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Objection filed in Supreme Court case over courthouse

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Days after Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr filed an original action with the Colorado Supreme Court seeking to have that court mandate that the Sixth Judicial District re-occupy the Archuleta County Courthouse, the Colorado Office of the Attorney General filed a document in response.

Starr filed the original action on behalf of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Feb. 21.

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 "rea-

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Courts request feasibility study on county's offer

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Sixth Judicial District has requested that Archuleta County undertake a feasibility study regarding renovating the existing Archuleta County Courthouse before it further considers a conceptual plan presented by the county in a Jan. 29 meeting in Denver.

The six-page response — penned by Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson and Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Nancy Rice — to the county was delivered to the county late last week via email and earlier this week in person, explained County Administrator Bentley Henderson Tuesday.

The response is also included as an exhibit in an objection filed in a Supreme Court case between the two entities (see related article).

The letter's opening paragraph states in part: "We are pleased that Archuleta is open to engaging in a constructive dialogue regarding the adequacy of the existing courthouse, as well as the consultation required by C.R.S. § 13-3-108(5) for

■ See Study A8

CDOT procession will bring remains of fallen employee home

By Lisa Schwantes and
Tonya Hamilton
Special to The SUN

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) announces that the remains of fallen employee Nolan Olson will be brought home to Pagosa Springs on Friday, March 2.

Olson lost his life on Feb. 11, after suffering critical injuries from a passing vehicle, which struck him on Feb. 2 while he was filling potholes on the highway in Pagosa Springs.

Members of the CDOT executive management team and key regional staff will carry Olson's ashes from Denver to South Fork, via U.S. 285, through the San Luis Valley.



Olson

"We are very honored that the family is allowing us the privilege of carrying Nolan home to his final resting place," said Mike McVaugh, CDOT Region 5 Transportation Director.

It is expected that fellow CDOT employees will pay their respects as the transport vehicle makes its way south across the state. Maintenance patrols will line their vehicles and equipment at various locations and observation points along the route as an opportunity to bid farewell to their fallen co-worker.

A key stopping point along the route will be in Poncha Springs at the Lincoln Area Maintenance Office. The stop will allow Region 5's south-central employees the chance to honor their fallen CDOT brother.

Once Olson's remains arrive in South Fork, a formal procession will take place for the final 42 miles of the journey. Olson's step-daughter, Archuleta County Undersheriff Tonya

Hamilton, and other members of Nolan's family will lead the final leg of the procession from Treasure Falls and into his hometown of Pagosa Springs.

"My family and I have been dumbstruck at the amount of people that want to be involved in bringing Nolan home and honoring him in this way. It's truly been astonishing," said Hamilton. "We haven't been able to find the words to express our gratitude to everyone. As a family, we're humbled by the outpouring of concern and love."

Following immediately behind the sheriff's vehicle will be snowplow No. 4746, the vehicle which was driven by Nolan while serving the public for 14 years on the Pagosa Springs Patrol 7. Also accompanying the memorial motorcade will be local southwest and south-central Colorado CDOT Region 5

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SUN photos/Chris Mannara

The Archuleta School District Board of Education visits Pagosa Springs Elementary School on Tuesday as part of the board's annual tour of the district schools. Board members met with staff and students after enjoying a group breakfast.



County releases draft vacation rental regs

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A standing-room only crowd of offered public comment on short-term rentals to the Archuleta County Planning Commission on Feb. 14.

Many of the more than 50 people in attendance at the public hearing offered pros and cons of allowing short-term rentals — vacation rentals — in unincorporated Archuleta County.

That public comment, as well as regulations from other communities such as Ouray, informed draft regulations that will be the topic of another planning commission public hearing at 6 p.m. on March 14 in the commissioners' meeting room at 398 Lewis St.

Notice of that meeting appears in this week's Public Notices section of The SUN.

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HIMSS Analytics honors Pagosa Springs Medical Center with Stage 7 recognition

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) joined an elite group of hospitals recently after achieving Stage 7 of the Electronic Medical Record Adoption ModelSM (EMRAM) from Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Analytics.

The accomplishment was announced at Tuesday evening's meeting of the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, with that board overseeing PSMC.

Board chair Mark Floyd called the accomplishment "very impressive"

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Generations of awesome Pitchers

We are deeply grateful for the snow that Mother Nature gifted us with during February. For many, many years, Pagosa Country has been dependent upon tourism. And skiers. And Wolf Creek Ski Area. Tourism is our major industry, and without the ski area and generations of the Pitcher family who have operated it for years, this community would not be what it is today. Over the years, the ski area has rightfully been touted in numerous publications around the globe. For example, Forbes Magazine placed Wolf Creek Ski Area in their "Top 10 Ski Resorts in the United States for 2013." The author of the Forbes article, Christopher Steiner, explained that this top 10 list ranks only one thing: awesomeness. "Again, we rank awesomeness and awesomeness only," Steiner wrote. "If you want to find out what ski resort has the best hot chocolate and marshmallow bar, you'll find that list elsewhere. If you want the hard facts on what ski mountain gives you the best possibility of a soul-moving experience on and off the snow, then you need ranking based on our Pure Awesomeness Factor (PAF)." Wolf Creek Ski Area tied for No. 10 on the list with Colorado's Arapahoe Basin. Both ski areas came in with a PAF score of 80. Steiner touted the great powder of Wolf Creek and wrote, "If it had more vertical and steep, (it) would be one of the legendary ski destinations of the world." The article gives credit to Wolf Creek for consistently receiving the best snow in Colorado "by a big margin," as well as for having great green chili, an important staple for any southwest destination. We have come to depend on the popularity of this top-10 ski area for the survival of the tourism industry in Pagosa Springs. What many people don't realize is that the awesomeness factor of Wolf Creek Ski Area extends beyond the ski season and the boundaries of the ski area. Things might be very different today if it hadn't been for the decision of Kingsbury "Pitch" and Jane Pitcher to purchase the unprofitable Wolf Creek Ski Area decades ago and turn it around. Since then, this community has been blessed by generations of the Pitcher family and their countless contributions to our community. In 2009, a public outreach process was implemented to improve the San Juan River through Pagosa Springs. Wolf Creek Ski Area and the Pitcher family donated their expertise, heavy equipment and equipment operators to build whitewater features. Those features provide for challenging whitewater areas for kayakers and tubers. Fishing habitat areas were also completed through a Fishing is Fun grant with generous assistance from the ski area. Since the implementation of the project, fishing, tubing and kayaking have increased through the river corridor. This has added to the number of spectators who also gather along the river to enjoy the fun. The value of the donation by the ski area to improve our San Juan River features adds up to about a half a million dollars. On top of that, it has made countless donations to the community's numerous nonprofit organizations over the years. Generations of the Pitcher family have given unselfishly of themselves for the betterment of Pagosa Country for decades. We are deeply grateful for Wolf Creek Ski Area and the Pitchers. Their awesomeness factor is definitely off the charts.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

Are armed personnel needed for school safety?



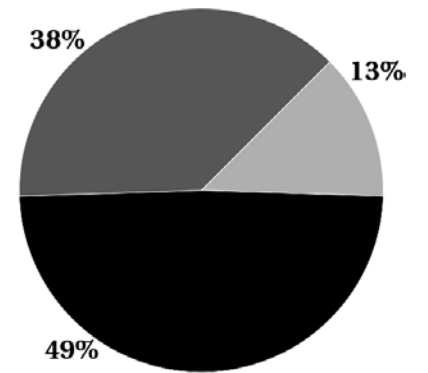
Alyssa Martinez
"No way."



Marie Wright
"No."



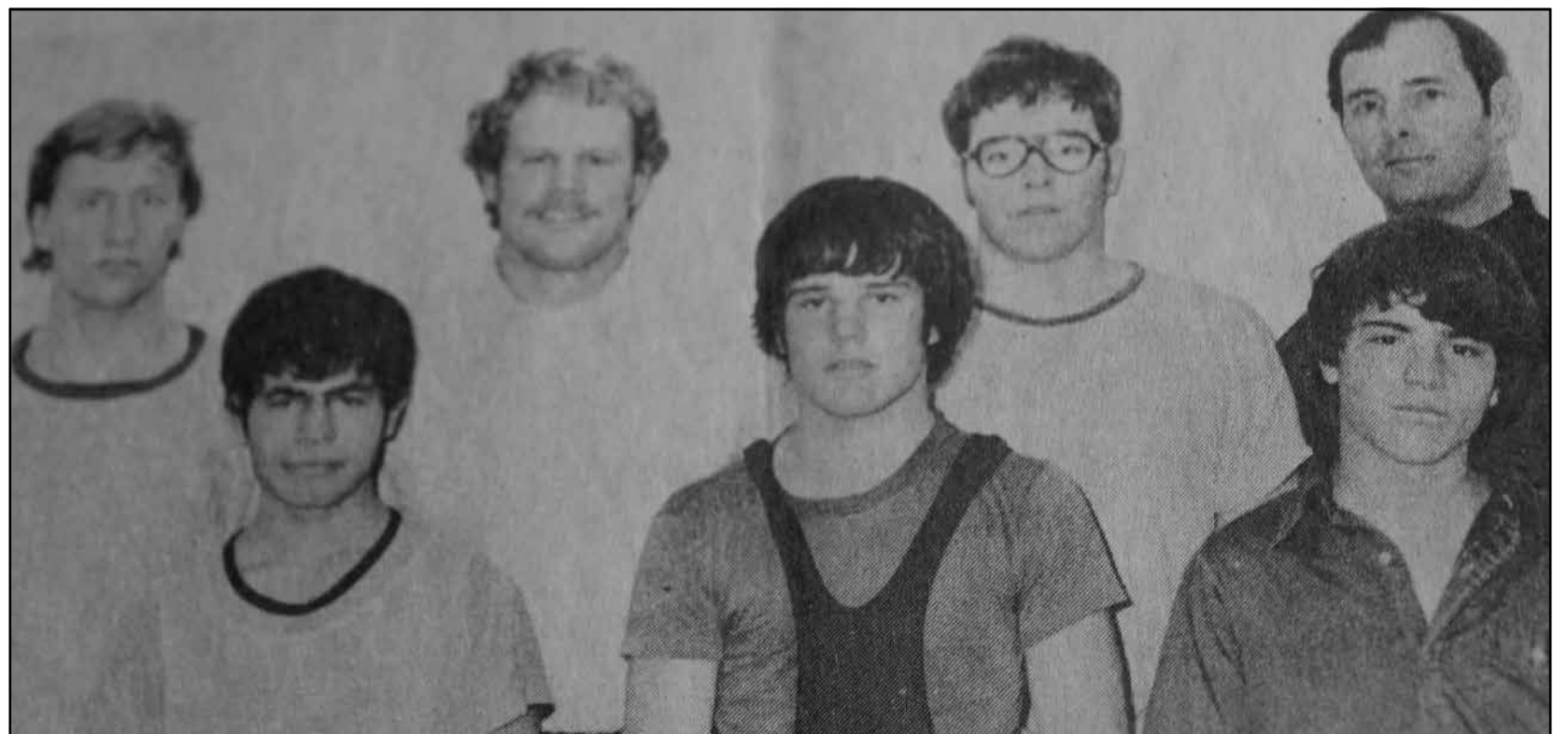
Charlie Rogers
"Yes. The felon does not fear the law. He must learn to fear his victim."



