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# County taking courts to court

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

With a unanimous vote Tuesday afternoon, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) authorized Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr to file an original action with the Colorado Supreme Court that seeks a mandate requiring the Sixth Judicial District to reoccupy the Archuleta County Courthouse.

That petition, Starr said, was filed Wednesday afternoon.

The motion to file the petition with the Colorado Supreme court followed an open discussion by the BoCC Tuesday and an executive session for the purposes of legal advice regarding the then-possible case.

Commissioner Ron Maez made the motion following the executive session with the help of Starr, and it was seconded by Commissioner

■ See Court A8



Photos courtesy Allison Wylie

**Pagosa Pirates stand atop the podium at the state wrestling tournament last weekend. On the left, freshman Cameron Lucero placed second in the 132-pound division, scoring 23 team points. On the right, senior Tate Hinger placed third in the 145-pound division, scoring 14 team points. The Pirates placed fifth in the tournament overall.**

# Empty Bowls leads to full feelings

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

In a cozy kitchen, in a homely house, Dolores Eduvigen Gurulé sat with an art project underway, and many more close at hand. She had a warm smile, big eyes and a soft hand, but a firm handshake.

Gurulé is an artist, and one of the many local volunteers who help to make bowls for the annual Empty Bowls event.

The international program allows local artists to create their own bowls, and any proceeds from the program are donated to local food banks.

Gurulé has been very busy creating her pieces. All of this work has been in preparation for the Pagosa Springs Empty Bowls fundraiser, now an annual event.

For only a donation of \$10, you can fill your empty bowl with many types of soups, chilis and stews. After the event, you keep the bowl to remember the empty bowls of the world, and to keep a piece of one-of-a-kind art.

This year's Empty Bowls event will be held on Feb. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will take place at Pagosa Springs Elementary School.

"It takes about a week to make [the bowls], bake them and to glaze them," Gurulé said with a bright smile, "But it's so worth it."

Gurulé is currently 84, but her personality and art make her extraordinarily young. She explained that she has been making pottery for about seven years now. She has been a prolific potter — last year Gurulé made 121 bowls for the event. She explained that this year she was busier and could only make 54.

"I had a need to play with clay, I guess," Gurulé said.

While speaking about her many art projects, and displaying her many pieces of pottery, Gurulé spoke with bright eyes and a happy heart. "I learned how to mold clay at one of the [Empty Bowls] events," she said happily. "My daughter did pottery work in college. She wanted me to try it, but I never had time. But since my husband passed, it has been my therapy."

Gurulé's daughter is Tessie Garcia, the Pagosa Springs Elementary School art teacher. Garcia has been a driving force behind the project since the beginning. She was sitting in her art room, in a paint-drenched apron, smiling as she talked about working with clay.

Garcia fell in love with artwork in the third grade, and with clay and mud as a young



Photo courtesy Julie Gurulé

**Dolores Eduvigen Gurulé creates bowls for the upcoming Empty Bowls event set for Saturday, Feb. 24, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Pagosa Springs Elementary School. A \$10 purchase will include a unique bowl, soup, bread and drink. After the event, you get to keep the bowl to remember the empty bowls of the world, and to keep a piece of one-of-a-kind art.**

child. "I went out back behind the house, and I found some mud, and I thought 'Wow, I can make things out of this.' And my mother not once got mad at me for getting dirty. She says, 'That is cool!'"

Garcia said she has been hooked ever since and obtained a degree in ceramics in college. She became interested in Empty Bowls from a comment by a fellow teacher.

"Nine years ago," Garcia said with a smile as warm and friendly as her mother's, "We had an art teacher's meeting, and I told the art teachers we don't do anything like art shows. One of

the teachers said I heard something about this program Empty Bowls ... I looked it up online, and I fell in love."

When Garcia discovered the event, she set to work on creating an Empty Bowls event in Pagosa Springs.

Garcia explained that the event takes on average three months of dedicated work from volunteers, students and teachers of all ages to make the program a success.

The school district, the teachers and the

■ See Bowls A8

# Water Conservancy District considers board members, ethics complaint dismissed

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) presented two prepared motions concerning board member appointments at its meeting on Feb. 12.

Among the applications were Susan Nossaman, who is currently on the board and is requesting reappointment to the board, and Matt Roane, who requested appointment to the board.

"We have two motions, prepared by our attorney, to submit to the court. The court makes the ultimate

decision, all we can do is provide our thoughts and feelings about these two candidates," board president John Porco explained.

Nossaman's application was the first discussed by the board with Porco noting that she has been a good board member.

"Her family settled Pagosa Springs, she has a very long family history of devotion to the community and I think she has been a very good board member," Porco said.

The board would be requesting that the court approve Nossaman's

■ See SJWCD A8

# County forming facilities committee

Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is soliciting the participation of persons interested in serving on a facilities review and advocacy committee.

The initial charge of the group members will be to familiarize themselves with the current sheriff/detention plans, funding program and ballot language to promote, market and endorse the development of the project.

Additionally, the group will be asked to offer an opinion on the present plan as it relates to the members' view of its success at the ballot.

Upon delivery of its findings, this group will ultimately become the primary advocacy group supporting, on behalf of the BoCC, a ballot question for new facilities to be put before the voters in 2018.

Please submit letter of interest electronically to fgoheen@archuletacounty.org or in person at 398 Lewis St.

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Think outside of the box

After a failed attempt to pass a sales tax increase last November to fund a detention center and sheriff's office, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) has decided to reevaluate the process they took when asking to the voters for their support.

In this week's SUN, the BoCC is advertising for people interested in serving on a facilities review and advocacy committee.

The announcement states that the group members will be charged with familiarizing "themselves with the current Sheriff/Detention plans, funding program, and ballot language to promote, market and endorse the development of the project." It goes on to read, "Additionally the group will be asked to offer an opinion on the present plan as it relates to their view of its success at the ballot. Upon delivery of their findings, this group will ultimately become the primary advocacy group supporting, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, a ballot question for new facilities to be put before the voters in 2018."

The county had formed a group to select a site for these facilities early on in the process, but that group was saddled with a narrow, limited list of options. We hope that this new group will be allowed to break free from the boundaries that would limit it to the set of current plans. Its options should not be limited.

Let's allow this new workgroup to think outside of the box and see what solution they can come up with that has the most impact.

It will take millions of dollars to get the courthouse to where it functions as a courthouse that meets current needs. Offices and staff are tucked into virtually every nook and cranny. How much more would it cost to put the courts at the proposed site for the new facilities in Harman Park?

We believe that this new group should be allowed to take a careful and detailed look at all of the county's facilities and options should not be limited. Allowing for a broad-based discussion with meaningful participation from the public could go a long way at the polls this November. There should be room for thoughtful and constructive open debate to ensure the county has the public's trust and support.

If you are interested in participating in making recommendations for the future of our sheriff's office and detention center, submit your letter of interest to fgoheen@archuletacounty.org or you can drop it off at the county's administration building at 398 Lewis St.

Perhaps this new effort will convince anyone who is skeptical about the needs of the community when it comes to a sheriff's office and detention facility. We need to find the right balance between what the data says and what the voters of Archuleta County will say at the polls.

We commend the county for taking this step to evaluate the process before going back to the voters this November.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

Should the county and school district both ask for tax increases this November?



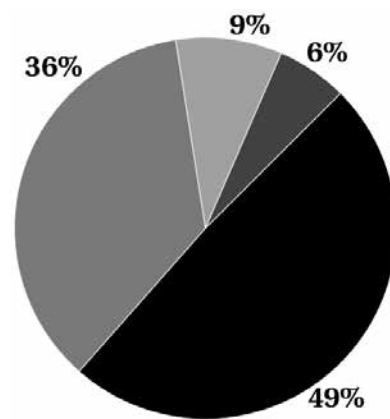
**Tapanga Blincoe**  
"No, it shouldn't. It's expensive enough now."



**Antoinette Lucero-Rivas**  
"Yes, as long as it goes to a new elementary/intermediate school."



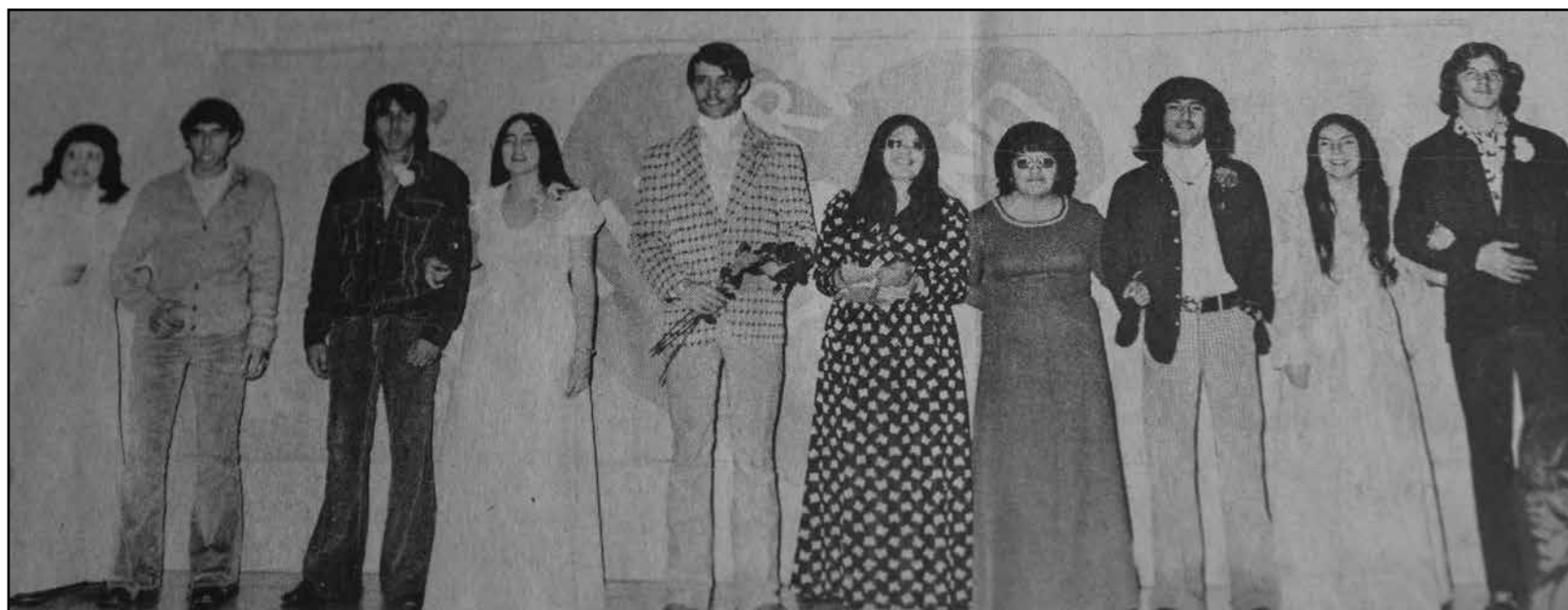
**John Foster**  
"Oh, hell no, my taxes went up \$600 last year."



**Poll results (257 Votes)**  
Yes — 9 percent  
No, only the school district — 49 percent  
No, only the county — 6 percent  
Neither should ask — 36 percent

This week online: Are armed personnel needed for school safety?  
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## LOOKING BACK



From the Feb. 20, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. ROYALTY — Senior Future Homemakers of America sweethearts and beaux at the annual Valentine Sweetheart Ball last Saturday night at the high school gym were: Cindy Browning, Pat Candelaria, Joe John Madril, Earl Gibbs, Cleo Gurule, Ramona Gurule, David Trujillo, Marcia Valdez and Dale Trefethen.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 17, 1928

About three hundred head of the Whitney Newton cattle passed thru town yesterday enroute from the Newton ranch on West fork to the Mrs. Muriel Bowling ranch southeast of town.

One of the best costume balls ever given in Pagosa Springs or any town of similar size was the Valentine ball at the Carlsbad Lodge on Tuesday night. As there were so many beautiful and striking costumes, with an equal number of graceful dancers, the judges had a difficult time in making their selections for the prize awards.

H.D. Ford of the Pagosa Springs Motor company, local Ford agency, departed yesterday for Denver and will return the fore part of next week with one of the new Ford models.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 26, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Lynch, their sons, Larry and Jack, and Mrs. Emmett Martinez left Tuesday for Denver. They expected to make a brief stop in Leadville on their way. Corp. George Yamaguchi, home on furlough, is in charge of the Jackisch Drug Store during Mr. Lynch's absence this week.

Mrs. Gilbert Mullins has gone into the sheep business on a small scale, having purchased 10 registered Hampshire sheep in Saguache last week.

During the water year 1942, the total discharge of the San Juan River at the Pagosa Springs gauging station, was 401.110 acre feet, which was 122 percent of the average annual discharge for the 8 years of record. The highest year was 1941 with 528,400 acre feet.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 22, 1968

A special bond election will be held next Tuesday, February 27, for the purpose of deciding whether or not \$605,000 worth of bonds will be issued. The bonds, if the election carries, will be used to finance the construction of a new elementary school building, make alterations to the present high school building, and to do improvement work there and at the present grade school building. The proposal calls for the construction of a new elementary school building at the west edge of the town, south of highway 160, and for other changes to present buildings. The new building is planned for 18 classrooms for the grades, two kindergarten rooms — these will be required by state law year after next — a library, all-purpose room, offices, and other necessary spaces.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 25, 1993

It took Matt Bunning four trips to the state wrestling tournament to finally triumph and win a state championship and when he stood at the top of the awards stand to receive his medal, he embodied the values of persistence, dedication, and extraordinarily hard work. Coach Janowsky called Bunning's win "a big mental victory. Matt had been working for years to open up and fight on his feet. He did it. He dictated the terms of the match. The score in the match was low, but it was our match all the way." Janowsky said his wrestler's triumph was an emotional moment — for Bunning and for himself. "We looked at his bracket and I asked him, 'Do you know what you paid for this bracket?' He bought that bracket with blood, sweat and tears."

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# Letters

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## Vacation lodging

Dear Editor:  
The BoCC is contemplating making major changes to the county zoning regulations to allow vacation lodging properties such as short term rentals (STRs) in the residential zones. Many years ago when America was first being settled there were no zoning regulations and any kind of activity could occur anywhere. As population densities increased it became evident that this situation was troublesome, so jurisdictions

established zoning regulations, one of the main objectives being to set aside areas where people could have their homes in neighborhoods free of any business activities. This has worked very well for generations. People have been able to buy property in a residential zone being safe in the fact that the neighborhood would always be only residences, no business activity. This may change. The BoCC has been asked to allow STRs in residential zones, and if allowed, surely other business activities could not be denied. No longer will your neighborhood consist solely of families that work in the community, send their kids to school here, go to church here, and often become dear friends. These relationships will of course still exist, but you will also be subjected to increasing numbers of houses that are occupied by constantly changing groups of strangers. The majority of vacationers are good folks for sure, but it's not the same as long term neighbors. And one STR near by might not be so bad, but what about 5, 10, 20 in your neighborhood? Also consider that there will always be a small percentage who will behave badly, and no amount of county regulation can prevent that entirely. Would you want that next door? Gated neighborhoods will have their gate code continually given out to unknown vacationers.

It is true there is a demand for STRs and they are an economic benefit to some, so maybe the discussion should be about the BoCC establishing a new zoning classification such as "Residential/Lodging" where neighborhoods that unanimously want STRs in their midst could exist. But I think it is wrong to unleash them on the rest of us. The question is simple: do you want vacation lodging establishments as your neighbors? If not, you need to act soon.

The issue is in the hands of the Planning Commission now and they will make recommendations to the BoCC soon. I urge everyone to make your feelings known to the BoCC and Planning Commission and attend meetings. Their contact

information and meeting schedules are on the county website. The Planning Dept phone is 264-1390 if you have questions. The next public discussion will be at the Planning Commission meeting Feb. 28 at 6:00PM at 398 Lewis St. The proponents have made the most noise so far and it seems they have the process leaning their way, so it is imperative the opponents speak up, or our exclusively residential neighborhoods will be gone.

Mike Dallam

## Armitstead

Dear Editor:  
Samantha Armitstead participates in developing, monitoring, and implementing the investment strategy with the county treasurer. She evaluates changing needs for cash and current spending trends. Samantha met with our investment partners to make sure the county is investing appropriately and planning for modifications.

In addition to investing in only the instruments given in Colorado Revised Statutes, the county treasurer must exercise prudence in meeting the requirements of safety, liquidity, and yield. She must understand risks associated with all investments.

The county treasurer must also balance the use of debt instruments versus deposit instruments to ensure cash for paying county obligations is available. Additionally, she must maximize returns on a variety of investments. More important than choosing how to invest is why, where, and when to invest.

Samantha's experience in analyzing all of the components of investing county funds is a benchmark for measuring the qualifications of any candidate. Her abilities and experience make her an excellent candidate for the office which is entrusted with managing the county cash.

Please join me at the March 6th caucuses and the March 17th county assembly to vote for Samantha Armitstead for our next county Treasurer.

Betty Diller  
Archuleta County treasurer

## Gun violence

Dear Editor:  
Considering what is going on in our country it is hard to decide what to write in a letter to the Editor. Gun violence may be the unfortunate issue of the day. In the US Navy many years ago I was skilled enough to qualify "Expert" with an M-1 rifle and a .45 pistol. I learned marksmanship and weapons safety in the Explorer Scouts "marksmanship merit badge" program taught by two US Marine sergeants. I was also a member of the NRA for over 15 years.

My recommendation for gun safety screening is to add to the "instant background check" a "personal interview" with law enforcement. Interviews could be done by two active duty officers or reserve officers volunteering for the job. This is how you are screened for a weapon in Canada, Australia and many other countries. The person who is stable and mature in age or wisdom would not have a problem but a higher risk person will be easier to spot. The "personal interview" officers would have the background check information but the personal contact will be equally or more important. Even though most murders involve a pistol the availability of "assault weapons" make them the weapon of choice for school shootings and mass murder.

This interview method could be started with "assault rifles" but if it works, be done for hand guns

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# Letters

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as well. I hope high school and college kids can get done what we "adults", have failed to do.

Raymond P Finney

## Public lands

Dear Editor:

Do you and your family enjoy using public lands such as Mesa Verde, Chimney Rock, and Canyonlands? If you do, you should pay attention to how Scott Tipton's voting record is endangering our public lands. Tipton does not cherish public lands except for the value they have for mining, lumber, and gas. He favors changing the Antiquities Act, by which many of our most valuable National Monuments and National Parks were established. He wants the executive branch to be able to change boundaries of National Monuments without congressional review. This is important locally because even the boundaries of Chimney Rock or Canyons of the Ancients could be changed if gas deposits are found on them. He wants to restrict the establishment of National Monuments over more than 85,000 acres. He would require that county commissioners, the state legislature and the governor approve any National Monuments, National Forests and National Parks, belong to all the people of the US, not just the local residents.

Public lands are important not only for recreation, but also for the tourism industry. Tens of millions of dollars are spent in Colorado, Arizona, and Utah by tourists visiting public parks and monuments. Our local economies now depend far more on tourism and recreation (hunting, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, boating, backcountry skiing, etc.) than on oil, gas or mining.

Public lands are also important for protecting air quality and purity of water. Once these lands are sold off or polluted by mining and gas extraction, they are gone forever. There will be no getting them back for your children or grandchildren. Please keep Tipton's attitude about public lands in mind when you vote in November's election. Vote with the future in mind for all citizens, not just short term gain for a few mining or gas companies.

Lynn Frederick

## Earth Day plans

Dear Editor:

Calling all Friends, Family and Neighbors in Pagosa Country.

Earth Day, April 22, is quickly approaching, and in homage to our precious Mother Earth, we are in the planning stages of Pagosa's Earth Week/Day celebrations. Earth Week is the week before Earth Day, and consists of individuals and groups hosting activities and events to engage Pagosa residents in honoring our precious planet Earth. The Earth Day fair will be held on April 22nd, Earth Day, and we have a range of interesting and educational activities being devel-

oped at for this event.

Here's where all of you come in. If you have an idea that celebrates Earth, or would spend some time honoring the beautiful planet which we call home, then please join us. Contact pagosa100percent@gmail.com or 970-946-0037 for more information.

The goal is to build a community wide event, and join the global community in 2020 when Earth Day makes its 50th year anniversary.

Holly Metzler

## Good over greed

Dear Editor:

When I was in High School, over 50 years ago, my Social Studies Class had to read excerpts from "Democracy In America" by Alexis de Tocqueville, a Frenchman who extensively toured our country and wrote these words in 1836. He tells us where to look for America's greatness, and where we will never find it.

