis Street on the morning of Monday, Feb. 12. Monday's snowstorm resulted in several vehicular accidents across Archuleta County.

2017 sales tax revenue highest on record

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

December sales tax information has been released, showing that 2017 had the highest sales tax revenue on record for Archuleta County and Pagosa Springs.

Sales tax collections for December 2017 were 11.4 percent higher than sales tax collections in December of 2016, with the year-to-date collections for 2017 being 7.3 percent higher than the same period last year.

The total sales tax collections in December for Archuleta County was \$956,043.69, according to a report issued on Feb. 9 by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

■ See Record A8

Kolpin appointed to school board

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer



Kolpin

At a special meeting held on Tuesday, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) announced its selection for its board vacancy.

After interviewing three potential candidates — Dawn Kolpin, Barbara Harris and Mark Weiler — the BOE ultimately decided that Kolpin was the best fit for the vacant school board seat.

"I am proud to say that, Dawn, you will be our next board member," BOE president Greg Schick said.

Schick then took a moment to thank Harris and Weiler for their time and interest in the position and noted their interviews went great.

BOE member Brooks Lindner made a motion to accept Kolpin as its new board member.

Each candidate was interviewed in open session by the BOE.

Twelve minutes were allocated for each candidate's interview and as the BOE interviewed each candidate, the other two candidates were escorted out of the room.

At the end of the interviews, the board ranked the candidates and

■ See Kolpin A8



Photos courtesy Dan Burch

Top photo: Three outstanding choral students at Pagosa Springs High School qualified for and attended the prestigious Colorado All State Choir in Denver this past week. All three students (left to right), Carson Grose, Anika Thomas and Brayden Shulda, went through rigorous preparation to audition in front of a live judge in Durango last fall. These three students joined over 600 students from around the state to form three choirs. After three challenging days of rehearsal, the choirs performed in the Buell Theatre in downtown Denver.

Right photo: Pagosa Springs High School senior Carson Grose has become the second student in the history of Pagosa Springs High School to qualify for both Colorado All State Choir and Colorado All State Band in the same year. The first person to do so was Kimberley Judd in 2007. Grose will go to UNC in Greeley in April and be part of an exclusive group of musicians to form one of the two bands that will perform on stage. Grose is a very talented percussionist and made the cut among hundreds of students who auditioned from all schools in Colorado, regardless of their size.



■ See Consultant A8

School board approves BEST grant application

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Tuesday, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) approved the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) application.

Chris Pitcher, representing the Planning Assistance Team (PAT), began his presentation by giving the board background on the PAT's work in regard to ASD facilities.

After analyzing all of the ASD facilities, along with a capacity analysis, the PAT identified the facilities that had the highest priority for replacement or modification.

"Part of that process is determining a recommendation to the board about what we think. It also involves

developing a master plan for facilities for the future," Pitcher said.

This process has been sped up because of the Feb. 23 application deadline for BEST funding, Pitcher added.

Through the process, it became clear that Pagosa Springs Elementary School is in need of replacement, Pitcher explained.

"It's had several additions, it's near capacity and it's lost some of its function for the requirements that are needed in today's classrooms," Pitcher said.

The location of a new elementary school does not need to be determined at this point, but it will be fleshed out in the future, Pitcher

■ See BEST A8

What's old is new again: County hears proposal for Parelli building

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

While Archuleta County has yet to hear back from the Colorado Judicial Department concerning the county's offer to rehabilitate the western portion of the courthouse for court use, other old ideas for court space have resurfaced.

On Jan. 29, a trio of Archuleta County representatives traveled to Denver to meet with state representatives and present a conceptual plan for a \$5 million remodel of the space.

At that meeting, the state representatives indicated they would look into the option.

■ See Courthouse A8

Some court services return to Archuleta County

Court clerk's and probation services for the Archuleta County Combined Courts have returned to Archuleta County.

The new location for the services is at 46 Eaton Drive, in Cascade Plaza.

According to Jon Sarché, deputy public information officer for the Colorado Judicial Department, the Sixth Judicial District has signed a four-month lease for the location.

SJWCD discusses hiring Proffitt as a consultant

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) board entertained the idea of hiring a consultant at its regular board meeting on Monday night.

SJWCD chairman John Porco noted that while the board did postpone the initial search for a general manager at a special meeting held on Jan. 4, it became clear to Porco that a consultant was needed.

Former SJWCD chairman Rod Proffitt was nominated by Porco as a good fit for the consultant position.

"I've been president of this board now for a month, approximately. It has become clear to

me that we really must have some access to the expertise and experience and knowledge of Rod Proffitt," Porco said.

For years, Proffitt was the "heart and soul" of the board and the things that Proffitt was working on need to continue, Porco added.

"Frankly, I am not going to ask Rod to help us out of the kindness of his heart. I think that would be asking way too much and would be a slap in the face," Porco said.

Porco then explained that Proffitt, with board approval, would be hired as a consultant to the board.

"We have re-drafted the agreement that we had for the general manager's position; it is not the general manager's position re-cast. I guarantee you of that," Porco explained.

The agreement had a great number of stipulations that pertained to the board's oversight of the consultant, Porco added.

The consultant would be under close scrutiny of the board, Porco added later.

The agreement that the board would seek advice on, Porco mentioned.

"We've also reduced the compensation, the hourly compensation, which is still in there, understandably," Porco said.

Board member Al Pfister then explained that he disagreed with Porco saying that the duties of the consultant are significantly different than that of the general manager.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Chimney Rock needs your help

If you've ever visited Chimney Rock National Monument, you found yourself surrounded by some of the friendliest and most helpful volunteers in Pagosa Country.

Did you know that it takes more than 80 volunteers to operate the interpretive program at the monument?

There is a huge need this year to fill the empty slots for volunteers. Keeping the gates to Chimney Rock open won't be possible if new volunteers don't step up for this unique outdoor cultural experience.

Don't worry, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) offers in-depth training and mentoring to everyone interested in joining its team. And, you will be paired with veteran volunteers at the site until you are comfortable in your new role.

CRIA is a nonprofit organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under an agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest.

Why should you consider helping out? The crew at CRIA came up with this list of reasons why you should volunteer:

- "The Land: Over 1,000 years ago, the Ancestral Puebloans built more than 200 homes and ceremonial buildings high above the valley floor.

- "The View: Chimney Rock is a place of unparalleled natural beauty sitting on a high mesa at the southern edge of the San Juan Mountains between Durango and Pagosa Springs.

- "The People: Chimney Rock is home to the ancestors of the modern Pueblo Indians and holds great spiritual significance to various tribes.

- "The Sky: Chimney Rock was used as celestial observatory and seasonal calendar by the Ancestral Puebloans, thought by many experts to be connected with the people of Chaco Canyon. The mountain peaks to the north and east made it an ideal spot for tracking the movement of the sun and moon. Monthly archaeoastronomy programs are offered by CRIA, in which you can view the full moon rising above the San Juan Mountains or view the night sky as the ancient ones did.

- "The Mystery: What brought the Chacoans here and why did they leave? What attracted them to the high mesa beneath the twin pinnacles in such harsh living conditions? Learn about the theories behind these questions and more."

Due to the great need for new volunteers, CRIA is holding two open houses so that you can learn about how you can get involved.

The first open house will be held on Friday, Feb. 16, from 12:30-1:30 p.m., at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library located at 811 San Juan St.

The second open house will be held on March 16 from 6-7 p.m. at the EcoLuxe Building at The Springs Resort and Spa located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

CRIA's Volunteer Training Days will take place on April 13 and 14 at the PLPOA Clubhouse located at 230 Port Ave.

For more information and to view the 2018 Chimney Rock calendar of events, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.

This year's season at the national monument kicks off on May 15. Can you spare some time to get involved and make a difference?

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

When will Pagosa Country see its next snow?



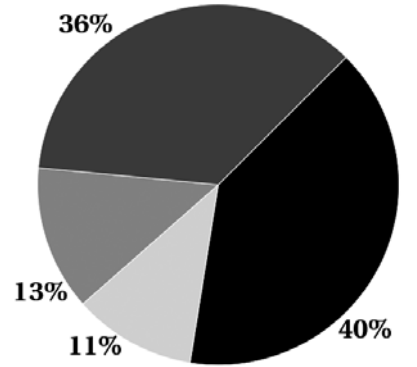
Crystal Young
"Hopefully by the end of March. Because I really wanted to go camping this summer."



Susan Baker
"Hopefully before the ski area closes."



Bob Fuller
"Tomorrow (Feb. 10)."



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Next week — 40 percent
Next month — 11 percent
Next year — 13 percent
What is snow? — 36 percent

This week online: Should the county and school district both ask for tax increases this November?
Vote at www.pagosasun.com

LOOKING BACK



From the Mar. 6, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. SIGNING PRELIMINARY PLANS — Officials of the county, the local soil conservation district, and the State Soil Conservation Service head met here last week to sign preliminary plans for two RC&D projects. Signing the documents, left to right are: County Commissioner Harold Schutz, San Juan Soil Conservation District Ronnie Robison, and State Conservationist M. D. Burdick.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 10, 1928

Earl Mullins, who has discontinued his engineering course at Denver university, arrived home Saturday night, and for the present will be employed in his father's barber shop.

The Valentine Costume Ball, first scheduled to be held at the Carlsbad Lodge on Saturday, Feb. 11th, has been changed until Tuesday, Feb. 14th. The regular Saturday and Wednesday night dances will be held each week, however.

There are a number of Scout books in the library. You Scout boys make use of them. A number of new books have been ordered.

There is a great dearth of news in this vicinity this week, but we can't help that — at least we go to press with what exists.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 19, 1943

The Blanco Basin school gave a program and had a Valentine box last Friday afternoon. Guests were Mrs. Bill Adams, Mrs. Paul Richards and Nathan. Mrs. Ed Noble and the school children served jello, cup cakes and cocoa.

Delbert Thayer has been promoted to Intelligence Sergeant, according to word received this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Thayer. Atta boy, Dell! Keep going.

Rodney Jones is now "PFC." He is in the Marine Corps and is somewhere in the South Pacific. Jones is only 17 years of age and we'll tell the Marines he is doing right well for a "kid." He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Jones, who are spending the winter in Glenwood Springs.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 15, 1968

The following telegram was received this week by Mayor Eldon Gibson from Congressman Wayne Aspinall. The building to which it refers is to be built in the area of what is known as "the Old Ball Diamond." HUD announces approval of a \$40,425 grant under the Neighborhood Facilities Grant Program to assist in financing 75 percent of the cost of constructing the El Centro Neighborhood Center Project No. Colo. N-1.

Skiing at Wolf Creek Pass Ski Area has been reported as excellent for the past several weeks. The new snow this week brought several additional inches of new snow and it is doubtful that any ski area in the state has a better base than Wolf Creek.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 18, 1993

County Commissioners Alvin Cannady and Bill Tallon agreed Tuesday to reopen the bid period for remodeling work planned for the county's administrative offices. Friday, Feb. 26 was set as the new deadline for submitting bids on the work. Acknowledging that an earlier solicitation for bids received no response prior to the Feb. 5 deadline, Cannady said three contractors showed "quite a bit of interest" in the project last week. While Cannady and Tallon supported the remodeling, local resident Marcus Skaggs spoke in favor of Commissioner Bob Formwalt's contention that the proposal should be dropped. Skaggs said he would prefer the county spend money on insurance for its employees' families as opposed to remodeling relatively new office spaces.

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Letters



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Boom/bust

Dear Editor:
Every year the world's leaders, most powerful global financial organizations and industry executives gather in Davos Switzerland. This year the Premier of China praised "free trade" and quoted Charles Dickens on dealing with opportunities ... talk about contradictions. However, it was absolutely clear to all attendees that the center of world trade has shifted to Asia, specifically China. Yes, Trump attended Davos, and said "America is open for business" then responded to the very real economic shift with his normal

mix of threats, boasts and nasty faces ... absolutely "impressing" everyone attending.

But how could China and not the U.S. be the leading economic engine. Aren't we the bastion of individualism and capitalism ... China ... China a communist government is now the center of capitalism? If we look back over recorded time, any country springing up as an economic leader had success initially funded by their government. Take a current example ... in response to a Russian satellite, NASA paved the way for Musk's rocket w/returning engines. In today's world, there is a new term for it, capitalist development state. If we look at the most economically successful Asian countries, Japan, India, S. Korea, Singapore & China, we see that since WWII free trade was not part of their achievement; but rather controlled market access and incredible government investment. The very first time we would have substantive access to their markets would have been within the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP). So what did our current "jobs" President do within days of election ... he withdrew ... a year later, "well maybe that wasn't so smart."

Adam Smith and Milton Friedman were totally devoted to free markets. Their economic dogma became the bedrock of the GOP's political/trade beliefs. But Trump, good old Trump, after withdrawing from the TPP, placed tariffs on Canadian wood and of all things (45%) on S. Korean washing machines. See here's the thing, trade is now global that's why many of our major industries are no longer based domestically, nor can we survive or even get beyond a certain level of jobs just selling to each other. If you want real substantive long lasting jobs, come to grips with the requirement for initial government investment, regulations and global trade ... otherwise it's national decline and limited boom/bust.

Dave Blake

Changing climate

Dear Editor:
I heard a rumor that Representative Scott Tipton is not interested in doing anything about or even planning for disruptive weather patterns due to our changing climate. I heard

he doesn't think his constituents are concerned about this issue. I encourage all readers to prove him wrong. I am highly concerned about this issue. All Coloradans should be if we care about our economy; agriculture, skiing, fishing, dying and burning forests, etc. Call Representative Tipton now and let him know you want him to think about our future in regards to the changing climate (202-225-476). If you want to learn more about non-partisan, market based solutions to the climate problem check out Citizens Climate Lobby, www.ccl.org.

Carl Ellison
Durango

With or against?

Dear Editor:
We went from reading in the newspaper about what seemed nothing more than a passing remark from one county commissioner about tabling or postponing until 2019 the jail issue to reading in last week's paper about a Denver meeting to remodel the courthouse to the tune of 5.0 million that listed so many heads of judgeship as to make your head spin, marking it a show of force.

A show of force, likely-apprised of the same misinformation by the current two obvious dissenters, the presiding county coroner and county judge whose initial tactics included in part 'kicking the county when they were down' with boycott and threats to never again darken the doors of the courthouse, and wrongly but slyly transposing the jail and the courthouse terminology to create false impression and sow misinformation about the courthouse being affected when that was never in question, it was the jail that was deemed so, two side by side but different buildings. And these fellow's offices were in the courthouse portion not the jail portion that was deemed but not proven as affected with purported pathogens.

The public expects these individuals to base information on facts, not fabricated sentiment. Furthermore they are not self-employed personnel free to do as they choose but accountable to the public that votes them in or not. They say they can't or won't, so let us vote in, who can and will.

But to choose force to sway the

now quavering public to focus on that force, be turned by it, waylay and force the BoCC's hand, and to what? To snap their fingers, blink their eyes, and produce instantaneous results like perhaps an almost new building, gutted and rebuilt — state of the art — for whom?

Effective in turning aside a very real and pressing problem of no jail that incited "the deep down you know" comment by the county clerk, herself often depicted soaking in a hot springs ad with the owner, but naturally hastening support of her son, the county sheriff who had pointed to geothermal odors as making some sick at the defunct sheriff's office.

Would that that ailing staff avail themselves of the wholesome geothermal benefits, and its collateral-damage odors, Pagosa means bubbling water, sometimes slight but not damaging foul, that tourists drive miles to come here to absorb and soak in, that generates revenue, and when it has done its work, is spent downriver washing away any remnant foul. But is the fix to negligently turn off a geothermal well that may well have an important purpose, like heating the courthouse building and that shutting it down could be of detriment. Yet none, coming to the defense of their workplace, profiting from work there or of being voted in. Some posted posing in hazmat suits, lending implied agreement.

The opposition was clear. Now some seek our support, Are they with us or against us.

Carmen Ferguson

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Letters

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Misinterpreted

Dear Editor:
It seems that we hear daily about some new atrocity perpetrated by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria — ISIS — and other groups claiming to be Muslims. While I don't believe that any substantial members of this group will find their way to America, we do have terroristic events claimed to be linked to ISIS and other similar groups.

So, should we be concerned about the Muslims that live here in America? No more than we should be suspicious of others who claim to be part of an organization but do not follow the beliefs of that group — until they engage in criminal behavior.

The leader of ISIS either is, or has been, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. In September 2014, a letter initially signed by over 122 Muslim scholars from around the world was addressed to al-Baghdadi to dissuade potential radicals from joining ISIS.

The person who delivered the letter in Washington, D.C., was Nihad Awad of the Council on American Islamic Relations. At the time of what is now commonly referred to as the Letter to Baghdadi, Awad stated, "You have misinterpreted Islam into a religion of harshness, brutality, torture and murder. This is a great wrong and an offense to Islam, to Muslims and to the entire world."

The Muslim scholars who wrote the letter stated a number of principles that are a part of the Islamic faith. The Letter states that it is forbidden in Islam to:

- kill the innocent, emissaries, ambassadors, diplomats, journalists, and aid workers;
- harm or mistreat Christians or any People of the Scripture in any way;
- re-introduce slavery
- force people to convert to Islam
- deny women and children their rights
- enact legal punishments without following the correct procedures that insure justice and mercy
- mutilate the dead and to torture people
- attribute evil acts to Allah
- declare a Caliphate without consensus from all Muslims
- require anyone to emigrate anywhere.

There is more to the Letter to Baghdadi, which can be easily found.

So, shouldn't the members of ISIS be denied the privilege of being called Muslims and claiming to be followers of Islam? Perhaps there is no way to do that. If there is, I presume, subject to correction, that it would be the Grand Ayatollah in Iran who would do that and we know that's not going to happen.

Even though those of us who are not Muslims do not have the authority to decide who is and who is not a Muslim, we do not have to identify terroristic groups who claim to be Muslims, but who choose to ignore the tenets of Islam, as Muslims or as part of Islam.

Just my thoughts.

Bill Hubbard

Fluoride facts

Dear Editor:
In these times of realizing government falsities daily, I find the information in the article in the Preview on 2/8/18 entitled "San Juan Public Health to offer free dental screenings, fluoride varnishes..." to be highly deceptive and non truth-

ful about fluoride.

Fluoride has been scientifically proven not to be a good way to protect your teeth. It does make your teeth harder but also makes them brittle, can cause fluoride bombs (hidden cavities), causes gum recession through bone shrinkage, and causes dental fluorosis, a pitting and spotting of the teeth because of enzyme and cell damage during tooth formation.

The CDC says that fluoride only works topically with no science to back that up. The lie that fluoridated water reduces cavities was and is decades long propaganda spread by those who profit from its use.

In 2015 the CDC decided to put an end to this debate and hired the Cochran Group, a global independent collaborative of researchers in more than 120 countries who strive to produce credible health information by their meta-analysis of scientific studies. They are considered by doctors and scientists to be the "Gold Standard" of scientific evidence based reviews worldwide. They are free from commercial sponsorship or conflict of interest. This meta-analysis of pro-fluoride science was paid for by our tax dollars with the hopes to reveal once and for all that fluoride was a proven cavity fighter. It identified only three studies since 1975 of sufficient quality to be included that addressed the effectiveness of fluoridation. Contrary to CDC's hopes, these papers revealed fluoridation does not reduce cavities to a statistically significant degree.

The conclusion also said "It is apparent that fluorides have the ability to interfere with the function of the brain and the body by direct and indirect means." This corroborates results of the 2006 National Research Council's review of fluoride, which revealed that fluoride harms bodily systems including musculoskeletal, reproductive, neurological, endocrine, gastrointestinal, renal, hepatic, and immune, and also causes heart disorders and cancer. Were we ever warned by any government agency or the media about this? No.

CDC US statistics revealed that low income children's tooth decay rates are increasing despite record numbers of children served by fluoridated water and foods, dental products, and medicines containing fluoride, causing an alarming surge of fluoride overdose symptoms and increasing tooth decay. Does this sound like fluoride works as touted?

Why does a tube of fluoridated toothpaste have a FDA safety warning saying to call a doctor or Poison Control Center if more than a pea size amount is swallowed? The fluoride amount in that pea size amount is the same quantity in a liter of fluoridated water.

The Preview article also sites a quote about fluoridation being named a "top public health achievement..." This is merely an opinion by a dentist and an environmentalist. Neither are scientists. Neither have done any safety studies on fluoridation and this quote has no scientific validity or backing.

For more info www.FluorideAlert.org or 264-4462.

Cathy Justus

Blake's rantings

Dear Editor:
Have you ever been driving in traffic, and witnessed some knucklehead putting on a spectacular display of irresponsible driving,

making you want to pull up alongside to see what kind of idiot it is that would do such a thing?

I no longer live in Pagosa, but I still love the place, and enjoy reading in the Sun about current happenings. However, when I read Dave Blake's rantings, I get that same feeling...

The rantings never seem to end. That comes as no surprise though. Since Trump was elected, Dave and his compatriots have been putting on the most spectacular tantrum any of us have seen in our lifetimes. Their candidate didn't get elected, and so now the rest of us have to listen to them cry. At first I thought it would surely end after a few weeks, but no — on and on it goes.

Dave seems to be indirectly saying that Christians operate out of "fear and hatred". Nothing new here; for years now, liberals have equated Christians with hate and intolerance. However, in the many decades I have lived, I have never seen such a display of intolerance as that exhibited by the leaders of what is known as the liberal left in this country at this time. It has, in truth, become a religion in itself to them, and they allow no room for anyone with opposing views. These leaders spout out their poison, and since the mainstream media is allied in the effort, it is represented as fact on the evening news, and the rank and file liberal "thinkers" buy into the deception.

Did you notice Dave's mention of the "scientist" who wrote the national geographic article? Have you noticed that a professional who espouses a liberal idea is referred to as a "scientist"? While one who expresses an opposing viewpoint is dismissed as irrelevant, a fringe group, or even worse... a "Christian". And I'm not just talking about this letter. It's a recurring theme, if you will take the time to notice.

Dave's second (not very well veiled) attack on Christians comes at the end, when he suggests that we Christians simply "shrug off horrific mass killings in our schools". Come on Dave, get real. I have not previously responded to any of your letters; that would have been a waste of time. But this time you have outdone yourself. You appear to be very proud of yourself as a great spokesman of truth.

Sonny Kelley
Gardner, Kan.

Postpone jail

Dear Editor:
Regarding the February 1st SUN article in which CDC member Michael Whiting discusses the benefits of postponing placing the new jail on the 2018 ballot, I concur.

Providing a quality educational environment for students is essential to their learning experience. Speaking as a retired school teacher, I can attest to the benefits of more space for teaching and activities. The school where I taught provided ample space for individual groups to do cooperative work and to allow for differentiation of groups as well. As educators our goal is to provide quality education so our students will be successful in obtaining jobs and careers and so that they will contribute positively to our community and to society as a whole. By providing students a healthy and safe learning environment we will increase the likelihood that as adults they will be assets to society and not a burden requiring a correctional facility.

In light of the possibility of our

obtaining BEST funds, I believe that it is more important to expend available resources on educational facilities. Given that it is unlikely that we can simultaneously fund both educational-facility and jail-facility improvements, unfortunately I think we need to postpone the letter.

Joanne Lucariello

PLPOA status

Dear Editor:
We believe Albert Jenab, Chairman, PLPOA Finance Committee, made many errors and omissions in last week's letter to the editor. The Articles of Incorporation unambiguously state that PLPOA filed as a Colorado 501(c)(7) non-profit with the Colorado Secretary of State in 1972. PLPOA's Declaration of Restrictions, amended in 1978 and again in 1983, reaffirms this, as do the Bylaws, Article 1 Preamble #5 which states the PLPOA will "Exercise the powers set forth in its Articles of Incorporation and granted it by law to do whatever is necessary, appropriate or incidental to the accomplishment of its stated purposes, goals, and objects." We agree that the "Declaration of Restrictions, bylaws, rules and regulations, etc have nothing to do with" PLPOA's chosen tax status. We believe the legal structure of an organization dictates how it files its income tax returns. We believe the tax returns do not dictate the legal corporate status, as Albert suggests by saying "much has changed" in PLPOA and in IRS & accounting rules that apply to homeowner associations, since 1972. We have asked for legal proof that PLPOA is not a 501(c)(7). PLPOA has not provided any such documentation. How hard is it to pull that out of a file? We have found nothing on file at the Secretary of State to support the claim of a status change. We recommend that you do your own homework, as we stated before. It seems a change in legal status, if it occurred, would require a member vote. What do you think?

PLPOA's Articles of Incorporation: The purpose for which the PLPOA was organized is to "promote and enhance the civic, social and recreational interests of...the owners of real estate... the corporation shall exercise only such powers as are in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations set forth in Section 501(c)(7)." We agree with Albert that 501(c)(7) requirements would prevent PLPOA from existing as it does currently. That's our whole point. They were not organized in 1972 to provide operations, maintenance, recreation and public safety services, or to file income tax returns as an HOA under IRC code 277, as PLPOA has done since at least 2002, according to the audited financials. We believe Section 277 regulates taxable social clubs (see Rev. Rul. 2003-73), not tax exempt as Albert indicates.