Poll results (575 Votes)
Yes, but only trained law enforcement — 13 percent
Yes, armed and trained employees — 49 percent
No, weapons should be kept out of schools — 38 percent

This week online: What is your favorite winter activity?
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LOOKING BACK



From the Feb. 20, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. PIRATE WRESTLERS — Pagosa Springs High School wrestlers qualifying for the state tournament and coaches are, left to right, back row: Jack Eaklor, Coach Patterson, Scott Baxtrom, and Coach Mitchell. Front row, left to right, Ricky Martinez, Joe Bennett, and Wesley Bennett. The squad wrestled at the state tournament last weekend with Joe Bennett making it to the semifinals in the consolation bracket.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 24, 1928

Commencing March 1st, J.L. Giger, who has been general utility man of the New Light & Power Co for several years, will assume sole charge of the system under a five-year lease from the owner, Grant Shields.

Governor Adams has approved the state highway budget for 1928. The sum of \$100,000 has been appropriated for Road No. 10, west from Wolf Creek pass.

H.D. Ford of the Pagosa Springs Motor company returned home Wednesday from Denver with one of the new Ford Tudor sedans. The new car behaved beautifully enroute, especially when it is considered that he came via Espanola, Park View, Dulce, Lumberton and Chromo — a route heretofore considered impassable.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 5, 1943

Judge J.T. Martinez announced Tuesday that a total of 2465 persons had been registered for Ration Book No. 2. This includes Pagosa Junction with 222, Arboles, 286; Chromo, 168; Dyke, 206; Pagosa Springs, 1583. Of course a few stragglers are yet to be registered.

Car owners who drive to work and do not get enough mileage from their B ration book may now get additional allowances — if they show they cannot get to their jobs any other way.

An intensive 3-month drive to scrap 13,860 "jalopy" automobiles in the Rocky Mountain region to provide enough scrap metals for 415,800 .50-caliber machine guns was announced this week.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 29, 1968

The taxpaying electors of School District 50 approved, by a 208-180 vote the issuance of \$605,000 in bonds for school construction. The election was held Tuesday and there were 390 votes cast.

The Pagosa Pirates took the San Juan Basin A league tournament in Durango last weekend with three straight wins. The Pagosa players put Mancos, Ignacio, and Bayfield down in that order.

This is expected to be the last spring that local residents will have to put up with muddy water during melting and runoff periods. Work is scheduled to commence this spring on the installation and construction of a new water supply system, with filter, and purifying equipment.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 4, 1993

The county commissioners learned Tuesday that they aren't the only ones interested in building additional office spaces and remodeling existing facilities in the County Courthouse. In a February 22 letter to Judge Al Haas, Sixth Judicial District, an official with the Colorado Judicial Department states that the present courtrooms and their associated offices are undersized by 3,340 square feet. Written by James D. Thomas, state court administrator, the letter discussed "a possible second story addition be added to the (new addition) structure." He listed a variety of remodeling changes that needed to be "made prior to the eventual construction of a new addition to the courts facility."

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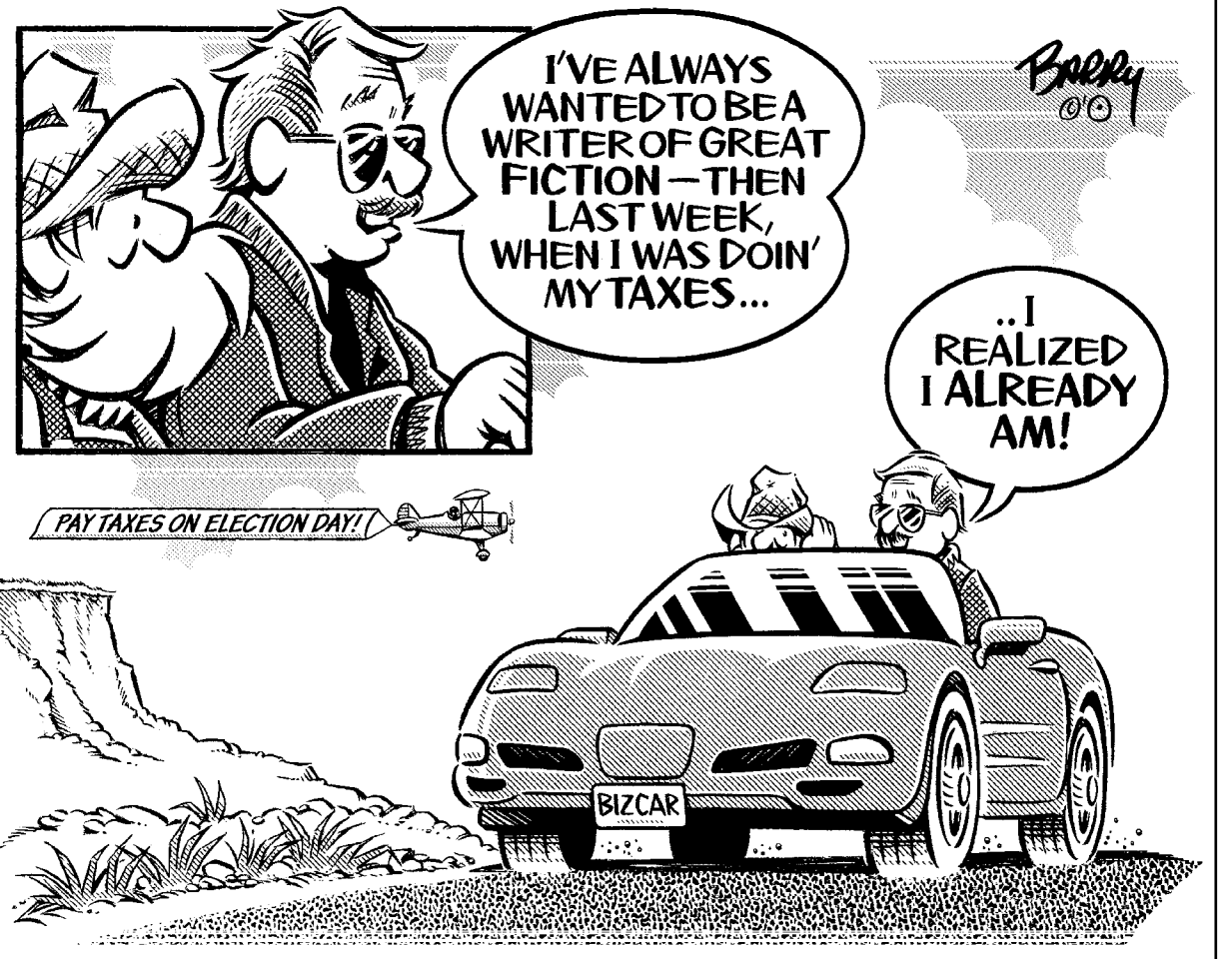
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Letters

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What will you say

Dear Editor:
Loaded AR's were in the closets of many of the homes around the school where 17 lives were just destroyed. There are more guns than citizens in the USA ... so where were they? Yup, "all it takes is a good man with a gun to stop a bad man," there was an armed police officer hiding outside the Florida school for the time shots were being fired. Trump/NRA wants to arm teachers when most police shootings miss

at less than 15'. That will make the kids safer, bullets going in all directions.

The Second Amendment ... have you actually read it ... it's not long but it's referenced by national defense. Obviously it's isn't as simple as some say as SCOTUS has reexamined it more than once. It does not mean the "right" to shoot innocents ... it does mean the right of self defense from real (not fear imagined) personal and national threats. It was drafted to mean the defense of rural citizens from a hostile person/group or our nation from a foreign power when the US would not have a standing army. The vast majority of citizens no longer live on farms/ranches but in crowded cities. Some say that today it's cultural and isn't about guns or anything to do with them but rather it's about your identity (or lack), political tribe and/or religious belief. If so, the Constitutional ambiguity becomes an excuse for the GOP to take blood money and do nothing but send their kisses and prayers.

But what about you, the average citizen, do you have a responsibility to end the immoral senseless gun violence? Your children are acting as adults and defending their own lives. But like Donald said, "whatever" and "arming teachers will solve ... your ... problem." Now let's get to a real problem, what are we going to do about those terrorists immigrating to America.

Speaking of solutions, I don't have the money but a high school student invented an effective metal door jamb that could be inside each classroom ... alarm goes off, every door is locked. Maybe someone else has the funds ... crowd sourcing?

The solution is simple: allow the purchase/ownership of guns after passing a use test, register every gun to a qualified non-felon/nut-job owner, place an age limit on purchase, make any illegal use/ownership of a gun a default multiple year criminal penalty for that owner ... period. Overtime, with some thoughtless careless owners in jail for years the slaughter will diminish ... and you will have done something. The black market will

always exist and has never been the weapon source for school shooters.

Or ... what will you say when it's your child or grandchild?