"I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there; in her fertile fields and boundless prairies, and it was not there; in her rich mines and her vast world commerce, and it was not there. Not until I went to the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Please don't yield to exhaustion trying to cope with the relentless culture of greed that has been building for decades and is reaching a crescendo under the current administration. The decent people of America, who are good, hard-working, sensible, and certainly not fools, need to reject the lies, the hypocrisy and the tyranny of artificial choices. Please let your voice be heard. Contact your representatives. They work for you. Please demand good over greed. Please do it today.

Kathy Muth

## Gun regulations

Dear Editor:

If you are a supporter of the Second Amendment or belong to the NRA and if you feel that prayer and condolences for the victims of school shootings are feeling inadequate, here is some good news. One can believe that there is a Constitutional right for individual gun ownership and still believe in and support sensible gun safety regulations. Even thoughtful conservatives can make that distinction. Anton Scalia did just that in his opinion stating that the Second Amendment does apply to individual right to bear arms, while also noting that this does not preclude imposition of reasonable rules and regulations for gun ownership (<http://www.scotusblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2008/06/07-290.pdf>, pp 54-55).

We should all take note of the craven response of our Congressional representatives like Scott Tipton and Cory Gardner, who take large NRA contributions (Gardner 3.9 million and Tipton \$103,000) and then make sycophantic rationales for support of reduced gun regulation. Their tired excuses amount to the circular argument that gun regulations would be ineffective because there are already so many guns out there. The fact is that there are numerous examples of states and countries that have gun regulations that have resulted in reduced gun violence. No, you can't prevent every tragedy, but there is ample evidence that they can be reduced. The lack of a perfect solution is not an excuse for rejecting imperfect solutions that reduce gun violence. Besides, it is obvious they haven't even tried to come up with any policy proposals that would respond to the 80-90% of American's that support some form of gun control.

Lastly to those who believe in the romantic idea that an armed citizenry is a bulwark against government oppression, I invite you to give even one example of a successful armed citizen uprising that has succeeded in the modern era of U.S. history. In fact the most successful uprisings, the Vietnam War resistance and the Civil Rights Movement, were largely nonviolent.

Johnny Pickett

## People control

Dear Editor:

As a health care provider, I am angry about the way media sensationalizes mass shooters and their weapons.

When will we ever learn? Recognition is what motivates many of the perpetrators of mass shootings. "I want to take out as many as I can before they take me out" is a recurring theme. Take away the motivation that drives these killers to extreme violence and they'll quit doing it.

These people are social misfits who see their only claim to fame is to commit a more heinous crime than the last bad guy did.

Stop using their names and don't show close up photos. And above all stop giving them information about how to do a better job attacking "soft targets." Information about law enforcement response times, lock down procedures, and where people are likely to be hiding should not be freely given.

Don't release names and photos to anyone who doesn't have a need to know.

My neighbor was shot and killed last year by another neighbor who we knew was disturbed. We reported him several times to authorities but nothing was done. I deeply regret not following up my complaints with more definitive action.

It's time we, as individuals, take more responsibility for identifying and turning in these deeply dis-

turbed people.

Gun control is not the definitive answer, people control is.

Dr. Richard Sebastian

## Leadership

Dear Editor:

Are we a nation of Democracy or one of Capitalism? Could someone like Abe Lincoln be able to "serve" our Democracy today? I think not. Today, in our current culture, money talks, in fact it talks so loudly, it drowns out others who are committed to our "democracy." OK, here I go again. The missionary Paul, speaking to the Colossians about freedom from human regulations, states: "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." Then, Peter instructs: "Be shepherds of God's flock ... not because you must but because you are willing as God wants you to be, not greedy for money but eager to serve, not lording it over those entrusted to you but being examples to the flock." Then, there is Luke who clearly states that "you cannot serve both God and money." So, does this mean that it is bad to have money? Of course not, in today's world, as always, everyone needs money to have their needs met. However, when leaders use money as a nation's most important measure of success and when the major focus of our daily lives is simply "more," our democratic values are weakened. God's goodness should be the major focus of a democracy that pledges "One Nation Under God." Think about that. Yes, we are loved despite our shortcomings, but living with God is the only road to happiness, the only road to meaningful leadership.

Patty Tillerson

## Secure schools

Dear Editor:

The Honorable Senators: Michael Bennet and Cory Gardner

Dear Senators:

Like so many Americans, I am both heartbroken and outraged at the on-going reports of what appears to be a never-ending series of school shootings taking the lives of our young Americans, the most recent occurring in Broward County, Florida—seventeen persons dead, mostly children, and seventeen families devastated.

Congress fails to act because the two parties cannot grasp the obvious solutions, secure America's schools and reconcile American's right to bear arms with the catastrophic devastation that is occurring in our schools. I am not optimistic that the gun control issue will ever be resolved satisfactorily and I am not advocating for or against gun control at this juncture. The NRA and gun control lobby is too influential, guns, both registered and unregistered, are

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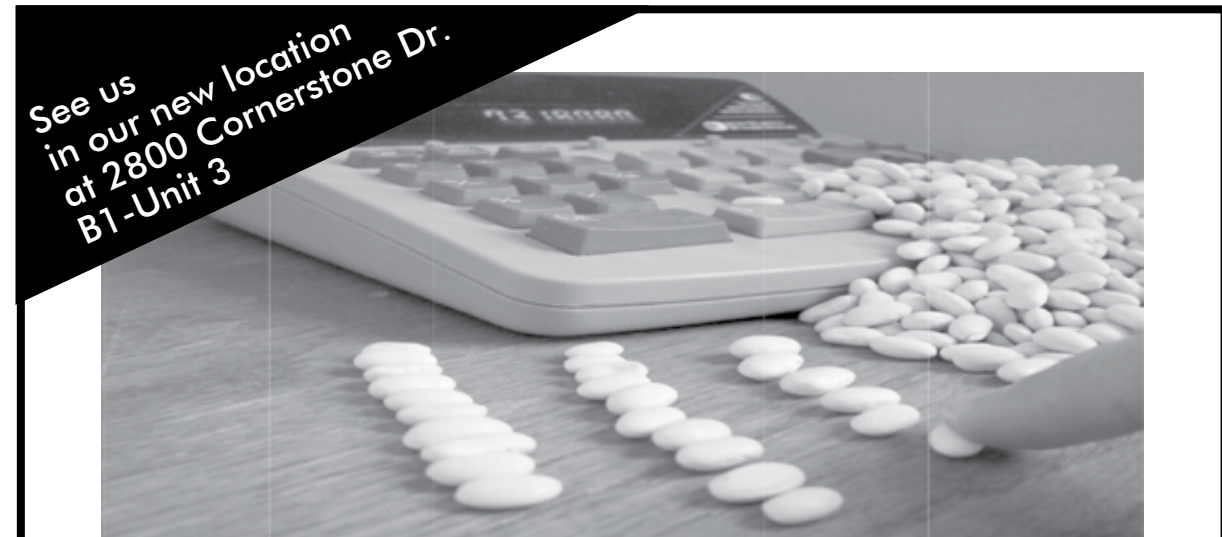
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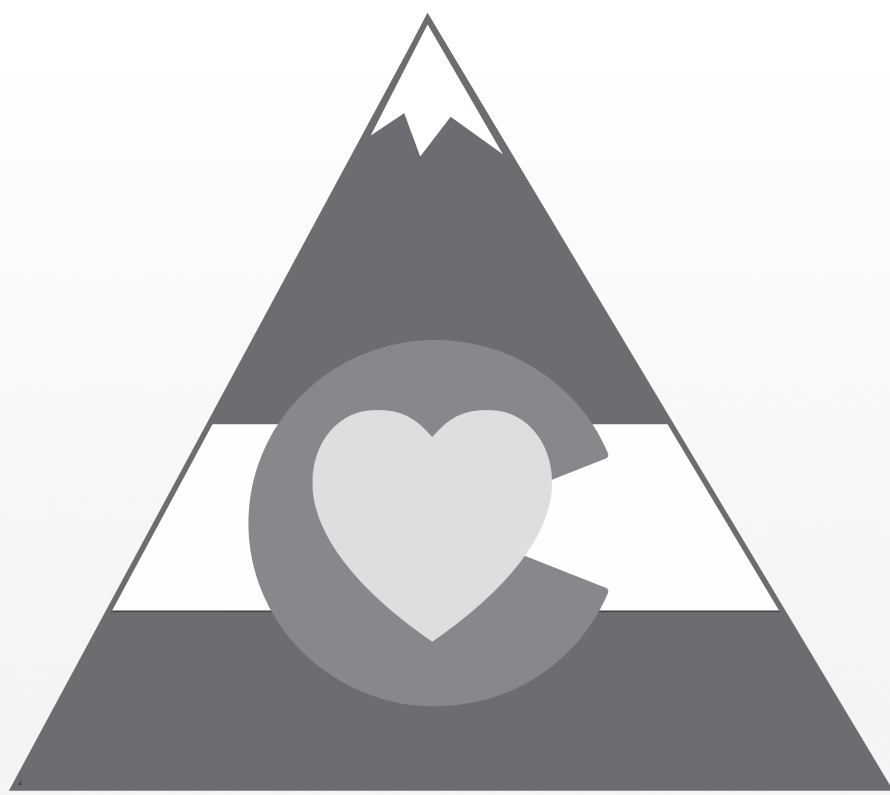
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# Obituaries

## John and Joyce Ramberg

John, of Tucson, passed away peacefully on Feb. 3, 2018, after battling amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

John was a loving husband, caring father/grandfather and an accomplished professor and scholar. Even those who spent time with him in his final days said that he was a teacher until the end.



John was born in Stillwater, Minn. He received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Minnesota in 1961 and marched as part of the band in the Rose Bowl halftime show.

Joyce Ramberg, of Tucson, passed away peacefully on Nov. 27, 2017, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was a loving wife, mother/grandmother and a dedicated registered nurse.

Joyce's living spirit was faithful to her pets and all things outdoors. She was a fighter who moved mountains until her final days.

Born in Litchfield, Minn., Joyce was the oldest of eight children. She grew up on a farm just east of Grove City and then went on to graduate from the Swedish School of Nursing in Minneapolis.

John and Joyce married in 1961 and began their 56 years together in Cincinnati, Ohio. Driven by John's pursuit of higher education, they relocated to Ithaca, N.Y., where John attended Cornell University and earned his master's. While in New York, John and Joyce welcomed their first two children, Michael and Jill. The family moved to Coralville so that John could take his first teaching position at the University of Iowa in 1967. In 1969, John completed his Ph.D. and daughter Beth was born. John continued his work at the university while Joyce worked at Mercy Hospital and took up pottery, the first of many art hobbies. Joyce and John loved the outdoors and shared this love with their children. Summers were spent in Minnesota at Joyce's family farm and John's family river cabin. They vacationed

in Colorado for skiing in the winter and mountain adventures in the summer.

In 1978, the family moved to Tucson, where John taught and conducted research at the University of Arizona, serving as head of the systems and industrial engineering department from 1981 to 1988. He was a fellow of the American Statistical Association (ASA), American Society for Quality (ASQ) and the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE).

Joyce re-entered the nursing field at Tucson Medical Center as a scrub nurse in the operating room. The time in Arizona cultivated their love for the outdoors. Joyce made numerous long-lasting friends hiking the many canyons and volunteered as a docent at the Arizona Desert Museum. John golfed and could always find a mountain lake to catch fish. They continued the tradition of family vacations to Colorado and took other trips around the world.

In 2002, Joyce and John moved to Pagosa Springs — hiking, skiing and now living in the state that had always been one of their favorite destinations. During this time, they renewed some long-term friendships and made many new ones. Their last days were spent in Tucson, the town their three children still call "home."

They were preceded in death by their parents, Joyce's sister, Marty, and her nephew, Bret, as well as the many pets they parented throughout their lives.

They are survived by Michael (Yvette), Jill (Ed) Bilsky, Beth (Greg) Meisel and grandchildren Stephen, Nicole, Katie, Jacob, Joshua, Jessica, Charlie and Leo and pets Keesha and Quincy.

Two people, so different but committed to each other. They will be missed dearly. We know that their many colleagues, students, extended family and friends that crossed their paths will miss them as well.

In lieu of gifts, donations can be made to a charity dear to your heart. A celebration of their lives will be held in March. Their ashes will be laid to rest in the Grand Canyon, where they enjoyed many adventures together.

## Pamela Kay Spaulding

Pamela Kay Spaulding (83) passed away in her home on Feb.

11, after a short and fierce battle with cancer. Her strength and positivity were amazing.

Born in Iowa to George and Eleanor Smith, Pam was an only child and loved her parents and her family very much. In the end, she was home and surrounded by family.

She will be greatly missed by her husband of 64 years, Bill Spaulding, and three children: Richard Spaulding, of Michigan; Sheri Smith, of Colorado; and Mark Spaulding, of Montana. Pam was a homemaker watching over three generations. She had nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She also had the most amazing group of devoted and loving friends.

Pam enjoyed gardening, reading, playing cards, going to Margarita Mondays with "the Ladies," all the holidays with family and her four-legged children.

There will be a celebration of her life at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please give a donation to your favorite animal charity in Pam's name. She would have rescued them all if she could have.

## Cheryl Lynn Trujillo-Guthrie

Cheryl Lynn Trujillo-Guthrie, 48, of Sagle, Idaho, originally from Colorado, fought a brave battle against pancreatic cancer. Cheryl won eternal life and peace with her father and savior in heaven on Feb. 2 and was called to glory.

Cheryl was the wife to Gerald "Catfish" Guthrie for over 20 years. They resided in Pagosa for many of those years, running The Landing, working at the hot springs and running their concrete business Lil Rascals, named for their children. Together, Cheryl and Gerald



adopted 10 beautiful children, Amario (Leandra), Noah, Yazmine, Amanda, Isabella, DeAngelo (Bree), Elijah (Jordan), Joshua, Josiah, Levi, and special son Jesse, unofficially adopted friend of the boys, as well as having two of their own, Catalina and Boaz Guthrie.

Cheryl is also the loving daughter of Ron and Kathy Trujillo from Pueblo, Colo., and the eldest sister of Charles, Melinda and Jennie Trujillo from Pueblo. Cheryl has been the favorite auntie to all her nieces and nephews throughout the years. Cheryl was also a loving grandmother to her grandchildren.

Cheryl truly loved her family and lived her life to the fullest. She especially loved babies. She loved to travel and eat good food, she loved fellowship with her church family. She was always on the go doing anything she could for whomever was in need of her. Cheryl was a true friend to many, often taking in the less fortunate who needed a home and love. But, most important, Cheryl was a good and faithful servant of the Lord and her job here on earth was well done.

Cheryl was greeted into heaven by her grandparents, Buddy and Margie Trujillo; her father-in-law, Ralph Guthrie; her uncle, Toby Duran; her aunt, Sadie Garcia; her baby boy, Christopher Trujillo; her best friend, Michelle Brechner; and so many other family and friends who have passed on before her. Cheryl will be forever missed and loved, our memories of her forever cherished by the family and friends she left here on earth, when her father called her home.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Pagosa Springs, Colo., this summer for family and friends of Colorado.

## Obituaries

Local obituaries are printed free in The Pagosa Springs SUN and can be submitted to:

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# Letters

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too prevalent in our nation and the current broad interpretation of the Second Amendment was never envisioned by our founding fathers.

We need to examine alternatives for protecting our school children and employees from the criminal mentally disturbed. Gun control alone is not going to solve this problem. The airports, of necessity, have embraced enhanced security and control through video surveillance, metal detectors, trained dog and police patrols and the hiring and training of security personnel. We need to secure our schools in a similar fashion. It will be expensive, but better to spend tax-payer dollars than to spend young American lives.

Congress seems to have little difficulty budgeting billions of taxpayer dollars on aid for dozens of

foreign countries, many of which despise us and act toward us with aggression. While I support a strong military, I also have to question the billions of dollars Congress has allocated for outrageously expensive new military technologies, including the F-35 tactical fighter, when the current thinking is to eliminate the human element in defense technologies by the increased use of satellites, drones and laser weapons.

I implore and beg you to personally address this issue with your Congressional colleagues immediately and without regard for party affiliations. It is time to move quickly to reallocate funding away from pet pork-barrel projects and toward properly securing our schools nationwide for the sake of our children and families everywhere.

John Vander Horck

commander, retired  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's  
Department

## Public praise

Dear Editor:

Regarding Ms. Samantha Armitstead and her bid for Archuleta County Treasurer, I present you my testimonial of a professional public servant.

On 17 January, before knowing Samantha's bid for Archuleta County office, I was in need of my property tax records for a mortgage loan application. This brought me to the Tax Assessor's office where I met Samantha for the first time. She explained that the year's tax assessment statements were about to be mailed, but recognizing the urgency of our need she offered to source and print the record we needed. When we offered to pay it on the spot, she reminded us that

we were paying in arrears, taxes due for 2017; but she would gladly accept payment, then print for us both the assessment statement and a receipt for payment in full. We were heading out of town in a bit of rush, within five minutes we obtained what we needed from a kind, attentive, and professional public servant. It was such a pleasant experience that we stayed on to chat and joke about her office window being exposed to intense main street traffic at the pedestrian crosswalk where Route 160 abruptly turns. Most of us have met that indifferent bureaucrat who is dissatisfied with his or her job and shows it. Well, Ms. Samantha was just the opposite of that. I just feel that she is worthy of praise and acknowledgement, so please consider this public note of thanks as part of your editorial page. Thanks.

Jan Vargas

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## LEGISLATURE

# Time to move the Bureau of Land Management west

Over the past few years, one question I have often heard in the 3rd District is: Why are the federal departments that have jurisdiction over most western lands headquartered in Washington, D.C., rather than in western states? Particularly, why is the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) headquartered in Washington, when 99 percent of the over 247.3 million acres of public land that the BLM manages is located in the west?

The BLM manages these vast amounts of land in the west for multiple uses, including grazing, mining and recreation. The decisions made by the bureau have a long-lasting impact on the people who live in the west, and can permanently transform local economies and ecosystems for better or worse depending on the actions taken.

While the BLM has over 10,000 employees, all major decisions are made by just 400 employees based in Washington. By moving the headquarters west, decisions

would more likely be made by those who understand the land best, resulting in more effective land management programs and policies. As we have seen in the past, a lack of understanding and awareness can lead to some very flawed policies.

A good example of this is when the BLM, under the Obama administration, issued Resource Plan Management Amendments to 98 sage grouse management plans across 10 western states. These amendments proposed by Washington bureaucrats were met with strong opposition from many of the impacted states. The BLM's one-size-fits-all approach failed to adequately take into account the unique ecological and geographic



Rep. Tipton's Report

factors of each region that impact the sage grouse habitat. BLM's one-size-fits-all policy overlooked the success of state and local plans that had already been implemented, putting their progress at risk, as well as the continued recovery of the species.

To ensure the Washington-knows-best mentality doesn't continue to deeply influence decision-making at BLM, I have teamed up with my friend and colleague, Sen. Cory Gardner, to introduce legislation in the House and Senate to relocate the BLM. Our legislation would direct the Department of the Interior to submit a strategy, including a proposed timeline, for relocating the headquarters of the BLM from Washington, D.C., to one of 12 western states. It mandates that the strategy must save the maximum amount of taxpayer money possible.

Not only will moving the BLM headquarters allow for better and more informed decision-making, it would also bring more jobs to

states and communities that are in great need of them. While I would consider it a victory for BLM headquarters to be moved anywhere in the west, I would welcome the chance to bring it to Colorado's 3rd Congressional District, which serves as a microcosm of almost every western land management issue.

It is also important to note that the BLM is not the only agency that should make the move west. With the impact that agencies like the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have on our public lands and local economies, their move would be beneficial as well.

Moving the BLM headquarters is a commonsense proposal that has already garnered support from both sides of the aisle. It has been exciting to see this idea gain so much traction over this past year, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate, as well as with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to make it a reality.

# Republican Caucus set for March 6

By Marilyn Harris  
Special to The SUN

March 6 is the official Republican Caucus date. Attend your neighborhood caucuses and let your voices be heard.

Republican precinct delegates will be apportioned and elected at the Precinct Caucuses to the

county assembly, to be held March 17, as follows: Precinct 1 has eight delegates and eight alternates; Precinct 2 has nine delegates and nine alternates; Precinct 3 has eight delegates and eight alternates; Precinct 4 has four delegates and four alternates; Precinct 5 has five delegates and five alternates; Precinct 6 has 18 delegates, 18 alternates and

one special delegate (VanGundy); Precinct 7 has 12 delegates, 12 alternates and one special delegate (Harris); and Precinct 8 has 16 delegates, 16 alternates and two special delegates (Zilhaber, Zaday).