Typically, homeowners become members of the homeowners associations (HOA) and work together to make the neighborhood better with rules and regulations. On the

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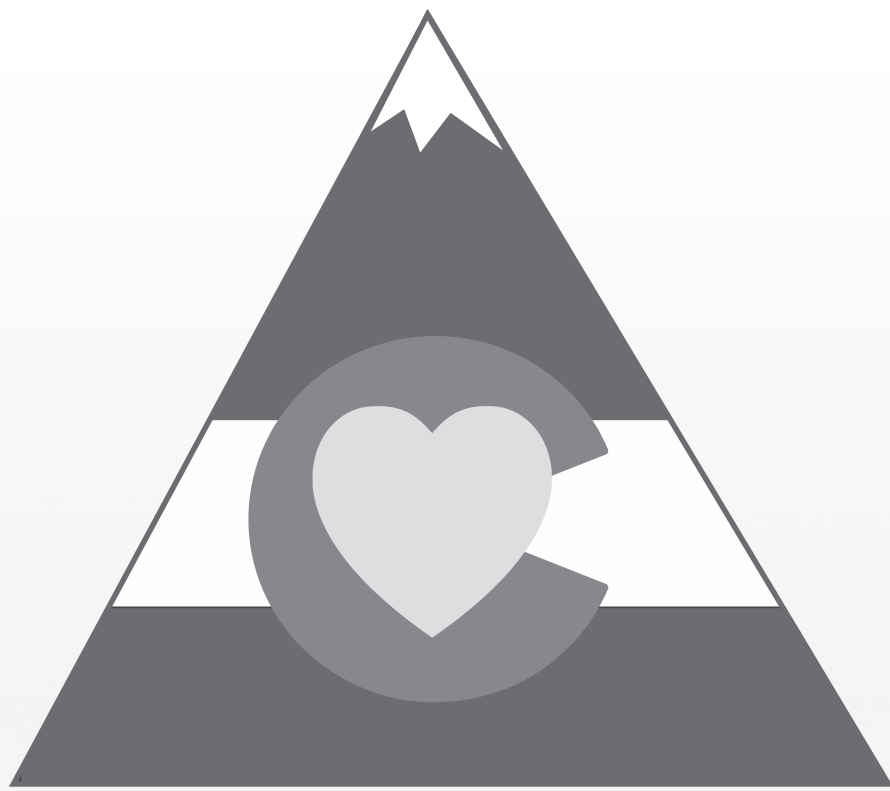
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Obituaries

Melinda Doyle

Melinda Doyle went home to live with her heavenly father on Feb. 6. Melinda was born on Sept. 28, 1959, to Dale and Betty Jo Wight in Concord, Calif. She was joined by her beloved brother, Timothy, two years later and they lived in Walnut Creek, Calif. until she was 8 years old.



Her mother passed away in August of 1967, and her father and step-mother moved the family to Washington state, where they lived until Melinda was 13. The family then moved to Cambridge, Neb., where Melinda attended high school. She loved Nebraska and always considered it "home." She was baptized on Aug. 9, 1974, at Harlan County Lake. Upon high school graduation, Melinda attended University of Sioux Falls and Augustana College, where she received her bachelor of arts degree in 1981. After all those years of being responsible, her vagabond side came out and she moved from place to place and held many jobs until settling down in Lincoln, Neb. Melinda was always happiest when she was in close proximity to Tim.

In 1986, Melinda moved to Beatrice, where she worked at First National Bank, Professional Marketing Concepts and Runza drive-in. In 1992, she found her true calling by becoming a licensed nail technician. In 1994, she purchased a salon and named it the Steel Magnolia. Melinda spent many years cultivating friendships and nurturing her clients. It never seemed like work to

her and she always looked forward to being in the salon.

In 2003, she met and fell in love with her soulmate, Terry Doyle. They were married on Aug. 4, 2006, and this was the happiest and most contented time of her life. It didn't matter where she was or what she was doing, as long as Terry was by her side. Together, they lived in Beatrice and Pagosa Springs, Colo. One of her biggest joys was her beloved dogs, Tucker and Cooper. Melinda loved the Lord and tried to share him with friends and acquaintances alike. Melinda was a member of Christ Community Church in Beatrice. She enjoyed snow skiing, hiking, traveling, road tripping, shopping with her soul sister, Laurie, entertaining friends and family, and loving on everyone.

Survivors include her husband, soulmate and best friend, Terry; her beloved brother, Timothy Wight (Jan) of Santa Barbara, Calif.; her daughters, Kelleigh Doyle, of Denver, Colo., and Teryn Doyle, of Lincoln; her grandson, Aaven Doyle, of Lincoln; her half-brother, Michael Wight (Sandi), of Waverly; and her half-sister, Angela Wade (Dick), of Battle Creek, Neb.; her niece, Lauren Wight, of Oakland, Calif., and her soul sister, Laurie Dorn, of Beatrice; as well as many family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Feb. 11, at Christ Community Church, with pastors Jack Magness and Dan Martin officiating. Interment was on Monday, Feb. 12, in the Fair View Cemetery in Cambridge, Neb. A family prayer service was held on Sunday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the Melinda Doyle Charitable Foundation,

with Jerry and Bev Hecox in charge. Sign Melinda's online guest book and view her video tribute when it is completed at www.ghchapel.com.

Ian James Brayton Kelley

Our beloved Ian James Brayton Kelley left this world suddenly Tuesday, Feb. 6, to be welcomed into the arms of his loving savior Jesus Christ. He had lived with high blood pressure most of his life and that ultimately caused an aortic aneurysm above his heart to tear.



Ian was born on June 20, 1983, in Durango, Colo. From those early years, Ian's contagiously warm smile lit faces and hearts. He will always be remembered as a kind and extraordinarily compassionate young man who loved his family and genuinely delighted in spending time with them. Becoming Uncle Ian to two nephews and two nieces was the second greatest joy of his life. His very highest joy and comfort was in knowing Jesus and reading or listening to God's Word.

Ian loved Pagosa life, and being a part of this community brought him great contentment. He was a very gifted musician and songwriter. One of his favorite things to do was to sit in the sunshine and play his guitar. He also loved playing disc golf and spending time in the woods. He never shied away from discussing politics or his Christian faith and no one ever walked away from those discussions without some new perspective to ponder. He was a wonderful cook and baker and immensely enjoyed cooking for friends and family and in his work at Pagosa Baking Company.

Ian was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Harold and Ginger Kelley; maternal grandparents Robert and Irene Davisson; his uncle, Robert Davisson Jr., and his aunt, Lowrey Kelley. He is survived by his parents, Kate and Harold Kelley; brother David E. Kelley (Danielle) and niece Eisley; sister Liza (Blake) Buckman; nephews James and Bennett; and niece Linley; one aunt and three cousins.

A celebration of Ian's life will take place at Centerpoint Church on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 10:30 a.m. A finger-food potluck lunch will

be held immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pagosa Valor Academy or KPCL radio.

Ward Vincent Lawrence

Former Pagosa Springs resident Ward Vincent Lawrence passed away peacefully at home in Sun City West, Ariz., on Feb. 6, just weeks before his 77th birthday. He and his wife, Jody, lived in Pagosa from 1999-2005 before moving to Arizona because of his health problems exacerbated by the altitude here. His adventurous spirit and enthusiasm for new experiences energized everyone around him.



During their six years in Pagosa, the Lawrences were active members of the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Ward will be especially missed by his Monday and Thursday men's golfing group and also his weekend couples' golfing friends.

Ward was greatly admired for his warm hospitality, especially hosting post-golfing parties on the deck of their home overlooking the sixth hole on the Ponderosa course. He also was known for his sense of humor and story-telling, always happy to tell anecdotes about the many golf courses he had played and the two winters he and Jody lived on their sailboats in the Bahamas. For those of us who golfed and partied with him, it's hard to imagine that those huge gusts of energy have been stilled.

While living in Pagosa, the Lawrences also were active members of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. They were major donors to the construction of the new church and Ward provided pro bono real estate legal advice to the church's decision-makers. Ward and Jody also were members of the Gray Wolf Ski Club.

Ward was born on Feb. 28, 1941, in Wichita, the eldest of three children of Robert and Frances Lawrence. He graduated from Wichita East High School, began his undergraduate studies at Colorado College, and earned business and law degrees from the University of Kansas. His professional career spanned a wide spectrum that ranged from owning and operating a Pizza Inn

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other hand, property owners associations (POA), which Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association is, are more about the property. A POA can consist of homeowners, property managers or business owners. PLPOA has several PUD zones.

We did not draw conclusions or makes claims about what a 501(c)(7) can or cannot do. We got our information from the IRS Part 7. Rulings and Agreements. Chapter 25. Exempt organizations determinations manual. Section 7. Social

and Recreational Clubs.


Jeff and Charlotte Maier

Bait and switch

Dear Editor:

Bait: "I'm not going to cut Social Security like every other Republican and I'm not going to cut Medicare or Medicaid" (D. Trump, May 21, 2015) Switch: Proposed budget cuts Medicare by \$554 billion and Medicaid by around \$250 billion over the next decade (D. Trump, Feb. 12, 2018). Wither truth and integrity?

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Colorado LEAP makes huge impact with Colorado family

By Michele Worthington
Special to The SUN

Throughout its history, the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) has helped many families get through the winter by paying for a portion of the households' heating costs. However, paying a portion of the heating cost is just one avenue of support LEAP provides so families can stay warm throughout the winter.

La Junta, Colo., resident Dee Ann Wagner has used the services of LEAP for the past few years to help offset her heating costs. However, those costs started to become too high because her old furnace was no longer energy efficient. That's when LEAP stepped in.

A person who is eligible for LEAP

may also be eligible for the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP). CIP is primarily intended to assist with the repair or replacement of a dwelling's primary heating source. CIP is managed by Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC), a statewide agency. EOC has a network of contractors they work with throughout the state in order to repair or replace a furnace.

It's been a great partnership because there are times when EOC will kick in extra funding in situations where the venting or ductwork needs replacing or repairing. Other uncommon cases include running a gas line to the home and various repairs related to the installation of the furnaces (drywall, etc.). In rare circumstances, EOC will need to replace the hot water heater when it's tied directly to the furnace (and

the furnace replacement causes the hot water heater to fail).

One of EOC's vendors installed a more efficient furnace for Wagner after LEAP was able to provide the monetary assistance needed.

In a letter to LEAP, Wagner said, "This was a necessity for me to be able to stay in the home that I own and the home that I love. Without this generosity on behalf of Colorado LEAP, I would not have been able to afford the heating costs and would have ultimately been forced to sell my home."

With the assistance of LEAP technicians and the professionals at KDA, Wagner was able to apply for and receive her new furnace well before the winter became too cold.

"I could not have been more pleased with not only the service I

received, but the product which was installed in my home," Wagner said. "The application process was made clear and easy."

Wagner joins thousands of other Colorado residents whose lives were made a little bit easier thanks to assistance from LEAP.

"Last year, nearly 98,000 Coloradans applied for LEAP and received an average benefit of nearly \$344 per household," said Aggie Berens, LEAP manager. "We want to make sure all eligible Coloradans are aware that LEAP's resources are available to help individuals and families this winter."

To find out if you qualify for LEAP, call toll-free at (866) 432-8435 or visit www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap to view the requirements and to download an application. Applications will be accepted through April 30.

Obituaries

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franchise in Denver to serving as general manager of the Wichita Wings in the professional indoor soccer team's first year of existence. As well, he spent the majority of his working career applying his legal and entrepreneurial skills to commercial real estate development.

He was a lifelong sports enthusiast with a particular passion for the Kansas City Chiefs, St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas Jayhawks. Ward enjoyed an active retirement pursuing his love for golf both here in the mountains of Colorado and also in the deserts of Arizona. He loved road racing his Porsche 911 turbo and serving as captain of two different boats while sailing in the Bahamas.

Ward is survived by his wife, Jody; three children: daughter Tammy in Wichita, son Mike in Wichita, and stepson Dan and his wife, Misty, in Oklahoma City; sister Gretchen in St. George, Utah; six grandchildren: Melissa, Sara, Matthew, Greta, Ben and Aaron; and great granddaughter Elizabeth.

A loving husband, father, grandfather, companion and friend, Ward will be remembered for his commitment to faith, family, friends, food and fun. Private services for the family will take place

at St. James Episcopal Church in Wichita later this year.

A memorial for camper scholarships in Ward's name has been established with Sanborn Western Camps in Florissant, Colo., www.sanbornwesterncamps.com, because the camp had such a profound influence on his life. He attended the camp several times as a child, later working as a wrangler and becoming a generous benefactor.

Susan Trujillo

Susan Trujillo, 100, passed away Feb. 9. She was born in New Mexico on July 28, 1917, to the late Eduardo and Ignacia Vigil. Mrs. Trujillo was

an elementary school teacher and taught both in New Mexico and Colorado. She was a parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Pagosa Springs and St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Virginia Beach. Mrs. Trujillo was a devout Catholic and a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Mel E. Trujillo.



She is survived by her daughters, Cynthia Marchant and Gerilyn Diamond and her husband Robert; grandchildren Denbeigh Marchant, Andrew Marchant, Lily Diamond, Charles Diamond, Julia Diamond and Jane Diamond; two brothers; and three sisters.

A memorial Mass will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, celebrated by Father Venancio R. Balarote, with inurnment to follow at St. Nicholas. You may offer condolences to the family at www.kellumfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

In Memoriam

Lucero

In memoriam
Clifford E. Lucero
May the winds of Heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear how much we love you and miss you and wish that you were here.

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Eliza; children Alberta, Bernie, Guzman, Madeline, Clifford Jr., Jimmy, Lucille; spouses; grandchildren and great-grandchildren

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Love, Joseph, Michelle (Chella), Felicia (Bug), brothers, sisters and grandchildren



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Consultant

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"I would very strongly disagree. Some of the wording in there is verbatim from what was in the general manager position," Pfister said.

Board member Ray Finney reiterated that SJWCD still has jobs that need to be done, and while the consultant does not have as much authority, the board can still get the jobs done and keep track of them.

"Yes, Rod has that knowledge, but if we're going out, as a contract, why are we not going out requesting proposals? And if Rod is the best person qualified for that, then so be it," Pfister said.

SJWCD has a precedent of taking proposals for contracts, Pfister added.

SJWCD's legal counsel, Kent Holsinger, participating in the meeting by phone, explained to Pfister that there is no requirement that the board take proposals or bids for the consultant position.

"The board can act tonight to hire a consultant, in the same fashion that it can hire and fire its attorney or that it can hire and fire its engineer," Holsinger said.

With the credibility issues and legal issues the SJWCD faces, Pfister indicated that he believes the district should be more transparent when it comes to the consultant agreement.

"I think we've gone through quite a lengthy discussion and debate over the general manager position. So then is the public perception that we've just retitled the position and we're still moving forward with

what we were, when in fact we said we were going to hold off for three months," board member Doug Secrist said.

The board also does not know what will be the result of the Independent Ethics Commission complaint that was filed by Matt Roane, Secrist added.

However, SJWCD does need to "take care of business," Secrist noted. The consultant agreement has a provision that states that the board can cancel the agreement at any time without any penalty, Porco added.

Porco added that the consultant position could be put out for bids, but the point is to find someone who has the knowledge that Proffitt does. "Who else would have that knowledge available?" Porco asked.

"Nobody. But it can be acquired, too," Pfister responded.

"When you're going down the road and you see people kind of flagging and waving you down, you slow down, or you check the road ahead," Secrist explained. "You don't speed up and keep on going, and I want to make sure that we don't get into that kind of a problem. We need to proceed cautiously."

According to Porco, advertising for the position of consultant "defeats the entire purpose of having it" but noted that the board could certainly do that.

"We've got a guy that has a good track record on production, who knows plenty of people and if we find out something bad about the guy, then we can figure that one out when

we cross that bridge," Finney said.

Pfister acknowledged that Proffitt was intelligent and knows the goals of the SJWCD, but Pfister also noted that there are some recent ethical concerns for him.

Proffitt had been shouldering a lot of duties for SJWCD and the district needs to pick his brain, board member Susan Nossaman, also participating by phone, added.

"I think hiring him as a consultant is a good idea," Nossaman later mentioned.

The hours Proffitt would be used as a consultant would be determined by the SJWCD and what its budget allows, Porco explained.

Porco later noted that specific oversight by the board was not done previously and was something that the board "should have been doing."

The only thing gathered from the consultant would be advice, not reports, Porco explained.

"We're going to ask him to do specific things, or to provide advice on specific things. We're going to do that. It's not up to him to decide. It's up to us to decide," Porco said.

The idea of postponing a decision on the consultant agreement for two weeks was then thrown out to the board by Porco.

By doing this, it would allow Pfister to read through the consultant agreement again and identify things that need to be changed, Porco explained.

The consultant position can also be advertised to the public, Porco added.

"I'm sorry, I am the president of

the board and I've got to lead this thing in some direction," Porco said.

Secrist noted that the general manager position was already put on hold and he did not want to substitute a consultant for a general manager.

The board then agreed to table the discussion and decision on the consultant agreement.

A special meeting to discuss the consultant agreement was scheduled by the board to be held on Feb. 26 at 4 p.m.

This item was then opened up to the audience for public comment.

Public comment

Michael Whiting began his public comment by saying that "just because you can do something, doesn't mean you should."

Despite the fact that the board realized it had hired Proffitt illegally, and went through a public outreach process to find candidates for that position, it was still clear that it was a "foregone conclusion" who the choice was going to be, Whiting added.

Postponing the general manager search was a smart decision made by the board, Whiting noted.

"But what this next decision that you're considering now does is it gives the distinct impression of a Rod Proffitt employment committee rather than a water conservancy district committee," Whiting said.

Whiting explained that Proffitt's "credibility" in the community is "unquestioned," but SJWCD's credibility depends on how the board

handles Proffitt's credibility in the community.

The process does not feel like an open process, Whiting added.

"I'm concerned about what this says about the water conservancy district," Whiting said.

Secrist noted that he respected Whiting's comments, but explained that the SJWCD has not reached any foregone conclusions.

"Because I think, ultimately, regardless of what anybody wants to think, the people here at this table, I think, want to do what's best for the district and best for the community," Secrist said.

"Let me just say this, the action you're considering undermines every single thing you just said," Whiting responded.

SJWCD has lost the trust of the voters, Bill Hudson noted during his public comment.

"This water district functioned without any paid staff for 30 years until Rod came along. And Rod wrote himself a contract, illegally, to be paid to promote Dry Gulch, a failed project that had been rejected over and over again by the community," Hudson said.

"Rod made thousands of dollars promoting Dry Gulch in the water community. But he didn't promote it in Pagosa, he didn't promote it in Archuleta County. And you saw the result of his work at the election. Rod failed to sell this project to the people," Hudson added later.

Proffitt will give the board lots of advice, but the SJWCD will not be able to get trust back from the voters,

Hudson stated.

Matt Roane followed Hudson's comments by noting that SJWCD board members are politicians, whether they feel like it or not.

"The project that you all want to put all of your time and money into is going to require the approval of the voters," Roane said.

The voters do not know SJWCD's struggles, but they do know what is in the media, Roane added.

"People look at the water district like a dumpster fire. It's a dumpster fire as of late. And that's, I believe wholeheartedly, why you didn't get the candidates, because you want to jump into that?" Roane said.

In regard to Proffitt, Roane questioned the "victory" that Proffitt could point to on his resume.

"Why do you want to saddle yourself to that resume? I'm sure he is a wonderful friend, I know he's got the knowledge, I know he's a smart man, but just look at it objectively, he's not getting the job done," Roane said.

"He didn't get it done and you're asking to hire him again?" Roane asked.

Roane implored the board to look at it from the eyes of the voters.

"I just encourage that different perspective. Right now, it seems everybody is so, in the weeds, trying to get the job done you've lost the perspective of the people whose approval you need," Roane said.

Porco closed the public comment section by saying that the board would be tabling this item until the Feb. 26 special meeting.

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Kolpin

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then took a vote on who would be the selection for the open seat.

During her interview, Kolpin explained that she was interested in the position because she felt like she was "up to the challenge" and could bring a fresh perspective, as well as her skills, to the board.

Kolpin noted that her major contributions to the board would involve her experience in planning and strategy, among other things.

"I bring a perspective of having worked in future industries, so being at the forefront of a lot of multimillion-dollar projects," Kolpin said.

Additionally, within her letter of intent to ASD, Kolpin described that she has worked as a professional strategic consultant and planner in the field of marketing and development for 20 years.

Kolpin went on to add that she has worked with clients such as BBC, NASA and the Discovery Channel.

Since moving to Pagosa Springs from London, England, in 2011, Kolpin explained that she has served on the advisory committee for Pagosa Family School.

Kolpin is also currently serving on the board of Pagosa Valor Academy

as the director of development.

In an email sent to The SUN on Wednesday morning, Kolpin wrote that she is "thrilled to be looking toward a bright future for the Archuleta School District, diligently serving our community alongside a very strong school board, an innovative administration, and an energetic leadership team."

Also within the email, Kolpin noted she holds a B.A. in cultural anthropology from Smith College, rowed for the Boston University crew team, and has been certified by the Chartered Institute of Marketing.

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Olson

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Phillips. "One of the male CDOT employee's was standing in the acceleration lane filling potholes."

The press release goes on to explain that a vehicle was heading eastbound on U.S. 160 and then drifted into the acceleration lane, striking Olson with the right front bumper of his vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as 83-year-old Jerry Modisette, of Pagosa Springs. He was cited with careless driving causing bodily injury.

"The investigation into this accident is ongoing and any additional charges brought against the driver, as a result of Mr. Olson's death, will be a result of a full comprehensive review of the case by the Pagosa Springs Police Department and the 6th Judicial District Attorney," wrote Pagosa Springs Police Department Chief Bill Rockensack in a press release on Feb. 12.

Olson was flown to St. Anthony's Hospital in Lakewood shortly after the accident, where he was in critical condition, on a ventilator and unresponsive.

On Feb. 8, Olson's stepdaughter, Tonya Hamilton, wrote an entry on CaringBridge: "Tonight, I write this with a very somber heart. We received the results of the MRI today and it showed the damage to Nolan's brain was beyond repair, and beyond

healing. Right now, machines are keeping his physical body alive, and the Nolan that we all knew and loved is no longer with us.

"We would like to send a message of love to all those friends out there, and even folks that didn't know him, that have been praying for him. Those thoughts and prayers, we believe, helped Nolan move from this world to the next... wherever and whatever that looks like for Nolan, he is not in pain; he is not suffering.

"We recognize that there will be many this evening and in the days to come who agonize over this; who will be saddened to the core. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. Thank you all, from the bottom of our hearts, who have traveled on this journey with us," wrote Hamilton.

She explained that services would likely be planned for early March, but due to Olson being an organ donor, it was unclear when services would be set in stone.

"A resident of Pagosa Springs, Mr. Olson was an equipment operator with CDOT for 14 years," reads a press release from CDOT. "His co-workers and supervisors have expressed that Mr. Olson's death is a tremendous loss to the organization."

"Nolan possessed a wealth of knowledge about CDOT, was a true role model to his co-workers and was diligent in his work," said Billy

McDermott, the CDOT maintenance supervisor who manages the Pagosa Springs patrol. "Nolan faced every day with a great and positive attitude. Every member of his patrol looked up to him. Nolan gave guidance for work tasks and was able to share the history of the patrol, CDOT and Pagosa area whenever asked."

McDermott added that Olson was an accomplished equipment operator and was always willing to find a more efficient way of doing things or trying to save the organization and taxpayer money.

"We lost an incredible team member in Nolan. He was the type of person who would not have wanted his loss to have gone without shining a spotlight on the risks that our crews take every day when they go out on the roads to serve the public," added Michael Lewis, executive director of CDOT. "Not only do I want the public to understand the type of man that Nolan was, I also want the public to know and understand the care needed when driving on our highways. A driver's undivided attention to the road will ensure we are able to come home to our families."

"We will all miss Nolan, deeply," wrote Hamilton.

A GoFundMe page has been created by Billy and Carah McDermott and can be found at www.gofundme.com/go-nolan.

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Courthouse

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Early Wednesday afternoon, County Administrator Bentley Henderson stated the county had not yet heard back from the courts.

At Tuesday morning's work session of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners, the board heard another old idea — locate the courts and some of the county's administrative functions, such as the offices of the treasurer, clerk and recorder, and assessor, in the Parelli building in Aspen Village.

Mark Weiler presented the idea Tuesday after sending Commissioner Steve Wadley an email.

"If my memory is accurate, what you offered the courts as a potential settlement was a cash payment from Archuleta County of \$2 million, \$2 million from the courts for remodeling and a million dollars from DOLA," Weiler began, referring to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. "If my math is accurate, that's \$5 million."

Weiler continued moments later, "So I pondered this and I think it was a massively generous offer, but I would like to propose an alternative."

Weiler then clarified that he is president of Parelli Pagosa Properties LLC (PPP) and is a 49 percent shareholder.

"We made an offer to the town, to the county that our building is available to purchase for the USDA appraisal that was done in 2013 when we refinanced the building."

That appraisal, he said, is \$4.735 million.

"To start the discussion, I would like to offer that we would take your Hot Springs Boulevard property, which you purchased in 1999 for \$750,000..."

"Of course, we got it for a bargain," Wadley said.

"I think you're being overly polite," Weiler responded, continuing, "but we would take that as payment at the face value of what you paid for the property."

That, Weiler explained, would

mean \$4 million in "hard money" for the building and another million for the remodel.

During the discussion, Weiler noted that the Parelli building currently has two tenants, with one on a month-to-month basis and the other, Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS), on a lease that runs until June 1, 2019.

Weiler noted that he envisioned the courts being located on the second floor of the facility and the first floor holding the county's administrative functions, with architects having done drawings on how to remodel for the courts at a relatively low cost.

"So my thought process is this: Arguably, the most valuable property in this entire county sits beneath the current courthouse."

Weiler then recalled developer David Brown's proposals for the site of the existing courthouse.

"My suggestion to you is to utilize your time, energy and money to its highest and best use," Weiler said.

The county, he continued, would get a modern building with modern infrastructure that could house the courts and administrative function in "what arguably is the center of gravity of Archuleta County."

Weiler then stated he would like to have an "open, honest dialogue" about serving more than just the courts with \$5 million, and that the county should get the most bang for its buck possible.

Spending \$5 million on a building that is past its "designed efficiency" is not the best use of the county's limited resources, Weiler stated.

He also reminded the board that the Parelli building's existing warehouse space could serve as a Sallyport for inmates being transported to court, with an elevator going directly to a courtroom.

"So at this juncture I have given you a broad outline of a suggestion how the county can get real value for its \$5 million and not preclude

a ballot initiative for the jail."

"I certainly think it's a conversation worth having," Wadley said, noting that the space where the courthouse is now is waterfront property that should be used for commercial and not government.

Wadley also noted that the BoCC had to consider that it was counting on \$3 million from outside sources and needed to get those commitments in place.

Weiler then further recalled Brown's plan for the site: underground parking, street-level retail, second-floor offices, and third-floor residential.

He also brought up an example showing that Archuleta County could maintain ownership of the land and do a ground lease and do a joint venture with a developer.

Later in the meeting Commissioner Michael Whiting voiced his support for considering the option and development opportunity.

After noting that the offer made a lot of sense, Weiler addressed PPOS.

"Now, we have a soft spot on our heart for the charter school and I'm actively supporting the charter school's ability to finance the purchase of the building, but they are probably a year or two away from the type of financial viability they have to have in order to really support that circumstance. So, at that point, it became clear to me that there's a better alternative here," Weiler said.

He added that PPP had made generous offers to PPOS, but "not as generous as this."

Further details of the building provided during the work session were that the first floor is 15,000 square feet and that the building has a 100-car parking lot.