Dave Blake

Vacation rentals

Dear Editor:
It is our understanding that with the complaints of only a few people, the county/city is looking at making changes to regulations for vacation rentals that could have deeply negative consequences for all of Pagosa Springs.

As out-of-state vacation rental owners, we have taken great care to secure quality help in making sure our home is used properly, that no neighbors are offended, and that we pay all taxes as required by Archuleta County and the state of Colorado. We have introduced Pagosa Springs to many people who had never heard of the town, and they in turn are telling their friends. Owning our vacation rental and making sure it has consistent 5-star ratings by all guests has only served to help the town of Pagosa and its many residents who earn money in the tourism industry. Out-of-state owners bring new business to Pagosa. We are good for the town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.

We have local people who help us manage our home long distance, and we know that guests enjoy the personal touch of communicating with the actual owners, as opposed to a property management company which cannot put heart and soul into a home as we have. Our local people are available at a moment's notice to take care of anything that cannot be handled via phone or email, and they are superb at what they do. Their livelihood depends on the vacation rental industry in Pagosa.

If vacation rentals are relegated to being legal only if a property management company (local representation) is in charge, you will mostly certainly see a demise in the quality of vacation rentals, which in turn will affect the tourism dollar, tax dollars, and the personal lives of so many local people who depend on this business to survive.

In one stroke, the county could wipe out the lovely ambiance of Pagosa Springs because of a few complaints.

Rather than unfairly punishing 500+ owners for the actions of a few irresponsible people, please take the time to make a careful decision that looks well to the future of the town and the county. Vacation rentals are now a part of the fabric of not only America, but much of the world, and Pagosa has a head start over many communities by having such a robust business.

The idea of having a permit fee seems reasonable, and the income generated from that annual fee could easily serve to help oversee which property owners are following pertinent rules. These negligent owners should be fined heavily and repeat offenders should have their permit revoked.

In short, root out the few bad owners that threaten to ruin the marvelous reputation Pagosa Springs has built with the vacation rental industry, and continue to utilize the growing trend in home rentals to further the growth, both economic and otherwise, of this lovely town.

Steve and Pam Burback
Kearney, Mo.

Pay attention

Dear Editor:
Last weeks letter from J. Pickett invited anyone to give even one example of a successful armed citizen uprising; would that not be the one where we broke off from

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England and actually officially began America? His letter also stated "in fact, the Vietnam war and Civil Rights movements were largely nonviolent." I was in high school and then college all in the 60s and I remember the real facts of the movements being "largely" violent. The burnings, the police in gas masks, the German shepherds, the tear gas in student protest, the L.A. riots where the white truck driver was pulled from his truck. Violence on both sides. Kent State? Even demonstrations that started out as peace-sit ins often became violent because of the human factor. So what country were you in then, Mr. Pickett? The peace marches often had the element of violence going on also. As far as gun regulations go, a friend told me in NYC — in the "right" neighborhood, you can go around the corner and buy a gun for a few dollars. So while some modifications to regulations may help; the criminals and mentally unstable will still have access. The first recorded murder was when Cain slew his brother, Abel and it hasn't stopped yet, but I believe it will when Jesus returns. Australia gave up their guns and their crime rate soared to the highest percentage because guess who had all the guns? And the bad guys knew the citizens weren't armed anymore for the most part. The Florida shooter was said to love to torture animals and then graduated to humans. I believe we need to pay attention to these people and kids that are active in animal abuse and lower the boom in stricter penalties for animal torture and cruelty. It is now a recognized signal of what these people are headed toward. Lets pay attention and not be lazy in reporting signals and then doing something about it.

Peg Ellis

Breck Pagosa

Dear Editor:
I disagree with Realtor Mike Heraty's opinion, expressed at the February 22 town council meeting, that the upward spiral of short term rentals is healthy for our tourist-based economy, and therefore the well-being of our community.
As I drive around town, I see many small homes that were bought at a good price, fixed up, and are now vacation rentals. At one time they provided workforce housing.
Short term vacation rentals can destroy neighborhoods. The constant changeover of party people next door does not bid well for working families or retirees. Short term rentals promote more traffic in residential areas, more dust on our county roads, and less available parking in town — especially if they bring their "toys" with them. And less sleep.
We live in a fractured world. Must we also destroy our neighborhoods?
Converting a home in a residentially-zoned area into a short-term rental is a commercial endeavor.

Why does the town allow a commercial business to operate in a residential area? Does that commercial business pay commercial property taxes? No. They pay residential property taxes, one-third of commercial property taxes.

Does every short term rental pay lodging taxes? Or can they slip under the radar?

Realtor Heraty said, "Tourists don't want to stay in a hotel — not many of them. They want to have an experience of staying in somebody's home." Realtor Heraty thinks of motels/hotels as red-headed stepchildren. In a way, they are, because they are subject to much more regulation than vacation rentals, and must pay the onerous commercial property taxes. It's an uneven playing field for hotels/motels versus short term rentals. Could our future neighborhoods be overflowing with short term rentals, and our future affordable housing needs met by non-competitive, abandoned hotels/motels?

Realtor Heraty believes that if we turn our backs on short term rentals, we won't have sufficient beds for people who come here during Christmas, spring break and the summer season, and "we'll become another Cuchara or Walsenberg in short order."

That's absurd. We could, however, become another dysfunctional mountain tourist town that has lost all sense of community to too many short term rentals.

I urge our elected officials to stop the proliferation of short term rentals into our residential neighborhoods. The short term rental business should be confined to commercially zoned areas.

Don't Breck Pagosa.

Cynda Green

Land use code

Dear Editor:
An earlier amendment to the County Land Use Code created an unintended negative consequence — that is, it made short term rental activity within many parts of the county a technical violation of the amended code. I say unintended as it was common knowledge at the time that there were many cabins, homes and condominiums being used as short-term rentals, some managed by owners and others managed by one of several local property management companies.

Now, in some subdivisions which do not have restrictions on short term rentals, a handful of disgruntled property owners have come to the Planning Department to insist they prosecute their fellow property owners for using their homes to generate short term rental income. Some subdivisions amended their Declarations to restrict rentals, (i.e. Echo Canyon Ranch and Eaton Pagosa Estates). In other subdivisions where a handful of owners have been unsuccessful in changing the covenants to restrict short-term rentals, they have asked the county planning director to step in and threaten owners with fines of

\$500-\$1,000 plus \$100 per day for failure to comply with the Land Use Code. As this was not the intention of the county, the board of county commissioners has agreed to craft a solution.

Pagosa Springs' economy is dependent on tourism — that is an indisputable fact. We are not a self-sustaining retirement community. We don't have any manufacturing jobs. Our visitors come here to enjoy the friendly, safe and fun mountain environment that many of us have chosen to call home. Visitors are choosing to stay in private cabins, homes and condominiums rather than motel rooms. This is especially the case for a growing number of families, and not just in the mountains of Colorado, but worldwide.

The growth of Airbnb and VRBO is phenomenal and is expected to continue for decades. We have a shortage of commercial lodging units, especially since the Pagosa Lodge went dark. Without the extra rooms provided by short-term rentals, we would be turning folks away during spring break, summer months, and at Christmas.

In the fiercely competitive tourism environment, Pagosa Springs would soon experience significant negative financial consequences if the community were not able to continue to offer a large number of short term rentals. Without the generous revenues from tourism, it would only be a matter of time before we deteriorated into another Walsenburg. The folks opposed to short term rentals would find the lifestyle they thought they were protecting could not be supported when the majority of the tourism related economic activity disappeared from our community. We must oppose this short-sighted view opposing short term rentals and accept and embrace the fact that we are a tourist destination, dependent on providing a great experience for our visitors, including an appropriate number and variety of lodging choices. Sensible regulations and monitoring as well as increased lodging tax collections can hopefully help to balance the interests of the stakeholders of Pagosa Springs.

Mike Heraty

Rental impact

Dear Editor:
On February 14, the Planning Commission held a public meeting at which changes to the current zoning ordinances, to allow for the expansion of short term rentals (STRs), were discussed. The meeting was heavily attended by real estate agents and property managers, who have a financial interest in the existence of STRs.

One point stressed by the real estate interests was "tourism is all we've got". I take exception to this claim. If it were true, then the town would not survive. Tourists are here for several months of the year. It is the locals, the workers, those who have permanently retired here, and those who have chosen Pagosa

Springs as their second home who support and maintain this town. I am all in favor of encouraging tourists to visit our town, but the rights of residents must be respected. If they are not, many people will leave and few will replace them. Who will want to buy a house in Pagosa Springs knowing that zoning laws could allow the house next door to become a "party palace"?

I don't think anyone would advocate for the abolishment of STRs, but they do need to be regulated, not unleashed. With the explosion of Airbnb, most Colorado towns, and many cities across the country, have enacted new ordinances to reign in the abuse that STRs have inflicted on residential neighborhoods. Just google "cities clamp down on short term rentals." You'll be amazed.

STRs are complicated. They allow some people to pay their mortgage and stay in their homes. At the same time, unruly renters disrupt the peace, security, and character of neighborhoods. At the very least, these two types of rentals need to be addressed separately. At the very least, homes owned by investors, who do not live here, who never stay in the home, and who are not accountable to their neighbors for the behavior of their renters, should not be allowed in residential neighborhoods.

Time is needed, not speed, in the resolution of this difficult issue. Short term rentals are actually against the current zoning laws in most of Archuleta County's residential neighborhoods, but enforcement only happens through complaints. Those who profit from STRs want to change the ordinances.

If short term rentals have negatively impacted your neighborhood, you need to write to the Planning Commission and attend the next meeting on March 14.

Victoria Smith

Teacher kudos

Dear Editor:
I have never felt a need to write a letter no matter how much I have been upset or grateful. In a time of school shootings I cant seem to turn on anything without seeing gun control..Democrats..Republicans..Hatefulness.. Good Grief. This Is an American Problem not political..