Archuleta County has been allocated 17 delegates and 17 alternates to the State Assembly/Convention. The four elected officers of the

Archuleta Republican Central Committee (ARCC) shall be delegates to all higher assemblies or conventions; 13 delegates and 17 alternates to the State Assembly will be elected from the official delegates and alternates to the County Assembly.

The State Convention will be held on April 17 at the Coors Event Center in Boulder.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, Feb. 22

**Archuleta School District Board of Education 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.

### Monday, Feb. 26

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

### Tuesday, Feb. 27

**Archuleta School District Board of Education elementary school visit.** 8 a.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, 410 S. 10th St.

**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.

**Joint town/county work session.** Noon, Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

**Upper San Juan Health Service**

**District regular board meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center Great Room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

### Monday, March 5

**Archuleta School District Planning Assistance Team meeting.** 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School library, 800 S. 8th St.

### Tuesday, March 6

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

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

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

### Tuesday, March 13

**Archuleta School District Board of Education middle school visit.** 8 a.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St.

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

**Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting.** 4:30 p.m., Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission.** 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community

Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.  
**Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting.** 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

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

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

### Wednesday, March 14

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting.** 10:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building,

commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board.** 4:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) regular board meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

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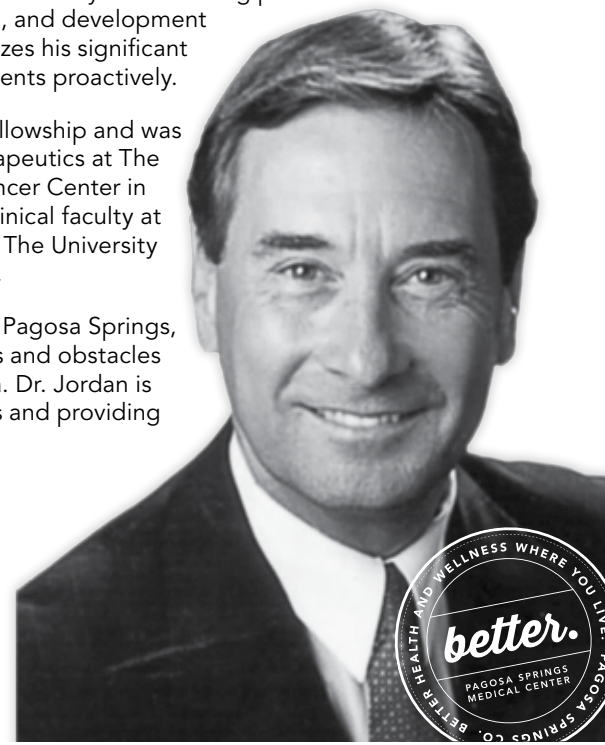
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# SJWCD

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reappointment to the board, Porco reiterated.

"As far as Mr. Roane goes, we have a motion to ask the court to postpone action on his application since he has filed a criminal complaint against the board with the attorney general," Porco said. "He has filed a criminal complaint with the Colorado Independent Ethics Commission."

Appointing Roane to the SJWCD board would create a "huge conflict of interest," Porco explained.

"We're going to have to deal with whatever investigation comes out of this and we don't know what the complaint is specifically about," Porco added.

"For us to move ahead with an investigation, and we have a board member who is the person that filed the complaint, we will have to undoubtedly have privileged communication with our attorney. I think it's not an acceptable situation," Porco stated.

If appointed, board member Al Pfister raised the question on whether or not Roane could recuse himself from those discussions.

SJWCD's legal counsel, Kent Holsinger, participating in the meeting by phone, explained that Roane could indeed recuse himself from those discussions.

"Yes, technically he could, but you also have to consider the acrimony and that not only has he filed, we understand, complaints against the board or its board members with the sheriff and with this Independent Ethics Commission, that he has challenged and threatened legal action against individual board members themselves," Holsinger explained.

"So, you have to consider whether someone like that would be a productive addition to the board or one that would make it very difficult for the board to do any action at all," Holsinger added later.

The board then moved to approve

the motion to submit Nossaman's reappointment to the court and also approve the motion to postpone Roane's application.

Before the motions were formally approved, the board went into further discussion on both items.

Board member Doug Secrist began his comments by noting that he felt comfortable with Nossaman retaining her position on the board.

"With respect to Mr. Roane, I appreciate debate. And I appreciate seeing a separate opinion and something out of that. But given the fact that we do have the legal issues, and those are very much unknown right now, I think it would probably be prudent for the board to postpone until that is resolved and then reconsider your proposal," Secrist said.

Board member Ray Finney noted that he agreed with Secrist's sentiments.

"It's just, Matt, your sort of high level of negativity chases people away. Like me. It's not like I'm against what you're trying to figure out," Finney said.

The motion that would be submitted does state that once the legal issues are figured out, the board would reconsider its request for postponement, Porco explained.

## Public comment

During the public comment session, Michael Whiting asked a question of the board pertaining to the motions themselves.

"So, you have a pre-drafted motion to accept Susan and a pre-drafted motion to postpone Matt?" Whiting asked.

Whiting went on to ask when these two motions were drafted and at what meeting.

"The motions were drafted by our counsel for consideration by the board. We didn't get together and say 'let's develop this motion' our attorney did it," Porco explained.

"So, I'm a little confused. So your lawyer decided that Susan was the

right choice and Matt was the wrong choice? And you're deciding whether or not his opinion, in the form of these motions, is also your opinion?" Whiting asked. "So he drafted them outside of any instruction from the board to reject Matt and accept Susan?"

Porco then clarified that the board is not rejecting Roane, just postponing action on his application.

"I'm quite puzzled by the question. As any entity operates, there's communication between the leadership of that entity and their legal counsel. That communication is subject to attorney-client privilege, but it does not constitute action unless, or until, the board directs it," Holsinger said.

"So, there was communication between the, I think the term you used was the leadership of this organization, with their attorney regarding drafting a motion to accept Susan and postpone Matt. And because it happened in private with an attorney in the room, it was a privileged decision?" Whiting asked.

Holsinger then noted that the board had not taken any action, but rather it was discussing the matter in a public session.

"Except the attorney is not a part of this board to make the motion. You guys are accepting a motion made by somebody who is not on the board. Is that correct?" Whiting asked.

The motion was pre-drafted based off of instructions from someone, Whiting added, "because you'd have to instruct somebody to draft a motion, for or against, in advance for it to show up, pre-drafted, for or against."

Holsinger explained that he takes direction from his clients and then the clients decide to implement the drafts that he prepares.

"What I just heard was two motions, one positive motion, one negative motion, that were pre-drafted for this meeting by your attorney and presented just now, correct?" Whiting

asked.

The board is allowed to converse with its attorney under Colorado Sunshine Law under certain things, Whiting added.

"But, when did that happen? When was that executive session where you instructed your attorney to write this motion for you?" Whiting asked.

Porco noted that there was no executive session.

"Attorney-client privilege does not require an executive session. We don't have to have an executive session for me to talk with my client," Holsinger stated.

The SJWCD board is Holsinger's client, which is a public board, and in order to speak in private an executive session must be held, Whiting noted.

"I take direction from the president of the board, but that is simply direction, and I prepared drafts at the direction of the president of the board, totally proper, and now the board is considering those drafts and the board will act on those drafts," Holsinger explained.

"OK, now I follow. John instructed you to write these drafts and you did," Whiting responded.

"Well, we had a discussion and I think other board members had opinions, as well," Porco said.

Finney then noted that while in Denver he had a chance to talk to Holsinger and discuss this issue.

The postponement of Roane's application was a good idea, Finney noted.

"The attorney drafted this stuff for us to figure out," Finney added later.

"No, there is no figuring it out. That motion is a very specific motion to accept one candidate and postpone the other. That's a decision," Whiting explained.

"That's not what I drafted," Holsinger said. "What I drafted were draft filings to the court. I didn't put together a motion for the board to consider. A draft pleading."

"I'm entitled to talk to the district's attorney as the president of the board. I have that authority," Porco said.

"Yes, Mr. Holsinger and I discussed the situation with two potential board members. And we, in my view, and I'll take full responsibility, you can write that down, it was my view that Susan had done a good job and there was no reason to oppose her reappointment," Porco explained. "It was also my view that, because of the legal issues that Mr. Roane has raised, I felt that it put a conflict of interest in place for him to serve on the very board he was suing."

Roane, also in attendance of the meeting, noted to the board that he was not suing anyone on the board.

"I had concerns about the legal propriety of things that took place and the ethical propriety of things that took place," Roane explained.

Roane explained that he did not perceive there to be any conflict of interest on his part.

"I'm sorry that raising issues for judges and attorney generals and ethics commissions to resolve is seen as negative. I think it's a positive thing," Roane said.

If the district receives word from all of those legal entities that the district did nothing wrong, it helps SJWCD's credibility issues, Roane added further.

"We didn't use the term sue, we know you're not suing us, but you did file a criminal complaint against the district," Porco explained.

"Two people used the word 'sue,'" audience member Bill Hudson noted.

Roane explained that he did not file a criminal complaint on anyone in the room, to which Porco responded that the district did not know that.

"Well then, so quit saying it in front of the newspaper and the rest of the world. If we're going to be accurate, let's be accurate. And again, I can't change your opinion, but let's get the facts straight," Roane said.

Pfister then noted that he appreciated Roane's "critical analysis" of the board.

"I have great respect for Mr. Roane's ability to see issues, see through issues and to craft language

that explains those issues. If I had a chance to have Mr. Roane on my board I wouldn't hesitate for a moment, even if he was suing me, which he's not suing you, he's questioning possibly the behavior of one of your former board members," Hudson said.

The board then made two separate motions to submit both motions to the court regarding Nossaman's reappointment to the board and Roane's postponement.

## Independent Ethics Commission decision

On Feb. 12, The Colorado Independent Ethics Commission (CIEC) met and reviewed Roane's complaint.

On Feb. 13, per a letter from CIEC Executive Director Dino Ioannides, Roane's complaint, No.17-50, was dismissed by the commission.

"The Commission dismissed the complaint as frivolous and for lack of jurisdiction, pursuant to IEC Rules 7.G.1. and 7.G.2. A frivolous determination pursuant to the IEC Rules means that there is no basis in fact or law for the Commission to assert its jurisdiction," the letter reads.

The statement goes on to read: "While the Commission is not unsympathetic to the concerns expressed in your complaint, this is not the proper forum in which to raise them. There may be other, more appropriate avenues through which you may explore relief. However, the Commission cannot provide you with guidance or advice, nor does it take a position on whether relief is ultimately available to you."

In an email to The SUN responding to the CIEC's statement on Feb. 18, Roane wrote that he would be following the CIEC's suggestion and has asked another agency to investigate some of the same conduct alleged in his ethics complaint.

"In the next several days, I will be filing a response to the Water District's recent motion requesting postponement of my potential appointment to the board," Roane wrote.

# Court

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Michael Whiting.

The Sixth Judicial District and Archuleta County Courts vacated the Archuleta County Courthouse in mid-September citing health and safety concerns with the building.

In October, the BoCC declared the facility safe.

Prior to going into executive session, BoCC chair Steve Wadley asked County Administrator Bentley Henderson to provide an update concerning what had happened with the courts following the Jan. 29 meeting with representatives of the Colorado Judicial Department in Denver.

Henderson noted that after being presented a conceptual plan to meet the courts' needs within the courthouse was presented, the representatives had asked for two weeks to review the idea.

On Feb. 9, Henderson said, he had emailed Chief of Staff Mindy Masias to see if the state needed any additional information to help them in reaching a decision.

The two-week deadline expired on Feb. 12, Starr indicated.

Henderson said he heard from Grant Sullivan, with the attorney general's office, late Thursday, and spoke with him Friday morning.

At that time, Henderson said, Sullivan reported the state would need at least until the end of the month to make a decision.

Henderson explained that he provided the state with more information that had been requested and "advised Mr. Sullivan that the board was a little bit dismayed by the fact that it was going to take that much time to evaluate a concept that was effectively a concept plan, and that we weren't talking about any specific details."

"I want to make one ... point very clear for my fellow commis-

sioners," Wadley said. "When the three of us went into that meeting, I absolutely expected an answer then and there, or maybe they'd ask for three days. They asked for two weeks and I said OK to the two weeks, but I would like you gentlemen to know I would not have left that room without a firm commitment of when we were going to have an answer, that this was not an open-ended conversation."

Two weeks, he continued, was longer than he wanted to give them, but that he was trying to "avoid anything."

He also noted that Archuleta County residents have to drive for justice.

As discussion continued, Whiting pointed out that the proposal that was taken to Denver was the proposal for an extensive remodel, adding that the state courts had looked at the same design 18 months prior and agreed with the plan.

Whiting suggested the delayed answer could be about the financing suggestion that would see \$2 million from the state for the \$5 million remodel.

Wadley disagreed, suggesting that part of the deal was also for them to reoccupy the building, and noted the county was willing to listen to what else it would take to have them reoccupy the building.

Whiting then noted that the courts had moved back to Archuleta County, with it clarified that only clerk and some probation services had returned.

Wadley and Henderson pointed out the courts had not communicated that to the county.

As that discussion wound down, Whiting suggested that the county kept getting either no message or mixed messages.

"We're going to have to take some action," he suggested.

The commissioners then voted to go into executive session to discuss the matter and to receive legal advice on other pending litigation with Hart Construction.

"We've done everything we could to try and negotiate a solution to have court held in Archuleta County," Wadley said following the meeting.

He noted that the state had asked for more information regarding options for new buildings, but that that was down the road.

"We need court to be held in this community," Wadley continued. "The three commissioners were elected from this community and it is our job, our charge, to make sure that justice is available to ... the people here, and it's a lot to ask somebody to drive 120 miles for jury duty and to pay a fine. And I recognize that there may have been some other accommodations made, but we haven't as the governing body of this community, we haven't officially been made aware of any of it."

The last thing they can do, he added later, is to ask the Supreme Court to rule on the matter.

Too, he noted that the county had no scientific data proving the building was not safe.

The relief sought from the Supreme Court in the county's petition is to direct the Sixth Judicial District, its chief judge and the state court administrator to return and resume operations in the "reasonable and adequate temporary space" provided by the BoCC.

The petition also notes that the BoCC is statutorily vested with the authority to determine the adequacy of space for the judiciary function, and claims that the court's administrative orders to vacate the facility are impermissible under the judicial branch's authority.

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# Bowls

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students were all on board from the beginning, Garcia said.

Last year there were well over 400 bowls created and used for the event, raising well over \$4,300 in funds for local food banks. There are many volunteers involved of all ages, and not just in the bowl making process, Garcia said.

Garcia explained the process of creating the bowls as easy to learn and fun to do.

"Any and everyone can make clay," she said.

Making the bowls is a collaborative effort, Garcia explained.

"People ask me all the time when we are going to make bowls, and to learn it's a free class," Garcia said with ecstatic hands in the air.

The fourth-graders are able to mold, bake and paint their own pieces, Garcia explained.

"The kids love giving, and they love giving back," Garcia said with emphasis.

"It's so nice to help," Gurulé said, her eyes gleaming. "I look forward to the kids."

Several students from Pagosa Springs Middle School made bowls for the event.

"The kids do the bowls very well," said Gurulé.

"I just want to say thanks to the school district, without the kiln and being able to come in and work hard on Saturdays, we couldn't do it," Garcia said. "Thanks to the community for the support and thanks to the students especially."

Garcia also thanked all businesses and individuals involved in the silent auction.

Both Gurulé and Garcia said they found clay work very rewarding.

Gurulé said that she loves her clay projects. "I'm not bored, and I come

home so happy."

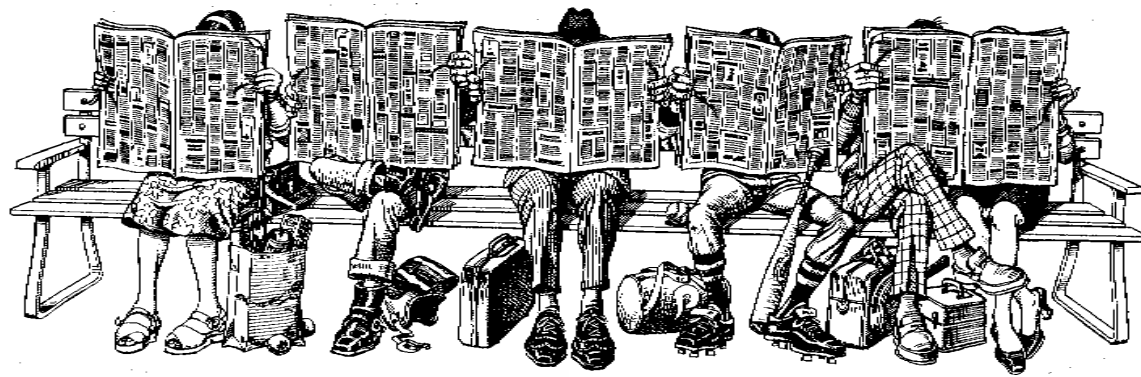
The Empty Bowls project was created by artists John Hartman and Lisa Blackburn, reports CNN in an article titled "How to make an impact on hunger." It started as a small classroom project, but has grown to be an active fundraising project in 14 countries. Each event is independently run and organized, but the core values of art and fundraising remain the same, reports CNN.

"It's just so nice, you look forward to accomplishing something so nice, and it's so nice to see your work," said Gurulé.

Garcia stated she was excited for this year, and looked around at the many art projects set up in the classroom and said, "Just remember all the empty bowls in our community, and it would be nice to have community involvement to fill those bowls."

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# Resources reduce risk of high-intensity, large-scale wildfire

By Aaron Kimple  
Special to The SUN

Southwest Colorado and Northern New Mexico offer an expanse of recreational opportunities and beautiful vistas. We are drawn to this area because of the mountains, the forests and the rivers. But, like everywhere else, living in these wild places comes with challenges presented by the natural environment, and wildfire is one of those. While we tend to think of wildfire as threatening, wildfire is a critical component of forest health; it has determined what our forests have looked like and what wildlife they support for thousands of years.

Until recent times, fires burned regularly in our forests — at different time intervals in different forest types, but regularly. For example, ponderosa pine forests burned approximately every five to 20 years. Historically, fires likely burned somewhere in the forest semi-annually. These fires removed accumulations of shrubs and small trees, favored certain tree species over others, and maintained gaps between trees and large meadows. And, because they were so common, fires were less intense, allowing mature, established trees to survive their course.

But times have changed. As people settled in the west, growing populations and concern for life and property resulted in a reduction of fire on the landscape, and the forest responded.

Without the regular occurrence of fire, oak and other shrubs build a dense understory and there is an increased presence of fire-prone species. These changes make forests more susceptible to beetles and disease. And when wildfires start now, they burn hotter and more extensively because there is more fuel available and the type of fuel allows fire to move more readily from the forest floor to tree crowns. Once in the crowns of trees, these high-intensity fires can spread from tree to tree more quickly.

Although we originally misun-

derstood the role of fire and believed it was destructive to forests, research and time have helped us to better understand the critical role fire plays in forest health, and the role it can play in protecting and preserving human lives and values.

But when forests are out of sync, wildfires can be very destructive and expensive to fight, and recovery can take decades or longer.

So, what can we do?

Fortunately, we have tools accessible to our land managers that can help reduce the risk of high-intensity, large-scale wildfire, but there are challenges: the vast quantity of land that needs to be managed presents a challenge in terms of both human and financial resources, and no single one of the tools available will work across an entire landscape.

In order to reduce forest density and decrease the risk of wildfire as efficiently and effectively as possible, an entire suite of tools must be employed. Land managers, landowners and local nonprofits are in ongoing conversations — sharing lessons learned and new technologies — to improve our response across the landscape.

Tools such as mechanical harvesting, hand thinning and mastication (mowing of shrubs and small trees) can help reduce forest densities across the landscape and around homes and vital infrastructure, but the extent of their application can be limited by terrain, time and cost. The proactive manage-

ment of our forests using fire as a tool can help us avoid large-scale destructive wildfires and manage forest conditions across large acreage of inaccessible terrain.

There is no single fix that will help us improve forest health and minimize the impact of wildfires — all of these tools are necessary if we are going to protect our communities, residents and resources.

Even when all of these tools are applied effectively across the landscape, fire and smoke will always be a part of southwest Colorado. The hope is that, through the application of appropriate treatments, we can decrease the prevalence and impacts of widespread and destructive wildfires, protect our communities, improve the health of our beloved local forests, and make vital resources (like water infrastructure) more resilient when a fire does occur.