Other discussion points surfaced by Weiler included scaling the jail project, that the county's public relations and marketing were lacking, and that the county's good deeds needed to be brought to the forefront.

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BEST

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added later.

Other items related to BEST funding are safety and security upgrades to Pagosa Springs Middle School and Pagosa Springs High School, Pitcher mentioned.

"In short, it's our recommendation that the board pursue the BEST funding for these projects as outlined in your packet," Pitcher said.

ASD Superintendent Linda Reed explained to BOE member Bruce Dryburgh that the board is just focused on BEST funding currently, and the other items are still under discussion.

"So, really, what we're talking about is the BEST dollars for a new elementary school, the BEST dollars for the safety and security at the middle school and the BEST dollars for safety and security at the high school," Reed explained.

Record

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The town and county each received \$478,021.85.

"The month of December 2017 was about 11.4% (\$97,800) higher than December of 2016," reads Walton's report. "The year 2017, in total, was about 7.3% (\$668,663) higher than the year 2016."

Walton wrote that this meant that 2017 had the highest sales tax collec-

tions on record.

The report lists the following categories as being up for the same period in 2016.

Revenue generated by accommodations and food service increased 6 percent, up \$96,278.

Retail increased 7.4 percent, or \$356,065.

Real estate and rentals increased 22 percent, or \$57,698.

Information increased 2.3 per-

cent, or \$7,157.

Construction increased 6.3 percent, or \$10,514.

Manufacturing increased 3.5 percent, or \$14,923.

The following categories were down over the same period in 2016.

The "other services" category was down 4.3 percent, or \$6,923.

Professional, scientific and technical services decreased 22.9 percent, or \$7,133.

Archuleta running for clerk and recorder

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Kristy Archuleta has announced she is running to be the next Archuleta County clerk and recorder.

"I am running for County Clerk & Recorder because I am ready to take the next step in my career," Archuleta wrote in a statement to The SUN. "Having been a part of the Clerk's Office for 13 years, I have the knowledge of all facets of what it takes to keep the Clerk's office running smoothly during this transition. My experience working in Motor Vehicle, Recording and Elections provide the essential strong foundation which is absolutely necessary to provide the best service for the residents of Archuleta County."

If elected, Archuleta said she wants to "continue to work closely and continue open lines of communication with elected officials and department heads. In 2017 we



Kristy Archuleta

acquired new election equipment and this year we will be working on updating our Motor Vehicle software. Currently we have been working with our recording ven-

dor to convert older real estate documents into a digital format and I would like to complete that process allowing an increase of the proficiency in our office."

Keeping current on all of the statutes that outline what duties the office must carry out, she indicated, is the biggest challenge facing the office.

"The laws and rules are forever changing and I would like to see our employees be able to attend conferences that are offered around the state to ensure that we are utilizing all resources available to us and that we are functioning properly within our required guidelines," Archuleta wrote.

Archuleta continued, "I have worked under current County Clerk, June Madrid, and believe that I couldn't ask for a better mentor to learn the responsibilities of the position."

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Medina announces commissioner campaign

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Veronica Medina has announced her campaign for Archuleta County Commissioner, District 3.

"I would like to play a key role in making our county an even better place," Medina wrote in a statement to The SUN concerning her decision to run. "I am approachable and easy to talk with. I feel as though I would be a great asset to the people of our great community as well as to the office for which I am seeking election."

"As a member of the county the growth and success of our community is very important to me."

If elected, Medina listed several intentions, including working with the other commissioners to:

- "Implement policies and procedures that would assist the county in running more efficiently. Good, clean business is key to the success of our county."

- Look for "ways to expand the sources of revenue in order to assist in reducing the tax burden placed on the members of Archuleta County."

- "Work to bring a positive



Veronica Medina

solution to the County Courthouse and County Jail projects. These project plans are not finalized and community input is key."

- Strengthen "the lines of communication between the county, the town and the residents of the county is also a priority."

When asked about the biggest challenges facing the office, Medina stated, "I believe that the biggest challenge we all face on a daily basis is change. Finding positive and productive ways to deal with

it can have a great impact on one's life, personally and professionally."

"Our community is growing at a steady pace. Embracing the growth and opportunity that comes along with it is exciting."

Medina stated that she and her husband, Mauricio, moved to Pagosa Springs almost four years ago to take care of her mother, Mary Ann Martinez, who has lived here for 19 years. Her dad, Sevedeo, was born and raised in Trujillo and has owned a variety of businesses in the area.

"My husband and I would visit here with our 5 boys over the years. We could come out for family reunions, vacations and holidays. Although, we have only been here for a short time, we are no strangers to this beautiful county," she wrote.

Medina noted that she currently sits on the MMJ committee, volunteers with the local food bank, and was the PTA president for the Mardel Gallegos Head Start Program, as well as having volunteered and sat on other boards such as Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Association for Talent and Development, and the National Hispanic

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LPEA announces unclaimed capital credits available to members

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is seeking members, or former members, who are due to receive capital credits refund monies.

To that end, LPEA is publishing in local newspapers and posting on its website, www.lpea.coop, a notice naming those individuals or businesses whose capital credit money (aka patronage capital) has gone unclaimed because of an invalid address, or whose capital credit checks have not been cashed.

The unclaimed capital credits insert appears in this week's The Pagosa Springs SUN.

"This is money that belongs to our members," said Dennis Svanes, LPEA chief financial officer,

explaining that electricity payments made by members in excess of the cost of providing their electric service (called the "margin") is placed into a patronage capital account in each member's name. "This capital, along with borrowed funds, is used to finance needed improvements to LPEA's system infrastructure. The margins allow LPEA to maintain system reliability at its highest level and help keep rates lower. But when we find we have patronage capital in excess of what we need, we refund it to members."

Annually, the LPEA board of directors determines the amount of patronage capital retired and most retired capital is typically refunded to members in the November-December billing cycle through billing credits. Checks are issued to those due to receive \$100 or more. Since incorpo-

ration in 1939, LPEA has retired nearly \$65 million.

To claim funds, individuals and businesses noting their names on the public notice are asked to contact LPEA's Durango office, 45 Stewart St., Bodo Industrial Park, or call 247-5786. Identification will be required to claim the available funds.

Should individuals or businesses listed in the public notice not come forward to receive their funds, the unclaimed monies will be used for educational or charitable purposes as determined by the LPEA Board of Directors, as set forth in the LPEA Bylaws. Unclaimed capital credit funds currently support LPEA's annual scholarships, as well as contribute to educational and nonprofit community projects in La Plata and Archuleta counties.

CHAMBER NEWS

Innovative industry grant pays up to \$5,000 per intern hired

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment is offering a summer intern program to businesses in an innovative industry. These industries include manufacturing, bioscience, construction, electronics, energy and natural resources, engineering, information technology, computer systems, software development, machinery and equipment repair, business and financial operations,

customer service, sales, marketing and proposal development.

The grant pays up to \$5,000 per hire. The internship must include at least 130 hours and may last up to six months. The intern must be paid half of the reimbursement amount and at least \$10 per hour. The business must also provide a mentor or supervisor and provide worker's compensation insurance. Interns cannot be a current or past employee of the participating business, or a relative of an owner or operator, or displace a current

employee of the business.

They must be a Colorado resident and enrolled in a secondary school; adult basic education or high school equivalency program; or a state, public or private nonprofit college; or must be within six months of post graduation.

This intern program is a great way to engage and train our youth and give them an insight into job possibilities right in their own community. If you would like more information about this grant opportunity, visit the Chamber website at

www.pagosachamber.com under our blog or visit www.colorado.gov/cdle/innovativeindustries.

Membership news

This month's Maximizing Your Membership Class will be held on Feb. 27, from 9 to about 10:15 a.m. A light breakfast will be served along with information about your Chamber benefits.

To register for the class, please call Debra at 264-2360.

Our one renewal this week is Sunetha Property Management.

Secretary Williams releases final 2017 business report

New business filings in Colorado grew almost 10 percent year-over-year in the fourth quarter of 2017, according to the latest report analyzing Colorado secretary of state data.

The report shows that over the last 12 months, 117,648 new businesses filed with the secretary of state's office.

"Year-over-year increases in new entity filings and existing entity renewals have me very optimistic that Colorado's steady economic growth will continue in 2018," Colorado Secretary of State

Wayne Williams said. "I expect 2018 to be a good year for Colorado businesses and consumers."

The Quarterly Business and Economic Indicators Report also shows residential construction increased more than 30 percent, while home prices in Colorado grew at the sixth-fastest pace nationally.

"Given the relationship between new business filings, new business formation and employment growth, the increase in filings points to job growth in the state for the near term in 2018," according

to the report.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 148,000 jobs were added nationally in December 2017, a slowdown from the prior two months of strong growth.

The Quarterly Business and Economic Indicators Report is published by the Business Research Division at the Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado Boulder, using data from the secretary of state's central business registry.

"Colorado exhibited stronger wage growth through the first half of 2017," said Richard Wobbekind,

executive director of the Business Research Division. "This is something we expect in tight labor markets — and Colorado is certainly in a tight labor market with a sub-3 percent unemployment rate."

The Quarterly Business and Economic Indicators Report looks at a variety of factors, such as energy costs, the labor market and inflation. Through the end of 2017, gross domestic product, employment and wages all increased while the unemployment rate in December remained at 4.1 percent for the third consecutive month.

Assistance available to ag producers through the Conservation Stewardship Program

By Petra Popiel
Special to The SUN

Agricultural producers wanting to enhance current conservation efforts are encouraged to apply for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

Through CSP, the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps private landowners build their business while implementing conservation practices that help ensure the sustainability of their entire operation.

NRCS plans to enroll up to 10 million acres in CSP in 2018. While applications for CSP are accepted year-round, applications must be received by March 2 to be consid-

ered for this funding period.

Through CSP, agricultural producers and forest landowners earn payments for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities like cover crops, ecologically based pest management, buffer strips, and pollinator and beneficial insect habitat — all while maintaining active agricultural production on their land.

CSP also encourages the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and new management techniques such as precision agriculture applications, on-site carbon storage and planting for high carbon sequestration rate, and new soil amendments to improve water quality.

Some of these benefits of CSP include:

- Improved cattle gains per acre;
- Increased crop yields;
- Decreased inputs;
- Wildlife population improvements; and
- Better resilience to weather extremes.

NRCS recently made several updates to the program to help producers better evaluate their conservation options and the benefits to their operations and natural resources. New methods and software for evaluating applications help producers see up front why they are or are not meeting stewardship thresholds, and allow them to pick practices

and enhancements that work for their conservation objectives. These tools also enable producers to see potential payment scenarios for conservation early in the process.

Producers interested in CSP are recommended to contact their local USDA service center or visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted.

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Visiting Angels of SW Colorado receives 2018 Best of Home Care® — Leader in Excellence Award



Visiting Angels of SW Colorado announced today that it received the distinguished Best of Home Care — Leader in Excellence Award from Home Care Pulse, the leading firm in quality assurance for home care. The Leader in Excellence Award is the highest recognition awarded by Home Care Pulse and is given to select home care businesses that consistently rank among the very highest in 15 or more quality metrics. As a Leader in Excellence, Visiting Angels is now ranked among the top 4-5% of home care providers participating in the Home Care Pulse Satisfaction Management Program.

This accomplishment demonstrates Visiting Angels long-term dedication to excellent care and quality improvement. To qualify for this award, 10% of their clients and caregivers were interviewed each month by Home Care Pulse. Over a 12-month period, Visiting Angels received high client and caregiver satisfaction ratings in areas such as caregiver training, compassion of caregivers, communication, scheduling, client/caregiver compatibility, etc. Using feedback from clients and employees, as well as quality benchmarks from Home Care Pulse, the agency's management team set goals to reach the highest level of excellence possible.

"In past years, we have tried hard to get this award and just barely fell short. This forced us to realize that we needed to intentionally strategize, re-structure, and make necessary improvements, and what do you know, we did it...We are so proud of our entire team!" says Chris Smith-Owner/Exec. Director.

The Best of Home Care — Leader in Excellence Award highlights the top-performing home care businesses in the nation. Home Care Pulse believes that by honoring these providers, families looking for in-home care for a loved one will be able to recognize and choose a trusted home care provider.

"Our goal at Home Care Pulse is to empower home care businesses to reach their goals and deliver the best home care possible," says Aaron Marcum, CEO and founder of Home Care Pulse. "We are happy to recognize Visiting Angels of SW Colorado as a Leader in Excellence. We've been impressed by their commitment to their clients and caregivers, as well as the quality of the overall care they provide. They really stand out in their market as a top home care provider."

At Visiting Angels of SW Colorado, our commitment to our valued clients and our dedicated

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To find out more about Visiting Angels' commitment to excellence, please visit visitingangels.com/southwestcolorado or call 970-264-5991.

About Visiting Angels of SW Colorado

Founded in 2011, serving the Four Corners and the San Luis Valley. Our mission is to provide needed care for our honored Veterans and Senior citizens of this area, serving with pride and excellence.

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Man assaults, steals car and leads law enforcement on chase

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) responded to reports of a man being assaulted that resulted in a high-speed chase on the morning of Feb. 8.

Isidro Ramirez Soto, 32, is in custody on charges of vehicular eluding, first-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft and first-degree assault-aggravated-weapon.

The victim was 54-year-old Brian Williams, of Pagosa Springs.

"Just after 1:30 a.m. on Feb. 8,

deputies were dispatched to an address on U.S. 84 on a reported assault with a weapon," explained ACSO Detective Sgt. Warren Brown. "Through investigation we learned that Mr. Williams had been assaulted by an individual that we've identified, at least for the time being, as Isidro Ramirez Soto."

Brown added that it's believed Ramirez Soto is from Las Vegas, Nev.

"After this assault took place, which was at a location south of Mr. Williams house off the roadway, the suspect stole Mr. Williams' vehicle," explained Brown. "Ramirez Soto

led deputies on a high-speed chase westbound on U.S. 160."

He added that the La Plata County Sheriff's Office assisted the ACSO and deployed spike strips during the chase.

"Apparently the tires were deflated, but the suspect continued to drive at high speeds on the rims," Brown said. "That pursuit ended in a crash."

Brown explained that Ramirez Soto was transported to Mercy Regional Medical Center and is now being treated at a hospital in Denver.

"Mr. Williams was initially treated at Pagosa Springs Medical Center," said Brown, adding that he was later flown to a hospital in Denver.

He added that the weapon that was used on Williams was unknown, but that it was likely a pointed object and that Williams sustained injuries to the face.

Brown explained that Ramirez Soto was arrested on the aforementioned charges, but that the ACSO may request that the district attorney add the charge of criminal attempt of homicide.

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Council to pursue becoming Dark Sky Community

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council decided to pursue becoming a Dark Sky Community during its regular meeting on Feb. 6.

"An ... International Dark Sky Community is a town, city, municipality or other legally organized community that has shown exceptional dedication to the preservation of the night sky through the implementation and enforcement of a quality outdoor lighting ordinance, dark sky education and citizen support of dark skies," reads the International Dark Sky Association's (IDA) website.

Pagosa Springs Planning Director James Dickhoff presented the agenda item to council.

"Recently, Town Council asked

staff to research the scope of becoming a designated Dark Sky Community and had inquired about our current exterior lighting regulations for private and public property as well as our existing street lights around town and what could be considered to reduce light pollution," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting.

"I'll start by saying that La Plata Electric is planning on changing out all of our utility pole-mounted street lights in the community. It does appear they'll get to our community in mid-June," Dickhoff said, adding that the lights would be swapped for energy-efficient LED and dark sky-compliant street lights.

Dickhoff went on to explain that these changes would be more energy efficient and result in cheaper

utility costs for the town.

"As far as Dark Sky Community designation, there are definitely some benefits we discovered probably for the tourism industry more than anything," Dickhoff said. "There's only 18 communities in the entire world that are designated Dark Sky communities."

He added that Archuleta County, Pagosa Lakes and the town had light regulations that were "fairly close" to dark sky regulations.

"This is not an overnight process. It does take a number of years to get designation," Dickhoff stated. "But the IDA does have staff available to assist us with that process, and there is no charge or cost for designation."

"I'd just like to make a comment that I think this is all a great idea.

I think the dark sky that we have in Pagosa is one of our natural resources," said council member David Schanzenbaker. "I think we take it for granted because it's there every night, but it's definitely one of the unique things I recognized when I first moved to town."

After Dickhoff was finished giving information on the topic and the council members made their comments, Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger said he would entertain a motion.

"Mr. Mayor, I make a motion to direct staff to pursue Dark Skies Community designation status," said council member John Egan.

Council member Mat deGraaf seconded the motion, which proceeded to pass unanimously.

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The Blotter

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Feb. 5 — Violation of restraining order, Juniper Court.
Feb. 6 — Information only, identity theft-uses identity, U.S. 160.
Feb. 6 — Animals running at large, Highland Avenue.

Feb. 7 — Violation of restraining order, Juniper Court.
Feb. 7 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, Deer Trail.
Feb. 7 — Federal warrant, Hot Springs Boulevard.
Feb. 8 — Vehicular eluding, first-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, first-degree assault-aggravated-weapon, U.S. 84.
Feb. 8 — Conspiracy to commit felony, criminal mischief, theft, second-degree burglary, menacing-intimidation (including stalking, threats), County Road 982.

Feb. 8 — Animal complaint, Bill's Place.
Feb. 8 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.
Feb. 8 — Information only, Navajo Trail Drive.
Feb. 9 — County warrant, county Road 600.
Feb. 9 — Failure to appear (bench warrants), Highland Avenue.
Feb. 9 — Agency assist, U.S. 84.
Feb. 10 — Criminal mischief, County Road 982.
Feb. 10 — County warrant, County Road 600.
Feb. 10 — Warrant arrest, Hurt Drive.
Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department
Feb. 7 — Burglary/possession of controlled substance/weapon, North 6th Street.
Feb. 8 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.
Feb. 8 — Careless driving/license/hit and run, Eagle Drive.
Feb. 10 — Agency assist, South Pagosa Boulevard.
Feb. 10 — Trespass warning, East Pagosa Street.
Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge D. Brett Van Winkle
No report.
Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Dec. 28 — Skyler J. Bilazzo, obstructing a peace officer, 12 months probation, 45 days jail, fines and costs — \$864.50.
Jan. 25 — Brandie Herrera, violation P/O-civil, 12 months probation, 48 hours community service, fines and costs — \$864.50.
Jan. 25 — Skyler James Bilazzo, criminal mischief-under \$300, 12 months probation, 45 days jail, fines and costs — \$864.50.
Jan. 31 — Toni Marie McCarone, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$154.50.
Jan. 31 — Keagan C. Smith, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.
Jan. 31 — Kirk A. Shepard, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.
Jan. 31 — Isaac Rae Hoel, license plates-expired, tail lamp violation, fines and costs — \$176.50.
Jan. 31 — Wesley C. Cruver, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.
Jan. 31 — Catherine Anderson, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.
Jan. 31 — David Yerton, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$122.50.
6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
No report.

Card of Thanks

Olson-Hamilton family

The family of Nolan Olson would like to extend our profound gratitude and appreciation to those who took part in traveling alongside Nolan and his family as we closed one chapter of our lives to begin anew. There are so many organizations to thank: EMS, Fire, Pagosa Springs Police Department, Archuleta County Sheriff's Department, Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Pagosa

Mountain Hospital, St. Anthony's Hospital, CDOT, Helping Hands, COVA, Colorado State Patrol — just to name a few. There are even more individuals to thank, but we can't possibly name them all. The unbelievable support, prayers, donations and love from the Pagosa Springs community, as well as other communities affected by this, has been so instrumental in helping the family as we begin to heal. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. There really are no words to express our gratitude.

Medina

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Professional Organization.

She further stated she holds a master's degree in business and has been a human resource manager for over 10 years.

"This experience alone has taught me how to work with others and how to collaborate as a team," she wrote. "Finding solutions that are acceptable to all parties involved is never an easy task, but a task that must be done in order to be successful. I welcome this task and I feel as though I can listen and communicate effectively."


Medina indicated that she also managed the National Council of Juvenile Family Court Judges Youth Courts.

"This program was funded by earmark funds and grant money. There were reporting and budget requirements. The team and I were successful in securing additional funding from outside sources. I also traveled to assist in educating judges, Parole Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, School Principals and Teachers, along with other members of the community about the program."

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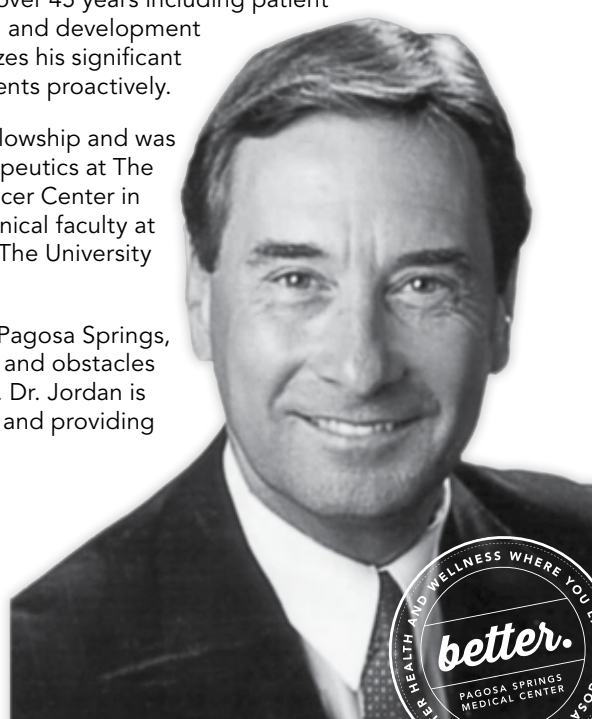
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Dr. Jordan completed his oncology fellowship and was on the faculty in Developmental Therapeutics at The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. He has also served on the clinical faculty at UT Southwestern Medical Center and The University of North Texas Health Science Center.

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LEGISLATURE

Broadband, protective order bills discussed by legislature

I want to start this column to my constituents by thanking you for all of your support. Since my last column, I have received letters, calls and comments all in support for SB 2 and rural broadband. Letters like those from Wayne and Chris outside of Durango who are trying to use Internet to work from home at their ranch, but poor Internet caused them to struggle and miss opportunities.

This account of Wayne and Chris was entered into testimony and helped us tell rural Colorado's story when SB 2 was put in front of the Senate committee on business, labor and technology. I am happy to say that SB 2 passed out of committee unanimously and moving through the rest of the legislative process, as you read this it is currently being sent to the House for consideration. While it is easy to dwell on early successes so far, there is still more work to be done in the 2018 legislative session.

I have the pleasure of serving on

two committees this session, one being agriculture, natural resources and energy. This allows for me to give a lot of input into issues that affect the Western Slope and our many natural resources. One I am happy to bring to the attention of Colorado is water. While I am running several bills, I would like to highlight SB 19. Oftentimes, when many laws and policies are used to regulate one thing, they do not align. Under the Federal Clean Water Act and Safe Water Drinking Act, two organizations in Colorado make loans under its pollution control and drinking water revolving fund. Currently, the loans must last under 20 years due to Colorado law, but many federal



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projects might last up to 30 years or more. SB 19 cleans up some of the miscommunication between state and federal acts and removes the 20-year limit and authorizes the organizations to issue loans compliant with the federal laws.

Another important bill I want to take the time to discuss is SB 60. As some of you know, I also serve on the Senate Judiciary Committee and have the opportunity to see difficult issues come across my desk. Domestic violence is one that no one likes to see or hear about. The issues are very muddy and the judicial branch has the difficult jobs of making decisions when the answers are not always clear. Judges also have a limited tool box when dealing with these cases. SB 60 creates two new tools to help the judicial branch protect victims and witnesses of domestic violence cases.

Both tools come in the form of protective orders. The first one allows judges to prohibit the taking, transferring, concealing of or

threatening to harm animals of the victim. While not the immediate focus of domestic violence cases, the well-being of animals are an unnecessary concern that victims and witnesses should not burden themselves with. The second protective order makes phone companies transfer financial responsibility and rights to a telephone number into the care of victims or witnesses. This protective order, like the previous one, allows the judge to protect victims and witnesses from abuses and ultimately continue living their lives.

We are now a month into the 2018 legislative session and it is shaping up to be a successful one for rural Colorado and the constituents of Senate District 6. Thank you to the constituents who have made their voices heard like Wayne and Chris, who have stood up, spoken out and participated in the legislative process. As always, it is an honor to be serving you and Senate District 6.

Diversity contributes to state's growth

Like the parable of the blind men describing an elephant, it's easy to forget that not everyone in our state is surrounded by the rugged mountains, green fields, charming small towns and rural living of southwest Colorado.

After the 2017 legislative session, I traveled throughout my district and the state to see how local variables influence residents' needs and concerns. These visits help me understand how the laws we make in the legislature impact all corners of Colorado, and help me assess what's working and what isn't.

• Pagosa Springs High School has a public-private partnership allowing students to work in apprenticeships in the construction industry in combination with a construction-focused class. Students will graduate with hands-on knowledge, local apprenticeships and usable skills.

• Water storage near Montrose

could be a reality. Experts are studying several potential areas and have narrowed the list to a few finalists; geological testing and fiscal notes are pending. Particularly during the dry year we are currently experiencing, the more plentiful our water supply on the Western Slope becomes, the more security we have for future domestic and agricultural use.

• After uranium mining made residents of the former city of Uranium sick and contaminated the soil, the entire town was buried. Former residents still hold reunions, celebrating their friendships and unique history, but the town is no



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longer. We can learn a lot from the mistakes made; sensible mining laws can protect public health and ensure safety.

• Near Loveland, they manufacture wind turbine parts in several factories built next to rail lines so materials can be quickly distributed all over the U.S. Transportation infrastructure is critical to their business development and hundreds of jobs.

• The Eisenhower/Johnson Tunnel, at an altitude of 11,158 feet, has a small city inside whose main focus is driver safety. If a car breaks down in the middle of the nearly 1.7-mile bore, assistance is rendered immediately. The investment keeps mountain traffic moving, and lives are saved.

• Near La Junta, "neighbors" live miles from each other. Shopping locally means a long drive, but they do it because they believe in small, local businesses that provide jobs

and a tax base. Everyone knows everyone else, and they revel in supporting each other.

• A Denver women's prison has a wing dedicated to prisoners who are trained with job, leadership and communication skills, giving them hope and opportunity when they finish serving their term. When inmates are released, they are ready to be productive members of their community. It is money well spent.