Last night I went to a teacher conference with Jamie Harms, she welcomed me into her dark out dated classroom. I could look around and see how stressful it must be to teach and love all these students and parents. She does it with grace and excellence. She and other teachers like Kristin Morehouse, Mr.Hinger, Mrs. Hinger the secretary and everyone I have had contact with are dedicated to do everything they have in making students great! They put in endless hours, energy, love and their own supplies. I have a 24, 22 and now an 8th grader we have done public, private and homeschool-

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Letters

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ing through the years this is by far the Best mostly Male run school we have been apart of and it is a blessing to this town. Mrs Harms supplies pencils, paper, folders, she had no Kleenex in her room.

I personally think this is part of the problem our teachers need an out pouring of love, support, supplies. Its not our job to wait for funding we each send children to this school. We need to pick up our end of the burden. I can only imagine what they live in fear of to do a good job, mean parents, ungrateful kids, and then bad pay. Teacher are called Angels and they need our love, support and respect. Send your kids to school with a grateful, respectful heart homework done, send some tissues or pencils. If we respect and love our schools so will our children. Thank you Teachers.

Stacy Thompson

Beginning to end

Dear Editor:

Babes are such a blessing. As my husband enjoyed his final days, I began to notice something rather spiritual about babes and old people. As we enter our final days, we have a lot in common with our "babes" — life is simple, don't need much to make us happy, just love and smiles.

In my neighborhood is this adorable babe we have had the privilege to know since he entered "our world." One would think that the old fellow across the street would hold little fun for him. But what I observed is

quite different. The babe was about age two, rode his little bike over to see the old fellow sitting on the deck — would get off his bike, the old fellow would get up to greet him, then they would sit on the steps beside each other, the babe mocking the old fellow's every move — mirror images, mirror understanding, that causes one to observe God's blessings of love.

As stated in the Good Book, God is both the Alpha and Omega of life, the "beginning and the end." As the babe has a full life ahead with many challenges, the old fellow would soon complete life as he knows it and enter into his future days with God — but for then, the Alpha babe and his Omega buddy seemed to understand each other better than any other.

Sure proof that God is with us always, from beginning to end, wrapping us in his everlasting arms.

What a blessing.

Patty Tillerson

Uehlings settle

Dear Editor:

Annette and I lived in Pagosa Springs for 14 great years from 2003 through 2016, but upon entering our 70s, we found it a little more difficult to shovel snow, breathe the rare air, and constantly drive to Durango. So we sold our house, traveled by RV along the East Coast for half a year and then looked for a new place to live. We especially wanted to be closer to our sons and grandchildren in Denver and Kansas City. We found

a gem of a town to live in; Pueblo West, Colorado. Pueblo West, unlike Pagosa Lakes, is a bona fide metropolitan district. The population was around 30,000 at the last 2010 census and the elevation is about 4900 feet.

June of 2017, we found a newer 4 bedroom patio home (condominium) with a partially finished basement for about \$60,000 less than the sales price of our Dutton drive home. The Sangre de Cristo Mountains are right next door and the nearest ski resort, Monarch, is a decade ahead of Wolf Creek, offering free skiing for "super seniors" age 69+. We also have the option to join Kaiser Permanente; the 5-star rated local HMO. Services here are excellent and if we need more, Colorado Springs is only 40 miles north on I-25.

People often talk about the crime rate in Pueblo but it is overstated and virtually nonexistent in Pueblo West. The only thing we have to avoid is leaving our vehicles running in downtown Pueblo while unattended (puffing). The police presence is strong and 25 more officers are being hired. The county is also fixing downtown roads over the next few years. The climate averages about 5 degrees warmer than Pagosa and our biggest snowfall so far this winter was 4.5 inches. Pueblo reservoir state park boasts 2 marinas and good boating, fishing, and swimming.

While we are no longer available for volunteer work in Pagosa we do have boundless opportunities here. They range from volunteering with local military organizations to rotary, church activities and supporting political candidates. We found that the local First United Methodist Church has an excellent pastor who hails from Costa Rica. This really suits Annette as our friends will recall that her mother was from Costa Rica.

So if other Pagosa residents are interested in traveling or possibly moving to this area, we recommend Pueblo West. We miss beautiful Pagosa Springs and our former neighbors and friends. But we're only 200 miles away and we will continue to visit many of the people that we shared a big part of our lives with.

Fred and Annette Uehling
Pueblo West, Colo.

Snowpack rises, possible snow in forecast

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Thankfully, according to the National Resources Conservation Service, the local median snowpack for the area containing the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan basins rose more than 20 percent in February.

According to the Colorado SNOTEL Snowpack Update Report, the area had reached 55 percent of the median snowpack as of Feb. 28 compared to the

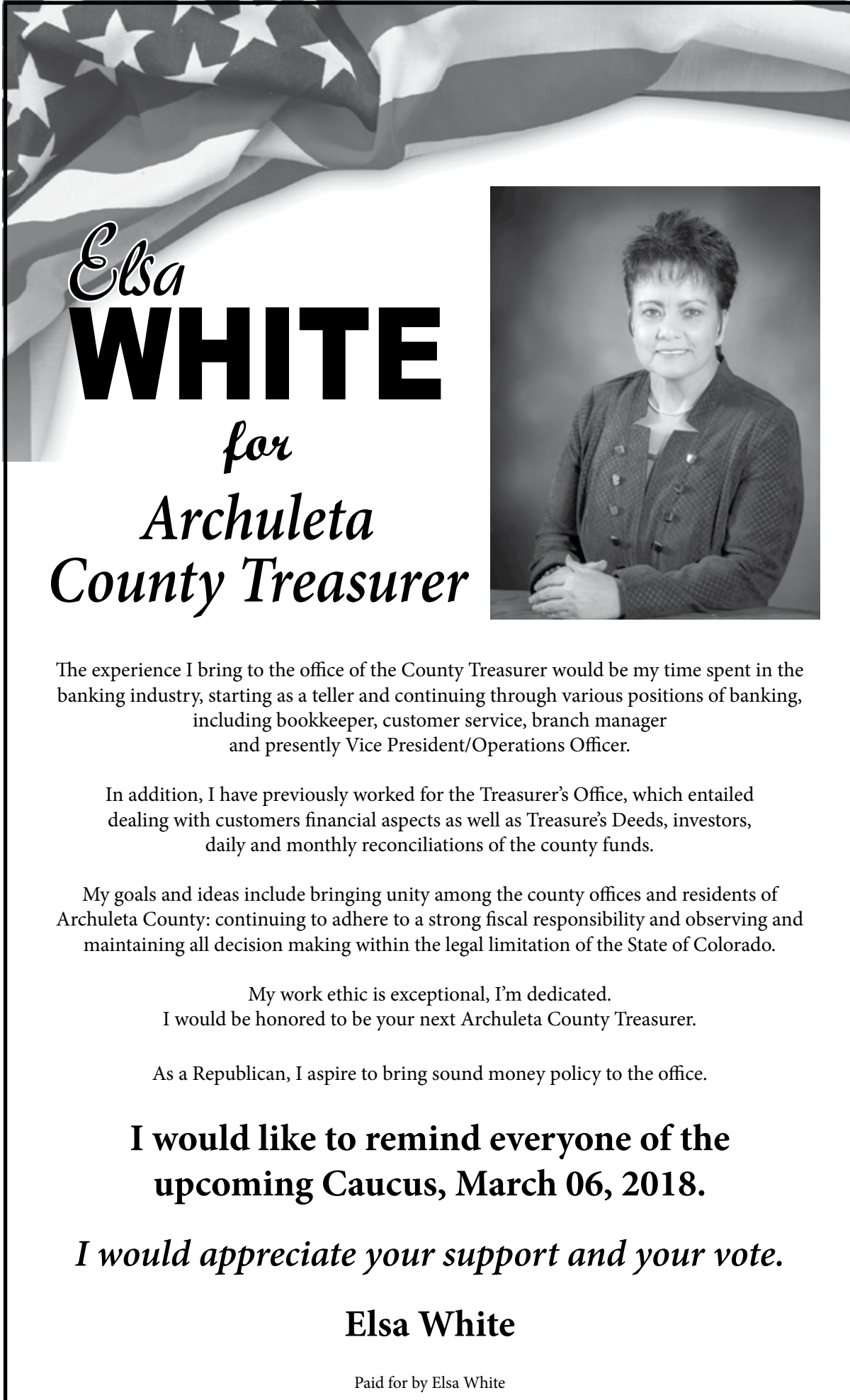
Feb. 27 statewide median of 74 percent.

On Feb. 7, the area of those basins was at 34 percent of the median snowpack.

The current seven-day weather forecast from the National Weather Service for Pagosa Springs calls for clear weather, with possible snowstorms on Sunday.

The forecast for Wolf Creek Pass calls for sunny weather, with possible snowstorms Saturday night and Sunday.

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In addition, I have previously worked for the Treasurer's Office, which entailed dealing with customers financial aspects as well as Treasure's Deeds, investors, daily and monthly reconciliations of the county funds.

My goals and ideas include bringing unity among the county offices and residents of Archuleta County: continuing to adhere to a strong fiscal responsibility and observing and maintaining all decision making within the legal limitation of the State of Colorado.

My work ethic is exceptional, I'm dedicated.
I would be honored to be your next Archuleta County Treasurer.

As a Republican, I aspire to bring sound money policy to the office.

I would like to remind everyone of the upcoming Caucus, March 06, 2018.

I would appreciate your support and your vote.

Elsa White

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Obituaries

Gloria Mary Crain nee Rechlicz

Mrs. Gloria Mary Crain nee Rechlicz, of Fredericksburg, Texas, passed away on Feb. 20 in the Hill Country Memorial Hospital at the age of 94 years.



Gloria was born Oct. 24, 1923, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Edward and Hortense Wendt Rechlicz.

She married Fred Norvill Crain in February of 1943 in Milwaukee, Wis.

Gloria is survived by three sons, one daughter and spouses: Mark and Wanda Crain, of Pagosa Springs; Seth and Rosie Crain, of Fredericksburg, Texas.; Luke and Missi Crain, of Aledo, Texas; Elizabeth Mary Crain and spouse Cindy Prest, of Atlanta, Ga.; six grandchildren: Christina Crain, Sarah Crain, Cherie Hitchcock, Justin Crain, Josh Keene and Linda Pina; and 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Along with her husband and parents, Gloria was preceded in death by a daughter, Laura Ann Crain, and siblings Red Rechlicz, Dick Rechlicz and Rita Balestreri.