Finally, we need a community approach. By working together and talking together, we can address challenges and identify opportunities for improving forest health and increasing the resilience of our community. The San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership brings experts to our region to help inform our decisions, and we will continue to keep the public apprised of learning opportunities.


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# Sports

## WRESTLING

### Five wrestlers place at state, Pirates claim fifth

By Marshall Dunham  
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Five Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestlers placed at the state tournament last week.

Erik Wyman, Dylan Tressler, Cameron Lucero, Tate Hinger and Trevor Bryant all placed in the state tournament that took place on Feb. 15, 16 and 17.

The Pirates placed fifth in the tournament with 93 points.

"We were underdogs all year long," remarked coach Dan Janowsky in an interview with The SUN, later adding that, despite that, the Pirates won six of the seven tournaments they competed in this season.

The Alamosa Mean Moose placed first with 164 points, the Eaton Reds placed second with 145 points, the Lamar Savages placed third with 100 points and the Berthoud Spartans placed fourth with 94 points.

"First, this was the greatest turnaround I have ever been involved with," wrote Janowsky in an email. "Last year we were 36th and scored 12 points. Our upper class juniors and seniors never stopped believing in themselves for a second despite last year's finish. They believed they could win from the beginning."

He went on to say that the team made huge strides in the off season and that that, combined with some "fearless freshmen" helped the team to continuously get better.

"Basically the same team from last year, they scored 93 points and finished 5th this year," wrote Janowsky. "My coaching colleagues, knowing the score like they do, were all blown away by the rebound we had from last year."

Janowsky wrote that the team was seeded based on last year's performance.

"Because of this we were sort of 'in the outside lane,'" wrote Janowsky. "Despite that our guys wrestled aggressively with poise."

He pointed out that none of the wrestlers really had to grapple with "the jitters," saying, "Our guys came to play. They fought, and that was extremely gratifying, because you get there and you can feel it building up in the week, the expectations ... they put all that behind them and I thought wrestled extremely well."

Lucero, a freshman, placed second in the 132-pound division with a 5-3 loss to an undefeated senior from Buena Vista, scoring 23 team points.

He had a win-loss record of 33-16 for the season.

"A lot of times freshmen kind of lose their nerve on that stage, but he stepped right in and really wrestled with aggression and confidence and skill and a lot of savvy, especially for a kid that young," Janowsky said.

Hinger, a senior, placed third, wrestling at 145 pounds and scoring 14 team points.

Hinger had a record of 36-12 throughout the season.

"He really rose to the occasion. His concentration level in execut-



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Sophomore James Thomas picks up his opponent during the state wrestling tournament last week. Thomas scored seven team points, and his season had a win-loss record of 23-9.

ing the plan that we laid out for him was truly exceptional. Tate has little margin for error and has to do things exactly right," Janowsky said. "It was one of the best tournaments for any kid I've ever coached. For him to come up through there and get third, the occasion didn't distract him at all. Of course, he's been there four times. He's exceptional in his effort and concentration."

Bryant, another senior, placed fourth, wrestling in the 152-pound division and scoring 16 team points.

"Trevor had a great tournament, and he wrestled in a very tough weight," Janowsky said.

He went 34-8 over the season.

Janowsky pointed out that Bryant wrestled a state medalist from a previous year in every single round that he wrestled.

"Bouncing back from last year,

when he did not place and only won one match, Trevor beat three of them and lost to the other two by an eyelash," wrote Janowsky. "A great performance, particularly from that angle!"

Wyman, a freshman, placed sixth in the 106-pound division, scoring nine points, and went 33-16 throughout the season.

"That was a great tournament for him. He wrestled above his seed, and as a freshman he may have battled the jitters a little bit, but he overcame them," Janowsky said.

Tressler, a freshman, placed sixth at 113 pounds, scoring 12 points and going 35-11 throughout the season.

"Dylan Tressler, he wrestled better every match out," Janowsky said. "He had to wrestle a runner up in the first round and lost 2-0, so he's wrestling tough."

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## BASKETBALL

### Lady Pirates enter districts as No. 2 seed behind Centauri

**By Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The postseason has arrived for Pagosa Springs High School basketball teams, with the Lady Pirates set to begin district action tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Alamosa.

The Lady Pirates are the No. 2 seed heading into the Intermountain League tournament and will face the No. 3 Alamosa Mean Moose, who defeated the No. 6 Monte Vista Pirates 58-26 in a play-in game on Tuesday evening. "We were anticipating Alamosa winning tonight, which they did," coach Wes Lewis said Tuesday, "so what we did the last two days was kind of in preparation for Alamosa, and that's the only thing we're focusing on right now."

Pagosa finished the regular season with a 9-1 mark in the IML and a 16-3 overall record.

Alamosa finished the regular season with a 6-4 league record and 12-7 overall record.

"We're working on our defense; there's some things we need to tighten up and sharp-

en up on that, so we've been working on that this week," Lewis said, adding that the team has been "just focusing on us a little bit and making sure we do what we need to do well. You know, now that we're 100 percent sure that Alamosa's won, which they did tonight, then we'll go ahead and start focusing on them a little more over the next two days."

Lewis said the week had been a solid week of work in practice for the team.

The teams' stats largely favor Pagosa Springs, as does the season record between the teams.

The Lady Pirates average 50.1 points per game compared to Mean Moose's 39.4, and Pagosa has an average of 33.1 rebounds per game compared to 25.9 by Alamosa.

Alamosa, however, averages more steals per game at 15.6, with Pagosa averaging 11.3.

Pagosa has defeated Alamosa twice this season, by scores of 53-31 and 58-25.

"I think it's within our hands, but we're going to have to do the little things," Lewis said at the end of the regular season.

In addition to being the IML's No. 2 team entering the weekend, the Lady Pirates are the No. 4 team in the RPI rankings, which also help determine the postseason field. The Pirates sit behind St. Mary's, Kent Denver and Centauri in the rankings. Alamosa sits 23rd.

Centauri enters this week's district tournament as the No. 1 seed with a 9-1 IML mark and 18-1 overall record.

Centauri plays No. 4 Bayfield (3-7 in the IML, 6-13 overall) Friday at 6 p.m. in Alamosa following Bayfield's 47-44 victory over the No. 5 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers in Tuesday's other play-in game.

The winner of Friday's semifinal games will play for the district championship at 6 p.m. on Saturday, again in Alamosa.

The remaining two teams will play for third place at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Following this weekend's district tournaments, the seeding for the state tournament bracket will be determined.

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### Monte shocks Pagosa Springs in opening round of league tournament



SUN photo/Randi Pierce  
Isaiah Griego puts up a shot against the Monte Vista Pirates in the first round of the Intermountain League Tournament on Tuesday night. Pagosa fell to Monte Vista by a score of 40-43.

**By Chris Mannara**  
Staff Writer

The opening round of the Intermountain League (IML) tournament started and ended on a sour note for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' basketball team on Tuesday night.

Opening the tournament with the play-in game, No. 3-seeded Pagosa took on No. 6-seeded Monte Vista at home and was defeated 40-43.

The opening quarter for Pagosa was a strong one as they outscored Monte Vista 17-8; however, in the second quarter, Pagosa's offense faltered, only scoring three points, but the defense held strong, allowing no points from Monte Vista.

With a 20-8 lead heading into the third quarter, Monte Vista came out strong, holding Pagosa to five points and scoring 17 themselves.

Heading into the fourth quarter it was a back-and-forth affair between the two teams until the final seconds.

After a Pagosa turnover, Monte Vista regained possession with under 10 seconds to go in regulation.

Monte Vista found a way to get the ball in the hands of David Mascarenas, who, at the buzzer, nailed a near-half-court shot to knock off Pagosa Springs.

In an email to The SUN on Wednesday morning, coach Randy Sorenson explained that he had told the team it could not let Monte Vista hang around.

"We had talked all week, before the game, and at halftime we could not allow them to hang around because they could get hot at any

time. In the third and fourth quarters they did just that scoring 35 points in the second half," Sorenson wrote.

"We had a chance to win the game or go into overtime at the end of game but we turned the ball over with 5 seconds remaining and they hit a shot from half court to beat us. We turned the ball over 18 times with many of them being unforced," Sorenson explained further.

Sorenson later added that it was a "huge loss and a major disappointment" to not be able to play in the IML tournament this weekend.

"The good thing is we should still get into the top 32 next week and have a chance to get to the state tournament. Hopefully we can fix some things and make a run," Sorenson stated.

Monte Vista, with the win, will travel to Alamosa tomorrow to take on the No. 2-seeded Bayfield Wolverines in the semifinals of the IML tournament, with action starting at 7:30 p.m.

On the other side of the bracket, No. 1-seeded Alamosa will host the No. 4-seeded Montezuma-Cortez Panthers with action set to tip-off at 6 p.m.

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# Outdoors

## Make a difference on our backcountry trails by attending BigGame Forever banquet

By **Stacy Boone**  
Special to The SUN

Save the date — March 10. Be involved in making a difference on our local trails.

As you know, the beetle infestation of the past several years has had a tremendous impact on the openness of our local trails. As fast as we cut out trees, more are falling. But, we can't let a season pass without crews putting saws to wood.

Join like-minded individuals, seeking to make a difference on our backcountry trails, at the Big-Game Forever (BGF) banquet and fundraiser at the Ross Aragon Community Center at 5 p.m.

Tickets are available for \$85/ single, \$135/couple and \$680 for a table that sits eight. All tickets include an annual membership to BGF and raffle tickets to be used at the banquet. Tickets can

be purchased online at BigGame-Forever.org or by contacting Dick Ray at 749-4148 or Stacy Boone at 946-5001.

Making a difference on our local trails begins with community. In November 2017, a collection of individuals determined to make a difference with the accessibility of our trails. Soon, the Wilderness Trails Forever Campaign (WTFC) was formed and, through the combined efforts of local trail enthusiasts including guides, outfitters, horsemen and hunters, the first fundraiser has become a reality with the March 10 banquet and fundraiser.

We are excited to be sharing this effort with BGF, a nonprofit organization based in Colorado, that recognizes the damage lack of access to our backcountry trails has for recreationists.

The 2018 WTFC is striving to

wards raising \$40,000 that will be used to engage a four-week youth corps crew. The crew's focus is solely on the cutting out and clearing downed trees on our nonmotorized trails with the use of cross-cut and chain saws. We believe these crews can make the biggest positive resource impact on our public lands. Our target fundraising goal is ambitious, and we are optimistic that donors value the focus and are in strong support of maintaining trail accesses for the entire community.

This is why we are working so hard to make a difference with all of our donations:

- The Weminuche Wilderness, the largest wilderness area in Colorado, was the epicenter of the spruce beetle epidemic in southwest Colorado, which began in the early 2000s. By 2015, on the Pagosa District, nearly 90 percent of the spruce-fir forest was dead.

- Sections of trail can now average 40-80 downed trees per mile; that figure increases to 100 downed trees per mile on trails that are not cleared annually.

- In our area, we have 102 trails and 687 miles of trails that beckon users to spend their recreational time, many of which are clogged with downed trees.

- Approximately 50 percent of our wilderness trails were cleared in 2017.

We look forward to your joining the banquet and fundraiser. Unable to join but want to donate? Donations are also being accepted at [PagosaTrails.org/WildernessCampaign](http://PagosaTrails.org/WildernessCampaign). Your donation is tax deductible and is greatly appreciated.

For more information, please visit [pagosatrails.org/about/](http://pagosatrails.org/about/) or you can contact Boone, president, at 946-5001 or [Info@StepOutdoorsColorado.com](mailto:Info@StepOutdoorsColorado.com).

## DUST2 and Wolf Creek Trailblazers partner on 2018 Fat Bike Race

By **Annie Sewell**  
Special to The SUN

It's been a dry year in the south San Juan Mountains, forcing snow sport enthusiasts to cozy up and get creative in search of a share of the high elevation holy grail that is the 2018 snowpack; and, with accumulations of less than 6 inches in the valley, fat bikers are no exception.

In an effort to find a venue at which to host its second Winter Fat Bike race while at the same time maintaining good relationships with more time-honored winter trail users, DUST2 and Pagosa's snowmobile club, the Wolf Creek Trailblazers, have partnered to provide a fun and challenging fat bike race course you won't soon forget.

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## Late winter the best time to prune trees

By **Ryan Lockwood**  
Special to The SUN

Late winter, from mid-February through early March, is the best time to prune most trees. Trees are still dormant at this time of year and, unlike in early winter, wound closure will be rapid if pruning occurs just prior to the time new growth emerges.

"Pruning trees during the late dormant season reduces impacts on tree health and builds a strong structure for our community trees in the long term," said Keith Wood, urban and community forestry manager for the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS).

Wood said that although some elms, maples, birch and walnut trees may visibly exude sap if pruned in the late winter or early spring, this should not harm the tree.

The CSFS offers the following tree pruning tips:

- Know what you want to accomplish before you start pruning. Don't remove any living branches without a good reason or specific objectives in mind.
- Remove any torn, dead or broken branches.
- Try to develop or maintain one dominant vertical top stem, or leader, and don't cut off the tops of trees.
- Space the main branches along the trunk and prevent branches below the permanent canopy from growing upright or too large.
- Always prune just outside the

branch collar — the point where one branch leaves a larger one (or the trunk), often discerned by raised or wrinkled bark.

- Limit pruning of newly planted trees to the removal of dead, damaged or crossing limbs, or those interfering with the main stem.

- Avoid removing too many of a tree's branches in any one year, as this will put undue stress on the tree.

- Consider recycling pruned limbs by having them ground into mulch.

If a job requires running a chain saw overhead or removing large branches or entire trees, Wood said it is best to contact an insured, ISA-certified arborist. A list of these professionals can be found at <http://www.isa-arbor.com>. For more information about urban tree care, go to [www.csfs.colostate.edu](http://www.csfs.colostate.edu).

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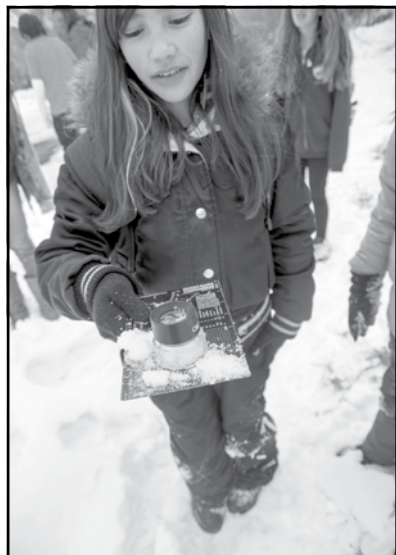
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# Education



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**Pagosa Springs Middle School fifth-graders hit downtown Pagosa Springs on Friday to participate in the "Science on Snow Day," at which the students learned about birding, the moisture in snow, identifying tree species and calculating biomass, learning about watersheds and more.**



## Pagosa students get out and contribute to citizen science on 'Science on Snow Day'

By Keith Bruno  
Special to The SUN

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) enlists the help of citizens all over the world. Without the numbers of "professional" bird biologists on hand to go out and count birds in each community the world over from Feb. 16-19, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology calls on us layfolk to go out and log birds and submit reports on eBird.

It was this tradition that sparked the "Science on Snow Day," now in its second year.

Fifth-grade science teacher Chris Couch and Audubon Rockies Community Naturalist Keith Bruno both previously worked as field biologists before taking on careers in the educational world and, thus, brainstormed last year to construct a day to get students outside, learning different field science disciplines.

The result: Not only do the students learn to identify local birds along the San Juan River Trail, but also they cycle through stations learning how to identify a handful of tree species and calculate biomass on Reservoir Hill with local dendrochronologist Herb Grover, evaluate snow crystals and calculate how much water is in the snowpack, model watersheds that take our neighbors into consideration and meet a peregrine falcon

(Dooley) with handler Pat Jackson from St. Francis Sanctuary and Wildlife Rehabilitation center.

On Friday, the weather fortunately remained stable for birding purposes. The students collectively logged 25 bird species for the GBBC, drawing a tie with last year's effort.

Fourth-graders from the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) contributed, birding a stretch of the river trail inaccessible to the fifth-graders. That means that nearly 150 students aided in this undertaking.

This effort wouldn't be possible without the willingness of volunteers to contribute their time and wisdom. Thank you to Peggy Andrews, Stacey Couch, Dooley the peregrine falcon, Dottie George, Byron Greco, Herb Grover, Pat Jackson, Cedar McGrath, Anne Stevens and Jean Zirnheld.

Let's keep the effort rolling in 2019.

Photo courtesy Peggy Andrews

**This great blue heron was spotted along the San Juan River downtown Friday during the "Science on Snow Day" for Pagosa Springs Middle School fifth-graders. As part of the day, the students participated in the Great Backyard Bird Count.**



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# Pagosa Peak Open School seeks permission to expand enrollment

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Director James Lewicki, along with board president Ursala Hudson, attended the most recent Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) meeting on Feb. 13 to discuss a deviation in regard to enrollment.

Lewicki explained that PPOS would like a deviation from the contract between ASD and PPOS in order to allow for more flexibility in enrollment.

According to documentation provided by Lewicki at the meeting, PPOS currently has 67 students in kindergarten through fourth grade.

The school plans to add fifth grade next school year.

With the deviation, in the 2018-19 school year PPOS would be allowed to have its total enrollment range from 90 students to 120.

However, under the current contract, in 2018-19 PPOS would have its enrollment capped at 90 students.

"In fact, what I'm asking for is for me to be able to make recommendations to the board on enrollment. And the variations that happen," Lewicki said.

A scenario for 2018-19 that Lewicki created would have:

- 17 students in kindergarten.
- 19 students in first grade.
- 21 students in second/third grade.
- 23 students in third/fourth grade.
- 24 students in fourth/fifth grade.

Under this scenario, PPOS's enrollment would be 104 students.

Lewicki noted he would still meet with ASD to make sure that

the enrollment increase was positive and productive.

The current enrollment caps were not negotiated by Lewicki as he was not involved with PPOS at the time they were set, Lewicki noted.

BOE president Greg Schick then read from a statement prepared by fellow BOE member Brooks Lindner, who was not in attendance of the meeting.

The district and community both benefit from PPOS being successful, Lindner's statement read.

However, there were several issues that Lindner had with PPOS receiving the OK to deviate from its enrollment cap, Schick read.

The first issue regarded clarification of PPOS's educational model.

According to Lindner's statement, PPOS board member Bill Hudson had produced preliminary materials of an educational model, but they were never formally presented to the board and that resolution within the charter contract was never satisfied.

Another requirement in the contract requires the PPOS board to be composed of at least five members, with at least one member having expertise in education and another with expertise in finance.

"While PPOS did fulfill this condition before opening, it is my understanding that now the board does not include members with this expertise," Schick read.

The next issue raised within Lindner's statement related to PPOS's initial model, which was offering smaller class sizes.

"I am concerned that if we increase class size at PPOS that we negate that choice," Schick read.

There would also be a fiscal impact to increasing enrollment.

"What concerns me is the re-

quest for increased enrollment being made to alleviate fiscal concerns at PPOS," Schick read.

Lindner's statement went on to explain that as of Dec. 31, 2017, PPOS had only raised \$54,000 of the \$123,000 in revenue for grants donations and fundraising, with none of that money coming from fundraising.

Operational issues and governance challenges were also listed within Lindner's statement.

"I would think that this is normal in the first year of operation of any school, and doesn't necessarily reflect negatively on PPOS," Schick read.

"But, it does speak to my larger point, which is I believe that if a school is experiencing fundamental challenges that the answer to me is to not increase in size, but rather to demonstrate that the school can function effectively at its current size and then scale up."

Lindner's statement concluded that he would not be in favor of increasing enrollment at PPOS at this time.

Schick then added that this was purely just a discussion item and no action would be taken by the board.

"I wouldn't say we are trying to go away from the model," Lewicki said in regards to Lindner's comment about PPOS's class sizes.

There is no fluctuation under the current model, Lewicki added.

"The idea is to give us some flexibility," Lewicki said.

Lewicki then added that there have been some changes regarding the PPOS school board, but that two members would be added at its next regular meeting.

"Yeah, there's some governance change, which isn't totally unusual in a founding year," Lewicki added.

ASD Superintendent Linda Reed explained to Ursala Hudson that while Bill Hudson developed an early educational model, she has not seen it.

"Back when you all were in the development stages, Mr. Hudson developed the beginning of a model and shared it with Mr. Lindner. I have never seen that before," Reed said.

Ursala Hudson acknowledged that Bill Hudson did help write the education portion of the charter, but PPOS had hired Angela Crossland to provide a bigger portion of lesson plans.