My travels throughout Colorado have given me great insight into how I can better serve both the 59th District and our state. I've been lucky to meet some amazing people and am hearing innovative ideas about how to make the state function better. Though we would like to think all of Colorado is like southwest Colorado, the diversity is what makes us one of the fastest growing states in the nation, with the one of the lowest unemployment rates.

The Cannabis Conversation aims to identify solutions to marijuana-impaired driving

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), along with 18 partners representing the marijuana industry, community nonprofits, universities and others, has launched a new campaign that invites Coloradans to share their opinions, behaviors and habits related to marijuana and driving. Called The Cannabis Conversation, this new drugged-driving campaign aims to capture and understand public perceptions about marijuana-impaired driving in an effort to collectively identify solutions that will keep Colorado's roads safer.

Colorado continues to see serious marijuana-involved traffic crashes in Colorado. It's a problem that CDOT and its partners are now seeking the community's input to help address.

In 2016, there were 77 fatalities that involved drivers with active THC in their blood. Fortunately, recent public education efforts have resulted in over 90 percent of marijuana users knowing they can get a DUI for driving high. However, more than 50 percent of users consistently report driving high in the

last 30 days, which puts all roadway users at risk.

"As the first state to legalize recreational marijuana, everyone looks to Colorado for answers to drugged driving, so we are trying something new and innovative," said Sam Cole, safety communications manager at CDOT. "The Cannabis Conversation is about hearing from many different voices on the topic of driving high and understanding how we can more effectively connect with people about the dangers of doing so."

To spark the conversation, the campaign is asking Coloradans to complete an anonymous online survey about their opinions and behaviors related to marijuana and driving. The campaign will also be talking to the public at various events and festivals throughout the spring to gather feedback in person. The campaign seeks to understand why some marijuana users choose to drive high, what the public perceives as the dangers of doing so, and how campaign partners can more effectively address the situation. Both marijuana users and nonusers are encouraged to participate in the process.

Take the survey at ColoradoCannabisConvo.com.

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This is a statewide, multiyear initiative that will involve the public, industry influencers, dispensaries, law enforcement, local government and other stakeholders to ensure all angles and perspectives are heard.

"Responsible consumption and reducing marijuana-impaired driving is a shared priority," said Kristi Kelly, executive director of the Marijuana Industry Group. "We're proud to play a part in this collaborative approach and look forward to learning from what Colorado has to say about this issue."

Delta 9-THC is the primary psychoactive component of cannabis and it can cause impaired driving. Colorado law specifies that drivers with five nanograms or more of Delta 9-THC in their blood can be charged for DUI. Because Colorado cannot use roadside devices for the detection of marijuana, law enforcement officers — many trained as drug recognition experts — base arrests on observed impairment. People who use marijuana for medicinal purposes can also be arrested for driving under the influence of marijuana if they show impairment. On

average, more than 60 people are arrested each day in Colorado for DUIs resulting from drug or alcohol consumption.

"Ultimately, we want to create a social and behavioral shift in the way people think about driving high," said Cole. "What we learn from this campaign will help us move toward our goal of zero deaths on Colorado roads."

For more information about The Cannabis Conversation and to participate in the survey, visit ColoradoCannabisConvo.com.

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Are we ready for a dramatic change in science standards?

Remember “Common Core?” That term first appeared in 2010. It referred, at that time, to the controversial math and English language arts standards that Colorado, along with 41 other states, adopted for the K-12 grades.

Is Common Core working in Colorado and are we ready to accept new nationally created science standards to align with them? Just how common are Colorado K-12 students?

Colorado state law requires a review and revision of the Colorado Academic Standards every six years with the first review to be completed by July 2018. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE), along with input from a committee of teachers, subject experts and interested citizens, is reviewing and making recommendations. The State Board of Education (SBE)

will vote on the revisions.

At the January SBE board meeting, we heard from committee representatives who reported on the work progress in areas of music, science, social studies, reading, writing and communication. Recommendations included minor changes to the existing Colorado standards. However, in the field of science, committee members suggested that we revise the current Colorado standards in favor of the new “Next Generation Science Standards” (NGSS). These nationally cre-



Joyce Rankin
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ated standards are a sequel to the Common Core Standards in math, and English language arts, and are being considered as replacements for Colorado’s current science standards. The creators of NGSS assert that there is a need for a new “conceptual framework” which will align with Common Core math and English language arts.

Currently, there are no assessments to test against these new standards, so teachers and states will have to adopt new curriculum materials and tests to incorporate the new NGSS standards. There will, of course, be a cost to local districts. Prices will include teaching materials, assessments, textbooks, teacher training and ongoing professional development.

Nineteen states have adopted the new standards. However, other states have rejected them in favor

of keeping their current state science standards. Kentucky, Oklahoma and Wyoming are among those rejecting NGSS. A few of the objections, beyond the fact that they are a national “one-size-fits-all” approach, include: leaving out content in chemistry and physics, teaching man-made climate change and the overall lack of basic science knowledge.

Colorado adopted math and English language arts Common Core Standards in 2010. Are our students doing better academically because of these standards? Are we ready for a dramatic change in science standards?

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By Cheryl Bowdridge
Special to The SUN

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month — the perfect opportunity for adults to model healthy relationships and for teens to learn that real love is respectful, compassionate and honest, not controlling, hurtful and abusive.

Abuse in relationships can start early and tends to escalate over time.

According to the 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, almost 1.5 million high school students (about 10 percent) reported being intentionally and physically hurt by their boyfriend or girlfriend.

A 2010 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study found that, of those who were raped, physically assaulted or stalked by an intimate partner, one in five women and nearly one in seven men first experienced some form of partner violence between the ages of 11 and 17. One in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner — a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence.

Dating violence, like domestic violence, is a pattern of abusive behaviors used to exert power and control over a partner. Although most dating violence occurs in a boyfriend-attacker/girlfriend-target relationship, abuse can happen in many different kinds of partnerships. A boyfriend could be the target of abuse and a partner in a same-sex relationship can be abusive.

Do you know the warning signs and how to help your teen be safe? Signs of abuse in relationships can be subtle. Here are some behaviors in a teen relationship (or any relationship) that might signal trouble:

- Monitors what partner is doing all the time.
- Constantly and unfairly accuses partner of being unfaithful.
- Prevents or discourages partner from seeing friends or family.
- Prevents or discourages partner from going to work or school.
- Gets very angry during and after drinking alcohol or using drugs.

- Controls how partner spends money.
- Decides what partner should wear or eat.
- Humiliates partner in front of others.
- Destroys partner’s property or things that partner cares about.
- Threatens to hurt partner.
- Physically hurts partner (by hitting, pushing, shoving, punching, slapping, kicking, pinching or biting).
- Uses (or threatens to use) a weapon against partner.
- Forces partner to have sex against his/her will.
- Blames partner for own violent outbursts.
- Threatens to harm self when upset with partner.
- Says things like, “If I can’t have you then no one can.”

To talk about a safety plan, call Rise Above Violence’s confidential

hotline at 264-9075, or use other resources: breakthecycle.org, loveisrespect.org or text “loveis” to 22522.

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Sports

WRESTLING

Ten Pirates advance to state tournament

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team participated in regionals last week, with the team placing second and 10 Pirates qualifying for state.

Erik Wyman, Dylan Tressler, James Thomas, Cameron Lucero, Tate Hinger, Trevor Bryant, Colton Castro, Ian Reinhardt, Caleb Janowsky and Nolan Stretton will all participate in the state tournament beginning today.

"We've had that many and more before, but it has been a while, and not from a region as full of great programs and wrestlers as this one," wrote coach Dan Janowsky in an email to The SUN. "I thought our kids wrestled extremely well under pressure and came through time and time again in the clutch, winning at the end, winning in overtime, and

bouncing back from disappointment with great poise."

The Pirates placed second out of 14 teams, scoring 218 points.

The Alamosa Mean Moose placed first with 251 points.

At 106 pounds, Wyman placed third and scored 20 team points.

In the 113-pound division, Tressler placed fourth, scoring 22 points.

At 120 pounds, EJ Monterroso scored seven team points.

In the 126-pound division, Thomas placed second, scoring 23 points.

At 132 pounds, Lucero placed second, scoring 22 points.

In the 138-pound division, Grant Aucoin placed sixth, scoring six points.

At 145 pounds, Hinger placed second, scoring 22 points.

"Tate Hinger has qualified all four years," pointed out Dan Janowsky.

In the 152-pound division, Bryant placed third, scoring 18.5 points.

At 160 pounds, Castro placed first, scoring 25.5 points.

In the 170-pound division, Reinhardt placed fourth and scored 12 points.

At 182 pounds, Caleb Janowsky placed third, scoring 22 points.

In the 195-pound division, Connor Aragon placed sixth and scored three points.

At 220 pounds, Stretton placed fourth and scored 15 points.

"Nolan was the last match of the day, and the kid had beaten us before, and we were tied at the end of regulation, and we went into overtime, and then we were tied at the end of the first overtime," Dan Janowsky said in an interview. "It was an unbelievably intense match. He gritted that out and won in the second overtime. It was an eight-minute match."

Dan Janowsky also pointed out that Hinger, Bryant, Castro and Stretton all qualified for state last year as well.

"Very, very satisfied and proud of the poise and fight our Pagosa kids showed," wrote Dan Janowsky. "We are as good as anybody in the state man for man. Very intense, lots of fun and excitement looking back."

Dan Janowsky stated Monday he anticipated having the wrestlers get one more good workout in, but that afterward the Pirates might lighten up as the state tournament approaches.

"We just have to make sure that we make weight and make some little touch ups on how we wrestle," Dan Janowsky explained.

The state tournament begins today, Feb. 15, and will run until Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Pepsi Center in Denver.

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SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa Springs High School's pep band entertains the crowd during the Lady Pirates' 53-22 victory over the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Friday, Feb. 9.

BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates head into postseason with 16-3 record



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Senior Zoe Strohecker puts up a 3-pointer for the Lady Pirates during the team's Feb. 9 home victory over the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers. Strohecker played despite sustaining a knee injury the previous night in practice.

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The 2017-2018 regular season is in the books for the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates, who are now turning their attention to the postseason, beginning with next week's Intermountain League (IML) Tournament.

The Lady Pirates finished the regular season with a 16-3 overall record and 9-1 league mark, going 2-1 in action over the last week.

That IML record matches that of the Centauri Falcons, who are 18-1 on the season.

Moving forward, the Lady Pirates will play the winner of Tuesday's IML Tournament play-in game between the Alamosa Mean Moose, who are third in the IML with a 5-4 league mark and 1-7 overall record, and the Monte Vista Pirates, who are 1-9 in IML play (sixth) and 4-14 overall.

Pagosa's next game will be on Feb. 23.

As of Wednesday, Pagosa sat at 3A's No. 4 team in the Ratings Percentage Index (which helps determine postseason ranking) and fourth in the CHSAA now.com poll.

Coach Wes Lewis said the next week will be spent preparing for the IML tournament.

"I think it's within our hands, but we're going to have to do the little things," he said.

Montezuma-Cortez

The Lady Pirates began the week's action at home on Feb. 9 against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, with the game also serving as Senior Night to celebrate the sport's senior players.

"We had an emotional night with Senior Night and to further add the Senior Night, we had, Zoe Strohecker we think may have torn her ACL Thursday night in practice, so it was pretty emotional," Lewis said following the game. "She's such a great kid and has had such a great attitude all year long, and we just feel so bad for her."

Despite her injury, Strohecker was able to play in the game, landing a 3-pointer to help the team en route to a 53-22 victory.

"We had heavy hearts with Zoe going down like that last night in practice,"

Lewis said, adding that the team was glad to get the win.

The Lady Pirates dominated the game early, jumping to a 23-0 lead by the end of the first quarter.

The Pirates built on that lead in the second quarter, scoring 12 while allowing four to take a 35-4 lead into halftime.

Lewis said he thought the team came out early and played well.

Pagosa scored 12 again in the third quarter while allowing six, but were outscored by the Panthers 12-6 in the game's final quarter.

"I was pleased with things tonight," Lewis said. "Not the way we shot the ball from the free-throw line, that's probably the big black eye. We were not very good, we were actually very, very bad from the free-throw and that's disappointing because we've been shooting pretty well lately."

The Lady Pirates were successful only 25 percent of the time from the charity stripe in the game, landing three of 12 shots.

Two Lady Pirates scored in double digits overall in the game: Morgan Lewis with 16 and Ada Peshlakai with 14.

Taylor Lewis followed with seven points, Devin Wilson and Hailey Griego each logged four, Strohecker and Keena Murphy each put up three, and Elsa Lindner tallied a pair of points.

Pagosa pulled down a total of 31 rebounds in the game, logged 21 assists, tallied 20 steals and turned the ball over 16 times.

Centauri

The next day, the Pirates headed across the mountains to La Jara for another matchup against the Lady Falcons.

This time, however, the Lady Pirates fell prey to the Falcons 46-35.

The Lady Pirates played even with the Falcons in the first quarter, finishing tied 10-10, but fell behind in the second quarter, allowing Centauri a 30-21 by halftime.

Centauri again outpaced Pagosa in the third quarter, 7-4, and the Lady Pirates were unable to make up the difference in the final quarter, with Pagosa scoring 10 to Centauri's nine.

"We just made bad decisions with the basketball and turned it over," Wes Lewis said Wednesday.

The team turned the ball over 23 times

in the game.

"One of our big Achilles ... heels in that game was a lot of our turnovers led to uncontested layups for them," he said, noting that that led to 12-14 uncontested points for Centauri.

He also noted that the Lady Pirates did a poor job of having safeties on defense.

"We played pretty well in stretches, they were just really short, small stretches," he said, adding, "They battled, they played hard, they competed, we just made too many mistakes against a good team."

Pagosa was led offensively by Morgan Lewis, who scored 14 points, followed by Wilson's 14.

Peshlakai put up four points for the team, and a trio of Pirates put up two each: Griego, Murphy and Taylor Lewis. Teagan Stretton notched one free throw.

The team was successful from the charity stripe 48 percent of the time, making 11 of 23 shots.

Pagosa logged 25 rebounds in the game, 10 assists and seven steals.

Ignacio

Then, on Tuesday, the Lady Pirates were back on the road to close out the regular season against the 2A Ignacio Bobcats, who are now 15-2 on the season.

The Pirates walked away with a 56-30 win.

"Ignacio's a pretty good team, and they've got a fantastic post player in Morgan Herrera and they've got a really talented guard in Avionne Gomez," Wes Lewis said, adding, "But, you know, it was a team win."

The coach highlighted the play of Wilson in the game.

"I will say ... I thought Devin Wilson had the best game of maybe her high school career," he said, noting that Wilson logged 19 points in the game. "It was just a complete game, I mean she played offense, she played defense, she rebounded, she had assists, she ... just did a lot of things for us."

The coach continued by saying Wilson did a good job of running the offense from the point guard position and attacked the basket.

Stats from the game were not available by press time Wednesday.

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BASKETBALL

Pagosa ends season on four-game win streak, take on Monte Vista for play-in game

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The regular season ended on a high note for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' basketball team as they closed it out on a four-game win streak.

The Pirates defeated the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Friday, the Centauri Falcons on Saturday and the 4A Durango Demons on Tuesday.

Pagosa finished its regular season with a 14-5 overall record and a 7-3 record in league play.

The Pirates also end the season sitting at third in the Intermountain League (IML) behind Alamosa and Bayfield.

Stats for the games were not available by press time Wednesday, and coach Randy Sorenson was not available for comment.

Cortez

On Friday, Pagosa defeated Cortez by a score of 55-47.

It was a back-and-forth affair between Pagosa and Cortez in the first half, with the Pirates holding a 29-20 lead heading into halftime.

The Pirates went on to outscore Cortez 13-12 in the third quarter and then were outscored 13-15 in the fourth, but, ultimately, the Pirates defeated the Panthers 55-47.

Centauri

Then, on Saturday, Pagosa took on Centauri for its final regular-season league game.

The Pirates again won another close contest by defeating the Falcons 48-44.

Pagosa outscored Centauri 14-7 in the first quarter, but was subsequently outscored 9-15 in the second quarter.

Heading into the third holding a 23-22 lead, Pagosa outscored Centauri 11-9 in the third and 14-13 in the fourth to seal the 48-44 win.

Pagosa then closed out its regular season at home on Tuesday by taking on the Demons.

Durango

Its last regular-season home effort proved to be a dominant one for the Pirates as they defeated the Demons by a score of 59-26.

Leading at halftime 30-9, Pagosa outscored the Demons in the next two quarters to wrap up its regular season with a 59-26 victory.

With the week's three wins, Pagosa is currently ranked 16th in the Rating Percentage Index standings.

Upcoming games

Per an email from Pagosa Springs High School Athletic Director Marcie Ham, Pagosa and Monte Vista will both take part in a "play-in" game for the IML tournament.

No. 3-seeded Pagosa will host No. 6-seeded Monte Vista at home on Tuesday with action starting at 7 p.m.

Pagosa defeated Monte Vista in both matchups this season.

The winner of this game will move on to next Thursday's action in Alamosa.

The IML tournament will be held in Alamosa this year with boys playing Thursday, Feb. 22, and the championship and third-place games taking place on Feb. 24.



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Pirate senior Keaton Anderson drives past a Panther defender during Friday night's game. Pagosa went on to defeat Cortez by a score of 55-47.

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Mardi Gras Fun Race results announced: Rutter has fastest overall time

By Julie Martinez
Special to The SUN

Wolf Creek Ski Area hosted the Mardi Gras Fun Race this past Sunday, Feb. 11. There was a great turnout of 81 racers, and there was some very tight competition, with race categories having some very close times.

Charlie Rutter, of Pagosa Springs, had the fastest time overall, 25.39 seconds.

RECREATION NEWS

Community Center gym will be closed this Saturday

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The Pagosa Springs 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.

Please call the Recreation Department with any questions, 264-4151, ext. 232.

Community Center closed on Saturday

There will be no open gym at the Ross Aragon Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Please call the Community Center with any questions, 264-4152, ext. 521.

Open paint sessions

There will be a free open session for artists to bring their own supplies and work on their current projects at the 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. No sign-up is necessary; just bring your supplies and come have fun. Lemmo can be reached at 731-1590.

To register for programs online, visit the Parks and Recreation Department page at www.townofpagosaprices.com.

For more information, call the recreation office at 264-4151, ext. 232.

In the Boys 6-8, Nash Rutter came in first with a time of 29.09.

In the Boys 9-11, Noah Rutter came in first with a time of 26.13, Nigel Rutter came in second with a time of 26.78 and Milo Deitemeyer came in third with a time of 30.46.

Andrew Bowles came in first in the Boys 12-14 with a time of 28.10 and Trent Connor came in second with a time of 28.38.

In the Boys 15-17, Kaleb Lokey came in third with a time of 31.97.

In the Men 21-25, Daniel Cabrera came in first with a time of 25.96.

Robert Bedtke came in first in the Men 31-35 with a time of 27.05.

In the Men 41-50, Charlie Rutter came in first with a time of 25.39 and Daniel Filipiak came in third with a time of 28.07.

Gerard Henken came in third with a time of 31.56 in the Men 51-60.

In the Men 60-70, Buzz Burke came in first with a time of 26.21 and Phil Klum came in third with a time of 28.57.

Klaus Neubert came in first in the Men 71-plus with a time of 31.39.

In the Girls 3-5, Emma Mylius came in first with a time of 47.51 and

Juniper Hertzke came in third with a time of 103.46.

Veda Deitemeyer came in first in the Girls 6-8 with a time of 36.23 and Bella Werby came in second with a time of 48.06.

In the Girls 9-11, Ric Mylius came in first with a time of 37.27 and Sami Goudie came in second with a time of 41.28.

Samaya Dunn came in first in the Girls 15-17 with a time of 26.06.

In the Women 31-35, Brittany Bedtke came in first with a time of 28.18.

In the Women 41-50, Elizabeth Kunz came in first with a time of 28.02, Ruhe Rutter came in second with a time of 30.27 and Donna Wynn came in third with a time of 40.94.

Becky Henken came in third in the Women 51-60 with a time of 32.00.

The next race in the Fun Race series, the Presidents Day Fun Race, will be held on Sunday, Feb. 18. It's free with purchase of a lift ticket and open to skiers and boarders of all ages and abilities. Medals will be awarded to the top three racers in each division.

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Goals & Accomplishments Town of Pagosa Springs

SUN staff asked representatives of publicly funded agencies in Archuleta County to individually answer a trio of questions relating to the goals and accomplishments of themselves and their agencies at the turn of the year.

Their answers will be printed in The SUN over the coming weeks. Answers are printed as received and are not edited.

Don Volger, Pagosa Springs Mayor



It's an honor and privilege to be able to provide my comments on three accomplishments from 2017 and a few top goals for 2018. I hope most know that, alone, I accomplished nothing in 2017, nor will I achieve any of the 2018 goals. The credit goes to our dedicated Town Council members, staff and volunteers. They are an amazing team and I am proud and privileged to serve alongside each and every one.

What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2017?

The Town accomplished so many things last year and each one contributed to making Pagosa Springs a better place to live, work and recreate. Picking only three is extremely difficult. However, I'll try to comply specifically with your request, in no particular order of importance.

1. The Town embarked on the huge task of updating our Comprehensive Plan. Hundreds of hours were dedicated by consultants, staff and the public to formulate the plan which will soon be submitted for adoption. This significant document will guide us as we make important decisions about the Town's future. Needless to say, this was no small feat.

Similarly, the "Smart Growth America" report has been completed, providing excellent recommendations to incorporate as we meet the challenges of expected growth.

2. We made wonderful progress on some major Infrastructure projects that improved our streets and sidewalks throughout Town. In addition, we've moved forward with the eventual completion of the Riverwalk and the Town to Lakes Trail system. We also built a new overlook which greatly enhanced our downtown core. By no means is this a complete list!

3. We have continued to work with the County to support work groups focused on our three joint community priorities: expanding early childhood education opportunities, providing more affordable workforce housing, and enhancing our current broadband capabilities. Those work groups volunteered numerous hours of research and established specific implementation suggestions for 2018.

What are your three top goals for 2018?

1. Make significant progress on the Town and County joint priorities. The first step will be to develop and adopt a structure for managing and distribut-

ing the money allocated by both government entities to address these issues. We hope to have that structure in place within a few weeks.

2. Adopt the new Comprehensive Plan, approve the "Smart Growth America" initiative recommendations, and start implementation whenever appropriate.

3. Finish infrastructure projects from last year, maintain and upgrade existing infrastructure, and pursue new infrastructure projects as funding permits.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

This is pretty simple to answer but I guess I should be reelected first.

If reelected, I'll continue to promote healthy working relationships between Town representatives and members of other leadership organizations within our community. I'll encourage the support of our fine public servants with the resources they need to do the best job they can for our community and continue to express my appreciation for their hard work and dedication. Nothing would get done without them!

Andrea Phillips, Pagosa Springs Town Manager



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2017?

I can only choose three? There are so many projects the town completed in 2017. From park improvements to road repairs, to providing excellent recreation programs for kids and adults, town staff works very hard to provide superior services to the community with the resources that we have. The street reconstruction on S. 8th Street (although we have one block to complete in 2018), the paving on S. 10th Street, and the repairs to the Hot Springs Blvd bridge approaches, are examples of the town addressing aging road infrastructure. The new Overlook Deck was built in 2017, providing a nice amenity for residents and tourists to enjoy the beautiful San Juan River and the downtown area. The town also implemented a new building permit and business license online portal called CitizenServe, which has helped to streamline these processes. Citizens can get updates on town meetings, access meeting minutes and packets, and sign up for alerts on the CivicWeb Portal (accessible through www.pagosasprings.co.gov). We continually aim for transparency and ease of accessing information and both of these technology enhancements provide that for our residents and business owners. We also made significant headway on installing multi-use trails and single track trails

and making improvements to our town parks with our partners in the community.

What are your three top goals for 2018?

I am excited to work with staff in 2018 to address the Town Council's adopted goals (see attached). These goals can be grouped into three overall categories that we will focus on in 2018: 1) improving infrastructure; 2) encouraging economic growth and sustainability; and 3) improving communication and intergovernmental cooperation. Improving infrastructure includes completing street projects like S. 8th St., paving 4th St. between Lewis St. and Hwy 160, street rehabilitation on a section of S. 5th St., and paving the parking areas by Town Park; furthering pedestrian and bike accessibility by completing trail segments, installing sidewalks and creating a bike/ped mobility route map; working with CDOT on improvements to Hwy 160 through town; planning for better utilization of the town's geothermal utility; continued park improvements and finally, making headway on a badly needed new consolidated maintenance facility for our public works, parks, and facilities departments. Economic development efforts will continue to focus on strengthening the downtown core; working with businesses to diversify the local economy and encourage visitorship; and reviewing the town's policies and land use

and development code to determine how we are encouraging or inhibiting positive growth. Communication goals for 2018 include continuing to work with the County on our three shared strategic priorities-expanding housing choices, early childcare and education, and increasing broadband services. We would also like to improve communication with the community on the many projects and initiatives the town is working on and receive feedback on these items. We are in the process of revising our Comprehensive Plan, which we hope to adopt in first quarter, and there has been a lot of good community input into this plan.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

I am working with staff now to create a work plan that will address each of the goals adopted by Council, as well as the projects and initiatives that staff and the Council have made a priority through adoption of the 2018 budget. The work plan includes timelines for completion and milestones, assigned staff, resource allocations, and other information. We want to keep these simple, but still provide enough information to the Council and the public on the status of these initiatives. We'll be reporting on the status of activities every quarter. Staff also shares regular monthly updates at Council meetings.

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Colo. 151, U.S. 160 overpass considered for elk and deer migration

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife Special to The SUN

Highway underpasses and overpasses built for wildlife are significantly reducing the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions on roadways throughout Colorado.

Recent work in southwest Colorado is helping to make even more roads safer in this corner of the state.

Photographs taken with a remote camera at a new underpass on U.S. 160 between Durango and Bayfield show that the passageway is being used by deer, coyotes, raccoons and other small animals. It was completed in the fall of 2016 by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) provided guidance on the project, and now the two agencies are cooperating on a study to identify key wildlife crossing spots throughout the state.

"These structures help protect Colorado's wildlife and Colorado's

drivers," said Patt Dorsey, southwest regional manager for CPW. "We're pleased to work cooperatively with CDOT on these projects. Highways pass through wildlife habitat throughout the state and it's only natural that our agencies work together."