Rosary services were held on Friday, Feb. 23, at 4 p.m. in the Little St. Mary's Church.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Friday, Feb. 23, at 4:30 p.m. in the Little St. Mary's Church, with the Rev. John Nolan officiating.

Interment of her remains will be held at a later date in the St. Mary's Cemetery in Elm Grove, Wis. Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the charity of one's choice.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent at www.schaetter.com.

William Earl Kern

William Earl Kern, 95 years of age, passed away peacefully at his Pagosa Springs home with his wife, Billie Jo, by his side Feb. 9. He was born in Coyle, Okla., on July 21, 1922, to the Rev. William Ervin Kern and Maudy Ethel (Boyer) Kern.



His childhood was spent in Oklahoma with his family as his father traveled from town to town preaching the gospel. The family moved to California in the late 1930s to find work and a better life.

On Oct. 10, 1942, "Earl" vol-

untarily joined the United States Navy because of the attack on Pearl Harbor. While in the service, he was stationed on the islands of New Hebrides and New Caledonia in the South West Pacific Ocean, 750 miles east of Australia. Earl was going to be fighting as a frontline medic at the Battle of Saipan, but had an appendix attack just before boarding the ship for Saipan. While he was in the service, he saw one of Bob Hope's shows and shook the hand of Eleanor Roosevelt. He received an honorable discharge as a pharmacist's mate, second class on Oct. 24, 1945.

While on leave and visiting home, Earl met Billie Jo "Toots" Adkisson in Paradise, Calif. One month and three letters later, they married on June 29, 1945, in Oakland, Calif. They were married for 72 years until his death.

After the Navy, Earl worked at several lumber mills as a grader in Northern California. After 16 years, they finally had a son, Robert Wade Kern. Earl was a very proud father and showed off his new son to everyone he could.

In 1962, Earl, Billie Jo and their 1-year-old son moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., where Earl worked as a grader for San Juan Lumber Company at the corner of U.S. 160 and U.S. 84. He was promoted to lumber grader foreman.

In the 1960s, Earl and Billie Jo, Melvin and Lorene Lord, and Ivan "Jim" and Glenna Looper built the First Assembly of God Church in Pagosa, more recently known as Boot Hill Saddlery. In the '70s, the same trio of families built the existing First Assembly of God Church on Put Hill.

Upon retiring from San Juan Lumber, Earl became the manager of Piedra Valley Ranch, where they lived for 25 years. His hobby was working and being productive. He was the ranch's No. 1 backhoe operator.

Earl is survived by his wife, Billie Jo Kern, son Robert W. Kern and daughter-in-law Leslie. He had four grandchildren: Robert Wade Kern Jr., William David Kern (Laura), Jamie Lee Saaranen (Joel) and Carrie Ann Renner (Dan). He had five great-grandkids: his oldest and namesake, William Daniel; Lydia; Johnathan; Abigail and Henry. He also had a sister, Pearl Meyers; a brother, Samuel Kern; and his brother-in-law, Donnie Adkisson; and sisters-in-law Marcella Criswell and Christine Knopp. His sister-in-law Carroll Amator and her husband Albert were very special to him. He enjoyed their many visits to Pagosa Springs.

He was a devout Christian, husband, father, grandfather and patriot. He was the first one to remove his hat and place his hand over his heart during the national anthem or when the flag passed by. He loved his family and country very much. He never failed to provide for his wife and son. He

was an important example to the Kern men in manhood and the Kern girls in the type of gentleman they needed to marry. He was a good man with amazing work ethic and excellent character who will be forever missed.

The family will have a private memorial at a later date.

Bob J. Tillerson

While holding the hand of his wife, Bob J. Tillerson was taken home to God on Feb. 25.



Born Sept. 16, 1926, to Varnie Mas-ton and Julia Leo Tillerson in Wichita Falls, Texas. Bob was an active Boy Scout and graduated from Wichita Falls Senior High School in 1943. He attended Hardin Junior College (now Midwestern State University) for one year. At the end of that year, at age 17, he enlisted in the Navy. At that time, during WWII, if a young man enlisted prior to his 18th birthday, he could choose his branch of service. Since he had an uncle who was career Navy, he selected the Navy.

During that summer as he waited to be "called up," he served on the Boy Scout summer camp staff at Perkins Scout Reservation in Wichita Falls. It was there that he met his wife, Patty Sue Patton, when she came to the camp to visit her brother. Once camp was over, he had just one week before leaving for boot camp and he and Patty were together every night of that week. He left on Aug. 1, 1944, for the war in the Pacific.

Following boot camp, he was sent to Electricians Mate School and in May 1945, was assigned as an EM 3/C to the USS Battleship North Carolina. He served in the Pacific until the end of the war in August 1945. He continued on the North Carolina until January 1946, when he was assigned to a destroyer for the rest of his tenure.

Discharged in May 1946, he re-entered Hardin Junior College for one year and, in August 1947, he and Patty were married. He worked for Taystee Baking Company as a route salesman for 10 years, during which time he served as scoutmaster for Troop 10 sponsored by the Presbyterian Church. At that time, the council approved his receiving the Eagle Scout Badge because of his service in the Navy, even though he was past age 18. He was awarded his Eagle Badge along with five members of his troop. He also was a Vigil member of the Order of Arrow organization of scouting. Scouts met at their house and did bead work and feathers, making costumes for their ceremonies — and, of course, Patty helped too.

Three children were born to them during this time and, in 1958, he was approached to enter the scouting profession. In April of that year, the family began his career in scouting by moving to Vernon, Texas, with their district scout executive dad.

In 1961, the family moved to Stillwater, Okla., where Bob continued to serve as district executive, but also as summer camp director. They lived there for seven years, moving to Huntsville, Texas, in 1968, where he served for two years before moving to Camp Strake near Conroe, Texas, as assistant director of camping for the Sam Houston Area Council. Two years later, they moved to Houston, where he became director of camping and activities for the Sam Houston Area Council and later as director of special events and activities for the council from which he retired in 1987 and moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo.

In Pagosa, he became active as a volunteer with the Forest Service, helped move the log hut from Ace Hardware on Put Hill out to Monument Park and then volunteered with others to make it into an overnight stop for cross-country skiers, etc. He was also active in the early development of the Chimney Rock site, volunteering many hours. Additionally, he was the summer hike leader for the GrayWolves organizations as well as their cross-country ski treks during the winter months. He backpacked the surrounding mountains for several years. As a member of the Rotary Club since 1987, he headed up the parade lineup for entrants in the Fourth of July Parade for about 15 years. He served as "songmeister" for the club for many years to the present time.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Patty Sue; daughter Ms. Jo Lyn Peters, of Round Rock, Texas; daughter Dr. Rae Ann Hamilton and husband Judge Lee Hamilton, of Abilene, Texas; son Secretary of State Rex Wayne Tillerson and wife Renda, of Washington, D.C.; granddaughter Kelli D. Hughes, of Cedar Park, Texas; grandsons: Jon D. Peters, of Magnolia, Texas; Robert Tillerson, of Houston, Texas; Michael Tillerson, of Cedar Park, Texas; Tyler Tillerson, of Argyle, Texas; Peter Ryan Hamilton, of Seattle, Wash.; and Benjamin Paul Hamilton, of North Richland Hills, Texas; step-grandson Cody House, of Montague, Texas; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Pagosa Springs at Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St., on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m., to be followed by a service in Wichita Falls, Texas, on Friday, March 2, at 2 p.m. at Owens and Brumley Funeral, 1317 Ninth St. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery.


In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Archuleta Veteran's Memorial Park Fund, the local Boy Scout Council or/and the local Rotary Club.

"Chris has been at the airport for 12 years," Alfred said. "He probably knows more about the airport than anyone except me. Chris has a lot to learn, but he knows more than any outsider we could have brought in. He loves Pagosa."

Alfred described the characteristics that made Torres "an easy choice" as his understanding of

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New airport manager announced, Alfred resigns

By Avery Martinez
 Staff Writer

Kate Alfred, the Archuleta County airport manager for last six years, has turned in her resignation.

Alfred, in a telephone interview with The SUN, stated, "I retired in 2005 from working as a corporate pilot and in the flight department and came here to Pagosa. I joined

the Airport Advisory Committee. The position [of airport manager] came up, and I took it."

Alfred explained that she had made an agreement with the county to stay for around five years.

She laughed and said, "And at six years, my husband and I decided to travel, and have some fun while we're still young."

Chris Torres, the former airport

maintenance supervisor, was announced as Alfred's replacement at the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) work session on Feb. 27.

Bentley Henderson, Archuleta County administrator, explained that while searching for a suitable candidate to take over Alfred's position they had decided to look in house.



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Business



LPEA board moves ahead with Long-term Strategies Committee

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

The La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors, at its regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 21, approved continuation of the Long-term Strategies Committee, consistent with the Statement of Functions and Task List developed by the subcommittee over the past month.

The subcommittee was established during the January board meeting, with Director Dan Huntington (District 2) tasked to head up the newly developed entity, including Directors Guinn Unger (District 4), Britt Bassett (District 3) and Bob Lynch (District 1). The committee has returned to the full board with a vision and mission for

the Long-term Strategies Committee. Those are:

Vision: This committee will produce a report that will examine LPEA's financial and operational future based on several possible energy supply and distribution scenarios.

Mission: To identify several possible energy scenarios and emerging trends that LPEA could pursue over the next 15 years. To provide organized prediction methodologies to illustrate how LPEA's financial and operational future might look under each of them.

Specifically, LPEA's staff, on behalf of the committee will compile existing data, examining trends in the areas of load forecast (commercial and member electricity requirements now and into the

future); current supplier (rate projection, generation mix and all contractual involvements with wholesale power supplier Tri-State Generation and Transmission); government regulations (potential regulations and legislation that will affect the energy industry); net metering (forecasting growth of local renewable systems interconnected with LPEA's system); wholesale marketplace (the overall generation market); electric vehicles (growth, load and availability of charging stations); energy storage (battery back-up technology to support renewable generation); distributed generation (economic development and transmission impacts as well as potential regulations); and micro-grid and self-generation (the possibility

of LPEA's commercial self-generation, also with an eye for the City of Durango's franchise agreement expiration in 2032).