This would show the ASD how PPOS would meet state standards through project-based learning, Ursala Hudson added.

"That was delivered to Brooks so that he could look it over and present it to the board, to make sure that it was sufficient," Ursala Hudson said.

It's a positive thing that 100 percent of the families at PPOS want to re-enroll their students next year, Lewicki added.

"The biggest piece that I see is that there is kind of an artificial constraint," Lewicki said.

BOE member Dawn Kolpin began by commending PPOS for the work it has been doing in its first year.

"It would be my preference to see just a complete check in on each of the items and any of the resolutions," Kolpin said.

Structure is important, Kolpin added.

A meeting between Reed, ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson, Lewicki and ASD Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares has been organized to discuss the details of the contract, Reed explained.

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# Charter school adds three board members

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) school board recently gained a few new members for its governing board.

Clayton Buchner and Ashley Wilson were formally introduced as board members at PPOS's regular board meeting on Friday.

Kim Lund, former business manager for PPOS, was inducted as the board's treasurer at a Jan. 19 meeting.

With Lund taking on the role of board treasurer, former PPOS board member Chenni Hammon resigned from the board to make the transition to become PPOS's interim business manager.

These two changes were made effective Feb. 1.

Per a letter of interest to the board, Buchner explains that he is currently serving as the chairman for the PPOS Student Accountability Committee (SAC) and is also a

## Applications being accepted for CSP Youth Academy

By Trooper Gary Cutler  
Special to The SUN

This month, I want to divert a bit from driving tips and discuss a topic very important to troopers. The mission of a Colorado State Patrol (CSP) trooper is not just enforcing the laws on the state's highways, and interstates. We are also very involved in educating the public in various areas.

One way we do this is working with Colorado's youth. Once a year for one week in June, the CSP allows teens who are at least 16 years old from across the state a chance to see how state troopers are trained at our academy in Golden.

The goal of the CSP Youth Academy is to assist in the development of future leaders for Colorado. It is a weeklong adventure for the 45 teens who are accepted. Some of the academy requirements include that they must be a junior or senior for the fall of 2018, write an essay, have two letters of recommendation and complete an interview with troopers.

While in the youth academy, teens will get to experience a long list of activities. These include defensive driving on our state patrol track, firearms safety, self-defense tactics, traffic stops, building searches, team building and ethics in law enforcement, just to name a few. At the end of the week, there is also a special field trip for

Colorado attorney.

"It is my hope to be involved in the growth and success of PPOS as a board member," Buchner wrote in his letter of interest.

Buchner goes on to explain that, as an attorney, he hopes his legal education will be an asset to the board.

"As a board member, I may not be the legal representative of the Board or individual members of the board due to the public nature of board meetings and the rules of confidentiality and attorney-client privilege," Buchner wrote. "However, I may provide advice to the board and individual members without the duties of confidentiality or privilege attached."

While being the chair of the SAC committee, Buchner notes that he does not think it would create a conflict.

"Colorado School Law as codified in the Colorado Revised Statute 22-11-401(4)(b) states, "The

members of the governing board of a district charter school or an institute charter school may serve as members of the school accountability committee," Buchner explained.

In an email sent to The SUN on Wednesday morning, Lund explained that she has been an owner and bookkeeper of two start-up family businesses, as well as having previously worked for two public accounting firms.

Lund also noted that she was the board treasurer for St. Paul Lutheran Church in 1998.

"Being a small business owner/entrepreneur teaches you to live on a budget and understand the difference between a need and a want," Lund wrote.

While home schooling her children for seven years, Lund explained that she spent "a lot of time studying different educational theories and models to see what felt right and made sense for our family at that time."

"The style that excited me the

most was unschooling, which has many shared ideas with Place Based and Project Style Learning that is the foundation of the vision of PPOS. I am 115% convinced from my experience with teaching my own children that it works," Lund added later.

According to Wilson's resume, she has a bachelor's in science, specifically in human development and family studies, from Colorado State University.

Wilson also has a masters of public health from the University of California, Berkeley.

While currently working for Rise Above Violence, Wilson notes that she designs and implements evaluation tools for various advocacy and teen violence prevention programs, among other things.

Wilson also currently serves as a community organizer for San Juan Basin Public Health and is also a coach for the early childhood directors of the Early Childhood Council.

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Clayton Buchner



Kim Lund



Ashley Wilson

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# Town council considering updated impact fee study

**By Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

This evening's meeting of the Pagosa Springs Town Council is set to include a discussion about whether or not the town will pursue an update study on impact fees.

That decision for council will factor in a Feb. 6 decision by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) to not participate in the study.

At their Feb. 6 meeting, the commissioners voted unanimously to not expend funds to support the impact fee study.

"At this time, staff desires direction from the Council on whether to put this out to bid for town capital needs only. The town is in need of an updated study to re-establish the rational nexus for charging impact fees based on town capital needs. Prior studies included county capi-

tal needs as well," documentation for tonight's council meeting states.

Impact fees have been a topic of discussion between the two governing boards for several months, with town council and town staff presenting a request to the county to jointly fund an updated study regarding impact fees.

The last study, which was paid for jointly, was completed in 2006, with an update completed in 2008.

The county does not currently assess impact fees, while the town does.

The town's agenda documentation also notes the council would like to review "alternative calculations for impacts such as, but not limited to: per square foot development of residential projects vs. a flat fee for single family residential; review of potential commercial 'linkage' fee and other impacts to housing; and potentially, exploring

a fee structure that differentiates between infill development in the downtown core vs. development in the outer areas of town boundaries."

Following the BoCC's Feb. 6 agenda, Town Manager Andrea Phillips said the cost for the study to focus solely on the town would likely fall between \$25,000 and \$35,000, versus an estimate of \$45,000 for a study of the town and county.

At the Feb. 6 meeting, Town Planner James Dickhoff told the BoCC that an updated study would give an idea of potential impacts.

Dickhoff estimated that the county could have collected about \$3 million had it assessed impact fees in the years since the study.

Commissioner Ron Maez suggested that if the county engaged in the study and chose not to follow through with implementing impact fees, it would be out that money, adding that he was not sure it was

in the county's best interest.

Commissioner Michael Whiting, however, noted that the town and county did not have the internal capacity to "pull off" a study of that nature, and that he didn't believe the county could have an intelligent conversation on the matter of impact fees with 10-year-old data.

Uncertainty, Whiting said, is what does the biggest damage to business vitality, and suggested that the county set a do-not-exceed amount to help fund the study.

County Planning Manager John Shepard noted that the county had adopted impact fees for subdivisions that could only apply to new subdivisions.

After further discussing how there is 10 years of new case law and information regarding impact fees, he also suggested the county "can't make an informed decision without being informed."

Maez then made a motion that the county not approve the request for funding, with BoCC Chair Steve Wadley seconding the motion.

Then opened to public comment, audience member Bill Hudson noted that a study wasn't needed to find out it would raise costs, also mentioning the housing crisis.

Audience member Mark Weiler echoed Hudson's sentiment.

In the end, though, Whiting sided with his colleagues, declining to help fund the study.

Town council is scheduled to meet this evening at 5 p.m. in the council chambers in Town Hall. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)

## Academy

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the participants. Past years have been visits to the Broncos' football facilities and Rockies games.

The academy is not just for teens interested in law enforcement. The weeklong class will help them in their future endeavors. It will also be an experience they will remember the rest of their lives. If they want to continue with a career as a trooper, well, we won't complain.

The academy is free of charge. It is paid for by private donors. For more information, contact Capt. Lawrence Hilton at (303) 273-1882, your local CSP office, or visit [www.colorado.gov/pacific/csp/youth-academy](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/csp/youth-academy).

This year's youth academy is June 17-23. Applications are due by March 7.

Next month, we're talking distracted driving.

As always, safe travels.

# Goals & Accomplishments

## Archuleta County Commissioners

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.

### Steve Wadley, Commissioner, District 1 - Board Chair



#### What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2017?

1. Archuleta county and the town of Pagosa Springs have continued in a united partnership working to achieve our joint community improve plan.
2. Trails drive was paved this year. Trails is one of the heaviest traveled roads in our county.
3. Financial stability. We continue to maintain clean audits. Each and every year of my term we have received clean audits.

#### What are your three top goals for 2018?

1. Voter approval for a tax for a Jail/ Sheriffs complex.
2. Road improvement.

3. Continue progress on joint Town/County priorities.

#### What is your action plan to meet your goals?

1. Jail/Sheriffs complex. We need to form a citizen's committee to advise the BoCC as to size and space needs of the complex. Having failed at the polls we need to try to take a better approach to solve the need of a Jail in our county. The need is dire. The BoCC must do all we can to keep our Deputies from having to transport our prisoners to Durango to be housed. I still believe that a 1cent sales tax is the fairest way to fund this facility.
2. Road improvement. We plan to repave Backswing and East Golf. These roads were expected to be done last year but bids came in much higher the expected estimates. We will

rebid these projects. We are hoping to repave Peidra from Ace Ct. to Cloud Cap.

3. Town/County joint priorities. Where possible, I strongly believe it's in the best interest of our community to work closely with the Town of Pagosa Springs when our shared interests are the same. This is true with rest to the following issues: high speed broadband, affordable housing, and early childhood education. This isn't to say the items should be tax-payer funded; but it is to say that the leadership of our community it is our charge to work toward solutions to these issues that that adversely affect the our economic growth.

### Ron Maez, new Commissioner, District 2



#### What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2017?

1. My first goal and accomplishment of last year was completed when I made it through the year. I also assisted in finding a new location for justice facilities.
2. My second accomplishment for 2017 was bringing a resolution to the citizens of Archuleta County regarding the funding of a justice facility. Unfortunately, it failed.
3. My third accomplishment for 2017 is that I learned and developed an understanding of balancing and adopting the 2018 budget.

#### What are your three top goals for 2018?

1. My first goal for 2018 is to work hard with my fellow commissioners to bring forward a new resolution through a unanimous decision to inform the citizens of Archuleta County of our hugely growing need for a justice facility.
2. My second goal for 2018 is to establish an adequate space for the state and county courts to operate out of.
3. My third biggest goal for 2018 is to keep a continued understanding of the importance in maintaining the county budgetary standards that Archuleta County citizens have been accustomed to. Our budgeting standards have been expertly handled by our finance staff, and I'd like to keep it that way.

#### What is your action plan to meet your goals?

I can't meet these goals and accomplishments alone, and there has to be a lot of work and consideration put in by all three commissioners. Last years accomplishments were not accomplished on my own, but with a majority vote. With that being said, I will continue to work hard in furthering the implementation of all the current road projects and preserving pavement, while continuing to evaluate the current planning and building code. This is all very important to the daily operation of Archuleta County, and can be accomplished by educating and informing the people of our community while keeping an open door to address any of their immediate or future needs.

### Michael Whiting, Commissioner, District 3



#### What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2017?

Town and County Joint Strategic Priorities. I worked with the BoCC, Town Council and Mayor Volger to reiterate and strengthen the Town and County's partnership and commitments to our unprecedented joint strategic priorities of Early Childhood, Affordable Housing, and Broadband.

We studied and determined the needs. We looked at solutions. Then we set a course for each, and applied initial seed funding. There were and will be detractors and stumbles along the way, but we have taken the initial right steps toward reducing these barriers to our success.

Justice Center. With a new BoCC seated, we were able to quickly back away from needless and amoral litigation against a private landowner, and provided enough time for a great alternative location for the jail at Harmon Park to come forward and be secured.

The BoCC worked hard on a solution on the justice center issue and went the the ballot last November. We were unsuccessful, but learned that the size and cost of the project was

unacceptable to the voters. My hope is that we will scale the project down to reflect that reality and try again.

Tax Dollars. We kept our high standards of internal fiscal, financial conservatism. 2017 was our 7th year of documented excellence in managing tax dollars. As a result, we were able to make more smart investments in badly needed road equipment. Every year we have held our standards high was an accomplishment. Now we have a corporate culture in which high standards are the expectation, not the exception.

#### What are your three top goals for 2018?

We will do more and better on roads every year, as we have in the previous 7 years. 2018 is my last year in office. The end of my second term. My main goal for 2018 is to solidify, as much as possible, our new culture and great improvements and strides forward in County operations such as Road and Bridge, Finance, Human Services, Seniors, Veterans, and Public Health.

Secondly, but no less important, is to set a clear course and as much permanence and momentum as possible on the Joint Strategic Priorities we established with the Town two years ago. We need to put all of our effort and resources into removing

these three big barriers to our success. Early Childhood, Housing, and Broadband.

Justice Center. As I have said over the last 2+ years, we will need to scale the project down and do a better job of persuading the people of its necessity.

#### What is your action plan to meet your goals?

Ready. Aim. Fire. My "strategy" has always been to work with all those in government and elsewhere who are willing to work with me. I will continue to start and build relationships that forward the County's objectives and our shared strategic objectives with the Town of Pagosa Springs. To succeed in Early Childhood, Housing, and Broadband requires strong, open partnerships with the Town Council and Citizens to work and succeed. We are just now seeing early benefits of breaking away from the failed good-old-boy system, although remnants of that system are still present in our community. I will continue to resist, expose, and dismantle those institutions, habits, and people that would block or hijack for their own purposes, the opportunities for greater vitality we have created together.

### Bentley Henderson, County Administrator



#### What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2017?

1. Acquisition of Municipal Advisor and Bond Counsel supporting the development and publication of a ballot measure for consideration by the voters of Archuleta County.
2. Delivery of a sound reasonable plan to address the Ad-

ministrative and Detention needs of the Sheriff  
Witnessing Archuleta County Human Services Director Matt Dodson be recognized as the CDHSA Director of the year

#### What are your three top goals for 2018?

1. Final implementation of recommendations of wage study
2. Resolution of the Court space issue

Resolution of the Sheriff space issue

#### What is your action plan to meet your goals?

Work with the Board of County Commissioners to facilitate the development of the appropriate policy to accomplish the tasks.



# Business

## CHAMBER NEWS

### Rural Philanthropy Days returning to southwest Colorado

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) is returning to southwest Colorado in 2018 after a four-year hiatus. The last RPD event was hosted in Pagosa Springs with resounding success.

For the nonprofit organizations, this event is critical. New to the nonprofit world? Here is a synopsis of what RPD is about: Created by Sue Anschutz with the Anschutz Family Foundation 25 years ago, this program includes the partnership of the Anschutz Foundation, the Community Resource Center and other statewide grant makers to bring together nonprofit organizations to increase their educational, financial and community effectiveness. This capacity building is done through skills building training classes, conversations with some of the top grant funders in the state and incredible networking opportunities. RPD comes to a region in the state only every four years. This year, the event will be held in Cortez, Colo., Sept. 12-14. There are several facets of the event that Archuleta County should be working on now.

The skills-building portion is accomplished by gathering regional experts, capacity-building organizations, consultants and funders to guide attendees on how to better run their organizations. This year there will be three levels of breakout sessions focused on beginner, intermediate and advanced tracks. There will be three concurrent sessions, all to be held on Sept. 13.

Many of Pagosa's residents have experienced successful business or volunteer careers. These are the people that RPD would like to engage to volunteer and convey their knowledge to those willing to learn to be more effective. Some of the topics include fun-

draising; grant writing, corporate sponsorships, planned giving, innovative strategies; board development; retreats, recruitment, effectiveness; community development; public/private partnerships (P3), civic engagement; human resources: how to recruit and hire talent, how to be an inspirational manager, ways to increase retention; marketing/public relations: social media, is your website useful, storytelling; financial management: taxation and audit best practices, changes in accounting practices for nonprofits; volunteer and member development and organizational planning and evaluation.

Do you or your organization have a successful skill set that you could relay to others? Would you be willing to volunteer your time to impart this knowledge? As a presenter, you can present alone, in partnership or on a panel. To find out more about being a presenter, visit <http://rcdenver.wufoo.com/forms/xcnopm90ijy93v/> and enter your information by March 9.

As a nonprofit organization, you should be budgeting for and considering attending this event. Sept. 14 will be the "Round Table" requests with the funding organizations. Local nonprofits should be reviewing their needs, getting their projects and programs in order and getting ready to "make the ask" of the funders. This one-on-one time is critical to an organization's ability to convey the needs of a project face to face with a funder.

Networking throughout the event is also critical to building relationships necessary for your organization. In the next few months, the Chamber and organizers of the event will be hosting some preparatory sessions for our nonprofit entities. If you are a new organization or under new leadership, these sessions will be very important to you. We will rally and decide how to

attend RPD as a community, you will be given skills on how to make the ask in two minutes and you will be given tools to help you better prepare for the event.

Registration for the event will open up in July; however, scholarship applications will open up for a short time at the beginning of May.

To find out a little more about the event, visit [www.southwestrpd.org](http://www.southwestrpd.org). Stay tuned for more information on this very important event coming to our region in the fall.

### Four Corners Business Air Travel Survey

The Durango-La Plata County Airport affects all of our communities. Many of our residents rely on its service to travel for business or leisure. The airport would like to better understand the travel needs of our area and how they can better serve the business community through a short survey. The survey will take about 10 minutes and can be filled out by the business contact or person traveling on a regular basis. The information in the survey is collected by a third

party and individual responses kept confidential.

To access the survey, click on the link [www.DRObizsurvey.com](http://www.DRObizsurvey.com). Responses should be in by March 12.

Many Pagosa residents work from home but need to travel back to their "home base" or make business calls. Please take the time to give your feedback about the air service offered from the Durango-La Plata County Airport. Your input could affect the services offered in the future.

### Membership news

Don't forget to sign up for the February Maximizing Your Membership class, which will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Membership coordinator Debra O'Neill will help you ascertain what benefits might be the most important for your business and show you the Chamber's new website and how you can better make use of the tools we offer.

Our renewals this week include the Pagosa Magazine, River Pointe Coffee House and Archuleta Seniors Inc.



Photo courtesy Linda Anderson

**CDR Franklin W. Anderson was recognized with the Outstanding Recognition Award for Public Service by the Colorado State University Alumni Association for over 50 years of service. Anderson graduated from Colorado A&M College in 1956 (now CSU). He spent 21 years in the U.S. Navy, where he was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation and several other high awards. Upon retirement, he returned to Colorado, where he was active in local, state and national affairs. Anderson has been married to Martha Kuhn Anderson for 57 years and they have four grown children: Gisela, Linda, Warren and Wayne.**

### San Juan Basin Public Health seeks community input for 2018 community health assessment

By Claire Ninde  
Special to The SUN

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is seeking input from community members to determine the primary health and wellness needs impacting residents of Archuleta and La Plata counties.

The agency encourages local residents to provide feedback via a survey located on its website [www.sjbpublichealth.org](http://www.sjbpublichealth.org). The survey is available in both English and Spanish.

The survey is part of a Community Health Assessment process undertaken by the agency every five years. Answers from the survey will be used to create a Public Health Improvement Plan that includes responsive strategies to improve overall health as well as address issues faced by specific populations within local communities.

Additionally, as part of the Community Health Assessment process, SJBPH will hold focus groups throughout the region to gain specialized feedback about community health indicators.

SJBPH's survey is open to any

### Center of Southwest Studies to host lecture on caring for textiles

By Julie Tapley-Booth  
Special to The SUN

The Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College will host a free lecture on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the center's Lyceum Room, No. 120.

Center curator Jeanne Brako will present "Caring for Textiles at Home: Know When to Roll Them, Know When to Fold Them," discussing ways to preserve your family treasures including quilts, clothing, embroideries, rugs or other types of textiles.

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## Public Notices

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*.

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 Pttarmigan Property Owner's Association, Inc., Plaintiff

**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 OFFICE 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, THE DEADLINE 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. ■ See Public Notices A18

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## Chimney Rock Open House

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Members of the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association held a public event at Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library on Feb. 16, in order to educate the public on various volunteer positions that are open at the national monument. Volunteers from the organization presented various positions to the public and also informed them on the benefits of volunteering at Chimney Rock National Monument. The next open house is scheduled for March 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the EcoLuxe building conference room at the Springs Resort and Spa.

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## The Blotter

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

### Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

- Feb. 12 — Criminal mischief, tampering with motor vehicle, Midiron Avenue.
- Feb. 12 — First-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, U.S. 84.
- Feb. 13 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.
- Feb. 13 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order, County Road 600.
- Feb. 13 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.
- Feb. 13 — County warrant, North 5th Street.
- Feb. 14 — Possession of weapons by previous offenders, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, Okey Dokey Court.
- Feb. 15 — Second-degree criminal

trespass, East Pagosa Street.