On Colo. 9 near Kremmling in northwest Colorado, an overpass and underpasses have cut wildlife-vehicle collisions by nearly 90 percent over the last two years. Insurance companies estimate that damage to vehicles from wildlife collisions averages about \$4,000 per incident.

Mark Lawler, a CDOT biologist, said that research done throughout the world shows clearly that underpasses and overpasses dramatically lead to a decline in collisions.

CDOT statistics show that from 2006 to 2016 there were 472 wildlife-vehicle collisions — the majority with mule deer — on U.S. 160 in the area between Durango and Bayfield.

But that only accounts for ac-

cidents that were reported. Lawler explained that research shows vehicle-wildlife collisions are underreported.

"At the new underpass, we're seeing a large number of mule deer going through the structure daily," Lawler said. "Animals are using the structure; we're not just moving the problem."

There are no statistics regarding collisions available yet for the area near the new underpass. But Lawler explained that an underpass built three years ago between Ridgway and Montrose has cut wildlife-vehicle collisions in that area by approximately 70 percent.

Research conducted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Wildlife Resource Management Division details the patterns for deer and elk migration across U.S. 160 since 2004. Most of the Southern Ute reservation is located south of that highway. Radio collars have been placed on nearly 150 animals and their movements monitored,

primarily during migration periods in the spring and fall. The studies show that deer and elk crossings are heavily concentrated in several areas along the corridor between Bayfield and the Piedra River in Archuleta County.

Lawler said that while deer use the new underpass without hesitation, elk are not using it yet. Elk, however, do readily use overpasses.

Hoping to aid elk crossings, CDOT, CPW and the Southern Ute Tribe are working cooperatively to determine if both an overpass and underpass could be built near the intersection of U.S. 160 and Colo. 151 just east of Chimney Rock National Monument. The research by the Southern Ute Tribe shows that area is the location for major elk and deer migration corridors.

"The tribe knows the importance of sharing this information with neighboring agencies," said Aran Johnson, wildlife biologist for the Southern Utes.

An overpass and related structures there would probably cost about \$1.2 million, but funding for the project has not been approved.

Lawler said there is no timeline for the work, but discussions have started to explore partnership funding for the project with CPW, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Great Outdoors Colorado and CDOT.

Aside from underpasses and overpasses, during the past decade in all areas of the state CDOT has put up high fences along hundreds of miles of major highways and has built "escape ramps" that allow animals to move out from the middle of roadways and divided highways. Those projects have also been effective for reducing collisions, Lawler said.

The statewide project to identify major crossing areas should be completed in about a year, Lawler said. That study will also look at possible sources of consistent funding for wildlife projects.

Pagosa Ranger District seeks applicants for summer internship

By Matthew Tuten Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest is partnering with Conservation Legacy of Durango to recruit applicants for a timber management internship in Pagosa Springs during the upcoming summer.

The intern will work closely with local San Juan National Forest

foresters and technicians to prepare timber sale and fuels reduction contracts on National Forest lands between Pagosa Springs and Durango. The intern will have the opportunity to learn forest measurements, navigation and surveying techniques in ponderosa pine, aspen, mixed-conifer and spruce-fir forests. They will also assist in marking harvest unit boundaries and timber for eventual advertise-

ment, sale and harvest.

Over the summer, they will develop backcountry living skills and learn about local forest ecology. If time allows, they may also support other resource areas on the National Forest, including recreation and range and wildlife management.

This is a great opportunity for a local individual with an interest in a career in forestry to gain hands-on, entry-level experience.

To learn how to apply, visit <https://tinyurl.com/PagosaTimberIntern> or contact Tim Leishman at timothy.leishman@fs.fed.us or Clara Moulton at Conservation Legacy at cmoulton@conservationlegacy.org.

Coffee with a Ranger event Feb. 23

By Brandon Caley Special to The SUN

Start your day off by having coffee or tea at the Pagosa Ranger District on Feb. 23.

Enjoy an informal conversation with the acting district ranger and a forester while you find out about

what's happening at the Pagosa Ranger District.

Bring your coffee mug/cup if you have them and join us for this free event from 9 to 10 a.m.

The Pagosa Ranger District is located at 180 Pagosa St.

For more information, contact the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268.

Brand inspector to answer livestock questions

By Kathy Sherer Special to The SUN

The Four Corners Back Country Horsemen will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Florida Grange on Colo. 172 (a half mile south of Elmore's Corner).

Brand Inspector Chad Moore will be discussing the Colorado law

and answering your livestock questions. Nonmembers are always welcome to attend.

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

for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 9th day of January 2018. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: January 18, 2018 Last Publication: February 15, 2018 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 Attorney for Plaintiff AND /s/ Samuel S. Vigil Samuel S. Vigil Law office of Samuel S. Vigil, LLC 437 6th Street Las Animas, CO 81054 Atty. Reg. No.: 40454 Associated Counsel Published January 18, 25, February 1, 8 and 15, 2018 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The People of the State of Colorado in the Interest of: Z.D. (DOB 11/8/12), Child, And Concerning: Abigail Rosenberg, Mother, Kyle Davidson, Father, Respondents. Case Number: 17JV38 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, AND RESPONDENTS NAMED ABOVE. GREETINGS: Abigail Rosenberg, Mother of Z.D.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Verified Petition in Dependency and Neglect has been filed in the above named Court in which it has been represented to the Court that the above named children are dependent and neglected for the reasons set forth in said petition, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, and to which reference should be made for greater certainty.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND SUMMONED to appear before the District Court for the County of La Plata, State of Colorado, at the Courthouse in Durango, Colorado, on February 13th, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The Verified Petition for Adjudication and Disposition of Dependent and/or Neglected Children is served herewith.

Pursuant to C.R.S. §19-3-502(3), termination of the parent-child legal relationship is a possible remedy available if this petition alleging that the children are dependent and/or neglected is sustained. A separate hearing must be held before such termination is ordered. Termination of the parent-child legal relationship means that children who are the subject of this petition would be eligible for adoption. Dated this 18th day of December, 2017. /s/ Rachel Brock, Esq. Published February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 2018 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

County Court Archuleta County, Colorado PO Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Case No. 18C30001

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public notice is given on 1/26/18 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta Combined Court.

The Petitioner requests that the name of Sara Inez Frances Pepper be changed to Sara Inez Frances Stockton. /s/ Cheryl Mulbery Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk Published February 1, 8 and 15, 2018 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel: 970-264-2400

Plaintiff v. TIMESHARE ALTERNATIVES LLC, et al Defendants Case No.: 2017CV30056

COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM This Notice of Public/Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No. 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Ptarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc., Plaintiff

Timeshare Alternatives, LLC Frank A Maestas Eriinda Maestas Terry Jesme Connie Jesme William D Cusic Marian K Cusic Kalima T Fahie Waed Alturk Barbara D Farrell James J Farrell WFA Services, LLC Stephi Smalia BG ASUX LLC Scott J Adams Kristen M Adams Mustafa Osmary Helen L Frye Virginia A Simons Arturo C Alexander Carole L Alexander Larry J Terry Deborah A Terry Jason L Hemingway Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No. 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Ptarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs. Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 16PPA0144, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054 Association Assessments Due to: Ptarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc. Debtor(s) and Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act.

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCLUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION. The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, 10:00 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: (February 8, 2018) Last Publication: (March 8, 2018) Name of Publication: (Pagosa Springs Sun)

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO. A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE PURSUANT TO §38-38-104 C.R.S., SHALL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICER AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED. IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO §38-38-302 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH

THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE. THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 16PPA0144, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054.

Attached hereto as EXHIBIT B are copies of certain Colorado statutes that may vitally affect your property rights in relation to this proceeding. Said proceeding may result in the loss of property in which you have an interest and may create personal debt against you. You may wish to seek the advice of your own private attorney concerning your rights in relation to this foreclosure proceeding.

INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed December 18, 2017. Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

Detail Listing of Judgment Calculations As of September 15, 2017

TIMESHARE ALTERNATIVES, LLC Building Number: 2B Lot (Unit) Number: 7204 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 36 in that property which is described as Parcel 'E'-Ptarmigan Townhouses as recorded in Plat Sheet No. 324 & 324A under Reception No. 153256, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded February 4, 1988, under Reception No. 153260 and re-recorded on February 18, 1988 under Reception No. 153557 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Matter Amount Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72 Accrued Interest: \$9.75 Costs: \$162.11 Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,274.57 FRANK A MAESTAS and ERLINDA MAESTAS Building Number: 2 Lot (Unit) Number: 7203 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 24 in that property which is described as Parcel 'E'-Ptarmigan Townhouses as recorded in Plat Sheet No. 324 & 324A under Reception No. 153256, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded February 4, 1988, under Reception No. 153260 and re-recorded on February 18, 1988 under Reception No. 153557 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Matter Amount Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72 Accrued Interest: \$9.75 Costs: \$162.11 Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,274.57 TERRY JESME and CONNIE JESME Building Number: 3 Lot (Unit) Number: 7206 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 38 in that property which is described as Parcel 'E'-Ptarmigan Townhouses as recorded in Plat Sheet No. 324 & 324A under Reception No. 153256, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded February 4, 1988, under Reception No. 153260 and re-recorded on February 18, 1988 under Reception No. 153557 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Matter Amount Unpaid Assessments: \$3,400.37 Accrued Interest: \$15.76 Costs: \$262.11 Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$4,678.24

WILLIAM D CUSIC and MARIAN K CUSIC Building Number: 3 Lot (Unit) Number: 7206 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 38 in that property which is described as Parcel 'E'-Ptarmigan Townhouses as recorded in Plat Sheet No. 324 & 324A under Reception No. 153256, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded February 4, 1988, under Reception No. 153260 and re-recorded on February 18, 1988 under Reception No. 153557 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Matter Amount Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72 Accrued Interest: \$9.75 Costs: \$262.11 Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,374.57 WILLIAM D CUSIC and MARIAN K CUSIC Building Number: 3 Lot (Unit) Number: 7206 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 51 in that property which is described as Parcel 'E'-Ptarmigan Townhouses as recorded in Plat Sheet No. 324 & 324A under Reception No. 153256, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded February 4, 1988, under Reception No. 153260 and re-recorded on February 18, 1988 under Reception No. 153557 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Matter Amount Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72 Accrued Interest: \$9.75 Costs: \$262.11 Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,349.57 KALIMA T FAHIE Building Number: 8 Lot (Unit) Number: 7215 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 46 in that property on which is located four (4) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouses units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 5, Units 7209 and 7210; Building No. 6, Units 7211 and 7212; Building No. 7, Units 7213 and 7214; and Building No. 8, Units 7215 and 7216 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 325 under Reception No. 156199, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain First Supplemental Declaration to Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156200, Book 219, Page 33-38, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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See Public Notices A18



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Public Notices

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan 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 I recorded in Plat File No. 331 A-E, under Reception No. 0168713, 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. 332-332A-E, under Reception No. 171189, 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 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 File No. 238A-F under Reception No. 179324 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder

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 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 I recorded in Plat File No. 331 A-E, under Reception No. 0168713, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. JOHN J PEPPER AND JULIA G PEPPER, 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 File No. 238A-F under Reception No. 179324 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder

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UDI Points: 28,000
 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
 Unpaid Assessments: \$605.69
 Accrued Interest: \$28.48
 Costs: \$156.57
 Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$1,790.74
WILMA J WALTER and DOROTHY M HARDING
 Building Number: 26
 Lot (Unit) Number: 7851-7852
 UDI Points: 105,000
 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99011974, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership of Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
 Unpaid Assessments: \$777.08
 Accrued Interest: \$36.53
 Costs: \$231.57
 Total: \$1,005.18
DRAGON, LLC
 Building Number: 26
 Lot (Unit) Number: 7851-7852
 UDI Points: 126,000
 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99011974, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership of Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
 Unpaid Assessments: \$937.05
 Accrued Interest: \$44.05
 Costs: \$161.57
 Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$2,142.68
WESLEY E WHITE
 Building Number: 27
 Lot (Unit) Number: 7853-7854
 UDI Points: 77,000
 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99011974, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership of Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
 Unpaid Assessments: \$757.41
 Accrued Interest: \$35.61
 Costs: \$161.57
 Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$1,954.59
LENA R JOHNSON
 Building Number: 30
 Lot (Unit) Number: 7859-7860
 UDI Points: 154,000
 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99011974, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership of Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,805.02
 Accrued Interest: \$84.86
 Costs: \$156.57
 Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,045.45
PING WONG and YVONNE WONG
 Building Number: 2 & 3
 Lot (Unit) Number: NA
 UDI Points: 182,000
 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase I, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173553, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,006.50
 Accrued Interest: \$47.32
 Costs: \$256.57
 Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$2,310.39
WILLGO TRAVEL HOLDINGS, LLC
 Building Number: 41
 Lot (Unit) Number: 7881-7882
 UDI Points: 111,000
 of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VIII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20010666, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,407.98
 Accrued Interest: \$66.19
 Costs: \$276.57
 Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$2,750.75
 Published February 8, 15, 22, March 1 and 8, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE FRUITLAND COAL FORMATION, TIFFANY UNIT, ARCHULETA AND LA PLATA COUNTIES, COLORADO CASE NO. 12-03000121 TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS NOTICE OF HEARING TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT

MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS
 Township 33 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M Section 27: 21: All W½ Sections 28 - 34: All Township 33 North, Range 7 West, N.M.P.M. Section 12: S½ Section 13: All Section 14: E½ Section 24: All

APPLICATION
 On December 15, 2017, BP America Production Company (Operator/No. 10000) ("BP" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-118, C.R.S., for an order to:
 1) Approve up to three additional horizontal wells in the Tiffany Unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Fruitland Coal Formation;
 2) Require the productive interval of each wellbore to be located no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore producing from the Fruitland Coal Formation, and no closer than 660 feet from the boundaries of the Tiffany Unit, with no internal section line setbacks;
 3) Applicant states that the proposed wells shall be located on up to one new well pad in the unit, without exception by the Director.
 4) Pursuant to C.R.S. §34-60-118(6), Applicant submitted that the relief requested in the Application affects only the rights and interest of the owners and that Applicant shall not change the percentage for the allocation of oil and gas nor the percentage for the allocation of costs as established by Order No. 112-122 as amended by Order Nos. 112-249, 112-261, and 112-269.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "Orders" or "Rules")

- On June 17, 1988, Order No. 112-60 established approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing units, for the production of oil and associated hydrocarbons from the Fruitland coal seams, underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, in the Ignacio-Blanco Field with the units to consist of a governmental half section and the permitted well to be located no closer than 90 feet from the boundaries of the quarter section.
- On January 18, 1996, Order No. 112-122 established the Tiffany Unit and approved a certain Unit Agreement and Unit Operating Agreement for the Ignacio-Blanco Field, providing for unit operations and development of the reservoir consisting of the Fruitland Coal Formation underlying certain lands in La Plata and Archuleta Counties, Colorado.
- On March 2, 2015, Order No. 112-249 amended the Tiffany Unit to provide for primary recovery operations and allowed up to an additional four wells in the Tiffany Unit with the productive interval of each wellbore to be no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore producing from the Fruitland Coal Formation, and no closer than 660 feet from the boundaries of the Tiffany Unit with no internal section line setbacks, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Fruitland Coal Formation.
- On January 26, 2016, Order No. 112-261 allowed up to an additional 18 wells in the Tiffany Unit, with the productive interval of each wellbore to be located no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore producing from the Fruitland Coal Formation and no closer than 660 feet from the boundaries of the Tiffany Unit with no internal section line setbacks, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Fruitland Coal Formation.
- On March 20, 2017, Order No. 112-269 allowed up to an additional three horizontal wells in the Tiffany Unit, with the productive interval of each wellbore to be located no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore producing from the Fruitland Coal Formation and no closer than 660 feet from the boundaries of the Tiffany Unit with no internal section line setbacks, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Fruitland Coal Formation.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to §§ 34-60-101 to -130, C.R.S. and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing on:

Date: March 19-20, 2018
 Time: 9:00 a.m.
 Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission The Chancery Building 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801 Denver, Colorado 80203

Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately 3 days before the hearing.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.
 At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509, no later than March 5, 2018. Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. One electronic (cogcc.hearings_unit@state.co.us), one original and two copies shall be filed with the Commission. Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of March 5, 2018, if a prehearing conference is requested by the Applicant, or any person who has filed a protest or intervention. Pursuant to Rule 511, if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By Julie Spence Prine, Secretary
 Dated: February 2, 2018
 Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801 Denver, Colorado 80203
 Website: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>
 Phone: (303) 894-2100
 Fax: (303) 894-2109
 Attorney for Applicant: Elizabeth Y. Spencer
 BP America Production Company 1515 Arapahoe Street Tower 1, Suite 700 Denver, Colorado 80202 (832) 619-2442
 elizabeth.spencer@bp.com
 Published February 15, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly to the electors of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District of Archuleta County, Colorado.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular election will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, two (2) directors will be elected to serve a four-year term.
 Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms are available from Diane Bower, the Designated Election Official for the District, at 100 Lyn Avenue, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms must be filed with the Designated Election Official for the District at the above address not less than 67 days prior to the election (Friday, March 2, 2018).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official of the District at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election (Friday, May 4, 2018). All absentee ballots must be returned to the Designated Election Official by 7:00 p.m. on election day.

PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

By: /s/ Diane Bower Designated Election Official
 Published in: The Pagosa SUN
 Published on: February 15, 2018
 Published February 15, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Pagosa Secure Storage 80 Bastille Drive Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Sunetha Property Management 970-422-7162
 Notice of sale or disposal of contents Unit #19-Rocky Martinez Date of sale or disposal March 2nd, 2018
 Contents: miscellaneous personal
 Published February 15 and 22, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

A storage sale for the household items held in unit #31 belonging to Jerrod Blackketter, 1171 N. Oak Dr., Bayfield, Co., 81122, will be held March 10, Sale takes place at 10 a.m. at Lakeview Storage, 400 CR982, Arboles, Co., 81121. This notice and sale comply with State of Colorado statute C.R.S. 38-21.5-101.
 Published February 15 and 22, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: RAFAT AHMAD S. 9011 15TH STREET SOUTH # 202 ARLINGTON, VA 22202

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2014, the then County Treasurer

of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

OCK LLC 401K PLAN Section 27: 21: All W½ Sections 28 - 34: All Township 33 North, Range 7 West, N.M.P.M. Section 12: S½ Section 13: All Section 14: E½ Section 24: All

LOT 3 IN POWDER HORN SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER 17, 2002 AS RECEPTION NO. 20208425.

Account Number: R005206 Schedule Number: 569907420003 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2014-03190 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefor to OCK LLC 401K PLAN That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2013 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of RAFAT AHMAD S. for said year 2013. That said OCK LLC 401K PLAN on the 8th day of January 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to OCK LLC 401K PLAN On the 20th day of June 2018, unless the same has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 10th day of January 2018 /s/ Betty A. Diller Betty A. Diller, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published February 15, 22 and March 1, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: VALDEZ-BOULANGER FAMILY TRUST 41108 MESITA CLIFF NE ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87112

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2013, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to OCK LLC the following described property situate in the County of

Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: **LOT 76 IN COLORADO'S TIMBER RIDGE PHASE ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 26, 1999 AS RECEPTION NO. 99008647**

Account Number: R012217 Schedule Number: 569928430076 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2013-02866 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefor to OCK LLC That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2012 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of VALDEZ-BOULANGER FAMILY TRUST for said year 2012. That said OCK LLC on the 8th day of January 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to OCK LLC On the 20th day of June 2018, unless the same has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 10th day of January 2018 /s/ Betty A. Diller Betty A. Diller, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published February 15, 22 and March 1, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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 January, 2018, for Archuleta County.

18CW3003 ARCHULETA COUNTY, WATER DISTRICT NO. 78: 1) Applicants: Keyah Grande, Alan Sakman, Barbara Sakman, 13211 West Highway 160, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; **2) Attorney:** Adam T. Reeves and Daniel F. McCar, Maynes, Bradford, Shippis & Sheffel, LLP, 835 East 2nd Avenue, Ste. 123, Durango, CO 81301; **3) Application to Make Absolute Conditional Water Rights or, in the Alternative, for a Finding of Reasonable Diligence:** **4) Structure 1:** Welch Cabin Well/Pond; **(i) Point of Diversion ("POD"):** SE1/4NW1/4 Section 3, T34N, R3W, NMPM, 1763 feet from North Section line and 1389 feet from West Section line, with

GPS location having a Northing of 4124558 and an Easting of 305062 using UTM-NAD83 Zone 13N; **(ii) Source:** Welch Cabin Well (Permit 74384-F) and run off tributary to Piedra River; **(iii) Approp Date:** October 31, 1984; **(iv) Amount:** 0.679 c.f.s.; **Absolute:** In 10CW84, 0.07 c.f.s. decreed Absolute, 0.609 c.f.s. decreed Conditional; **(v) Use:** stockwater, fish and wildlife, filling of Welch Cabin Pond, domestic, commercial, irrigation of 40 acres in SE1/4 of Section 3 and NE1/4 of Section 10, T34N, R3W, N.M.P.M.; **(vi) Surface Area:** 0.7 acres; **All decreed water applied to beneficial use:** Pond has been regularly filled during the diligence period; watering of up to 75 head of livestock; irrigation of at least 40 acres, in SE1/4 Section 3 and NE1/4 Section 10, T34N, R3W, NMPM, including horse pasture and hay field, and piscatorial (stocked pond); During diligence period, Applicants filled Welch Cabin Pond with water from Welch Cabin Well, and accordingly are entitled to an absolute decree for storage in Welch Cabin Pond. **5) Alternative,** if the water rights are not decreed absolute, the following has been done toward completion of the appropriation as conditionally decreed during the diligence period: **(i) The Keyah Grande water rights** are part of an integrated system of supply for the Ranch, which includes the water right identified in this application; **(ii) During the diligence period,** Applicant has maintained and is currently reconstructing the Welch Cabin Pond; **(iii) Applicant has applied for diligence and to make absolute water rights identified in Case No. 17CW3018, currently pending before this Court, spending in excess of \$6,000.00 to date. All diversion and storage structures are, or will be, constructed on land of Applicants. (4 pages)**

18CW3004 ARCHULETA COUNTY; 1) Applicant: Pinon Hills Ranch Property Owners Association, Inc.; **2) Attorneys:** Adam T. Reeves and Daniel F. McCar, Maynes, Bradford, Shippis & Sheffel, LLP, P.O. Box 2717, Durango, CO 81302; **3) Application for a Finding of Reasonable Diligence;** **(A) Name of Structure:** Pinon Hills Diversion Structure; **(B) Basin:** San Juan; **(C) Location:** 1. SW1/4NW1/4SW1/4 Section 14, T30N, R2W, N.M.P.M.; 237 feet east of the west section line and 2,128 feet north of the south section line of Section 14; **4) GPS location** having a Northing of 4108190 and an Easting of 318195 using UTM - NAD83 Zone 13N; **ii. Alternate Location:** NE1/4NW1/4SW1/4 Section 14, T33N, R2W, N.M.P.M.; 1,000 feet east of the west section line and 2,400 feet north of the south section line, with GPS location having a Northing of 4102869 and an Easting of 318430; **(D) Source:** San Juan River, through use of a surface diversion or a sub-surface gallery collection system; **(E) Appropriation Date:** March 13, 2003; **(F) Amount:** 5.0 cfs. Conditional, originally decreed in Case No. 04CW98; 0.2 c.f.s. made Absolute in Case No. 11CW36; **(G) Uses:** Water usage associated

with a rural subdivision of up to 45 lots at full build out, to build in phases 1 and 2, unless some land is placed in a conservation easement, on Applicant's property ("Property"), described in Exhibit "A" attached to the application, including, but not restricted to, domestic, lawn and garden irrigation, irrigation of common parks, fire protection, livestock watering and recreation, and filling of and evaporation from ponds for those uses listed above, gravel mining for road construction and maintenance on the Property, dust control, operation of and evaporation from Property water features including, but not limited to, fountains and water channels. Applicant has installed a potable water hauling station near the river from Applicant's subsurface gallery well to provide future subdivision residents with a supplemental water choice. Up to 15 subdivision homeowners whose wells prove unsatisfactory or who choose a cistern would be able to use the hauling station without significant water quality monitoring. One large pond on the Property, near the diversion point, will divert water from upstream into the Pond, which will then flow back to the river downstream. **3) During this diligence period,** Applicant's development has had an additional two houses constructed within it. In addition, Applicant has contracted for a monthly water monitoring service, which checks water quality and makes repairs to the system. All diversion and storage structures are, or will be, constructed on land of Applicant. (5 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 March, 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 with the Water Clerk, as prescribed by Rule 5, CRCP. (Filing fee: \$158.00; Forms are available through the Office of the Water Clerk or on the Judicial site at www.courts.state.co.us; Danene M. Etz, Water Court Specialist, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Room 106, Durango, CO 81301-5157; 970-247-2304, Ext. 6181) Published: before February 28, 2018 /s/Danene M. Etz

Danene M. Etz, Water Court Specialist Published February 15, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

STATE OF COLORADO)

TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN and particularly to the electors of the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter and the Municipal Election Code, the municipal election of the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, will be held on Tuesday April 3, 2018 A.D. between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The corporate limits of the Town of Pagosa Springs shall constitute one precinct. The election shall be conducted as a mail ballot election. The ballots will be mailed to the eligible electors of the Town no earlier than 22 days prior to the election and no later than 15 days prior to the election. The drop-off location for the delivery of mail ballots and receipt of replacement ballots shall be located at the Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Boulevard, in the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, which shall be open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning at least 22 days prior to the election day and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day.

In order to vote in the election, an elector must be eighteen (18) years of age as of the day of the election, be a citizen of the United States of America, be registered with the Town Clerk or Archuleta County Clerk, not be in prison, and have legally resided for at least twenty-two (22) days immediately preceding the election in Colorado and in the district that is within the municipal limits of the Town as of the date of the election.

The questions to be voted upon at the election are as follows:

MAYOR

Donald D. Volger

DISTRICT 1 TOWN COUNCIL

Write-In Candidate _____

DISTRICT 2 TOWN COUNCIL

Write-In Candidate _____

Ballot Question 1

Shall the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter be amended to remove all references to Town Council districts and provide for all members of the Town Council to be nominated and elected from the Town at large, as set forth in Ordinance No. 876 (Series 2018)?

Yes

No

Ballot Question 2

Shall the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter be amended to impose term limits for the Mayor and members of the Town Council, as set forth in Ordinance No. 876 (Series 2018)?