The full board of directors requires that for all scenarios, the committee must present a list of implications and effects (both positive and negative) for LPEA and its members. These implications could include possible risks, costs, benefits and legal and contractual obligations, as well as likely outcomes.

The committee does not have the authority to bind LPEA or commit LPEA to any course of action. Any vote or decision taken by the committee in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities shall only be for the purposes of fulfilling the assigned actions of the committee.

Southwest Rural Philanthropy Days scheduled in Cortez Sept. 12-14

By Kristi Smith
Special to The SUN

Cortez, Colo., will host over 350 people for Southwest Rural Philanthropy days in September. The participants will include regional nonprofits, local government agencies and statewide grantmakers.

Since the inaugural "Philanthropy Day" in Grand Junction, Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) has created a platform for rural nonprofits to communicate their value directly to Front Range funders.

In 1990, only 3 percent of private grant dollars were going to rural nonprofits. In 2016 alone, the core funders of RPD provided nearly \$4.2 million in grant support to nonprofits in the five-county region of southwest Colorado. RPD core funders have contributed over \$27 million to the region over the past seven years, an increase of 34 percent in philanthropy dollars given to support southwest Colorado communities.

For 27 years, local communities have worked together to coordinate RPD conferences, which provide a powerful opportunity for the state's most influential funders, government representatives, business leaders and local nonprofit organizations to strengthen partnerships and better meet the needs of Colorado's rural communities. RPD pro-

vides increased access to resources, skill-building opportunities for important local projects and opportunities to build relationships.

The Southwest RPD "Mountains of Opportunity" conference in September will allow nonprofits in the southwest region to highlight to funders the unique strengths and challenges in our local communities. Conference events are scheduled in central Cortez, Crow Canyon and the Montezuma County Fairgrounds.

"Participating in Rural Philanthropy Days is educational, energizing and relevant for each funder, nonprofit staff, volunteer or board member who attends," said Teresa Malone, executive director of the Durango Adult Education Center, previous conference attendee and 2018 conference co-chair.

David Fraley, board chair of Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in Cortez, is also serving as co-chair and Kristi Smith, of Pagosa Springs, is returning as the event coordinator. Representatives from the host counties comprise the event steering committee.

During the conference, nonprofit leaders participate in high-quality professional development, networking with other community leaders and roundtables with potential funders. The funder roundtables are a signature of the RPD

program and provide a unique opportunity to meet with grantmakers who are normally situated on the Front Range. The conference provides an opportunity for collaborative dialogue to discuss regional needs and help funders leave with a better understanding of the particular characteristics and funding priorities for the region.

RPD workshops teach the skills necessary to work in a nonprofit organization, such as fundraising, financial management, volunteer management, board development, strategic planning and leadership skills. The program relies on a strong and talented pool of the state's leading experts to instruct its courses.

Registration for the event will open in July. A limited number of scholarships are available for qualifying applicants with financial need to cover \$100 of the \$155 registration fee for attending the 2018 Southwest Colorado RPD conference. Scholarship applications will be available on May 1. Priority consideration will be provided to online applications received by May 31. Please visit www.southwestrpd.org or on Facebook at [swrpdp](https://www.facebook.com/swrpdp) for more information regarding registration, scholarship applications and conference details.

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Proceeds benefit the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Animal Shelter

CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber sets monthly meeting day, location

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

As determined at the Chamber's annual board of directors retreat, the monthly Chamber board meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month in the Chamber of Commerce conference room at

4 p.m.

Interested Chamber members may attend or if there is an issue that you would like to have brought forth before the board, please contact Mary Jo Coulehan to be added onto the agenda. Due to holidays, some of the board meetings may change day or time. For the latest information, contact the Chamber to verify the board meeting schedule.

We have a healthy list of renewals this week including Pagosa Mountain Sports, Ajia Cuisine, Buckskin Towing, Dale Construction, Silver Dollar Liquor Store, Southwest Silver Gallery, Village Interiors Carpet One, and Aspen Leaf Remodeling and Construction. Nonprofit agencies renewing this week are Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County and the Creede Repertory Theatre.

Airport

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technical aspects of an airport, the management side, and an understanding of the Federal Aviation Administration.

"[Torres] has picked up the office stuff quickly. We're very glad to have him," Alfred said.

The county commissioners praised Alfred for her work at the airport and its effect on the community.

Steve Wadley, chairman of the BoCC, paid special attention to Alfred's contributions to the airport and the success of the airport due to her.

"The airport is an important asset of the county," Wadley said.

"[Leaving] has brought up a lot of mixed feelings. Lots of mixed feelings," Alfred said with emphasis during the interview. "It's a wonderful place to work. From the hangar tenants to the sheriff's office, the people are fun and wonderful. If there had been a way for me to do what I want and to keep my job, I would have never left. But, at some point, you have to do what's best for you and your family."

At the meeting, Alfred thanked the board, and complimented Torres, saying she was leaving the airport in good hands.

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Rental

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"PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to CRS 30-28-116 that Archuleta County Development Services is proposing amendments to the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations, as requested by the Board of County Commissioners," that notice explains in part. "The proposed changes create Section 5.5 Accommodations and Lodging Standards for short-term rentals, allows Vacation Rentals of Residential Dwellings in all zoning districts, and

creates an Application process and Performance Standards."

The full draft proposal can be found at: <http://www.archuleta-county.org/467/Planning-Proposals>. Comments regarding the proposal can also be submitted prior to the March 14 public hearing.

Those comments regarding the proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, called in to 264-1390

or emailed to planning@archuleta-county.org prior to the March 14 public hearing by the planning commission.

Existing regulations and a request for change

The county currently has provisions in its land-use regulations addressing short-term rentals that prohibit those rentals in residential and rural residential zoning districts. Per that document, a "Bed and Breakfast" (where an owner lives)

is allowed with a conditional use permit in the following zones in unincorporated Archuleta County: Agricultural Ranching (AR), Agricultural Estate (AE), Rural Residential (RR), Residential and Commercial.

"Lodging Units, 3 or fewer" are allowed with conditional use permits in AE and Commercial zones, and as a use by right in Agricultural/Forestry and AR zones within the unincorporated county.

Other existing provisions deal with boarding houses.

Those uses not listed within the uses by zoning district table as it currently exists are prohibited, though County Attorney Todd Starr stated that his office would not enforce the regulations regarding vacation rentals.

After the matter was brought to the attention of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), the board directed planning department staff to look into the issue and suggested that staff look specifically at the Ouray regulations.

"I know that there have been questions about people losing rights and getting their property uses changed, and this is actually an expansion of those rights," County Administrator Bentley Henderson told the BoCC Tuesday morning in an update to the board on the regulations. "And so, the first person who wants to come in here and tell me that their property rights are under attack, that's not true. That's not one bit true, in fact. Property rights are being expanded by this."

"I think that's a way to fill seats," Commissioner Michael Whiting suggested.

Henderson again clarified that the request to look at the regulations came from the BoCC, with Whiting noting that it came from the community to the board.

"He's worked hard on this. He's turned what is a complicated issue around very quickly and I think he has a really good starting point for a set of standards for this," Henderson said of Planning Manager John Shepard.

The proposal

The proposed regulations would allow vacation rentals of a single-family dwelling as a use by right in all residential zoning districts and with a conditional use permit in commercial and industrial zoning districts.

For multi-family dwellings, vacation rentals would be allowed with a conditional use permit in residential, commercial and industrial zoning districts.

A vacation rental, per the proposed regulations, is a residential use of a dwelling unit — whether of the entire dwelling or individual rooms — on a short-term basis defined as fewer than 30 days at a time.

Too, the proposed regulations note, "Meals are not provided, al-

though guests may have access to kitchen facilities. It is unlawful to rent or offer to rent any Dwelling Unit as a Vacation Rental unless and until a Land Use Permit has been approved."

The proposed regulations further state, "Upon change of use of property to a Vacation Rental, the property owner shall apply for a Land Use Permit, which shall be renewed annually. Any property in use as a Vacation Rental upon initial adoption of these requirements, whether conforming or non-conforming as provided in Section 1.3, shall apply as a new Vacation Rental no later than December 31, 2018."

In order to obtain the necessary land use permit, the proposed regulations include that several things would be necessary:

A local owner representative, with either the owner of a vacation rental, or a manager or representative, required to be "within a distance allowing response within one hour or less" whenever the property is occupied. Contact phone numbers will be shared with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for resolution of nuisance complaints, and the land use permit would have to be updated within 10 days of any change of ownership or management.

A site sketch showing the property dimensions, buildings with number of bedrooms, parking areas and legal access.

Proof of wastewater compliance, either with a valid Onsite Wastewater Treatment System permit, or sewer service provided by a centralized system or sewer district.

Proof of registration for lodging and sales tax as required by Archuleta County and the state of Colorado.

Property owners' association notification.

The initial vacation rental application would be valid for the calendar year, with annual renewals reviewed as a minor amendment of the initial land use permit.

If a property has not been in compliance with the land use regulations or county ordinances, the proposed regulations state, the planning director would refer the application for renewal to the planning commission for review at a public meeting.

Too, the proposed regulations lay out performance standards for vacation rentals, with the proposed regulations stating, "Vacation Rentals shall be in keeping with Residential character of typical Dwelling Units and compatible with the neighborhood, community character and surrounding land use."

Those performance standards listed include density, occupancy, advertisements and rental notice.

Under occupancy, the proposed regulations note that the "number of short-term rentals guests shall be limited by the number of bedrooms (as defined by the adopted build-

ing code)" and capacity of the valid wastewater permit.

The occupancy portion of the draft regulations state that no more than two overnight guests are allowed per bedroom, plus up to two other guests per dwelling. Too, it notes that there "shall be at least one improved on-site parking space per bedroom," and, "Vacation Rentals do not allow for special events such as weddings."