- Feb. 15 — State warrant, Country Center Drive.
- Feb. 15 — Warrant arrest, Eaton Drive.
- Feb. 16 — Violation of restraining order, harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, domestic violence, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, U.S. 160.
- Feb. 16 — Failure to appear (bench warrant), San Juan Street.
- Feb. 16 — Animal complaint, Fire-side Street.
- Feb. 16 — County warrant, County Road 600.
- Feb. 16 — Warrant arrest, South Pagosa Boulevard.
- Feb. 17 — County warrant, Racoon Drive.
- Feb. 18 — Information only, County Road 600.
- Feb. 19 — Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, drove vehicle when license canceled, Solomon Drive.
- Feb. 19 — Drove vehicle under the influence of alcohol, agency assist, County Road 600.

### Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

- Feb. 12 — Harassment, North 5th

- Feb. 12 — Information only, 15th Street.
- Feb. 13 — Animal/running at large, U.S. 84.
- Feb. 13 — Found property, East Pagosa Street.
- Feb. 13 — Agency assist, North 5th Street.
- Feb. 13 — Curfew violation/eluding, Florida Street.
- Feb. 14 — Warrant arrest, Florida Street.
- Feb. 14 — Traffic/insurance/moving violation, U.S. 160.
- Feb. 15 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- Feb. 15 — Animal/running at large, Mesa Drive.
- Feb. 18 — Missing property, East Pagosa Street.
- Feb. 18 — Criminal mischief/third-degree assault, South 6th Street.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge D. Brett Van Winkle**  
No report.  
**Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**  
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**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**  
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# Knights of Columbus Lenten fish fries underway

Special to The PREVIEW

The Knights of Columbus is holding its Friday Lenten Fish Fry events through March 23.

The fish fry begins at 5 p.m.

each Friday.

The proceeds of the fish fries support community programs.

Adult meals are \$12, \$11 for seniors and \$6 for children under 12. This price includes the tasty

catfish, hand-cut french fries, coleslaw, a nonalcoholic drink and dessert.

Come by the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall by 7 p.m. to eat in or take out.

# 'Siberia' enters final weekend

By Dale Scrivenger  
Special to The PREVIEW

Last fall, Thingamajig Theatre Company spoke with former SUN editor Karl Isberg to consider writing a piece he considered "reflective" of small-town living. What started out as a concept has been realized in the hilarious, too-close-to-home piece "Welcome to Siberia — Now, Go Home!"

The piece revolves around the local Chamber of Commerce welcoming its newest area residents to beautiful Great Springs, Colo. In a pinch, they bring in a self-

professed "old-timer" from the local retirement home to give the newcomers an idea of the rich history in the area. Instead, the audience is given all the "dirt" and local color from the towns not-so-rich past and gives rise to countless laughs and recognizable figures throughout. From Great Springs' long-time mayor to some of the more exuberant realtors, "Siberia" is an experience no Pagosa resident will want to miss.

The performances will be held Feb. 22, 23, 24 at 7p.m. and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 25 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Thingamajig Theatre Company presents "Welcome to Siberia — Now, Go Home," rated R. Directed by Boni McIntyre and Laura Moore.

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# Speaking the same language: Hand-drumming class continues Tuesday

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. 27, at noon.

The class offers a welcoming environment that encourages fun, creativity, playfulness and connecting with others.

Music is a language the whole world speaks. Researchers at Georgetown University Medical Center have found evidence that the processing of music and language depend on some of the same brain systems.

In "The Human Side of Music," published in 1948, musicologist Charles W. Hughes writes, "In a shrewd and imaginative book, 'The Maltese Cat,' Leon Underwood has described the way in which the cat hero learned to understand human speech. The cat early on discovered that the important factor in human speech was not the words used, but the inflection, the color of the voice. The clue to the real significance of what was said was to be found in the emotional undercurrent which was revealed (often against the speaker's will) by the quality of his voice, by the subtle melody of speech.

"The fantasy has its solid kernel of truth. Speech is not merely a medium for communication of facts. It also communicates emotion. This it does through vocal modulation, through the timbre of the voice, as well as many other factors, such as speed of delivery and facial expression. But since the voice does oscillate between sounds of varying pitch, we may truly say that speech is a vague and subtle kind of melody."

While working as a music therapist at McLean, a psychiatric hospital, I recorded an interview with a patient named John.

"Within the realm of music and

playing with a group of people, you become closer to them and you find out where they're really at," he said. "Music, I feel, is a communication all of itself. When Drew is playing the guitar and I'm singing, it's like we're talking to each other, even though we're not facing each other and articulating words that people who were listening could understand. We are feeling the same thing, we're talking the same language. When I see you playing the bass, I know what you're doing and you're talking to me. When Bill is beating on those drums, I know what he's doing, I know what he's saying. He's expressing thoughts and feelings that come across really clear.

"I ad lib about half the verses I sing. They mean very significant things to me, and I think certain people in the audience, friends of mine, loved ones, know what they mean, also. These verses come from my heart. Talking to a person, one to one, I might feel, as I do now, a little inhibited. But when I'm up there and the music is just going, my head is clear, I feel completely uninhibited and my real gut feelings can come out.

"Music helps me get a bearing on where I'm at. Music is a common denominator throughout the world, and people's feeling just come out.

"Every individual in our group is playing a different instrument and he's saying something. He's saying angry things, he's saying loving things, he's saying what he feels. Even the guitar player is speaking. The drummer is speaking."

A feline view of the subtle melody of speech, and a recovering rock singer's perspective on how music speaks, show an overlapping of two modes of communication, two languages emanating from shared systems in the human brain.

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# Paws for Books beginning Feb. 26

By Lisa Scott  
Special to The PREVIEW

Families, teachers and the community are invited to attend the Scholastic Book Fair hosted by Pagosa Springs Elementary School Feb. 26 through March 9 during school hours in the school library.

The event and the theme Paws for Books Book Fair — Come, Stay, Read a Great Tale! inspire many activities at the school. The Book Fair is an exciting time for students during school hours and an enjoyable way to increase interest in reading for pleasure.

The hallway and entrance to the library have been decorated with a pet motif.

Family Night, hosted by the Partners In Education Committee, will be March 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. To coincide with the theme, a delicious dinner will include a hot dog bar with Chicago-style condiments, including veggie and turkey dogs, and several side dishes. This fun evening will include lots of activities and entertainment. All families are invited to the school to participate in an evening full of pet fun, to shop the Book Fair and, of course, to enjoy activities with other families.

Parent/teacher conferences are Feb. 26, 27 and 28, and the Book Fair will be open during these hours, which is another occasion



Photo courtesy Lisa Scott

**Paws for Books — Come, Stay, Read a Great Tale!** is the theme for the Book Fair running Feb. 26 through March 9 during school hours in the Pagosa Springs Elementary School library. Students from Kain Lucero's second-grade class stand with smiles and pet-themed books, excited for the Book Fair to begin. From left to right are Ryan Rich, Bella Jackson, Lamarian Bahe and Amari Jackson.

for busy families to visit the fair together. Students visit the Book Fair with their class to preview the

books for sale, especially the new releases.

There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available, and there is always a huge supply of bargain items as low as \$1.99.

Students also view the "Author DVD," supplied by Scholastic,

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## Drumming

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derstanding how our brains work. Research shows that playing music is the brain's equivalent of a full-body workout, engaging and strengthening just about every area of the brain at once.

Whether you're interested in strengthening your brain circuits,

immersing in a creative group process or channeling your inner cat, you're welcome to come check out the hand-drumming class.

For more information about the Pagosa hand-drumming class, email [banjocrazy@centurytel.net](mailto:banjocrazy@centurytel.net) or call 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.

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# St Patrick's claims world's shortest parade

By Sally Neel  
Special to The PREVIEW

On Saturday, March 17, beginning at 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will hold its annual World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade, a parade that extends from one end of the church parking lot to the other.

According to Pagosa Springs tradition, the parade is led by a trailer in which St. Patrick himself sits enthroned on his bishop's chair. Children are invited to fill the trailer wearing their most outlandish St. Patrick's garb.

A bagpipe band dressed in kilts marches alongside, playing traditional Irish and Scottish tunes. Following the St. Patrick's trailer is a fire truck that will be available for children to peruse following the parade. Of course, other participants are welcome to join in. There is no contest; it's just for fun.

If your organization or indi-

viduals would like to participate in the parade, email the church and reserve a spot. Plan to meet at the north end of the church parking lot at 10:45 a.m. The parade will begin at 11:30 a.m.

In addition to the parade, organizations are invited to set up booths alongside the parking lot. These booths can be set up to offer information about your nonprofit organization or to sell items. There is no rental fee to procure a space, but reservations must be made in advance by emailing st.patricks.pagosa@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 903-5801 and speaking to Lynne McCrudden.

Other fun activities such as fly-tying and casting lessons will be on hand, along with great Irish music provided by NightSong Trio. A free lunch will be provided by the St. Patrick's Men's Group. Donations will be accepted to benefit the St. Patrick's Food Box Ministry. Beer and Irish coffee will be for sale, as

well as nonalcoholic beverages.

"We have no absolute proof that this is actually the World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's, "but we feel fairly confident that if it were any shorter, it likely would not be considered a parade. If you blink, you will miss it!"

St. Patrick's Annual Irish Festival was established when the annual Pagosa Springs St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown was canceled. Weather is always a questionable factor in March, so it is difficult to plan a large parade. However, since St. Patrick's Episcopal Church feels that this day is a day to celebrate its patron saint, they decided to have a parade across their parking lot and call it the World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade.

"We have enjoyed some wonderful weather and we have had a couple of years when we had to shut down early due to winter storms," said Neel, "but we Pagosans are a hearty group. St. Patrick's Day is just not the same without a parade. We hope everyone will come out and enjoy the fun, rain, snow, or shine!"

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

## Fair

■ continued from previous page which features authors discussing the books they wrote with kids in mind. Individuals attending the event can also help build individual classroom libraries by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List Program that is highlighted within the Book Fair.

The elementary school has been hosting book fairs since 1982. Proceeds from the book fairs are used for educational improvements that are beyond the basic school budget. The current goal is to add alternative student seating and other

improvements to classrooms.

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Photo courtesy Linda Parker

Steve Blechschmidt, a well-known guitarist in Pagosa Springs, will lend his unique style of guitar playing to the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir's "Over the Rainbow" fundraiser on March 2. Tickets are available now.

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## Steve Blechschmidt to offer music at ‘Over the Rainbow’

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

Do you love good music? Then you'll be sure to want tickets to the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir's upcoming fundraiser, "Over the Rainbow."

The event will be held March 2 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center. While dining on a catered dinner, event-goers will be treated to the masterful artistry of Steve Blechschmidt, a well-known guitarist in Pagosa Springs.

At the age of 38, Blechschmidt made a promise to his daughter, "I'll learn to play guitar if you keep up your piano lessons."

An overwhelming passion to play guitar would guide him for the next 20 years.

Blechschmidt began his guitar instruction at Forte Music Academy in Denver, where he was fortunate to take lessons from Daniel Bolshoy, a world-renowned classical guitarist. Next, Blechschmidt started writing songs and playing electric guitar in a Christian rock band that played monthly over a 12-year period for a Volunteers of America homeless mission in downtown Denver. Blechschmidt met his wife, Carol, in a praise band where they played together for seven years.

Blechschmidt became fascinated by a unique style of guitar called fingerstyle guitar. He studied under two additional teachers, seven-time ASCAP instrumental music award winner Thomas Leshinsky and current University of Colorado professor Owen Kortz.

Fingerstyle guitar, made popular by Chet Atkins, can be described as playing the piano on the guitar. The melody, bass and rhythm are delivered by one guitar, often leaving the listener asking, "is all that sound coming from one guitar?"

While working in a high-stress corporate environ-

ment, Blechschmidt listened as the CEO would bring in chamber musicians to play. This music would bring an unexplainable peace to the workers. What a powerful impact — instrumental music, brought into an environment, seemed to soothe the soul.

With this idea in tow, Blechschmidt formed a duo, Two Guitars Telling A Story (TGTAS). Guy Steagall, TGTAS duo partner, a guitar professional who toured nationally for eight years, added a lead guitar part to Blechschmidt's fingerstyle tunes. He played approximately 100 times a year as a solo artist and with TGTAS in the Denver country club scene, in fine restaurants and for special events held in beautiful settings such as the Broadmoor and the Botanic Gardens. Blechschmidt continues to play with TGTAS, mostly in the Denver area.

Now living in Pagosa Springs for the last two years, Blechschmidt continues to seek out beautiful settings and enhance the settings with fingerstyle guitar. Currently, he plays at special events such as The Little Black Dress Affair, Festival of the Trees, Over the Rainbow, art shows and similar events. He also plays in a trio called Acoustic Picnic. Acoustic Picnic plays at Pine Ridge Extended Care Center and similar settings. You can see his schedule and sample his music at [www.sebguitar.com](http://www.sebguitar.com).

In addition to a delicious catered meal and exceptional music, the event will also include a mini concert by the Girls Choir, boot-scootin' fun with a dance featuring the San Juan Mountain Boys and a silent auction which is sure to tempt all of us.

Tickets are \$40 per person and are available at The Buck Stops Here and Goodman's Department Store. Table reservations of eight are also available by calling Linda Parker at 264-1434 or emailing [singpagosa@gmail.com](mailto:singpagosa@gmail.com).

## Literary Ladies to discuss ‘The Residence’ Friday

By Marilyn Stroud  
Special to The PREVIEW

Kate Andersen Brower is a New York Times best-selling author and has written several nonfiction books that are related to the White House, where she served for several years as a Bloomberg news reporter during the Obama years.

Our book, "The Residence," is about the inside private world of

the White House, including the Kennedys, the Johnsons, the Nixons, the Reagans, the Clintons and the Obamas.

Brower interviewed many retired White House staff members, including valets, chefs, butlers and maids about their various experiences with our former presidents, first ladies and children. How the families dealt with the Bay of Pigs, the shooting of

JFK, the Vietnam War and 9/11 are discussed in this book. Many happy and fun moments are also related in this book.

"The Residence" is available at the library and we invite you to join us this Friday, Feb. 23, at 10:30 a.m. at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library. The Literary Ladies meet monthly at the library on the fourth Friday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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## Rehearsals for Women's Chorus to begin Tuesday

By **Linda Parker**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Start spreading the news: The Sisters in Song are gearing for their third and best season ever.

Every Tuesday night, beginning Feb. 27, the women of Pagosa Springs will lift their voices in song at rehearsals that will culminate in a performance alongside the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) on May 10.

Rehearsals will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church and will continue each Tuesday at the same time, in the same place, until their performance.

Sisters in Song, a community women's chorus, is again being sponsored by the PSGC to give the young girls of the Girls Choir

the opportunity to work and perform with lifelong musicians in Pagosa.

"We have many talented singers in Pagosa and I'm hoping they will be willing to share their love of music with the girls," said PSGC Director Linda Parker.

The women will sing several musical selections on the concert, as well as one selection with the girls on the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir's annual spring concert on May 10.

"No prior experience is necessary," said Parker. "All you need is a love of singing."

Music touches all of us, at many levels and in many ways. We need only to hear a song from the past to know exactly where we were and what we were doing. If you haven't registered, there's no problem. Just

come and sing. Come and experience the "music connection" next Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church.

If you have any questions, please call Parker at 264-1434 or email her at singpagosa@gmail.com. We are asking for a \$15 fee to cover the cost of the music.

Plato once said, "Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and charm and gaiety to life and to everything."

This will certainly ring true in Pagosa this spring. The PSGC members will cross generations and connect with other musicians as they invite ladies in Pagosa to sing with them on their spring concert. We hope to see you on Feb. 27.

## 9Health Fair to offer blood pressure checks

By **Constance d'Angelis**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Nearly half of American adults are at risk for major health problems because of high blood pressure (hypertension).

More than 78 million Americans are diagnosed with high blood pressure. That's one out of every three adults. Only about half (54 percent) of people have their condition under control.

High blood pressure is one of the leading causes of heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness, dementia and death in the United States.

Heart disease and stroke are the first and third most common

causes of death of Americans.

Almost 20 percent of Americans don't know they have hypertension.

Don't be one of the Americans who doesn't know. Come to the 9Health Fair on April 28 from 7 to 11 a.m. at Pagosa Springs High School.

9Health Fairs offer blood pressure screenings in addition to other testing. Let's promote good health for all of us.

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**More information on high blood pressure**

People with readings of 130 top

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Guidelines from the American Heart Association:

Normal blood pressure (BP): 120/80 — Healthy lifestyle choices and yearly checks.

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■ **See 9Health on next page**

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- Noon to 1:00pm
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Photo courtesy Bob Howard

Celebrating Chinese New Year has become an annual tradition for local Pi Beta Phi alumnae and their husbands, and this year was no different as they gathered Feb. 15. Left to right are: Bob Howard, Bob Hart, Carole Howard, Penny Hart, Lisa Scott, Joni Rose, Paula Tennant, Don Tennant, Marty Rose and Bob Scott.

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Photo courtesy Pennie DeClark

The High Rollers, a regional favorite, are set to play Our Savior Lutheran School's Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown on April 13. Tickets will go on sale in the next few weeks.

# Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown set for April 13

By Pennie DeClark  
Special to The PREVIEW

It's time to dust off yer fanciest western boots, denim jeans and cowboy hat and join us for a fun night of great music, food and dancing to benefit the children of Our Savior Lutheran School.

Ask anyone who attended the past few years, this is an amazing event that is not to be missed.

On April 13 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Our Savior Lutheran gymnasium located at 56 Meadows Drive,

The High Rollers will be playing their boot stompin' tracks for your entertainment. We will also have a brisket dinner with beans, tater salad, rolls and dessert to fill up on. Dance the night away, or bid on the many silent auction items for sale while you enjoy a glass of beer or wine (available for purchase from our cash bar).

All of the proceeds from this night benefit the children at Our Savior Lutheran School. We have been serving the children of Pagosa Springs from all denominations

for 25 years, providing exceptional education opportunities, with small classroom sizes, in a safe and loving, Christ-centered environment. We currently offer classes for preschool through sixth grade and are excited to announce the addition of seventh grade next year, as well.

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# Where's the coffee pot?

Have you noticed? Life can become too comfortable and it's easier to live in the mess than do something about it. Before we know it, we become blind to it and the mess looks normal to us. For instance, my Sweet Al put the large jar of peanut butter in the middle of our dining room table and expects it to stay there.

I argue with him. "That's not where it belongs."

"But, that's where I look when I want peanut butter. It doesn't hurt for it to be there. It's easier to find."

Sweet Al's handywork usually consists of anything showcasing duct tape, black tape or baling wire. We can now add his half-eaten jar of peanut butter in the role of a table centerpiece to that list. Now I know I am desperate.

I turned to books about decluttering. One author says it sparks joy in a person's life. Another says it eliminates clutter so our children don't have to take care of our junk.

It was time to stop reading and do something about it. I called an organizer. "I need help with my kitchen cupboards. They are long overdue. The job has become too big for me."

My Sweet Al and I are coming up on our 58th anniversary and we still have a few of those odd, what-are-we-ever-going-to-do-with-those wedding gifts laying around the house. I guess it should make sense that we have age-old spices overflowing in one cabinet, jars of something unrecognizable and label-missing cans of something else in another.

To the author who believes decluttering will put a spark of joy back in to our lives, I ask, "Do we make a seasonal change by adding bottle rockets to the jar of peanut butter centerpiece come summer?"

Lisa is a professional organizer. One look at our kitchen and, I thought, I would be begging her to stay. That was not the case. Decluttering and organizing is her business. She didn't even require convincing. Admittedly, I did ask myself, "Who would do that for a living? I don't even want to do it in my own home, let alone someone else's."

To an organizer, they see the job as a gift from God, a labor of love, a counseling session or even marriage therapy. For me, there is so much, too much to see. "I guess I don't have enough cupboards."

With one look, Lisa said, "You have plenty of cupboard space. You just need to organize them. Before I do anything, I want to take pictures."

I thought, "She better have a wide-zoom lens or a panoramic setting if she thinks she is going to get everything in the frame."

A split second later and our journey would begin. She pulled

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



out food, dishes, utensils and appliances. She brought everything to the table and put them next to the peanut butter jar. "Sit down and go through this stuff and decide what you don't want to keep. Put everything else into these boxes, which I have marked. Throw the rest in the big trash can."

She held up two glass measuring cups. "Which one do you want to keep?"

Is this a trick question? What if I give you the wrong answer? I said, "Both."

"Do you need both?"

"No."

"So OK, which one do you want to keep?"

Sheepishly, I said, "I guess I'll take the one in your right hand."

"Good answer." For eight hours, we played the get-rid-of-the-stuff game. "Eliminate one if you have two, or both if it's not going to be used."