Yes

No

Town of Pagosa Springs

By: 

April Hessman
 Town Clerk

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Photos courtesy Allison Wylie and Stacia Aragon
The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team capped off its successful regular season with a second-place finish at regionals in Alamosa Saturday. In addition to the strong team finish, 10 Pirate wrestlers are headed to the state tournament, which begins today at the Pepsi Center in Denver. For more information, see the related article on A14.



Pagosa Springs Middle School announces second quarter honor roll

By Anjelica Gallegos
 Special to The SUN

The following fifth-grade students made Pagosa Springs Middle School's (PSMS) second-quarter Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 GPA: Rylie Carr, Naomi Grimes, Bella Gutierrez, Neena Gutierrez, Peyton Jackson, Kylie Ketchum, Layla Novak, Alexander Pham, Aspen Pitcher, Finn Ralston, Emily Reynolds and Ariel Slead.

The following fifth-grade students made Honor Roll: Honestye Anderson, Kaylee Clark, Elizabeth Currier, Savannah Foster, Logan Frady, Isabel Galloway, Michael Jones, Cadence Kerns, Cooper Ralston, Gemma Slingerland, Katelynn Turner, Cascia Ward, Brandt Winther and Seth Zeigler.

The following sixth-grade students made PSMS Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 GPA: Seth Aucoin, Karis Blackman, Chase Harper, Jack Hittle, Melissa Jasso-Armendariz, Blake Laner, Colton Lewis, Natalie Mashue, Jeidy Moreno-Echavarría, Annabelle Parker, Hadley Phillips, Lucy Taylor and Anne-Marie Uhrenbacher.

The following sixth-grade students made Honor Roll: Jacob Allen, Harley

Armijo, Collin Bridges, Jeimie Castaneda, Kadence Chavez, Ethan Chavez-Skok, John Cloward, Caleb Crabtree, Chloe Crabtree, Evan Cusik, Donovan Galabota, Trey Garcia, Cole Harper, Brooke Huddleston, Conner Kelly, Dennis Kholostov, Bradley Lamoreaux, Kynslie Limebrook, Patrick Matney, RuthAnn Morehouse, Shahnaz Namin, Brodie Norton, Annie O'Donnell, Eric Pettinger, Noah Rutter, Bailee Shallenberger, Marie Smith, Noah Stene, Jaden Tuggle-Reed, Jacob Turner and Jilliana Wyman.

The following seventh-grade students made PSMS Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 GPA: Andrew Bowles, Nathan Johnson, Jonathan Nasralla, Reece Peterson, Hannah Rockensock, Skylar Sherman, Noah Slingerland and Beatrice Yeneza.

The following seventh-grade students made Honor Roll: David Ashbaugh, Aaron Aucoin, Lynelle Bartz, Ethan Bergdolt, Jacob Bolger, Kaili Bos, Chantelle Caldwell, Beatrice Carpenter, Chelsea Casaceli, Jasmine Castaneda, Braylon Cotts, Gunnison Dozier, Karissa Foster, Hannah Girardin, Jordan Heaton, Keigan Hughes, River Johnson, Kali Jury, Jai Loveday, Tucker Mashue,

Ava Pargin, Jordan Pham, Shayden Riggs, Jordan Stern, Jackson Swearngin, Alyx Velarde, Samson Wiens, Kameron Winkler, Mateo Zamudio and Emma Ziminsky.

The following eighth-grade students made PSMS Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 GPA: Wilhelm Aucoin, Thomas Barker, Arden Blakemore, Kelsey Britton, Taylor Capistrant, Olivia Craig, Talon Knapp, Sierra Liverett, Audrey Martin, Ethan Mazur, Jordyn Milioto, Stormie Mitchell, Ameya Novak, Samantha Owen, Davis Parker, Lauren Peart, Ethan Robel, Michelle Saucedo, Anneka Slead, Nell Taylor, Keira Torrez, Lexie Valdez, Theo Warden and Ebanie Wilkins.

The following eighth-grade students made Honor Roll: Sumett Abrell, Brenna Bayles, Sawyer Blakemore, Vinicio Carranza, Trevan Fletcher, Robert Grose, Jessi Gurule, Logan Harper, Sophie Heidelmeier, Alexandra Howe, Emily Inez, Christian Kay, Dimitriy Kholostov, Samuel Kinsley, Rylie Knapp, Faithlynn Lopez, Kori Lucero, Stephanie Lucero, Monique Martinez, Edwin Quintana, Charlotte Rodina, Caroline Smith, Rachel Smith and Breck Wilson.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Friday, Feb. 16
Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session and regular meeting. 3 p.m. work session, 4 p.m. regular meeting, 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, Feb. 20
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

Humane Society of Pagosa Springs board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Humane Society Thrift Store, downstairs, 279 Pagosa St. Open to members and the public.

Wednesday, Feb. 21
Upper San Juan Library District board meeting. 4 p.m., Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St.

Thursday, Feb. 22
Archuleta School District Board of Educa-

tion community engagement. Noon, Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

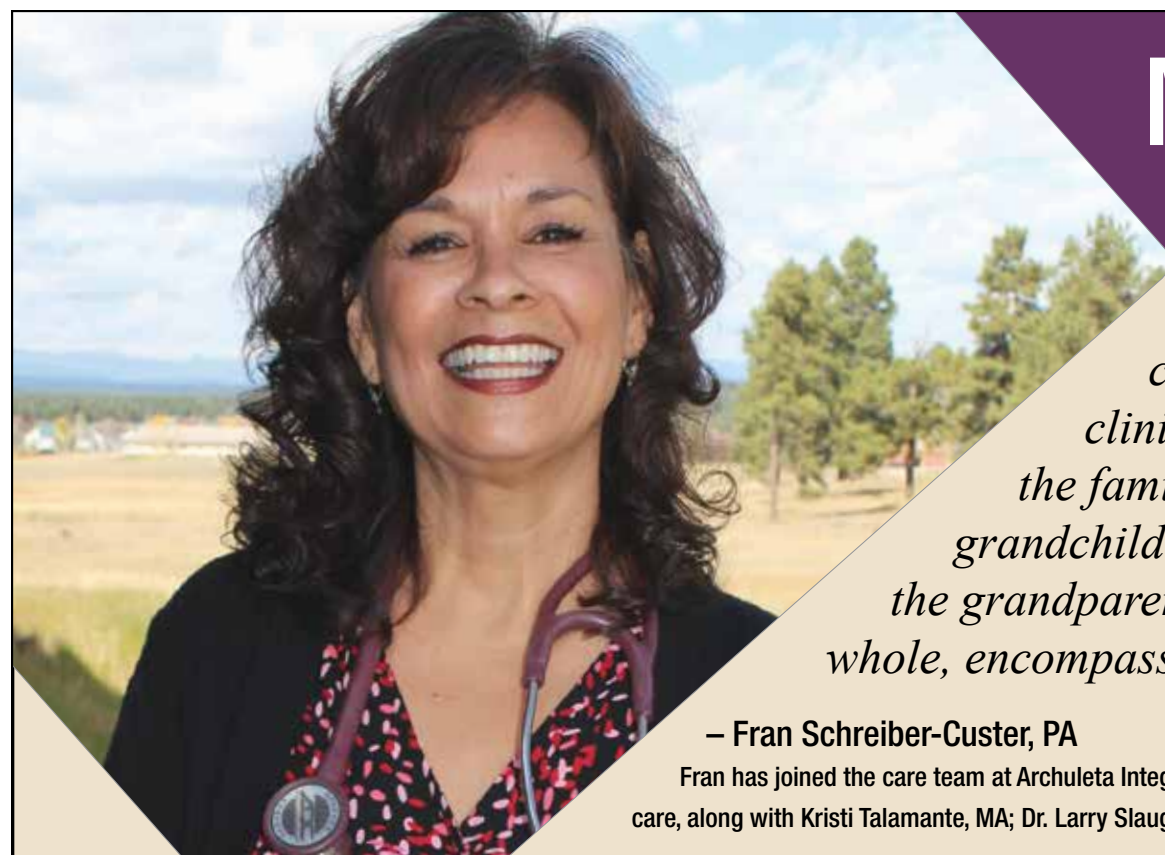
Archuleta School District Board of Education community engagement meeting. 6 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Monday, Feb. 26
San Juan Water Conservancy District special board meeting. 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

Tuesday, Feb. 27
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

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.



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Chimney Rock open house

Friday, Feb. 16 • 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. • Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library



Photo courtesy Howard Rowe/Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Volunteers needed at Chimney Rock National Monument

By Nadia Werby
Special to The PREVIEW

It takes more than 80 volunteers to operate the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument. While there are paid staff members, it is the volunteers who do most of the tasks that make the program work.

This year, there is a great need to fill that quota.

There are many Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) volunteers who have been working at the site for over 20 years and are now ready to hang up their volunteer shoes.

It is essential to the program's success that the volunteer corps remain strong in skills and numbers. Without the volunteers, it would be impossible to keep this local nonprofit interpretive program viable and the gates to Chimney Rock open.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who is looking for an outdoor, cultural volunteer experience. CRIA offers a great, in-depth training and mentoring program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers.



Photo courtesy Howard Rowe

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association volunteer Sandy Artzberger enjoys a sunny afternoon at Chimney Rock National Monument surrounded by curious children eager to learn about how the ancient Pueblos lived.

New volunteers receive extended training with veteran volunteers at the site until they are comfortable in their new positions. Another perk of becoming a volunteer at Chimney Rock National Monument includes outings to other archaeological sites.

Here are just a few more reasons to volunteer at Chimney Rock National Monument:

- The land: Over 1,000 years ago, the Ancestral Pueblos built more than 200 homes and ceremonial buildings high above the valley floor.

■ See Volunteers on next page

Live Performers



Thursday
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Jacques Grant, 6 p.m.

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The Springs Resort Phoenix Bar: Bob Hemenger, 6 p.m.

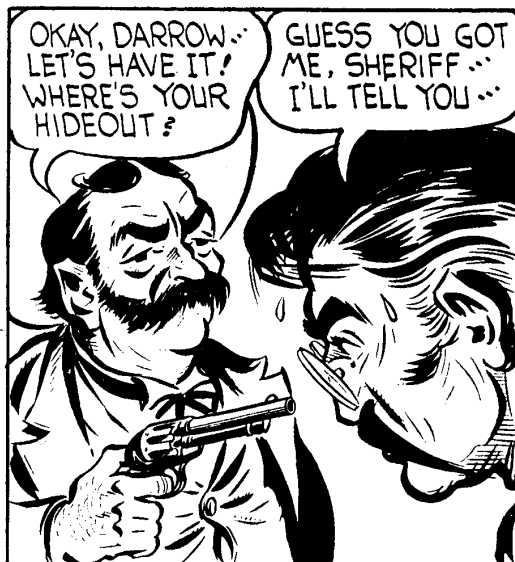


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Save the date for a very sweet evening

By Mike Stoll
Special to The PREVIEW

The annual Humane Society Chocolate Auction and dinner will be held on March 17 at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse on Port Avenue.

This popular event raises funds for the daily operating expenses of the animal shelter by auctioning decadent desserts created by local chefs, caterers, bakers, candy stores and restaurants, and creative chocolatiers.

This year's auction has been expanded to include "Chocolate and Other Decadent Delights," and we anticipate some truly marvelous non-chocolate desserts to complement the wonderful chocolate creativity of the evening.

The theme of this year's auction

will be a celebration of the spirit of Mardi Gras in March. Mardi Gras attire is encouraged (but not required), and beads and a limited number of masks will be available at the venue.

The live auction portion of the evening will be preceded by a seated dinner, along with a cash bar featuring wine, beer, soft drinks and a festive Mardi Gras cocktail. Back by popular demand are the balloon-pop and buy-it-now delectable desserts. Tickets are \$25 and available at the Humane Society thrift store and animal shelter or by calling 264-5549. Seating is limited, so do not delay.

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs does not receive funding from any national organizations such as the Humane Society of the

■ See Evening on next page

Volunteers

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• The view: Chimney Rock is a place of unparalleled natural beauty sitting on a high mesa at the southern edge of the San Juan Mountains between Durango and Pagosa Springs.

• The people: Chimney Rock is home to the ancestors of the modern Pueblo Indians and holds great spiritual significance to various tribes.

• The sky: Chimney Rock was used as celestial observatory and seasonal calendar by the Ancestral Puebloans, thought by many experts to be connected with the people of Chaco Canyon. The mountain peaks to the north and east made it an ideal spot for tracking the movement of the sun and moon. Monthly archaeoastronomy programs are offered by CRIA, at which you can view the full moon rising above the San Juan Mountains or view the night sky as the ancient ones did.

• The mystery: What brought the Chacoans here and why did they leave? What attracted them to the high mesa beneath the twin pinnacles in such harsh living conditions? Learn about the theories behind these questions and more.

Open houses

This year because so many new volunteers are needed, CRIA will host two Chimney Rock open houses to help community members learn about the exciting volunteer opportunities at Chimney Rock National Monument.

The first open house will be held on Friday, Feb. 16, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at the Ruby Sisson Library located at 811 San Juan St. The second will be on March 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the EcoLuxe Building at The Springs Resort and Spa located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

CRIA's Volunteer Training Days will take place on April 13 and 14 at the PLPOA Clubhouse located at 230 Port Ave. We are very excited for the upcoming season starting May 15 and want to encourage the community to join us.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a Participating Agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest. For more information and to view the 2018 Chimney Rock calendar of events, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.

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Come home to Siberia at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

By Dale Scrivenger
Special to The PREVIEW

A fresh spin on small-town living turns local traditions on their head in the Thingamajig Theatre Company world premiere production of “Welcome to Siberia — Now, Go Home!”

Blending light and dark comedy with splash of drama, the new production is written by former Pagosa SUN editor Karl Isberg and produced and directed by Laura Moore in coordination with Boni McIntyre.

Isberg delivers “bigly” (to quote a favorite personality of his) and serves up life in a small town on bite-sized plates along with heaps of laughter for good measure.

In “Siberia,” the local Chamber of Commerce of Great Springs has hosted a wine and cheese party to welcome newcomers to town. “Busy Hands,” the local old-timer from the retirement home has been selected to give the new homeowners a walk down memory lane. But who could have guessed how “rocky” the path is as he recalls it. Whether it’s being boiled in the local hot springs, robbing banks with cutlery, making room for your neighbor from outer space or your local “healer” that insists you just need more patchouli oil to get on your feet, “Busy Hands”



Photo courtesy Elly Osmera

Locals Andy Donlon, Ivy King, Karin Daniels, Donna Merchant-Crooks, Jeff Quinn and Nancy Haines perform in Karl Isberg’s “Welcome to Siberia — Now, Go Home!” The play opens Friday, Feb.16, at 6 p.m. at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

and the cast of six will take you on a journey you’ll never forget (unless the UFOs have anything to say about it.)

“Welcome to Siberia — Now, Go Home!” is playing at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Opening Feb. 16 and running through Feb. 25, performances are weekdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. For show information, visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW (7469).

Evening

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United States, American Humane, ASPCA or United Way. The animal shelter relies on revenue from private donations, the thrift store and fundraisers such as the Chocolate Auction to continue our mission of creating a safe haven for animals

in need.

Please mark your calendars for March 17 and plan to attend a truly fun event for a great cause. Watch for more details in future issues of The Pagosa Springs SUN and on the Humane Society website at www.humanesociety.biz.

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Soak for a Cause Feb. 20

By Shane Lucero
Special to The PREVIEW

The Springs Resort and Spa is proud to announce that Rise Above Violence will be the recipient of #SpringsGiving in 2018.

Inspired by national #GivingTuesday, The Springs Resort and Spa celebrates our own #SpringsGiving. Once a month, our public Bath House donates 100 percent of net admission sales to a 501(c)(3) charitable organization selected by our staff and ownership.

#SpringsGiving, born from an initial push for breast cancer awareness in 2011, has grown into a monthly push to recognize worthy causes that have a local impact. In 2017, over \$50,000 was donated to nonprofit organizations via our #SpringsGiving efforts.

The recipient for February is Rise Above Violence. Rise Above Violence is a private nonprofit organization. Its primary mission is to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. They work to ensure victims' rights are exercised and needs met.

Through the support of grants, donations, fundraising efforts and volunteers, Rise Above Violence provides the following services:

- Immediate crisis intervention available 24 hours a day by an advocate trained to listen and provide support. Call day or night 264-9075.
- Court advocate to explain the criminal justice system and assist with civil restraining orders.

• Emergency transportation to safe shelter. Shelter provided by the Southwest Safehouse.

- Advocates to assist with other community agencies and supportive organizations.
- Information and referrals.
- Speakers and trainers to provide community education.

Also in support of preventing violence against women, The Springs Resort and Spa is raising awareness and supporting the international "1 Billion Rising Movement." One Billion Rising is the biggest mass action to end violence against women in human history.

The campaign, launched on Valentine's Day 2012, began as a call to action based on the staggering statistic that one in three women on the planet will be beaten or raped during her lifetime. With the world population at 7 billion, this adds up to more than 1 billion women and girls.

Join The Springs Resort every Wednesday in February in the atrium of luxury building from 3 to 9 p.m. to lend your artistic voice for a community wide art painting awareness project to speak out against violence against women. One Billion Rising's theme this year is radical art, but please feel free to paint anything you believe "Love Is..." or what love should be. Canvas and painting supplies will be provided.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Shane Lucero at slucero@pagosahotspings.com.

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network to celebrate anniversary

By April Holthaus
Special to The PREVIEW

For three years, 20 or more committed writers have met every Monday morning at CrossRoad Christian Fellowship to learn the craft of writing.

The Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network (WCCWN) is cheering on our four published authors. Other members are learning to submit well-written articles to periodicals and newspapers. Some have a work in progress.

Class time is 8:45 to 11 a.m. Monday mornings. Members review a chapter of a how-to-write book taught by the leaders. On the off week, we meet in small groups


and give constructive critique to assist one another in our writing.

We've studied seven books together: "Plot and Structure" by James Scott Bell, "Characters, Emotions and Viewpoint" by Nancy Kress, "Story Trumps Structure" by Steven James, "How to Develop Story Tension" by Amy Deardon, "On Writing Well" by William Zinsser and, currently, "Writing for the Soul" by Jerry Jenkins. We have interspersed chapters of Noah

Lukeman's book, "A Dash of Style" to check our usage of commas and dashes, etc.

We invite special speakers for a Saturday seminar once a quarter.

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Next Stargazers meeting to include famous photos of the Pillars of Creation in the Eagle Nebula Stellar Nursery

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

The San Juan Stargazers will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Visitor Center conference room, located along Hot Springs Boulevard.

We will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. You will be able to warm up with hot coffee, cocoa, tea or apple cider and a treat. If the roads are unsafe, we will cancel the meeting and postpone the program. If that happens, look for an email blast or call 731-0186.

We begin our meetings with refreshments, introductions and information about upcoming events. Then our program starts with a written description and explanation of stellar nurseries

and the process of star formation and birth. This includes the most visible stellar nursery in Orion and the now-famous one in the Eagle Nebula. Next, we will have a video lesson by a university professor and astronomer that includes spectacular photos taken by the Hubble space telescope. The program is educational, entertaining and often awe-inspiring. After our January lesson, the room was silent and we sat for a few moments in absolute wonder.

We are starting to gear up for next summer's Night Sky programs at Chimney Rock, including nine star parties, which are well attended by locals and visitors from around the world. We are so incredibly fortunate to have so many opportunities to view the amazing

night sky in the darkness of Chimney Rock National Monument. Consider coming to our meeting to learn about becoming a volunteer. We have five Chimney Rock Interpretive Association telescopes that need operators and you will be patiently trained on the job and thrilled by how quickly you learn.

There also are two volunteer recruitment events, one on Friday, Feb. 16, at the library and on March 16 at The Springs Resort. Chimney Rock is in need of more than usual new volunteers because it is growing so rapidly.

Volunteering for Night Sky programs gives a great return in being able to view using the telescopes after guests leave. You don't need to know everything about astronomy, ■ See Stargazers on next page

Writers

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These have been other authors, a publisher, a screenwriter and, coming soon, a pastor to speak on the art of writing humor.

At WCCWN, we encourage one another to "keep on keeping on" with the solitary task of being a writer/author. If you have a story

burning inside of you, it's not too late to learn techniques of writing well. We all started at point A and are working our way to point B, C or D.

Join us as we celebrate this coming Monday, Feb. 19, at 9 a.m. at CrossRoad Christian Fellowship on Park Avenue, next to the PLPOA Rec Center. If you are a past mem-

ber, interested in learning to write for the soul or a published author, please come and celebrate with us. We'd love to have you join us.

A potluck lunch will be served. For more about WCCWN, go to our website, WolfCreekWriters.com, and check out our Facebook page.

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CUP announces new rehearsal accompanist

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

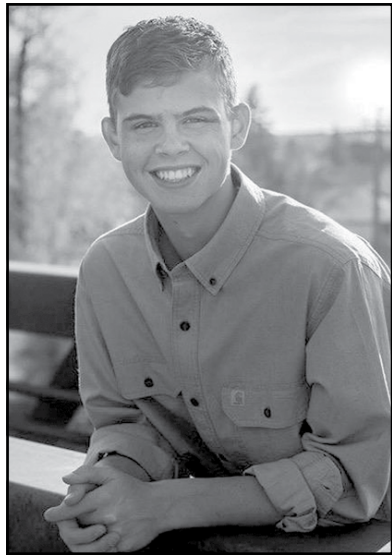
Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is entering its 29th year of providing excellence in community theater and mentoring young people through the performing arts in Pagosa.

Now, one of those young people will have a bigger role with the organization, serving as rehearsal accompanist in addition to playing percussion in the pit orchestra.

Sally Neel has been an enormous part of our history for nine years working as CUP's musical director, vocals teacher, mentor and loving friend to our students and community members. Last year, she had to take a step back from her many responsibilities not only as music director, but board member as well in order to focus on some serious health issues. We had to dance around and put our heads together to try and begin to cover the enormous work load of love and talent that she brought. Fortunately, Robert Neel has been able to step in and cover a large part of the job.

Then we found Carson Grose. Or, better yet, he found us.

Grose is an exceptional, amazing young man who was born in Texas, spent time vacationing in Pagosa Springs and moved here in 2016 with his family. Grose is a senior at



Carson Grose

Pagosa Springs High School who, after graduation, will be attending college to focus and study math, science and engineering, although he also has a love for music, which he said is "a part of who I am that I would never want to give up."

We first met Grose as percussionist in CUP's 2017 summer musical "Sister Act," where he showed us his skills and was a proud and supportive member of our pit orchestra.

In the fall, as we were preparing for our winter production of "Elf," we found ourselves without Sally Neel — without a piano player for

our band. We had exhausted all of our efforts and were very concerned as to how to move forward when Dan Burch mentioned that Grose played piano a bit.

Grose came to CUP and offered to take on the job, knowing it would be a big challenge. He said he was excited to take on the challenge, that he would work hard and would not let us down.

Well, we are all about mentoring and growing and it ended up being a perfect match.

In addition to school, family and sports, Grose worked hours daily to learn the more than 20 original songs in "Elf." He not only played the music, he was incredible in his performance.

He said that it took many of hours of practice and rehearsal, and that the most rewarding part of it for him was being able to "make it happen, to make 'Elf' happen and that the payoff was great!"

Grose will be stepping up again to help CUP with its powerful musical, "Children of Eden," for the summer 2018 production as he has accepted the position of rehearsal accompanist in addition to playing percussion with the pit orchestra.

In addition to his musical skills, Grose is extraordinary, full of heart and passion, kind and fun. CUP is thrilled to partner with this outstanding young man.

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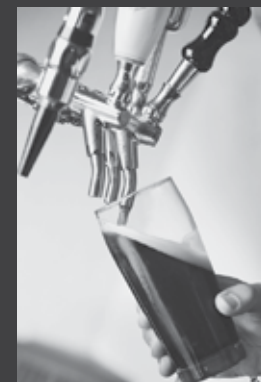
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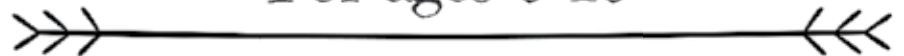


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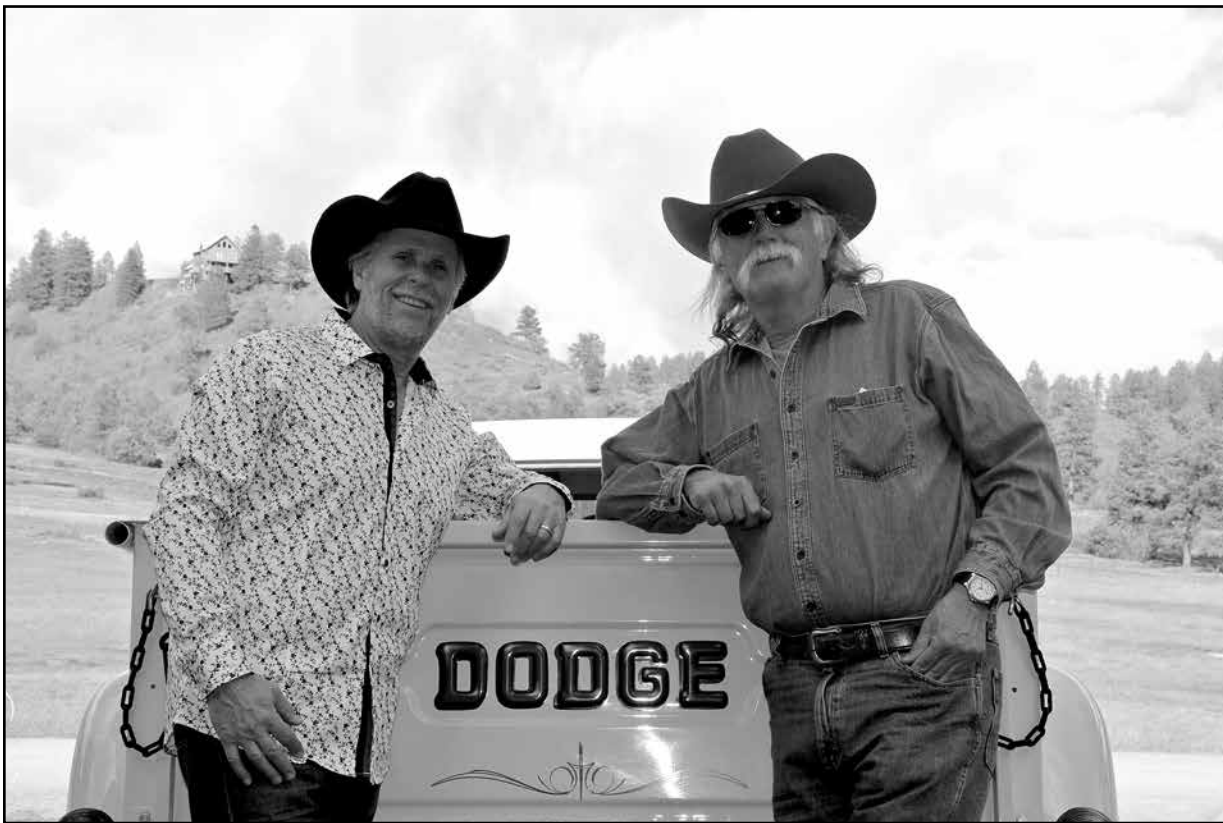


Photo courtesy Mary Kay Lowe

The San Juan Mountain Boys, Glenn Unrath and Ron Lowe, will offer their unique blend of vocals and dance music to benefit the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir when the girls host their “Over the Rainbow: Making Dreams Come True for Young Girls in Pagosa Springs” fundraiser on March 2 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The boys help the ‘girls’ at the ‘Over the Rainbow’ fundraiser hosted by the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir March 2

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

Date night? Entertainment for company? The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) has just the thing to help you spend an enjoyable evening, whether it’s with a special someone, house guests or friends.