"These limits do not otherwise apply to personal (not Short-term Rental) use by the property owner," the draft regulations note.

Under the advertisement section, it states, "All ads for Vacation Rentals in all media shall include the Land Use Permit number as identification."

The rental notice portion of the proposed regulations note that property owners or representatives "shall" inform guests of all relevant county regulations and ordinances, as well as property owners' association restrictions.

Too, a list of emergency services contracts, property manager contacts and the physical address of the property must be prominently displayed in the dwelling, along with a disclaimer that "emergency services may not be readily available in rural areas."

Another performance standard addressed is refuse disposal.

Feb. 14 public comment

Comments at the Feb. 14 planning commission meeting came from vacation owners, neighbors of vacation rentals, real estate agents, property managers and more, with the crowd split on their views on short-term rentals.

Several in the audience acknowledged it is a complicated issue, with comments both for and against short-term rentals in unincorporated Archuleta County.

Those against short-term rentals spoke of specific incidents regarding neighboring short-term rentals, including issues with the guests trespassing, traffic, parking, gated communities and more.

Those in favor of short-term rentals spoke of prosperity for the community and its residents, the value of local management of the property, the help it provides to homeowners in keeping and maintaining their homes, the trickle-down effect of vacation rental owners employing local services for things such as snow removal and landscaping, and more.

Both those for and against the rentals touched upon affordable housing in the community, with some opining that short-term rentals take away from affordable housing, with others stating beliefs that homes used for short-term rentals are not those that fall into housing that would be considered affordable.

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Procession

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employees, driving their trucks and equipment.

The American flag will be displayed at the summit of Wolf Creek as the procession drives over the pass. Community members may pay their respects as the memorial procession makes its way through Olson's hometown of Pagosa Springs, where Olson's remains will rest throughout the night on the grounds of Patrol 7, guarded throughout the night by his CDOT family.

The expected departure time from Denver will be in the early

morning hours of Friday, March 2. CDOT informs the public that brief traffic delays may occur at highway intersections along the statewide procession route. The journey will take approximately seven hours. CDOT urges the public to use caution when the memorial motorcade passes, especially if members of the public wish to pay their respects outside of their vehicles or places of business.

A celebration of life will be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center in Pagosa Springs the following day, on March 3, at 11 a.m.

A procession from the CDOT maintenance yard on 14th Street to the Community Center (traveling east on U.S. 160/San Juan Street/Main Street and onto Hot Springs Boulevard) will begin around 10:15-10:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to pay their respects is welcome to stand in attendance roadside anywhere along this route. Again, please use caution when standing in attendance or traveling through the area. The motoring public can expect short delays at the intersections during this time. A reception will immediately follow the service.

Objection addressing jurisdictional questions related to the petition filed by Starr.

An order of the court issued on Feb. 26 granted that request and notes, "The Objection to Petition For Rule to Show Cause Pursuant to C.A.R. 21 tendered on February 23, 2018 is accepted for filing."

That objection states as part of its introduction: "For two reasons, this Court should deny the petition. First, the political subdivision standing doctrine deprives Archuleta County of standing. As a subordinate political subdivision, Archuleta County is unable to challenge the actions or decisions of State Judicial, which is a superior state agency. Second, because no lower court record has been made in this fact-intensive dispute, Archuleta County's petition to

this appellate Court is premature. Colorado case law makes clear that trial-level proceedings may be commenced by the chief judge of the judicial district when established methods for securing adequate court facilities have proved unsuccessful. ... That may eventually occur. But for now, the lack of any evidentiary record, the parties' disputes over material facts, and the absence of any factual findings renders this case unripe and inappropriate for adjudication by this Court under C.A.R. 21. The petition should therefore be denied for lack of jurisdiction."

The county has until March 13 to respond to the objection.

The BoCC convened an executive session Wednesday afternoon to discuss the matter.

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Court

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sonable 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.

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

A Feb. 23 document coming from Attorney General Cynthia Coffman, First Assistant Attorney General Grant T. Sullivan and Assistant Solicitor General LeeAnn Morrill requested leave to file an

Study

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courthouse remodeling projects. We also appreciate you sharing Archuleta's conceptual plans for remodeling the courthouse that were prepared by Reilly Johnson Architecture (RJA) in November 2015, and your proposal for committing significant county resources to reduce the existing courthouse to a "cold box" in order to complete a major renovation project for our consideration. The plans demonstrate that we are in agreement that the existing courthouse is inadequate and needs significant renovations before it possibly can become the Sixth Judicial District's permanent home."

The letter continues: After reviewing the RJA plans with the goal of assessing whether they will adequately address the Sixth Judicial District's space, security, structural, and environmental concerns—about which we and our representatives previously have exchanged numerous communications—and, if not, identifying any needed improvements, we determined that doing so is premature given the uncertainty about the feasibility of the proposed renovation project. Specifically, the SCAO's in-house Architect and Facilities Planning Manager, John Gossett, reviewed the RJA plans. In his professional opinion, the plans—which are comprised solely of floor plan configurations—lack sufficient information and detail needed to determine whether renovation of the courthouse is feasible and, if so, whether it can be accomplished within the \$5 million budget that Archuleta proposed for the project. As a result, we request that Archuleta undertake a feasibility study of the existing structure, including the older portion of the courthouse that is not currently included in the RJA plans..."

The letter then lists in detail 10 items the letter deems "necessary" to "thoroughly assess": structural integrity, mechanical systems and air-quality control, electrical and plumbing systems, floor-to-floor height, structural layout, life safety systems, American with Disabilities Act compliance, program and space needs, entrance and circulation zones, and occupation of the courthouse during renovation.

The letter notes that a comprehensive feasibility study is estimated to cost between \$80,000 and \$120,000, with it proposed that the county cover half and seek permission from the Underfunded Courthouse Facilities Cash Fund Commission and the state court administrator to repurpose a portion of the county's unused grant for the other half.

It is also noted the study would take between two and four months to complete.

"During that time, we will ask our experts to analyze the additional air quality test results that you shared with us on February 16, 2018, and undertake independent air quality testing within the courthouse per the agreement we reached at our January 29, 2018 meeting," the letter states. "Given the serious environmental health concerns raised by several Sixth Judicial District employees and other courthouse occupants, which our medical toxicologist, Dr. Michael J. Kosnett, found indicative of 'sick building syndrome' in the report that we shared with you on December 17, 2017, the District cannot commit to reoccupying the courthouse, either on a temporary or permanent basis, at this time."

Further, the letter notes that the courts had made interim arrangements to return some court services to Pagosa Springs (at 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 1), and had made

arrangements for juror travel, but may seek reimbursement for those arrangements from the county in the future.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and county staff discussed the response briefly on Tuesday morning during the board's weekly work session.

"They knew it was conceptual," Henderson said, adding that he was "taken aback by their response."

He said later, "It's kind of a chicken and the egg. ... We've asked them to, to commit to returning to the building if we do these things. ... And they're coming back saying, 'do all these things and we'll let you know.'"

He also suggested he was not sure it was the best use of taxpayer money to conduct the study without a commitment of the courts returning to the building.

The commissioners agreed, with board chair Steve Wadley stating, "Well, I'm kind of at the point of, of, if they're going to do nothing, neither are we."

Commissioner Michael Whiting added that the only way he would be willing to spend money on facilities for the courts would be if he had a signed letter from the courts saying if the things were done, they would move back in.

County Attorney Todd Starr suggested that the county could produce an agreement reflecting that, with Wadley stating the board needed to schedule an executive session.

The board also discussed who had authority in deeming the space adequate, that the space was sufficient for county staff and the Supreme Court lawsuit, among other aspects.

That executive session was held Wednesday afternoon, with no decisions made.

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Medical

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after it was presented as a "milestone moment" during the meeting.

A press release provided to The SUN notes, "As a critical access hospital with 11 inpatient beds, seven emergency department beds, ancillary services and an outpatient Rural Health Clinic, PSMC is the smallest hospital to achieve HIMSS Stage 7 recognition..."

Stage 7 is something only 6.5 percent of U.S. hospitals have achieved, explained PSMC CEO and chief medical officer Dr. Rhonda Webb on Tuesday.

PSMC, she continued, is one of the smallest hospitals to obtain the certification, and may be the first independent critical access hospital to achieve the rating, though that had not yet been confirmed.

Most small hospitals to earn the certification, she noted, are affiliated with larger systems.

Most hospitals, Webb noted during the presentation, fall into Stage 5 or Stage 6.

"We are kind of in our pioneering spirit mode of Dr. Mary Fisher, and we did it," she said.

Webb explained earlier in the meeting that there are 70,000 members of HIMSS, which is an international organization established almost 60 years ago.

HIMSS Analytics, the press release explains, developed the EMRAM in 2005 as a methodology for evaluating the progress and impact of EHR systems for hospitals in the HIMSS Analytics database. Tracking their progress in completing eight stages (0-7), hospitals can review the implementation and utilization of information technology (IT) applications with the intent of reach-

ing Stage 7, which represents an advanced electronic patient record environment.

It was noted later in the meeting that PSMC was only the second hospital to meet HIMSS new Stage 7 requirements.

Earlier in her presentation, Webb explained that the effort focused on several things, among them patient safety and cybersecurity.

"Here especially, med scanning was important for us," she said, noting that the lack of med scanning was probably the center's biggest reason for medication errors, with PSMC increasing its success rates in that area.

To receive the recognition, PSMC staff "embarked on a performance improvement project focused on data analytics and using the insights gained from that data to improve care. PSMC now has a vast amount of health data, paired with the knowledge to access, compile and act on the data in meaningful ways," the press release explains.

Webb noted that PSMC staff was originally hesitant to undertake the effort due to the amount of work, but changed their minds and a team was pulled together.

That in-house team comprises Sue Schmidt, Jen Cole, Jo Blaise, Jennifer Monday, Laura Milke, Liz Reis, Christina Reeves, Arleen Coates, Sarah Howell, Craig Willeford, Anita Hooton, Dr. Michelle Flemmings and Kathee Douglas.

Also part of the team were IT specialists Michael McCann and Tom Galvin, and Mike Hill from Cerner (the center's EHR company).