Black trash bags were filled with expired food, chipped dishes and several other things that just took up space. Since it happened to be trash day, my Sweet Al jumped in and loaded up the back of his truck

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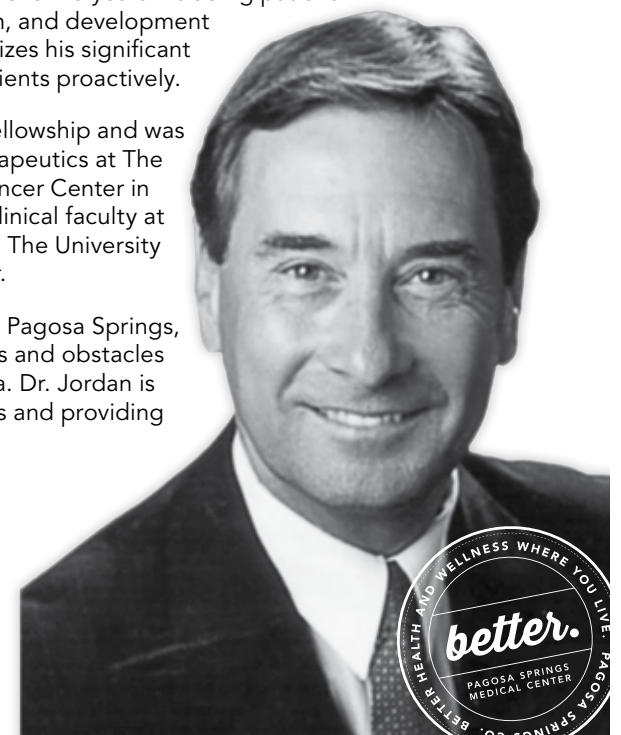
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# Unitarian Universalists to consider UFOs and the Resurrection

By Dean Cerny  
Special to The PREVIEW

Question: What do UFOs and the resurrection of Christ have in common? Answer: Belief in the extraordinary.

Our Sunday service of Feb. 25 at 10:30 a.m. will explore the relationship between what we believe and reality. Another way of putting it is to say that what we believe exerts a direct relationship upon what we see. For you Zen Buddhists, the question remains as to what the

nature of reality is. For Christians, Easter is an attempt to answer this Zen question.

Contrary to many religious organizations, Unitarian Universalists believe that doubt and curiosity are the healthy cornerstones of faith, whether it be faith in UFOs, Zen Buddhism or the resurrection of Christ Jesus. This service draws from the Unitarian Universalist source of the Christian and Zen Buddhist religious traditions in order to inspire us in our ethical and spiritual life.

This Sunday, we welcome musical guests Acoustic Picnic to be a part of our program. A local Pagosa musical group, Acoustic Picnic has been playing venues in southwest Colorado for several years. Three vocals and three sets of strings, they are Carol Blechschtmidt on autoharp, Steve Blechschtmidt on banjo and Dave Pettus on guitar. See them on Facebook: Acoustic Picnic @ mountainstrings.

The Pagosa Unitarian Uni-  
■ See Unitarian on next page

## Lane

■ continued from previous page to help us clear the room.

Al came back exasperated. "I didn't have time to look through any of the bags you threw away. The garbage truck was there waiting." "Perfect."

I turned to Lisa and laughed. I usually have to throw away things several times before they finally leave the property. Sometimes, I just wait until my Sweet Al goes out of town so he doesn't "reclaim" things. I've learned not to explain that what's in the bag is broken or doesn't work. That is usually a green light for my Sweet Al to take something out of the trash and put it in his garage so he can "fix it" later.

I'm sure Lisa wondered how we remained married all these years. More over, I'm sure she wondered if her work was going to be in vain.

Everything that was left in the kitchen was put into see-through containers and labeled. Nothing was wedged, stuffed or folded into place. Anything not in a container had its own place with room around it so it could be seen.

My kitchen was in perfect order, masterfully organized. But this process wasn't without its hazards. I had an awakening of sorts. Over time, you place things where you think they make the most sense. Then someone comes along and questions, "Why is that there?" or "Do you ever use that? Wouldn't

it make more sense if that were moved over by the others?"

The cups were no longer cluttering the top of the microwave. Baking goods were no longer on the bottom shelf, and snacks had their own shelf in the pantry.

Lisa started at 9 a.m., took a 15-minute break for lunch and, by 6 p.m., she had finished. I stood in complete appreciation as she did a final survey of each cabinet and drawer. She moved about taking "after" pictures. Then I heard a loud gasp.

Low and behold, my Sweet Al had put the dog biscuits on the snack shelf and thrown the bag of Doritos back into the big crock by the dining room table. She removed them and handed them to Al. "No, this can't be there. I can't live with that."

Al looked bewildered holding the dog biscuits in one hand and a bag of Doritos in the other. I was ecstatic. I finally had someone on my side.

Making order out of chaos is an art. An organizer who arranges cabinets is no different from a painter who paints a masterpiece. To the artist who organizes, the dog biscuits on the snack shelf was a ruined composition.

For my Sweet Al, the dog biscuits sat on that shelf long before it was a "snack shelf." That's where they always were. Why would he do anything different?

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Early the next morning, Al woke me up and said, "This might be a silly question, but where's the coffee pot?"

I said, "Lisa put it in the garage." My Sweet Al went to the garage and looked around. He came in and said, "It's not there."

I had to explain, "Not in the garage, but the roll top cabinet in the kitchen we call the garage."

Final brushstroke: I can understand why it is easier to remain in the comfort of the mess. It takes effort to learn new habits. The cupboard/garage where we used to keep our snacks is now a coffee bar. The snacks are in the pantry, and the peanut butter is in its place in the cabinet, where it belongs. As for Sweet Al, he's still rattling around looking for the peanut butter. And when he finds it, it will probably be back on the dining room table. I'll learn to be OK with that provided the dog biscuits don't show back up on the snack shelf.

### Readers' comments

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Paul told the elders from Ephesus that bonds and affliction awaited him. He told them men like savage wolves and men from among themselves speaking perverse things were coming to the church of God at Ephesus which they were to oversee and shepherd as elders. Life was going to be tough. What were they to do? Seek God and the word of His grace. It would build them up and carry them home to heaven.

Through centuries countless men and women, young and old, have turned to God and His word to be built up. Passages such as Psalms 23, Matthew 11:28-30, John 14:27 and 16:30, and Romans 8:28 are just a few that that were and still are used by many people to help them remain steadfast.

Seek God and the word of His grace. It will build you up and lead you home. Contact us if we may share more with you. *Dorman Diller, minister*



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# Mindfulness meditation invite from Pagosa Community of New Thought

By Janie Garms  
Special to The PREVIEW

Please join us this coming Sunday, Feb. 25, at 9:30 a.m. as we become quiet, soft, still and only present.

Enjoy your Sunday morning with a sense of calmness and clarity. Heaven is within us and we experience it to the degree we are conscious of it.

Joy Granesko will be sharing from Don Miguel's book, "Wisdom from The Four Agreements," as attendees drift in an out of "not doing it right" during meditation.

"For the record, we always do it right," according to Granesko.

Please join us in a very relaxed circle setting and learn to bring the focus back to you, a beautiful child of God.

Granesko has hosted many such meetings over the past 13 years with positive results as people release into meditation, emerging refreshed and relaxed.

Granesko's rules: Be casual. Be comfy. Be safe. Be on time; 9:30 a.m. Be present. Be.

Granesko will be hosting the last Sunday of each month: March 25, April 25 and May 27. Please note that all of these meetings will start promptly at 9:30 a.m., which is a deviation from our usual meeting time of 10 a.m.

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# Proud or humble?

By Jeff Smith  
Special to The PREVIEW

The kind of person we are is more important than what we know, say or do.

The proverbs of the Bible are part of God's "wisdom" scriptures. Here God offers His advice, rather than giving commands. These writings from Solomon differ from other later philosophies, philosophy being "the love of wisdom." They address matters of the soul as well as the mind.

This is my morning verse: "When pride comes, there comes shame, but wisdom is with the quiet (or lowly or humble) in spirit." — Proverbs 11:2 (BBE).

Pride can "come." We do not start out that way, but we can end up that way. We "become" self-centered, and easy to offend. We need to have our name in the forefront even at

## A Matter of Faith

the expense of others and have selfish motives to hide. And despite any skill or advanced learning, we still end up ashamed in the end.

The "lowly" or "humble" person has nothing to hide. They may enjoy the spotlight, but they don't need it because their soul is at rest. C. S. Lewis once described being humble as a person who is happy when praised by others, but also happy when others receive praise. So, the humble have more insight into problems because they have no ego to bruise, no hidden agenda to cover up.

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# World Day of Prayer set for March 2

By **Debbie Mackey**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer on March 2.

This year, the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname call us to worship considering the words: "All God's Creation is Very Good!" With these words as backdrop, we are invited to learn about Suriname's history and rich cultural diversity.

The women of Suriname share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions and experiences of God's profound love and acceptance. The focus is on Genesis 1, the story of creation. The Bible study and worship service invite us

to explore issues of climate change, natural disasters, pollution, and human abuse of the environment — all affecting God's good creation and God's people.

This year's service will be held on March 2 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Majestic Road. Babysitting is provided; if needed, please call Robin Ball at 264-5508.

Invite your friends, family and communities of faith to join the women of Suriname in prayer and song to support ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace, healing and wholeness.

The annual offering supports the work of World Day of Prayer USA and helps meet the needs of families in Suriname and around the world who are victims of many

forms of poverty, violence and injustice.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March.

World Day of Prayer was founded on the idea that prayer and action are inseparable in the service of God's kingdom. Services begin at sunrise in the Pacific and follows the sun across the globe on the day of celebration. Each year, a different country's committee serves as the writers of the World Day of Prayer worship service.

For more information, contact Ball at 264-5507 or the national office, World Day of Prayer USA, [www.wdp-usa.org](http://www.wdp-usa.org).

# Tax help for seniors set for Saturday

By **Cheryl Wilkinson**  
PREVIEW Columnist

The VITA tax volunteers will be back in Pagosa Springs this Saturday, 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 March 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.

## Faith

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There is a larger issue here. In a way, Solomon argues against the need for an elite of the learned. That is, the need for a group of people who know more than we do, to decide things for us less-informed folks. This verse argues it is the soul of the person, the degree of character, not the mind, that is central. The Christian belief in salvation by faith supports this idea because it means the kind of person can be changed by a power open to all. This occurs without re-



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: Structural changes in aging

By Kay Kaylor  
As the long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life. Continuing the aging process be-

gard to wealth, background, status or learning. So anyone can become someone worthy of being listened to. Those who enjoy a certain advantage over us may fear that idea.

Learning is good. It requires work. We know that. The kind of person we are, though, rather than what we know or say, is the greater asset when the problems are many and the answers few. Scripture is oxygen for the souls of those who have not had the open doors to learn that others have had.

We may even be the better for it.



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Thinner skin may lead to more bruising and cuts. Residents may become more sensitive to temperature changes, which is helped by controls in their rooms. Aging spots are simple changes in pigmentation, but spots should be observed for sudden changes in appearance. These should be reported to doctors.

For further information, you may call me at 403-2164 or send an email to [ombudsman2@sjbaaa.org](mailto: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. 22 — Tahitian chicken, brown rice pilaf, broccoli with red peppers, snap pea medley, salad bar and nut cup with cranberries.

Friday, Feb. 23 — Barbecue pulled pork on whole-wheat hamburger bun, coleslaw, baked beans and salad bar.

Monday, Feb. 26 — Grilled chicken with pistachio pesto linguine, spinach and tomatoes,

steamed zucchini, salad bar and lemon dessert.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 — Beef pot roast, gravy, whole-wheat roll and salad bar.

Wednesday, Feb. 28 — Moroccan fish with wild rice pilaf, baked sweet potatoes, spinach and salad bar.

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

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always attend. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days.

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# PAGOSA SCENE . . .

## CELEBRATING DR. SEUSS

Photos courtesy Seeds of Learning

Scene ... celebrating Dr. Seuss at Seeds of Learning. The youngsters at Seeds spent a week celebrating the author's birthday, complete with themed games, face painting and more. Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2, has been adopted as the annual date for Read Across America Day.



# Seeds of Learning celebrates Dr. Seuss

By Terri Hardeman  
Special to The PREVIEW

A favorite family event at Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center is the birthday celebration of Dr. Seuss.

Theodor “Ted” Seuss Geisel was born in 1904 and wrote under the pen name Dr. Seuss throughout the 20th century. Dr. Seuss is the ninth best-selling fiction author of all time. His work includes many familiar titles: “One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish,” “The Cat in the Hat,” “Green Eggs and Ham,” “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”

and “Horton Hears a Who.”

Children in the age group served by Seeds of Learning are traditionally great fans of Dr. Seuss’ work. For the past week, the teachers at Seeds have helped to celebrate the author’s birthday by reading books by Dr. Seuss. At last Thursday’s event, children and their families engaged in activities highlighting Dr. Seuss’ characters in his famous books. They played the Lorax bean bag toss in the Bumblebee classroom and made Thing 1 and Thing 2 stick characters in the Dragonfly classroom.

In the Ladybug classroom, chil-

dren played “Pin the Hat on the Cat.” They also had a Thing 1 and Thing 2 sack race. In the Butterfly classroom, everyone had fun playing Dr. Seuss bingo. Before leaving the party, children had their faces painted in the theme of the day.

Miss Robyn, teacher in the Bumblebee class, reported that the week was “full of creativity and reading. The preschoolers really

learned about rhyming!”

Dr. Seuss’ birthday, March 2, has been adopted as the annual date for Read Across America Day. Sponsored by the National Education Association, Read Across America is a reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading. It is a reminder to parents of the importance of

reading to and with their children.

Seeds of Learning is a nonprofit, NAEYC-accredited early care and preschool education center serving children aged 2 1/2 through 5 in Pagosa Springs. If you are interested in learning more about the center or how you can contribute to the success of its young children, please call 264-5513 for more information and a tour of the center.

## Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week’s Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the American wigeon. The American wigeon is a fairly common dabbling duck species for Pagosa Springs, presenting in both deep and shallow water bodies. Oftentimes, you’ll see them hanging out with either ring-necked ducks or American coots. It’s a strategic relationship, as these other birds are avid divers and stir up vegetative matter that wigeons can then easily locate and feed on close to the surface without too much work.

Another common name for the American wigeon is “baldpate.” Rightfully named, the male wigeon have a distinctive white stripe that runs from the base of their bill clear up and over their head. When seen from a distance in the right light, this white forehead is a dead giveaway. Set alongside the striking and substantial iridescent green eyestripe, these drakes are handsome, especially in breeding plumage. Males and females don a short, pale-blue bill complete with a black nail tip. Both sexes have tawny breast feathers and a solid white patch can be seen near the base of the tail feathers on males. Females have substantial mottling in their wing feathers and a noticeable dark smudge around their eyes. Keep an eye out for this gregarious duck species and lend an ear to the male whistles and female grunts that give them away when nearing an open body of water.



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# The people behind the names: Dr. Mary Fisher

This is the third and final column about Dr. Mary Winter Fisher. This week we pick up on Fisher as she moves into Pagosa Springs and begins her medical practice here.

Fisher moved to Pagosa Springs in 1895 and began her practice immediately. She soon formed a partnership with Philemon J. Fisher in a drug store under the firm name of Winter & Fisher. In 1902, the two became marriage partners and remained married for the rest of her life.

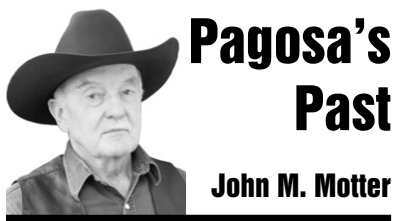
In those days, doctors made house calls. For 33 years, Fisher made house calls as she conscientiously met the health needs of her chosen home and profession. She also served the community in other ways, such as community health doctor, coroner and registrar of vital statistics. It was said that except for two minor trips, she never took a vacation.

Her obituary in The Pagosa Springs SUN in 1928 contained an extremely moving description of what her life meant to the community. It began:

“Seldom has a pall of Gloom settled over a community as occurred Wednesday in Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County when the word was passed around that Dr. Mary Winter Fisher, undoubtedly the most beloved woman in the entire county, had died shortly after the noon hour.

“Though she had been ill at her home for about two months, necessitating the suspension of her extensive practice and closing of her office, the seriousness of her condition was known to none but herself. The past week, realizing that her time on earth was a matter of hours, she revealed to her husband and a few intimate friends that for the past three years, she had been suffering from a cancer of the breast, which for the past 18 months had been active and malignant during the past two months.”

After skipping a paragraph, we continue with her obituary. “Her death was on everyone’s lips Wednesday, little groups of men and women quietly and sorrowfully discussing the great loss of their loved one. It was as though



## Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

**Dr. Mary Winter Fisher passed away on Memorial Day of 1928. The writer of her obituary paraphrased Shakespeare by saying, “This was a woman!”**

each had lost a member of his or her family — an irreparable loss in the full meaning of the term. And how fitting that her noble spirit should leave us on Memorial Day, though every future day will always be a day of memory for Dr. Mary! However, May 30th henceforth shall mean far more in the hearts of our citizens.

“Funeral services were held at 2:00 o’clock this afternoon at the M.E. Church, Rev. G.S. Hatcher, former pastor here and neighbor of the deceased for many years, conducting the service. The flag has been flown at half-mast throughout the day, and all business houses and all activity ceased during the last sad rites. The profusion of flowers has never before been seen in Pagosa Springs. It was the largest funeral ever held in Archuleta County. Hundreds sought admission to the church and in the automobile cortege that wended its way to Hilltop Cemetery — to her final resting place.”

# The sandhill cranes have arrived in the San Luis Valley

By Ruthanne Johnson  
Special to The SUN

The sandhill cranes have officially arrived in the San Luis Valley. Early Feb. 10, birder Ray Esparza snapped a photo of 10 sandhill cranes silhouetted against a sunflower-yellow and blue sky in the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge. Later that day, Monte Vista

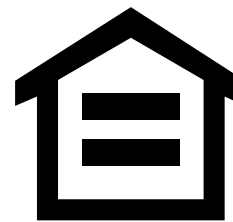
resident Laura Conchelos heard cranes bugling above her house.

By the second week of March, some 20,000 sandhill cranes will have congregated in the valley, with a majority of them around the wildlife refuge. It will be just in time for the 35th Monte Vista Crane Festival, which is slated for the weekend of March 9-11.

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Her obituary concluded with the following paragraph: “A nobler character never lived in this section, and to say her passing leaves a void that can never be filled is expressing it altogether too mildly. She was the idol of all, and her life will ever be an inspiration to her countless friends. To paraphrase Shakespeare, we can only say; ‘Her life was gentle; and the elements so mixed in her, that nature might stand up and say to all the world, this was a woman!’”

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ANSWER:

# Books, DVDs and magazines join local Meals on Wheels delivery system

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Your library has begun a remarkable new partnership with Archuleta Seniors Inc., the nonprofit organization that runs the Pagosa Springs Senior Center and oversees the Meals on Wheels routes for delivery both in town and out of town.

As meals go out to homebound clients, they now will be accompanied by a special library bag containing books, audio books, DVDs and magazines especially selected to match each person's individual tastes. The personalized selection is based on a questionnaire they completed and a visit from Meg Wempe, library director, who went out to meet Meals on Wheels clients, answer questions and ask what they'd like from the library.

Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver and return the library materials to the Senior Center as they transport the food to their clients.

"Though this special partnership is in its infancy, we are excited about our new opportunity to reach more people who are unable to come to the library on their own," Wempe said. "We will use this new program to figure out potential kinks before possibly expanding it to other groups in town that visit homebound people."

## Budget shopping for healthy eating today

Professionals from San Juan Basin Public Health will host a free workshop today, Thursday, Feb. 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. with tips on how to shop so you can stay healthy on a budget.

## Cranes

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The sandhill crane migration through the valley is a wildlife ritual that has been occurring for thousands of years, perhaps even longer. A 3,000-year-old petroglyph discovered on the valley's west side depicts what appears to be a crane. In Florida, a 2.5 million-year-old sandhill crane fossil was discovered. And in Nebraska, a 10 million-year-old fossil of a closely related crane species was unearthed.

The crane festival originated to celebrate whooping cranes in the valley, thanks to a government program aimed at reviving the species dwindling population.

But, these days, sandhill cranes are the well-deserved stars of the show. They flock by the thousands into the valley, amassing in fields and wetlands, wowing onlookers with their graceful courtship



## Teen role-playing today

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place today, Thursday, 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.