The members of the PSGC will be hosting their “Over the Rainbow: Making Dreams Come True for Young Girls in Pagosa Springs” annual fundraiser set for March 2 at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

This enchanting evening of fun-filled activities featuring friends of all kinds promises to be magical for all. The event kicks off with a silent auction full of an exciting array of generous donations from individual and business supporters. While listening to the smooth and masterful guitar of Steve Blechschmidt, event-goers can peruse the lavish baskets and items that have been generously donated.

For the price of an event ticket — \$40 per person — event-goers will be treated to a scrumptious dinner of roast tri-tip followed by a delectable offering of chocolate.

Then, at 7 p.m., expect the dance floor to fill up quickly as the San Juan Mountain Boys — Glenn Unrath and Ron Lowe — take center stage, lift their voices and play a blend of popular music spanning genres from Hank Williams to Neil Young to Michael Bublé.

Funds from this event will be

used for the Girls Choir’s operating expenses, including music, insurance, their accompanist, as well as their summer educational trip to New York City.

The girls will see historic sites as they walk the sidewalks of New York, such as the 9/11 Memorial, the Statue of Liberty, the Museum of Modern Art, as well as attending Broadway and cabaret performances.

“Organizations like the Girls Choir offer a window to the much larger world beyond the reach of most kids here in Pagosa Springs,” Unrath said. “Musical connections can only expand the world for these kids and open doors to future opportunities in life be they musical or other. We (both) urge the local community to get on board with the San Juan Mountain Boys supporting the Girls Choir here in Pagosa Springs. See you at the dance!”

“The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir is about much more than just learning to sing some new songs. In addition to learning so much about the art of performing choral music with harmonies and nuances of expression, the girls also learn poise and stage presence,” Gwen Taylor, the parent of two choir members and accompanist for the choir, said. “It’s immediately apparent when you see them in concert. The standards for behavior and musicality have been set pretty high by the director and the girls know they have to strive to meet expectations. It’s a bit magical when you can motivate

kids this age to work together to achieve such a professional and beautiful outcome.”

“Over the Rainbow” tickets are available for purchase from The Buck Stops Here, Goodman’s Department Store and from any member of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir. Group tables of eight

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Sisters in Song Women's Chorus to begin rehearsals Feb. 27

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

They say the “third time is a charm” and the Sisters in Song community women's chorus is ready to embark on its third year of making beautiful music together.

The choir is again being sponsored by the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) and it is open to all women in Pagosa and surrounding areas who love to sing. Ladies in the community are invited to be a part of this women's chorus that will share the stage with PSGC at its annual spring concert, which will be held on May 10.

The chorus will begin rehearsals on Feb. 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church. Rehearsals will continue each Tuesday evening until the concert in May.

The women's chorus will sing a selection of quality choral music from Broadway musicals. Familiar hits like “Everybody Rejoice” from “The Wiz,” “Sunrise, Sunset” from “Fiddler on the Roof” and “Popular” from “Wicked” are a few of the selections that will delight Pagosans.

“The music will be fun yet challenging,” said Linda Parker, director of the women's group. “No prior experience is required to be a part of the choir, only a \$15 fee to help offset the cost of the music. Reading music is always helpful, but there will be enough rehearsal time to learn the music.”

The Women's Chorus has been formed to offer the girls of PSGC the opportunity to sing with a women's chorus.

Conceived by Parker last year, the chorus will allow the girls to

meet some Pagosa ladies who have enjoyed music throughout their life. The chorus will have its own part of the spring concert, singing several tunes alone, then finishing the concert with a combined number of the women and the girls.

“I am excited to offer Pagosa ladies the opportunity to share their love of music and singing and to give them an opportunity to perform. We musicians are hams, and we love to perform,” said Parker.

So that the correct amount of music can be ordered, please let Parker know if you are interested in singing. Her email is singpagosa@gmail.com and her phone number is 264-1434.

“We're looking forward to meeting new friends, having an entertaining time, and being a part of a unique experience in Pagosa Springs,” Parker said.

Fundraiser

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can also be reserved so that you can enjoy the evening with your friends. For additional information regarding the event or tickets, call Linda Parker, director, at 264-1434 or send an email to singpagosa@gmail.com.

Doors for “Over the Rainbow” open at 5 p.m. The silent auction runs from 5 to 7:15 p.m. A cash beer and wine bar will be available throughout the evening. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6 p.m., so don't be late. Then, the choir will treat event-goers to a short choral

presentation, including a song performed with the Mountain Boys. Music and dancing follows from 7 until 9 p.m. Make plans to attend; we hope to see you there.

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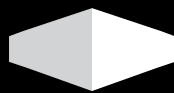
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Experience the healing power of music at Tuesday drum classes

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at noon.

The class offers a welcoming environment that encourages fun, creativity, playfulness and connecting with others.

The Summer of Love was fast approaching. The Beatles were getting ready to release “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band.” Timothy Leary was preaching “turn on, tune in, drop out” to the hippie counterculture. The generation gap was reaching an all-time high. It was the spring of ’67.

At this tumultuous cultural juncture, McLean Hospital, a psychiatric institution affiliated with Harvard Medical School, was experiencing an influx of disturbed adolescent patients.

“Searching for therapies that might connect with their music-aided, alienated charges, McLean hired a young rock musician named Paul Roberts to conduct music therapy classes,” writes Alex Beam in his book, “Gracefully Insane: Life and Death Inside America’s Premier Mental Hospital.” “McLean had a music therapy department. But they did not have a sitar-playing cool guy; as it happened, McLean and Roberts had been looking for each other ... Roberts was not exactly sure what he was doing, but whatever he was doing, it was working.”

McLean had a nice music therapy facility, but when I arrived, it was being used very little. Given free rein, I formed patient bands, taught music lessons and developed a social scene around music. The fact that I had no formal training or background in music therapy didn’t impede the process; I had the enthusiastic support of some heavyweights in the mental health field. The ripples this program set off were out of the ordinary for a psychiatric setting. The patients were delighted. Some staff members were encouraging, but others were shaken and didn’t know how to take it. Gradually, it became generally recognized

that music therapy was having a very positive effect, even central in the treatment for some patients.

I was asked to give a presentation on why music therapy was having a dramatic effect, after which I received a letter from the hospital director, Dr. Francis de Marneffe, in which he wrote: “I want to congratulate you on your excellent presentation at last Friday’s Academic Conference. It was a most impressive performance, encompassing as it did the theoretical, clinical and artistic dimensions of your work in music therapy. I have for years been asking the question ‘What special, unique contribution could music therapy make to a therapeutic program?’ and your presentation certainly supplied the clearest answer to my question to date.”

Nowadays, the cat is out of the bag. There is a lot more awareness about the benefits of music therapy than when I happened upon the field.

Fast-forwarding a half century: I just received an email — germane to my drumming class — from Dayle Huffman, who has given me permission to use it for this article.

“Thank you for the wonderful hand-drumming session last week,” she wrote. “I am a retired nurse, working most of my career in home care assistance and occupational health. Both my lifelong nursing career and my own personal life experiences, help me see so many applications for well-being and healing via drumming. I was very amazed at how well you coordinated all different abilities in the same circle, making sure no one was left out and, at the same time, recognizing you had a talented musician in the group, whom you let show his free spirit.”

“At my current stage of life, I’ve been searching for what my path might be. For almost a year, I’ve been thinking about drum circles, learning to drum myself and, in turn, using those skills to help people deal with PTSD. What I’ve been struggling with in my hometown back in Ohio is finding someone who can help me learn the skills needed to facilitate a drum circle.”

“Now, here I am on vacation in Pagosa Springs, Colorado and, lo and behold, I find exactly what I needed to convince me that’s what I need to take back home. Thanks from the bottom of my heart for last week’s confidence building day. I enjoy reflecting on how life-changing an event can be to the receiver when the giver has no idea how big it was. I really appreciate what you gave.”

“My son, Seth Phillips, is a musician in the Denver area. He and his daughters, Abbie and Rachel, were with me for your drumming class. All four of us had a delightful time and we all felt very welcome even though we were from out of town. The girls, who are very musically inclined, observed after we left that we had just completed a three generational drumming experience!”

“I had a lesson from a lady in Maine who conducts drum circles with women who are healing from abuse. Her descriptions of the transformations that she witnesses in her group inspired me beyond measure. That led me to thinking about doing something similar. I shared my dream with my brother who is a veteran. His passion for his career working with veterans inspire me to reach out to that group, as well. There are numerous opportunities for me to lead groups in my home town in Ohio.”

I have accepted a request by Huffman to be a consultant for her therapeutic drumming programs.

Drumming in one village can send a hopeful message to those in another village, no matter how far away.

For more information about the Pagosa Springs 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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A voice for Whiskey

I told Sweet Al I needed new material for my weekly column. Maybe I'll showcase his beloved dog again.

He said, "Your giving her her own voice? I can hardly wait to hear what you're going to say."

"You may want to reconsider that thought; I can hardly wait to hear what I have to say, also."

One thing is for certain. No one is just going to lay around this house and expect to be fed. Writing about Whiskey will not make me love her any more or less. But since every writer needs a muse, it appears now she has a job.

In truth, Whiskey is her master's companion. He sits, she sits. He stands, she stands. He eats, she eats. Put on his shoes? She is by the front door ready to roll.

So sweet? No. She has disrupted my life. I raised four kids, drove a school bus while my Sweet Al was away on business and taught painting classes to supplement our income. Now, I watch an 80-pound dog maneuver between the yard and my bedroom, leaving a trail of muddy paw prints and black hair on my rose-colored carpet.

Sweet Al looks at me and shakes his head, then endearingly looks back at Whiskey. "The poor baby, she doesn't even talk to you."

"She hears me just fine. She even hears me when I'm not speaking to her." So, I write. Maybe this can be my way of dealing with some sort of unresolved conflict toward her.

I don't know why I have such a problem with her. No one else seems to have a problem. Maybe she just needs to be given a voice. Then again, she has a voice, a big, loud voice." In fact, her outside voice is the same as her inside voice. Whether she is on the land or standing at the bay window in the dining room, her voice can be heard anytime anyone drives by.

My Sweet Al says, "She is the best watchdog I ever had. No one will get on the property without me knowing it."

I would have settled for a doorbell and been just as happy.

Every time I pull into my own driveway, there she is, and everyone in earshot will know it, too. I've come to accept that I am not the master of this domain. But when it comes to my new car, Whiskey better not jump up on the door or everyone on the Lower Blanco will hear my voice. "That's rule No. 4."

My Sweet Al slaps his chest and Whiskey all but jumps in his arms. He talks baby talk to her and scratches her head.

There will be no baby talk from me, no chest-slapping-induced embrace. You don't even have to follow all of my rules, just the ones that matter.

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



Wonder where the doghouse built for two came from? One time my Sweet Al used my kitchen scissors to clip Whiskey's nails. Need I say more?

I wonder why Whiskey isn't more like my son's dog, Reyna. Her name means queen. Whiskey's name means fermented grain mash — which is known to start a few fights.

My son takes his dog to the day

spa. She gets bathed, blow dried and brushed. She gets her nails clipped and always smells good. On the non-spa days, my son brushes her long, golden coil with a special brush made just for her.

I guess there isn't much difference in reality. When Whiskey needs a bath, she just jumps in the Blanco River behind the house. I doubt she needs a blow out. A good shake and she is as dry as a bone. And if anything ever were to get lodged in her wiry hair, a run through the weeds will comb out anything that tangles.

I don't think I am as harsh as I may sound. Dare I say I could even love a dog if it didn't lick, didn't whine and didn't bark every time the grass

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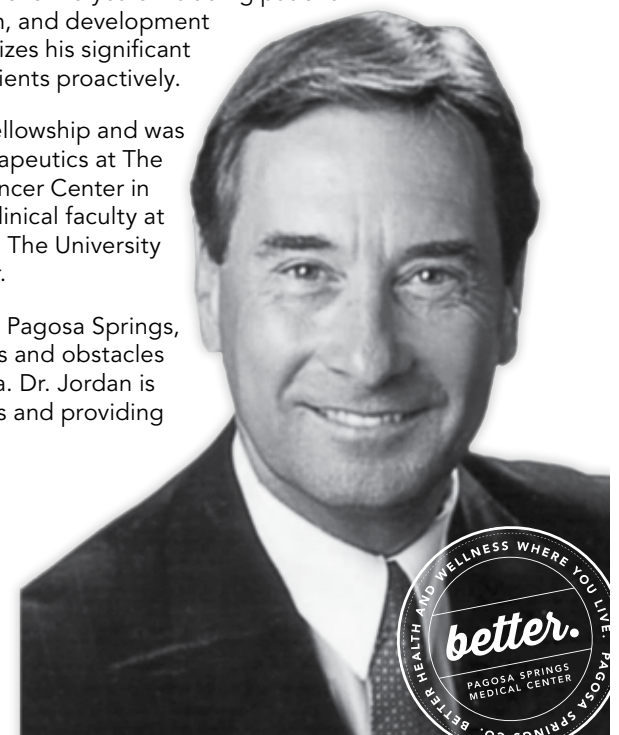
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By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

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The 9Health Fair will offer blood pressure screenings, in addition to other tests, on April 28 from 7 to 11 a.m. at Pagosa Springs High School.

Let's promote good health for all of us.

A colleague of mine is a case in point. Elly practiced law in Florida for many years and relocated to the southwest. She was diagnosed with hypertension. Being familiar with research and willing to make whatever changes necessary to help her health, she started investigating.

Here's some data: a study by a Medical University in South Carolina found that by emphasizing fruits, vegetables, legumes, beans, whole grains, fish and nuts, blood pressure could be lowered naturally.

Elly wasn't going to just change her diet. She stayed on the drugs her doctor prescribed.

Elly found that increasing her fluid intake was also important. She started drinking water (in ounces) equivalent to 50 percent of her body weight, 130 pounds. She drank 65 ounces every day in the morning.

By increasing potassium through avocados and sweet potatoes, avoiding junk and processed foods, and increasing dark leafy vegetables

(especially spinach), flaxseeds, fish, liver, plus two capsules of garlic per day because she doesn't like the pungent taste of raw garlic, she helped reduce her pressure. Elly read a study from Institute of Human Nutrition and Food Science, Christian Albrechts University, Germany, extolling the virtues of cocoa. While in the cold climate, she loved the hot cocoa. Especially being from Florida.

The change that made the greatest difference was a course in mindful meditation. Elly relaxed and her stress level decreased. She watched her blood pressure do the same. Occasionally it reaches 130/90. No longer considered hypertensive, she stays on her prescribed drugs, at a lower dosage. She disclosed that she was dealing with high tension of family and friends being unkind and taking advantage of her. Her high mental and emotional tension was mirrored in her high blood pressure — hypertension.

Her calmness is obvious. She's more social and laughs more, too. Elly is in Arizona now and connects with authentic friends, not those who want to use her for only their benefit.

Come to the high school on April 28 from 7 to 11 a.m. Get a whole battery of tests for a minimal cost of \$35.

Be a volunteer

If you have a working brain and a good attitude, you'll be perfect. Special skills? You could contribute in a particular capacity. Contact Constance: text/call (813) 373-8004, email 7LawsofHealth@gmail.com.

UU Fellowship to hold 'mass marriage ceremony'

By Dean Cerny
Special to The PREVIEW

On Sunday morning, Feb. 18, at 10:30 a.m., you are invited to partake in an unusual wedding ceremony (no RSVP required).

Marriage is about relationship. Getting married involves a covenant, a commitment between distinct individuals who seek companionship through the bond of love. This is similar to why we gather as community.

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) is, or should be, about diverse people seeking companionship through the bond of love.

In honor of the effort to create a community of beloved, I will per-

form the first "mass marriage ceremony" of the Pagosa UU Fellowship. At last, no worry about being only a groomsman or bridesmaid. On this day, you will all be brides and grooms. Don't bother with gifts, either. Your presence is gift enough.

As a religious and spiritual community, the PUUF has a covenant with one another that states: "The spirit of this fellowship is love and service is its law. This is our covenant with each other: To honor our seven principles, to dwell together in peace, to search for truth with love, and to help one another."

If that sounds a bit like wedding vows, that is not a mistake. To live in harmony with one another is a bit like being married. That is what

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blows. Just stay out of my way and off my couch and we may be OK.

Final brushstroke: The Slade house is definitely a doghouse. I guess a shot of Whiskey isn't so bad. She's become an acquired taste. Besides, I have a choice: "nurse it down ... or live with a hangover."

Readers' comments

Send in your comments to betty@bettyslade.com.

I heard from several people who loved Whiskey's article. Here is J.

Davis's comment from Prescott, Ariz.: "Loved your article on Whiskey! It made me chuckle and it put a smile on my face. I'm thinking Whiskers is a good backup for Sweet Al. I would love to hear more about the adventures of the Slade dog. The tug-of-war love affair or the triangle-love affair. Good job!"

Judy from Pagosa approached me and said she was so involved in Whiskey's story, she forgot she was a dog: "I loved the article. Please write more and write a book from Whiskey's perceptive."

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New Thought community to look at Buddhism Sunday

By Janie Garms
Special to The PREVIEW

Ernest Holmes was the founder of the worldwide Religious Science movement, now known as Centers for Spiritual Living. He believed that many paths can lead to the Divine and that man was the co-creator of his world through his thoughts.

Buddhists believe that at every moment, one creates new karma by actions, by words and by thoughts.

Holmes believed that spiritual centers, communities of like-minded individuals, help people achieve peace, love and understanding.

Buddhists practice the way of understanding and love through a sangha, a community of friends who

practice the dharma (teachings) in the same way.

On Sunday, Feb. 18, join our New Thought spiritual community as we welcome two Buddhists practitioners, Jim and Holly Baldwin. They will share their experience about how they found the Buddhist path, their meditation practice and how they apply the Buddhist psychology to their lives.

About us

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and exploring all paths to the Divine.

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Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain information by joining us, emailing PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, calling 749-9020, or snail mailing to P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or our website: www.PagosaNewThought.org.

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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.

The PUUF 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 Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

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Think things are hard?

By Lynn Moffett
Special to The PREVIEW

I thought I knew what poverty looked like until Charla Pereau invited me to take publication photographs of her orphanage in the arid central reaches of Baja California.

This miracle ministry in the tiny village of Vincente Guerrero started in an abandoned, run-down motel, and laid the foundation for the book "Charla's Children." The 72-acre facility now houses dormitories, schools and a medical/dental center that takes care of both orphans and anyone else in the area.

My outlook changed the day Charla said, "Come on. I want to take you to the place where we minister outside our enclave."

A short drive away from the only real highway on a rutted dirt road took us to a chain-link fenced area. A stark, barren landscape met my gaze. Nothing else for miles. One double gate allowed entry. I didn't want to see any more, and I didn't want to go through the gateway.

"These are farm workers," Charla told me as we drove in. "They provide a big grocery chain in the states with tomatoes year-round. These people are trucked from here to the fields farther south and work throughout daylight hours. The pay is 17 cents per male and five cents per female worker per day."

My hostess went on, "The bosses import the poor from Oaxaca, located near the border with Guatemala. We share the gospel, while the Communists try to indoctrinate."

Dirt carpeted every inch of the camp and dust covered the crudely erected buildings. Nothing more than hovels. The lucky workers secured a structure built of cardboard. The unlucky dwelt in homes made from weeds. Charla insisted I peek in one where I found an open

A Matter of Faith

cook fire. Each place had a similar setup. One spark would ignite the entire camp. Goosebumps raised on my arms.

The outhouses, also built from weeds, measured 3 feet by 3 square — 5 feet tall, held together with twine.

The most telling moments were spent watching young children, brown clouds rising underfoot as they played with no care. In stark contrast, a single 10-year-old girl, bucket in hand, plodded away from the camp.

Charla said, "She must travel over half a mile to get water for her family."

The child trudged on, shoulders slumped, all hope gone.

She is what devastated me. Those younger kiddos didn't care where they lived. But here she was, no more than 10, with all hope, all dreams — gone.

The trials of anyone's life can steal hope, whether in Vincente Guerrero, Hollywood, Coeur de Lane or Boston.

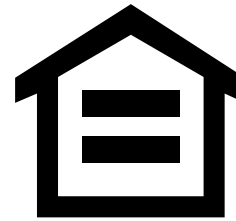
Though my life has never been as dismal that little girl's, sometimes it's difficult for me to apply the wisdom of scripture to critical situations I face. I've known people of wealth struggling to pay bills, others facing homelessness. It isn't where we fit on the prosperity scale. Hardship is hardship.

We can hold on to our dreams, our hopes, our futures. We needn't plod, shoulders slumped, beaten down. We can be like the other children in Baja, running and playing in the dust.

If we trust.
A new song is getting air time, "Never Once." The chorus is, "Never once did I ever walk alone, Never once did you leave me on my own. God, you are faithful."

Experience tells me this is true. "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on." — Matthew 6:25

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ANSWER:

Chama Chile Ski Classic canceled, Sno-ball Balloon Rally still scheduled for Feb. 24-25

By Mary Ann DeBoer
Special to The PREVIEW

Another first for the record books, the 45th Chama Chile Ski Classic and Winter Fiesta in Chama, N.M., has been canceled due to a lack of snow at the event's race site.

The event was originally scheduled for the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend in January, then rescheduled for Feb. 24-25, before being canceled.

Many Pagosa Springs residents have participated or helped out in

past ski classic events.

According to Ernest Vigil, business owner and native of the Chama Valley, the snow levels in the mountains above Chama are the lowest he's ever seen in his life (56 years).

Warm weather and dry conditions have kept the race site snow levels at around 1 foot or lower the entire season. This was not enough to groom a quality course for the Ski Classic's 10 cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snow biking races.

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The sandhill cranes and Monte Vista Crane Festival set to return

By Ruthanne Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Thousands of sandhill cranes will soon be descending upon the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge in Colorado's scenic San Luis Valley. To celebrate the crane's return, the 35th annual Monte Vista Crane Festival will be held March 9-11.

It's the oldest birding festival in Colorado and one of the oldest in the nation.

The cranes congregate in the refuge partly because the San Luis Valley is along their migratory route from their wintering grounds in New Mexico to nesting grounds further north. It is also because the refuge

staff works hard throughout the year to maintain healthy wetlands and plant barley fields. Just before the crane fest, they mow large swaths of the barley fields close to public viewing areas, drawing birds in to feast on the fallen grain and small animals attracted to the seeds (cranes are omnivores).

Sunrise and sunset tours offered during the festival take birders to these "hot spots," where it's possible to see thousands of cranes.

Wildlife experts host the two-hour tours, highlighting interesting facts about the cranes along the way, like how they mate for life. It's also possible to spot coyotes, eagles, great-horned owls, hawks and a variety of

duck species.

Sandhill cranes are large birds with a distinguishing crimson cap on their head that makes them hard to miss as they forage. Their graceful courtship dance, unique trumpeting calls and mass fly outs are thrilling to witness.

This year's crane fest includes sunrise and sunset tours, photography workshops, birds-of-prey tours and field trips to Zapata Ranch (near the Great Sand Dunes National Park) and a unique natural area in the foothills of the San Juan Mountains called Elephant Rocks.

There are also expert-led presentations on topics such as waterfowl, wetlands and prairie dogs; and a daily craft and nature fair featuring artists from the valley and beyond. There are two movies being offered this year in Monte Vista's vintage Vali 3 Theater: Disney's "Wings of Life" and Brian Golden Davis's documentary "Million Dollar Duck."

For festival details and tour registration, visit www.mvcranefest.org. The registration deadline is March 7.

For more information, visit www.montevistachamber.org or call (719) 852-2731. For media requests, contact mvcfpub@gmail.com.

Chama

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Sno-Ball Balloon Rally Feb. 24-25

Every year, Chama hosts a balloon rally the last weekend of February. This year, according to Murray Conrad, the Sno-Ball Rally coordinator, there will be 11 balloons in Chama.

The pilots and crew are meeting both Saturday and Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m., to access the wind and weather conditions, with a launch over the Chama area shortly after, if the weather conditions are favorable.

There will be a pilot briefing and raffle on Friday evening at the High Country Restaurant in Chama.

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PREVIEW photos/Chris Mannara
Scene ... at WinterFest's Barkus Parade Feb. 3 in Town Park. A fundraiser for the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, WinterFest's Barkus Parade featured winter friendly pups of all types and their owners clad in their finest costumes. The parade was capped off with the awarding of prizes.





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The people behind the names: Dr. Mary Fisher

We're in the middle of writing about Dr. Mary Winter Fisher.

As we pick up the threads of our anecdotal story from last week, Fisher is horseback in the blackness of night following a sheepherder back to a camp beyond the upper end of Four Mile Trail, where the man who owns the sheep is



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

writhing with stomach pain after eating warm milk and fresh cherries at Ma Cade's house on his way back to camp a few hours earlier.

By the time Fisher rides into camp, the man named Parr is no longer writhing. In fact, he no longer feels pain. A wolf howls portentously a short distance away in the blackness surrounding the flickering campfire as Fisher slowly folds her stethoscope and surveys the small group of anxious herders.