## All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family.

## Teen book club tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 3 p.m. at their teen book club, seventh- through 12th-graders will discuss "Riverkeep" by Martin Stewart and enjoy free snacks. Stop by the library to pick up a copy.

## Literary Ladies tomorrow

This free book-lovers' group — formerly the Senior Book Club — meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 23, they will discuss "The Residence" by Kate Anderson Brower. Stop by the library to pick up a copy.

For more information, contact Marilyn Stroud at Bakestroud@aol.

com. No registration is required.

## LEGO Club

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — this Saturday, Feb. 24, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

## Otaku for teens

The Otaku (Anime/Manga) Club meets on Monday, Feb. 26 from 4 to 5 p.m. Join us to watch anime, talk about manga and Asian cultures, and enjoy snacks. This free club is for teens in the fifth through 12th grades.

## Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens on Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the seventh through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

## Henna body art

Back by popular demand, teens and tweens in the fifth through 12th grades are invited to a henna body art event next Wednesday,

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Feb. 28, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. You'll learn about this traditional art form and create your own temporary henna tattoo. We'll have design ideas available, and you're encouraged to design your own.

## DIY for adults

At this month's free DIY event next Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 1 to 2 p.m., we'll make homemade dish detergent that is easy and inexpensive to create using safe, nontoxic ingredients and essential oils. No registration is required.

## Spanish conversation

Next Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 4 to 5 p.m., practice your Spanish with other Spanish-language learners and speakers at this free informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. No registration is required.

## Computer/technology classes

Join us on Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. to learn a technology skill or application. Today, 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.

## Free tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

## Adult education

Our PALS program — Pagosa Adult Learning Services — takes

place three days a week: Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help with high school equivalency, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

## 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

"At Peace" by Dr. Samuel Harrington is a guide to end-of-life care for older patients and their health caregivers. "Adventures in Veggieland" by Melanie Potock provides 100 activities and recipes to help your kids learn to love vegetables. "The Less is More Garden" by Susan Morrison is a guide to designing your small yard. "Boundaries" by Kathy Lee shows

how to draw the line between you and your boss for a safe work environment. "DUI and You and Me" by Mark William Lashley helps you understand the major dangers and consequences of drunk driving.

## Other nonfiction

"Star Wars Empire: A Memoir" by Bill Kimberlin is an insider's story of many popular movies like "Jurassic Park," "Star Trek," "Shindler's List" and "Forest Gump." "Everything Happens for a Reason" by Kate Bowler is a memoir of a Duke Divinity School professor with stage IV colon cancer. "I Am, I Am, I Am" by Maggie O'Farrell is a memoir about the near-death experiences the author has experienced. "The Source" by Martin Doyle is an environmental history of America's 250,000 rivers. "Spiritual Wingman" by Richard W. Haines III is a faith-fueled autobiography of a fighter pilot.

## CDs

"Operator Down" by Brad Taylor is a Pike Logan thriller. "Fall from Grace" by Danielle Steel follows the comeback of a woman who loses everything after her husband dies. "Death at Nuremberg" by W.E.B. Griffin and William E. Butterworth IV features James Cronley Jr. in the latest Clandestine Operations series book. "The Bomb Maker" by Thomas Perry follows a horrific bomber in Los Angeles. "Blood Fury" by J.A.R. Ward is a Black Dagger Legacy vampire story. "Alt-American" by David Neiwert explores the rise of the radical right in the age of Trump.

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“Force of Nature” by Jane Harper focuses on a missing hiker. “The Deceivers” by Alex Berenson is a John Wells thriller. “A Death in Live Oak” by James Grippando is a Jack Swyteck suspense story. “Murder Beyond the Grave” by James Patterson contains two two-crime thrillers. “Look for Me” by Lisa Gardner is a Sgt. Detective D.D. Warren thriller. “Kremlin’s Candidate” by Jason Matthews is the finale to the Red Sparrow trilogy. “Night Moves” by Jonathan Kellerman is an Alex Delaware psychological thriller.

## Other novels

“Forever My Girl” by Heidi McLaughlin is book one of the Beaumont series and the book on which the movie was based. “The Great Alone” by Kristin Hannah follows a family that moves to a remote area of Alaska to live off the grid. “Child of a Mad God” by R.A. Salvatore is a Tale of the Coven fantasy. “Only Killers and Thieves” by Paul Howarth is a story of revenge and survival in 1880’s Australia. “The Masterpiece” by Francine Rivers tells of a successful L.A. artist wrestling with demons. “Only Child” by Rhiannon Navin follows

a child trying to help adults recover after a school shooting. “White Houses” in Amy Bloom is a novel about the relationship between Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hicks.

## Programmed Nooks

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## Thursday, Feb. 22

**Healthy Eating.** 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Professionals from San Juan Basin Public Health will discuss the benefits and challenges of eating healthy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Duplicate Bridge.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Hand and Foot.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Computer Basics: IndieFlix.** 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 IndieFlix 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.

**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.

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and the activities that accompany them. The event offers the newcomers refreshments, entertainment and information about the history, amenities, and character of the place. The regular host is unavailable, and suitable replacements are impossible to muster. As a result, a last-minute host is recruited, and the question becomes: How many of the new arrivals will sell their "dream home" and move back to ...?

**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 roads are unsafe, we will cancel the meeting and postpone the program. For more information, call 731-0186.

## 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.

**Hand and Foot.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**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

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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., Commu-

nity 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 Univer-

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**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.

**Empty Bowls.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary

School. For \$10, event-goers receive a handmade pottery bowl that they can fill with soups, chilis and stews. The bowl is kept as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the community. Proceeds benefit local food banks.

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their "dream home" and move back to ...?

**Sunday, Feb. 25**

**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Welcome to Siberia— Now Go Home.'** 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The story goes: The Chamber of Commerce in a small, Colorado mountain town hosts a biannual get-together for new arrivals to what has become a thriving retirement and second-home community — a town without industry, but suddenly flourishing due to its new arrivals, and the activities that accompany them. The event offers the newcomers refreshments, entertainment and information about the history, amenities, and character of the place. The regular host is unavailable, and suitable replacements are impossible to muster. As a result, a last-minute host is recruited, and the question becomes: How many of the new arrivals will sell

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors

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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.

**Pi Beta Phi.** 8:30-10 a.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. The sorority's annual Day of Service. Contact Lisa Scott at 749-4268 or sranch@centurytel.net to let her know if you can come.

**Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network.** 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

**Medicare Mondays.** 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

**Qigong.** 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

**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.

**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.

**Bridge for Fun.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Bingo.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Otaku.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 5th-12th grade. If you are into anime or manga, this class is for you. Come and watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga.

**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

## Tuesday, Feb. 27

**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.

**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.

**WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs).** 11:30 a.m., The Lost Cajun. Lunch is \$12. Everyone welcome. To RSVP, call 946-1895.

**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.

**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 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. 28

**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.

**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.

**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

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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.

**Free Blood Pressure Checks.** 10:30 a.m., Senior Center.

**Hand and Foot.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Do-It-Yourself: Dish Detergent.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Homemade dish soap is easy and inexpensive to make using safe, nontoxic ingredients and essential oils. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club.** 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

**Spanish Conversation.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. This information meet-up allows you to increase fluency by speaking with other Spanish language learners and

speakers. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

**Henna Art.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 5th-12th grade. Come join us for henna body art. Learn about this traditional art form and design your own temporary henna tattoo. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**Beginning Square Dance.** 6-7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. 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, March 1**

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.

**Duplicate Bridge.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Hand and Foot.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Computer Basics: Internet Searching.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Find information you need from websites you can trust. This class will discuss tips on how to effectively use the Internet. Call 264-2209 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.

**Teen Advisory Board.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Adult Education.** 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency

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**Precinct 2.... United Methodist Church, Community Room, 434 Lewis St.**

**Precinct 3.... CSU Extension Bldg., Hwy 84**

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**Precinct 6.... Crossroads Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave.**

**Precinct 7.... Restoration Fellowship, 264 Village Dr.**

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# Checkoff Colorado: Contributing to causes through tax returns

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

It's tax season. Taxes are due on April 17 this year.

The normal date of April 15 falls on a Sunday, but since Emancipation day is April 16 and a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and is observed on that Monday, that pushes the nation's filing deadline to April 17. Under the tax law, legal holidays in the District of Columbia affect the filing deadline across the nation, so you get one more day to file your taxes.

Checkoff Colorado is a state-wide, grassroots public awareness campaign focused on educating taxpayers and tax preparers about

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check-off giving — a program that allows taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to their favorite charitable organizations when they file their state income tax return.

In 1977, Colorado became the first state in the country to allow a taxpayer to "check-off" a voluntary contribution to a state program. Now almost every state in the country has a checkoff program. ■ See Viewpoints on next page

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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 ACECmanager@gmail.com for more information.

**San Juan Outdoor Club.** 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Susan Dussell, a long-time active member of the San Juan Outdoor Club and an inveterate traveler, will speak on "Travels to Chile and Argentina: Highlights of Mysterious Easter Island, Beautiful Patagonia and Thundering Iguazu Falls." Light refreshments start at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome. For more information, visit [www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org](http://www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org).

### Friday, March 2

**World Day of Prayer.** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Invite your friends, family and communities of faith to join the women of Suriname in prayer and song to support ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace, healing and wholeness. Contact Robin Ball at 264-5508 for more information.

**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.-1:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. For more information,

contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or [sranich@centurytel.net](mailto:sranich@centurytel.net).

**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.

**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.

**Pagosa Springs Girls Choir Presents: Fifth Annual 'Over the Rainbow: Making Dreams Come True for Young Girls in Pagosa Springs.'** 5-9 p.m., Community Center. This memorable evening includes a silent auction, dinner, dessert and music to dance to by the San Juan Mountain Boys. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be purchased at The Buck Stops Here, Goodman's Department Store or from any member of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir. For more information, call Linda Parker at 264-1434 or email to [singpagosa@gmail.com](mailto:singpagosa@gmail.com).

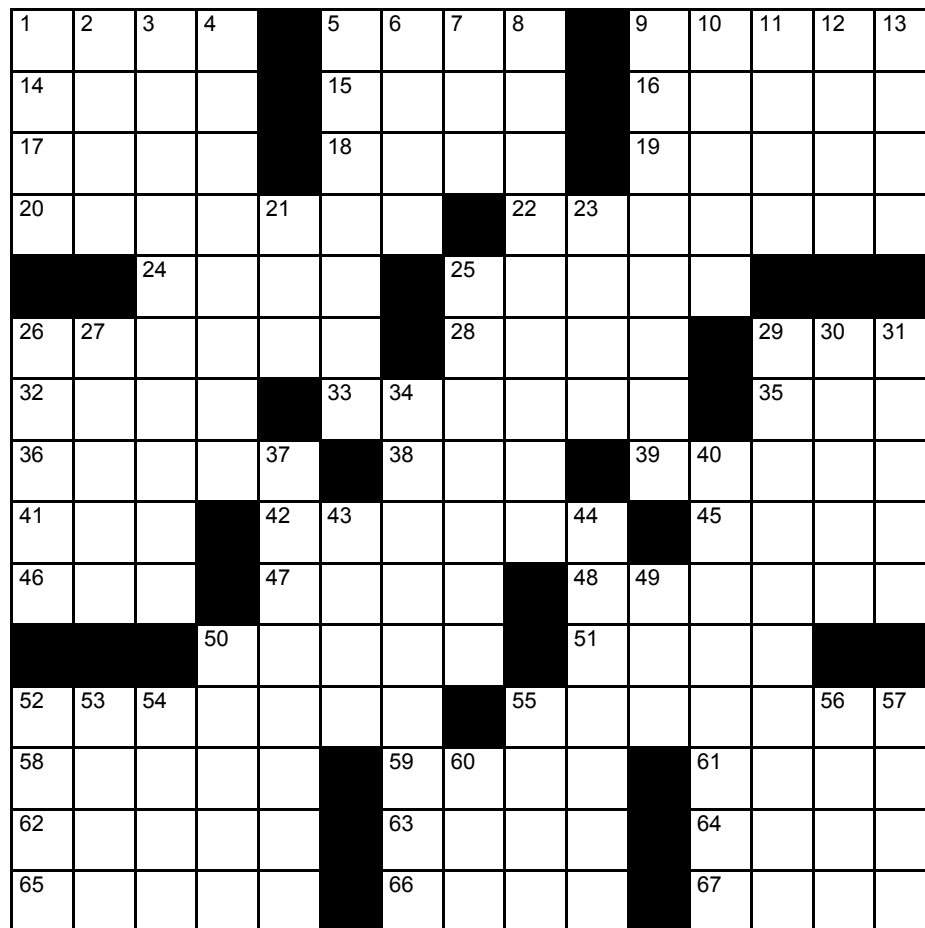
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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 At that time
- 5 Hitching place
- 9 Musical triad
- 14 Gad about
- 15 Brainchild
- 16 Drive in Beverly Hills
- 17 Nile bird
- 18 Horse coloring
- 19 Pond denizen
- 20 When the troops go home
- 22 How some things are overstated
- 24 Reunion group
- 25 Beauty's admirer
- 26 Seasonal vehicle?
- 28 As a result
- 29 "\_\_\_ showtime!"
- 32 Toe woe
- 33 Hopper, e.g.
- 35 Barely beat
- 36 Grammar topic
- 38 A billion years
- 39 Fluid build-up
- 41 Vegas action
- 42 Like Batman and Robin
- 45 \_\_\_ and anon
- 46 You-here link
- 47 Part of a pot
- 48 Terrence Howard series
- 50 Squirrel's snack
- 51 Castle enclosure
- 52 Simple wind instrument
- 55 Take back
- 58 Coffeehouse draw
- 59 Isabel Allende's "\_\_\_ of My Soul"
- 61 Alpine lift
- 62 Article of faith
- 63 Indian bread
- 64 End of a threat
- 65 Stockholm native
- 66 Hunt and peck, e.g.



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67 Flood block

31 Flat replacement

49 Bon \_\_\_ (witty remark)

### DOWN

- 1 Excursion
- 2 Bindle bearer
- 3 Deprive of vital parts
- 4 Baby bird
- 5 Feared fish
- 6 Olfactory assault
- 7 Sargasso, e.g.
- 8 Mandarin variety
- 9 Wood preservative
- 10 Raise
- 11 4:1, e.g.
- 12 Not walk straight
- 13 Ellen role in two Pixar films
- 21 Tail movement
- 23 \_\_\_ to riches
- 25 Indicate
- 26 Reef explorer's gear
- 27 Dweeb
- 29 Certainly
- 30 Microwave feature

34 Seat belt, e.g.

37 Underfeed, perhaps

40 2006 DiCaprio film, with "The"

43 In a while

44 Lands of an estate

50 Packing heat

52 Quaker \_\_\_

53 Type of sock

54 Best of the best

55 Cut the crop

56 Wine holder

57 Leaves home?

60 Vote against

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:



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In 2003, the funds that were part of the Colorado checkoff program decided to band together to make a bigger impact. Colorado was the first state to have a collaborative campaign like this.

The goals of the Checkoff Colorado program are simple: to increase the number of taxpayers making donations and to boost the total amount that taxpayers contribute each year.

Since the tax checkoff program was established in 1977, well over \$45 million has been donated for the 31 organizations that have appeared on Colorado's income tax form since the program's inception. Nearly \$1.8 million was raised in 2017 alone. The average checkoff donation is \$10. The typical taxpayer gives to three funds.

This year, 11 funds are participating in Checkoff Colorado, the collaborative public awareness campaign. I want to highlight three funds that are relevant to Extension.

**Healthy landscapes.** The health and beauty of our landscapes defines our lifestyles as Coloradans. The Healthy Landscapes Initiative promotes sustainable management and healthy relationships with our lakes, rivers, peaks and high deserts. Stewardship efforts support education, wildlife habitats, agricultural diversity, research and invasive species management.

**Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund.** This fund grants money to on-the-ground projects that contribute to cleaner water, healthier wildlife habitat and improved recreation throughout our State. The Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund has granted funding for more than 80 projects statewide.

**Unwanted Horse Fund.** It can be difficult to imagine why horses would be abandoned, left to fend for themselves along roadsides, in barren fields and in desolate areas. Yet, horse abandonment happens every day. Because of this, the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance works in collaboration with equine organizations, horse rescues, veterinarians and state agencies to raise awareness about unwanted horses and the importance of responsible horse ownership. They promote research to better understand the scope of the unwanted horse problem, and we provide financial support to organizations to help them feed, shelter, care for, and train abandoned horses and improve their chances of being adopted.

Other participants in this program are:

- Colorado Nongame Conservation and Wildlife Restoration Cash Fund.
- Homeless Prevention Activities Program Fund.
- Pet Overpopulation Fund.
- Military Family Relief Fund.

- Habitat for Humanity of Colorado Fund.

- Special Olympics of Colorado Fund.

- Colorado Cancer Fund.

- Urban Peak and Support Services for Youth Experiencing Homelessness Fund.

Each of the nonprofit organizations that are eligible for checkoff contributions undergoes a rigorous review by the Colorado Legislature in order to even be considered to be on the tax form.

Donations can be made to any of the organizations listed on the 2017 Colorado tax return and typically come from a taxpayer's refund. However, a donation can still be made if money is owed on your taxes. Donations are collected by the Colorado Department of Revenue and then distributed to each fund. Funds use the donations to help communities all across the state.

The great part about Checkoff Colorado is that every single dollar donated goes to the nonprofit and every single dollar stays in Colorado.

### Fire mitigation deduction, wildfire presentation

Did you know that if you did fire mitigation work on your property, you can qualify for a tax deduction?

If you are a full-time resident or received income from sources in Colorado that require you to file a state income tax form, you can enter 50 percent of your 2013 expenses for mitigation on your form 104. The maximum amount you can claim is \$2,500. You must own the property that was mitigated and submit receipts for any expenses or contracted work. You can submit receipts using Revenue Online or by attaching them to your paper return.

For more information, read publication "FYI Income 65" available at [www.taxcolorado.com](http://www.taxcolorado.com).

If you are interested in cost-share programs for fire mitigation, please contact Bill Trimarco at [archuletafirewise@gmail.com](mailto:archuletafirewise@gmail.com).

There will be a presentation on March 20 on the Science of Smoke from Wildfires at the Extension office at 6 p.m. It is free and is hosted by the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Firewise and the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension office.

### CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are now being offered monthly by the 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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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** are soliciting the participation of persons interested in serving on a facilities review and advocacy committee. The initial charge of the group will be to familiarize themselves with the current Sheriff/ Detention plans, funding program, and ballot language to promote, market and endorse the development of the project. Additionally, the group will be asked to offer an opinion on the present plan as it relates to their view of its success at the ballot. Upon delivery of their findings, this group will ultimately become the primary advocacy group supporting, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, a ballot question for new facilities to be put before the voters in 2018. Please submit letter of interest electronically to [fgoheen@archuletacounty.org](mailto:fgoheen@archuletacounty.org) or in person at 398 Lewis St.

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**A.A. PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES GROUP** meets at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Tuesday 7p.m. Big Book Study (closed); Thursday 7p.m. Discussion (open); Questions (970)245-9649, [www.aa-westerncolorado.org](http://www.aa-westerncolorado.org) or [www.aadistrict18.org](http://www.aadistrict18.org); Ken or Charlotte (970)903-9690.

**TRADITIONAL ALANON GROUP:** Traditional AlAnon Group meets Mondays, 6p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Dr. (325)669-9715.

**AL-ANON** meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Saturday, 10:30a.m., 234 N. 2nd Street (CR200/ Snowball Road). [www.al-anon-co.org](http://www.al-anon-co.org).

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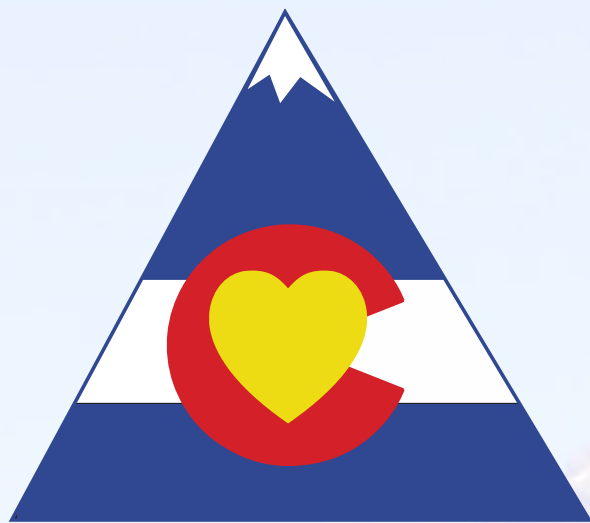
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