"I'm sorry boys," the country doctor said. "He's gone."

Many doctors dispute the suggestion that the milk and cherry combination caused gastroenteritis leading to death. There is a story that, shortly after President Zachary Taylor was sworn into office in 1850, eating iced milk and cherries caused his death. The reader should seek his or her personal doctor's advice.

The point of this story is, it emphasizes how devoted Fisher was in attending the health needs of her chosen community. It is a fact, if you look at a Forest Service map, that there is a saddle in the mountains above Upper Four Mile Lake through which a trail passes and follows a creek down the other side to the East Fork of the San Juan River. The trail is named Dead Man Trail, named for the creek it follows. It makes for a

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pleasant backpacking trip, one I've followed to the East Fork River, then up the other side to the Middle Fork Trail, which I followed down the other side of Toner



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

Dr. Mary Fisher was well known for her love of pets. One of her pets, this black bear, might not have been so cuddly as a dog or cat. This photo of the bear on the stand was taken in her backyard on Pagosa Street in town.

Mountain to the Middle Fork of the San Juan River.

So, who was this lady doctor who came to Pagosa Springs in the mid-1890s and shared her heart, life and medical skills with her beloved community for 33 years until passing away on Memorial Day in 1928?

Fisher was born Feb. 10, 1867, at Lewiston, Ill. She attended Rush Medical College at Chicago, from which she graduated with a degree in doctor of medicine. She began the practice of medicine

at Lewiston, then moved to La Jara in the San Luis Valley, where she completed teaching a term in public school which her sister had started.

Following completion of the school term, she crossed Cumbres Pass to begin her life and practice in Pagosa Springs in 1895. More next week on the life of Fisher.

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Bird of the Week



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the Townsend's solitaire. Maybe you've noticed a slender gray bird perched atop a juniper or ponderosa. With a small head, short beak and long, graceful tail, it sports a white ring around its eye. It might be peeping out a single-note call or broadcasting a long, melodious song. It's probably a Townsend's solitaire perched in the perfect location to survey its winter territory. Solitaires live throughout the mountain west year-round. During fall, they move to lower elevations to feast on juniper and other berries. They may flutter briefly to pluck berries or swoop to the ground to pick them up. Both the identical looking male and female birds are dedicated to defending their respective spaces. They chase away other birds and even attack their own reflections, perceived competitors, in windows and mirrors. As winter ends, solitaires begin to move to higher territory. They can be found throughout pine, fir and spruce forests up to 11,500 feet, where their diet switches to insects and spiders. To learn more about birds, visit the website of one of Audubon's partners in the Year of the Bird project, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, at www.allaboutbirds.org.

Preview Calendar

All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, Feb. 15

Duplicate Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Computer Basics: Excel. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn the basics by creating a basic budget spreadsheet and making Excel do all the math for you. 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 p.m.-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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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.

Pi Beta Phi. 5 p.m., Ajia Restaurant. Alumnae and husbands will celebrate the Chinese New Year at a no-host dinner. RSVP to Carole Howard.

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.

Osho Kundalini Meditation and DVD Discourse. 6-8 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Osho's Kundalini Meditation is 30 minutes of gentle, freestyle dance and movement, followed by 30 minutes of silent sitting. In the DVD discourse, recorded in 1986, Osho talks about experiencing inner peace in a world that seems bent on self-destruction. All are welcome.

Friday, Feb. 16

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.

Chimney Rock Open House. 12:30-1:30 p.m., Ruby Sisson Library. The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association will host an open house to help community members learn about the exciting volunteer opportunities at Chimney Rock National Monument. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.

Hand and Foot. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Movie. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. An orphaned science whiz is whisked into the future in a time machine. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Anti-Valentines Lock-In. 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 12-17. Permission slip must be signed by parent/guardian. An evening of games, movies and crafts. Pizza will be ordered. All par-

ticipants must be in the library by 5 p.m., when the lock-in starts. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Springs High School Drama Club Presents 'The Marriage Proposal.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. A Russian romantic comedy, one-act play filled with the irony and satire of love. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Prices are \$5 for students and \$8 for the public.

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Saturday, Feb. 17

Family Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. 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 kids in 1st-5th grade. Each month will feature a different theme and will include snacks, games, crafts and book sharing. The theme for February is fairy tales. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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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.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, Feb. 19

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network Third Anniversary. 8:45-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. Join us to celebrate our third anniversary. A potluck lunch will be served. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 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.

TEFAP Food Distribution. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive. There will be an inventory clearance from 1-2 p.m., in which any remaining inventory will be distributed until gone.

Bridge for Fun. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS). 3:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. Monthly meeting. Everyone welcome. For more information, call Phyl Daleske at 731-4589.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

#SpringsGiving: Soak for a Cause. 7 a.m., The Springs Resort and Spa. All-day event. Once a month, The Springs donates 100 percent of net admission sales to a 501(c)(3) charitable organization selected by staff and ownership. The recipient for February is Rise Above Violence.

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.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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.

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Kevin Kelly, Ph.D., at (505) 699-0824 for more information.

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.

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.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as

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 we continue West Coast swing. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

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 CEFlittlekids@gmail.com.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. 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.

Health and Wellness Event. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Clinical assessments by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

Hand and Foot. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

Beginning Square Dance. 6-7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230

Port Ave. A great winter dance activity. No partner needed. Call 903-6478 to register.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Stay Healthy on a Budget: 10-11:30 a.m. Professionals from San Juan Basin Public Health will discuss how to shop so you can stay healthy on a budget.

Duplicate Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Computer Basics: InstantFlix. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. You will learn how to enjoy free access to more than 7,000 steaming movies and classic TV shows via InstantFlix with your computer, smartphone or tablet. 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 p.m.-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing role-playing game. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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San Juan Stargazers. 7-8:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center conference room. We will be studying the famous photos of the Pillars of Creation in the Eagle Nebula Stellar Nursery. You will be able to warm up with a hot beverage and a treat. If the

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Friday, Feb. 23

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Coffee with a Ranger. 9-10 a.m., Pagosa Ranger District. Enjoy an informal conversation with the acting district ranger and a forester. Find out about what's happening at the Pagosa Ranger District. Bring coffee mugs/cups if you have them and join us for this free event. Call 264-2268 for more information.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. They will discuss "The Residence" by Kate Anderson Brower. Stop by the library to pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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, "Riverkeep" by Martin Stewart. Stop by to pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Saturday, Feb. 24

VITA Tax Volunteers. Senior Center. The VITA tax volunteers will be back this year for free income tax preparation for seniors. This is generally for taxpayers with incomes up to about \$54,000. Please call the Senior Center for an appointment, 264-2167.

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.

Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk. 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Suite B-15. All are welcome.

Family Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Crafting Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

Yoga with Charlotte. 10:15-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We've got the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Cards of thanks: Noon, Tuesday
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This accomplishment demonstrates Visiting Angels long-term dedication to excellent care and quality improvement. To qualify for this award, 10% of their clients and caregivers were interviewed each month by Home Care Pulse. Over a 12-month period, Visiting Angels received high client and caregiver satisfaction ratings in areas such as caregiver training, compassion of caregivers, communication, scheduling, client/caregiver compatibility, etc. Using feedback from clients and employees, as well as quality benchmarks from Home Care Pulse, the agency's management team set goals to reach the highest level of excellence possible.

"In past years, we have tried hard to get this award and just barely fell short. This forced us to realize that we needed to intentionally strategize, re-structure, and make necessary improvements, and what do you know, we did it...We are so proud of our entire team!" says Chris Smith-Owner/Exec. Director.

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"Our goal at Home Care Pulse is to empower home care businesses to reach their goals and deliver the best home care possible," says Aaron Marcum, CEO and founder of Home Care Pulse. "We are happy to recognize Visiting Angels of SW Colorado as a Leader in Excellence. We've been impressed by their commitment to their clients and caregivers, as well as the quality of the overall care they provide. They really stand out in their market as a top home care provider."

At Visiting Angels of SW Colorado, our commitment to our valued clients and our dedicated

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About Visiting Angels of SW Colorado

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Monday, Feb. 26

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Scholastic Book Fair: 'Paws for Books Book Fair — Come, Stay, Read a Great Tale.' 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. For more information, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

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Caregiver Support Group. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

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A ring of dough

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Sandra laughed. “What could possibly go wrong in making bread?”

I grew up on a farm pretty much in the middle of nowhere. One of the things I learned well was the value of self-sufficiency. And when I was leaving for two years to serve a mission in New York, my mother insisted that I spend time learning to cook the main foods we usually ate.

When I got to New York, I spent a lot of helping struggling families. Much of their struggle was financial, and self-sufficiency skills can help a person save money.

When the ladies of the church congregation learned that I made homemade bread, they asked if I would do a demonstration for all who were interested. I felt awkward

teaching women how to cook and said so. That was when Sandra, the president of the women, assured me it would be OK. She also promised to provide all of the ingredients that I needed.

Sandra told me the group wouldn't be too big. “There will probably be about a half dozen women there, and we are going to also invite their husbands to enjoy the fresh homemade bread. We'll also allow the women to invite friends, but I doubt more than one or two extras will come.”

When I arrived at the church the night of the demonstration, two tables were set up for people to sit at and eat, and another two were there for us to knead the bread. Sandra had all of the needed supplies in the kitchen. But as the time for the demonstration approached, we were in for a surprise as the hall

■ See Dough on next page

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Chowderhead
- 5 Yarn mop
- 9 Nickel, e.g.
- 14 Ready for plucking
- 15 Toy with a tail
- 16 Conception
- 17 Careless omission
- 19 Compare
- 20 Home with a view
- 21 High schooler's infraction
- 23 Cross
- 26 Flatter, in a way
- 27 Pitch
- 28 Golden Horde member
- 32 Farm grazer
- 35 Code starter
- 37 Deep-sea sport
- 38 Served with a scoop

- 41 Small stationery item
- 43 Warning wail
- 44 Eastern ruler
- 46 Caustic cleaner
- 47 Walk like a 2-year-old
- 49 Store up
- 52 H+, e.g.
- 53 Trustworthy
- 57 Well-meaning sort
- 61 Doom's partner
- 62 One way to be taken
- 63 Military separation
- 66 Wavelike design
- 67 Stuff
- 68 Any time now
- 69 One of the Greats
- 70 Nervous
- 71 Stitch up

DOWN

- 1 Certain Balkan
- 2 Iron-rich meat

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- 3 Verdi production
- 4 Glean
- 5 Go downhill fast?
- 6 Costume accessory
- 7 Letter getter
- 8 Kind of blocker
- 9 Distance indicator
- 10 Cardinal address
- 11 Scene attempt
- 12 Ripens
- 13 Periscope part
- 18 Clairvoyant
- 22 Highlands hat
- 24 Pore over
- 25 Rockslide debris
- 29 Seaside soarer
- 30 Do as directed
- 31 After the buzzer
- 32 Theater group
- 33 Mixed dish
- 34 Hospital wing
- 36 "Sailor Moon" cartoon genre
- 39 Run-of-the-mill
- 40 Witness

- 42 Like some surgery
- 45 1942 film, "I _____ a Witch"
- 48 It may be bitter
- 50 Audible breath
- 51 Peace, in Arabic
- 54 Carried
- 55 Enter a password

- 56 Make corrections
- 57 Like many a cellar
- 58 Clarinet's cousin
- 59 Trot or canter
- 60 Upper hand
- 64 Actors' org.
- 65 Let it all out

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Tickets on sale for ‘Making a Difference’ speaker series with Jenna Bush Hager

By Tracy Pope
Special to The PREVIEW

Tickets are on sale for the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado’s “Making a Difference” speaker series.

Jenna Bush Hager, contributing correspondent on NBC’s Today show and editor-at-large for Southern Living magazine, will speak on April 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College. Tickets, \$30-\$55, may be purchased through the concert hall’s website: www.durangoconcerts.com.

The “Making a Difference” speaker series is an annual event that brings nationally known speakers to southwest Colorado to speak about philanthropy and how the power of compassion can change lives.

Jenna Bush Hager, daughter of former U.S. president George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, will speak about her passions of early childhood development and literacy education.

Hager is author of the New York Times bestseller “Ana’s Story: A Journey of Hope,” written after her travels to Latin America as an intern with UNICEF. Hager remains involved with UNICEF as the founding chair of its Next Generation initiative, empowering young people to be dedicated to reducing childhood deaths around the world. A devoted humanitarian, Hager calls audiences to action and shows they, too, can make a



Jenna Bush Hager

difference.

Sponsorships for the event are still available for \$1,000-\$10,000. Benefits of sponsorship depend on the amount donated and may include events tickets, VIP party tickets, and program advertising and recognition. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact the Community Foundation.

The Community Foundation inspires hope, leadership and generosity in the community by bringing economic stability, professional development and collaboration to the nonprofit sector. As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation works to increase efficiency, sustainability and success for nonprofits and

maximize effective grantmaking for philanthropists to make southwest Colorado a better place to live.

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

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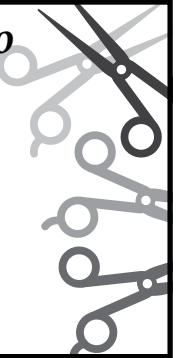
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Dough

■ continued from previous page started to fill. More tables were set up, and by the time the demonstration was to start, more than 50 women were there with almost an equal number of men.

Sandra sent her assistant to the store for more supplies and bread pans. We decided one loaf of bread could feed about four people, so we would need more than 25 loaves. The women organized in groups of two, and together they did all of the things I showed them while their husbands hungrily watched. The women mixed the dough and kneaded it. They seemed to enjoy punching and rolling the dough. We put it into the pans, and then we moved the pans to the kitchen to let the bread rise while some women provided some musical entertainment.

Once the entertainment was over, the loaves had risen and were tall and beautiful. It was time to start running them through the ovens. That was the moment when one of the ladies realized she was missing her wedding ring. It was

obvious it had to be in one of the loaves. But they were all in identical pans. Hoping to save as many loaves as possible, the women went through the loaves one at a time. As fate would have it, the ring was in the very last loaf.

The loaves were put back in the pans, but they never rise well a second time. The entertainment did a half-hearted second rendition of the same music, and then the half-risen loaves were put into the four ovens. When they came out, people ate with gusto, but I knew the loaves were heavy and flat.

One old man said to me, “They were good and all, don’t get me wrong. But I think we’ll stick to store-bought bread.”

As the man walked away, Sandra, who had heard what he had said, came up and put her hand on my arm. “This is my fault. I guess I now understand what can go wrong.”

Then she smiled and said, “I guess we’ll just have to do it again. But next time, we’ll have everyone remove their wedding rings first.”



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Take action now to prevent someone from stealing your tax refund

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

It is alarming: The Equifax data breach may have exposed more than half the adults in this country to identity theft and financial fraud.

Names, Social Security numbers, birth dates and other information including some credit card numbers were stolen from the company's data system. This is one of the estimated 1,500 data breaches in 2017, but perhaps the worst in terms of potential financial consequences to individuals. We should all be on high alert.

Credit alerts and freezes will not prevent noncredit frauds such as tax refund theft. Fraudsters in possession of a valid name and Social Security number frequently create phony W-2s and related forms in search of a quick refund. The best way to prevent tax fraud is to file your federal and state income tax return as early as possible.

In 2015, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reported were over 1.5 million bogus tax returns filed claiming over \$5 billion in refunds. However, some fraudulent returns do go through each year undetected.

Contact the IRS immediately at <http://www.irs.gov/identitytheft> or by phone at (800) 908-4490 if the agency sends you a notice saying its records show you were paid by an employer you don't know or more than one tax return was filed using your Social Security number.

If you believe that a fraudulent tax return was filed using your information, complete and send a copy of the IRS ID Theft Affidavit Form 14039 and proof of your identity, such as a copy of your Social Security card, driver's license

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or passport.

Then, update your files. Record the dates you made calls or sent letters. Keep copies of letters in your files. If your Social Security number is used fraudulently, notify the Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline at (800) 269-0271. Request your Social Security Earnings Report. Follow up with both agencies to make sure the fraudulent actions are corrected. Request written con-

firmation by letter or email.

Identity theft and fraudulent actions have negative impacts on your personal credit history, your peace of mind, your health and your financial future. Don't put it off. Protect yourself today by getting ready to file your federal and state income taxes as soon as possible. Don't wait until the April 15 deadline.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are now being offered monthly by the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 pm. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

We will also attempt to schedule classes on additional dates with five or more registrations. Cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. The type of first aid information provided will vary by the needs of the audience.

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VITA tax volunteers back in town Feb. 24 for free income tax preparation

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

The VITA tax volunteers will be back in Pagosa Springs this year on Feb. 24 at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center for free income tax preparation for seniors.

This is generally for taxpayers with incomes up to about \$54,000.

Please call the Senior Center for an appointment, 264-2167.

Health and wellness

The Senior Center has a pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring, or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

The next health and wellness date is Feb. 21.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

Medical alert system

Medical Alert monitoring systems are available for seniors. The Senior Center can help you get set up with a system and assist with the monthly service charges, or, if you already have a system in place, we can help supplement the monthly service fees.

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Sensory changes with aging

By Kay Kaylor
I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes as the long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life. The topics of this column pertain to residents of long-term care facilities and do not necessarily reflect anything occurring at Pine Ridge or BeeHive.

Aging varies with individuals, but the changes may affect their needs in long-term care. This column will focus on sensory changes. The jaw's bone structure changes, which may lead to problems with dentures residents have had for years. Taste bud sensitivity decreases, especially for men, with sweet and salty tastes declining first. Elders may over-season their food or lose their appetite, which can lead to poor nutrition. The

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sense of smell also diminishes, which alters people's reaction to odors and may affect appetite.

Over time, changes in the eyes can alter a person's self-confidence and feeling of independence. Apart from eye disorders, glare becomes a problem as elders need more time to adjust to bright light. They may not recognize someone when the light intensity changes or due to the extra time needed to adjust distance vision. Colors similar in shade, such as beige and brown, blue and green, and pink and yellow, are harder to distinguish, which may lead to dressing in nonmatching colors. Changes in depth perception might lead to falls or misjudging obstacles. Reading the small print of paperbacks or important documents and operating equipment controls become difficult.

Several hearing changes might occur and can cause depression, misunderstandings and social isolation.

Families and visitors can help residents adjust to such changes with patience and compassion and by listening to their stories from years of experience.

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

Memberships

Senior Discount Club memberships are offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch. If you are a senior (60 years and older), for only a \$4 suggested donation, you are eligible for a hot meal, drink and a salad prepared by our kitchen staff.

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$5 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 15 — Lemon-baked salmon, brown and wild rice pilaf, orange with beet salad, snap pea medley, salad bar and

sugar cookie.

Friday, Feb. 16 — Beef stew, buttered corn, cheddar biscuit with butter and salad bar.

Monday, Feb. 19 — Closed for Presidents Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 20 — Beef taco salad, salsa, squash calabacitas, salad bar and chocolate chip banana bread.

Wednesday, Feb. 21 — Roast pork with lentils, roasted red potatoes, glazed carrots and salad bar.

Thursday, Feb. 22 — Tahitian chicken, brown rice pilaf, broccoli with red peppers, snap pea medley, salad bar and nut cup with cranberries.

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

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always attend. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days.

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What the stats say about your library

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Annually at this time of year, Meg Wempe, library director, prepares an annual report for the library's board of trustees summarizing the highlights of the past year.

The information also is used when your library applies for grants and it is required to be shared with state, county and town governments to keep them informed.

Here is a summary of that long report on 2017 operations. You can pick up a shorter, full-color infographic version at your library for your own use.

- Major objectives achieved: One of our most visible and appreciated accomplishments this year was to install a book drop at City Market as a convenience for our patrons. It is emptied three times a week and is drawing rave reviews. Another major success was our first-ever in-house book sale offering items that remained after the highly popular Friends of the Library book sale. It raised \$1,687.80 and drew many people who had never before visited the library.

- Resource sharing: AspenCat allows our patrons access not only to the 29,543 items in our collection, but also more than 1.3 million items in the other 110 AspenCat libraries. The Colorado Library Consortium courier service provides daily delivery to subscribing libraries throughout the state. In 2017 we borrowed 9,000 items, down 4.1 percent from 2016, and loaned 2,784 items, up 5.5 percent. By taking advantage of the purchasing power of the State Library and Colorado Library Consortium, we subscribed to multiple educational databases including EBSCOHost, Learning Express and the Encyclopedia Britannica at substantial savings, and purchased downloadable audio books, e-books and magazines. In 2017 our patrons downloaded 4,263 items and logged 354 sessions on our electronic databases, a decrease 14.7 percent from 2016.

- Collection development: Providing our patrons with materials that are current and relevant to the diverse interests of the community is one of our principal goals. We have 29,543 total items in our collection. In 2017, we added 3,703 items, including 446 from donations, and deleted 2,095 worn or outdated items. Our materials budget for 2018 is \$57,352 or 11 percent of our total expenses.

- Usage stats: 86,898 patrons walked through our doors last year, a 4.7 percent decrease from 2016. We checked out 98,763 items, a slight increase from 2016. We have 11,897 library cards issued, 785 of

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them new in 2017.

- Programming: Providing programs for all ages is also a high priority. From early literacy to adult education, 4,624 people attended one or more of our 528 programs. A total of 566 children and adults attended one of our 46 outreach events. Our programming budget for 2018 is 1 percent of our total expenses.

- Donations, grants and volunteers: We are very fortunate to have the ongoing support of the community. In 2017, we received \$74,621 in donations and \$8,752 in grants, 16 percent of our total revenue. Our volunteers contributed 1,087 hours, about one-half of a full-time position.

- Technology: This year, we had 23,226 website visitors, 4,872 e-book and audio-book downloads, 324 Facebook likes and 245 Tech Time consults. Public computer usage in the library decreased 7 percent to 18,664 sessions, no doubt because so many people are accessing our wireless service using their own devices in the library, on the benches outside our front door and in the parking lot not only during library hours, but 24/7.

- Continuing education: To continue to provide our community with the best possible service, several of our staff attended a variety of educational and networking opportunities last year. For 2018, staff education is 1.1 percent of our total budget.

Library closure

Your library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19, for Presidents Day.

Anti-Valentine event tomorrow

Tweens and teens ages 12-17 are invited to a free Anti-Valentine Lock-in on Friday, Feb. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. We'll play games, eat pizza and enjoy an escape room challenge. Participants must have a signed permission form and must be in the library by closing time at 5 p.m. to participate.

All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 16, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for a free PG movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to identify the film titles in the media, but you can find them listed on the activities calendars.

Kids Club Saturday

Kids Club for first- through fifth-

graders takes place this Saturday, Feb. 17, from 11 a.m. to noon. Each month, this new program will feature a different theme and include book-sharing, games, crafts and snacks. February's theme is fairy tales.

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, Feb. 22, 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, Feb. 15, you will learn the basics of Excel by creating a basic budget spreadsheet and making Excel do all the math for you.

On Feb. 22, you will learn how to enjoy free access more than 7,000 streaming movies and classic TV shows via IndieFlix with your computer, smartphone or tablet.

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 — 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help with high school equivalency, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Budget shopping for healthy eating

Professionals from San Juan Basin Public Health will host a free workshop next Thursday, Feb. 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. with tips on how to shop so you can stay healthy on a budget.

Family storytimes

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m., join us for free great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. This is an excellent way for kids of all ages to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

Please note that both storytimes are now open to babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to make it easier for parents to attend with their children depending on their busy schedules rather than the age of their little ones.

Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults.

How-to and self help

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Other nonfiction

“Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House” by Michael Wolff is the bestseller making headlines. “Washington’s Farewell: The Founding Father’s Warning to Future Generations” by John Avlon is a portrait of our first president and his battle to save America from self-destruction. “The Making of a Dream” by Laura Wides-Munoz explores the Dreamers and how these young, undocumented immigrants helped changed what it means to be an American.

CDs

“Robicheaux” by James Lee Burke is the latest in this mystery series. “Unbound” by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington mystery. “The Wanted” by Robert Crais is an Elvis Cole-Joe Pike suspense story.

DVDs

“The Rockford Files” is season

two. “Law School for Everyone” is a Great Courses production with 48 30-minute lectures. “The Addictive Brain” is a Great Courses production with 12 30-minute lectures. “Blade Runner 2049” stars Ryan Gosling and Harrison Ford.

Thrillers and suspense

“Hell Bent” by Gregg Hurwitz follows one of the men raised in an off-the-books government assassin Orphan Program.

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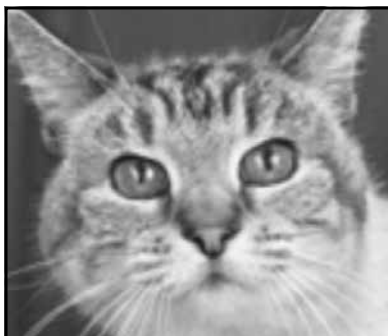
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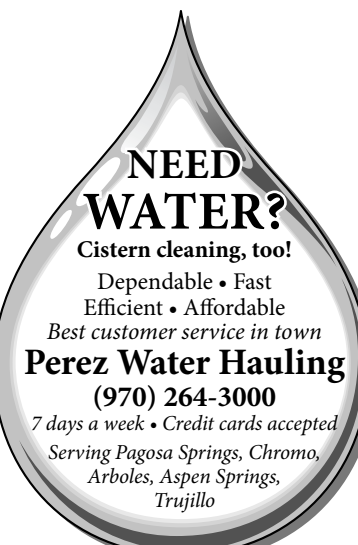
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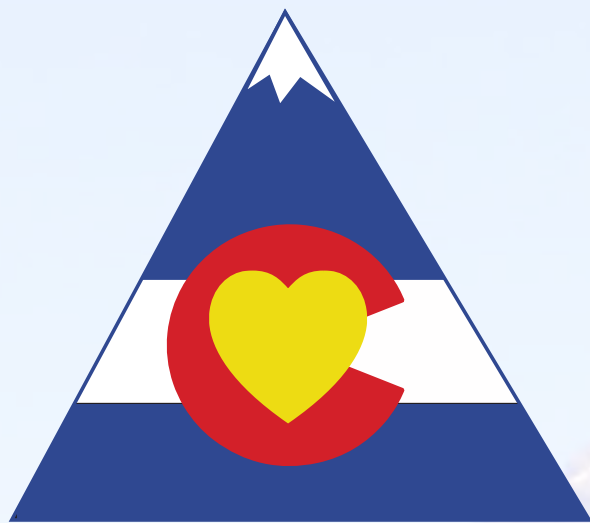
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