"By providing our doctors and staff with sophisticated health care IT solutions, we have achieved the highest level of electronic health

record (EHR) capability," Webb is quoted as saying in the press release. "At Pagosa Springs Medical Center, we always want to advance our hospital and the health care services we offer to our community. We are beyond honored to receive such a prestigious award that highlights our commitment to continuing to improve care."

"Having just hit our ten-year anniversary of opening our doors in January, this accomplishment means even more to us," said Flemmings, PSMC's chief medical information officer, in the press release. "This proves what I always tell people — we are a small medical center with bold vision and big ideas. Now I'll get to tell the people at the annual HIMSS conference the same thing when I speak about our amazing accomplishment."

PSMC will present its journey to HIMSS Stage 7 at the HIMSS Analytics Booth during the HIMSS18 conference next week in Las Vegas, Nev., and Douglas and Flemmings will speak at the Cerner Health Summit.

Too, it was mentioned that Schmidt would be on a podcast because of the certification.

Webb said it is also possible that people would be interested in visiting PSMC to see how it accomplished obtaining Stage 7, with the press release noting, "As a result, PSMC's reports arising from this project are available to all other hospitals on the domain as a reference on EHR adoption and improving care."

To maintain the levels achieved, Webb told the board Tuesday that PSMC is measuring itself every month, with HIMSS set to return in three years.

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Democrats to hold caucuses, assembly

By Becky Herman
Special to The SUN

In accordance with Colorado state law, the Archuleta County Democratic Party will hold its caucuses for all eight precincts at the PLPOA clubhouse (230 Port Ave.) on Tuesday, March 6, with registration beginning at 6 p.m. and the caucuses themselves starting promptly at 7 p.m.

If you plan to attend your caucus, it is worthwhile to ascertain what election precinct you live in. You can find out by going to <https://www.coloradodems.org/caucus-lookup/>. Plug in your address, and the tool will reveal your precinct caucus location and precinct number. This will only work if you are eligible to vote at the caucus.

Everyone is welcome to come to the caucuses, but only those who meet certain criteria will be allowed to vote. If you live in Archuleta County and were registered as a Democrat on or before Jan. 8, you are eligible. Or, any person who became a naturalized citizen or attained the age of 18 within a two-month period immediately preceding the caucus date is also eligible.

Note that if you are registered as unaffiliated, you are not eligible to vote in the caucuses, but you will be able to vote in the June primary election.

You will first check in at the registration table; here you having obtained your precinct number ahead of time will facilitate the whole registration process. Then you will be directed to the area where you and your precinct neighbors will be meeting.

The caucuses serve several purposes: They allow participants to discuss candidates and issues in an open forum, helping them to make informed choices. The main intent of the caucuses is, however, to help determine which candidates for governor will appear on the Democratic primary ballot. A preference vote determines how many delegates and alternates each candidate will receive. Those delegates will then be asked to come to the County Assembly and Convention, where the delegate pool is further whittled down into a group who will attend the State Assembly and Convention.

Other goals for the caucuses include intro-

ducing party candidates for local offices; the selection of precinct chairpersons, election judges and poll watchers; and lively discussions about ideas to be included in the party's platform. Note that although the only preference vote will be for governor, which is the highest statewide race. Information about candidates for other offices will be available. In addition, we have invited the candidates or their representatives to attend the caucuses and speak on their own behalf.

The Assembly and Convention will be held on March 17 at the County Extension building at the fairgrounds. Registration for the Assembly and Convention begins at 8 a.m. and the Assembly convenes at 9 a.m. Only individuals elected as delegates at the caucuses will be permitted to vote at the Assembly, although anyone is welcome to attend. At the Assembly and Convention, delegates to the State Assembly and Convention will be elected, again based on the preferred gubernatorial candidates.

A light breakfast will be served. For more information, contact the county chair, Becky Herman, at 264-2171.

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 (Zilhaver, 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 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.

Election's Office outlines options for unaffiliated voters

By Tomi Bliss
Special to The SUN

The primary election is quickly coming upon us. In 2016, electors approved Proposition 108, allowing unaffiliated voters to cast a ballot in the Republican or Democratic primaries without having to declare a political party.

To participate in the June 26

primary election, you have several options:

1. You may change from unaffiliated to a party participating in the primary election up to May 29. You may do this either online at govotecolorado.com or in the Election's Office. This option will leave you registered with the party you are changing to; you would no longer be considered

unaffiliated.

2. You may go online to govotecolorado.com and choose a "Preference" in your voter registration record under "Party Affiliation." This preference will only be for the upcoming primary election. You will receive that ballot in the mail. Your party will stay unaffiliated.

3. If you choose not to make any changes to your affiliation or

preference a "Mail Ballot Packet" containing a Republican and Democratic ballot will be mailed out on June 4. You may only vote and return one ballot. If you do return and vote both ballots, neither ballot will be counted.

Please feel free to contact the Election's Office at 264-8331 if you have any questions or need any clarification on this new process.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

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 De-

sign 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.

Archuleta County Extension Advisory Board meeting. 11:30 a.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84.

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.

Thursday, March 15
Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

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

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

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

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

Thursday, March 22
Archuleta School District Board of Education community en-

agement. Noon, location to be determined.

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education community engagement. 6 p.m., location to be determined.

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

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Jury trial in murder case to begin March 12

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

A jury trial has been set for Chad Nystrom, the man accused of killing Richard "Dick" Isaacs in the spring of 2017.

Nystrom's jury trial is set to begin on March 12 at 9 a.m. and run for two weeks.

"The first 2 days will be in Pagosa for jury selection and possibly opening statements," wrote Alex Lowe, deputy district attorney for the 6th Judicial District Attorney's Office in an email to The SUN. "Then the remainder of the trial will be at the La Plata County Courthouse."

During a preliminary hearing in October of 2017, Nystrom entered a not-guilty plea to the charge of first-degree murder.

In the state of Colorado, first-degree murder is a class 1 felony.

Nystrom was also originally charged with tampering with a deceased body, but that charge was later dropped.

Charlotte Benally, Nystrom's girlfriend, is charged with being an accessory to first-degree murder and has a jury trial scheduled for April.

Benally entered a not guilty-plea to the charges during a preliminary hearing in December of last year.

A jury trial for Benally has been scheduled for April 16 at 9 a.m. and is scheduled to last for four days.

A pretrial conference is scheduled for April

3 at 9 a.m.

The shooting of Isaacs, 65, occurred in May of 2017 in the Aspen Springs subdivision.

In a press release issued in May of 2017, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) states, "The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ASO) announced this evening that at approximately 10:26 a.m. Archuleta County Dispatch received a call from the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) advising that they had been contacted by an individual in Archuleta County reporting that he had shot at and possibly fatally wounded a man. ASO deputies and CSP troopers responded to the scene and confirmed that the individual was deceased."

An arrest narrative obtained by The SUN outlines the alleged events that led up to the shooting.

"NYSTROM apparently told CSP dispatchers that he shot and killed his neighbor," reads the arrest narrative. "The dispatcher told me that no law enforcement was on scene yet, and it had not been verified, but the deceased would be found in the scrub oak brush in the backyard..."

The narrative states that the shooting occurred on May 13, 2017, during a get-together on Nystrom's property in Aspen Springs, and that, following the shooting of Isaacs, Nystrom drove to Grand Junction with Benally.

The two stayed in Grand Junction for a night before returning to Pagosa Springs, then called in the shooting.

The narrative goes on to state that, following the shooting, one of the witnesses told ACSO Detective Sgt. Warren Brown that Nystrom and Benally were outside behind the house near the fire pit when Nystrom allegedly shouted out that there was a man with a gun and told the witnesses to run, with one witness explaining that they ran to the opposite side of the house and heard numerous gunshots.

Statements included in the narrative from witnesses at the get-together allege that Isaacs was in the bushes behind Nystrom's house, roughly 50 to 60 yards away, and also allege that Isaacs may have had something in his left hand that looked like a shotgun.

Archuleta County Coroner Dan Keuning previously explained that he pronounced Isaacs dead at 12:23 p.m. on May 14, and that the approximate time of death was between 4:30 and 6 p.m. on May 13.

He described the manner of death as homicide, and that the cause was multiple gunshot wounds to the head, neck, chest and abdomen.

Nystrom was originally arrested on a charge of second-degree murder, and Benally was originally arrested on the charge of being an accessory to the crime of second-degree murder, a spokesperson from the ACSO previously told The SUN.

During a prior hearing, Lowe stated that Nystrom had fired 15 shots, with five of them hitting Isaacs.

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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. 20 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.
- Feb. 20 — Animals running at large, Haley Place.
- Feb. 21 — Information only, County Road 600.
- Feb. 21 — Information only, Pinon Hills Circle.
- Feb. 22 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Durango Court.
- Feb. 23 — Information only, Cloud Cap Avenue.
- Feb. 23 — Animals running at large, Scenic Avenue.
- Feb. 23 — County warrant, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- Feb. 24 — Second-degree burglary, U.S. 160.
- Feb. 24 — Agency assist, Condor Drive.

Feb. 24 — Agency assist, Aspen-glow Boulevard.

Feb. 25 — Animals running at large, Haley Place.

Feb. 25 — Warrant arrest, Haley Place.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

- Feb. 20 — Cruelty to animals, San Juan Street.
- Feb. 21 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- Feb. 22 — Animal/running at large, South 6th Street.
- Feb. 23 — Third-degree assault, Aspen Village Drive.
- Feb. 24 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge D. Brett Van Winkle

- No report.
- Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**
- Jan. 31 — Deryle W. Martin, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$98.50.
- Feb. 2 — Heidi M. Svoboda, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.
- Feb. 7 — Patrick Lee Munson, license plates-expired, fines and costs

— \$89.50.

Feb. 8 — Timothy T. Medina, overtaking a school bus, fines and costs — \$276.50.

Feb. 8 — Augustine Alcon, driving under restraint-outstanding judgment, fines and costs — \$58.50.

Feb. 21 — Eric A. Shubert, violation of stage 1 fire ban, fines and costs — \$159.

Feb. 21 — Brittany Pacheco, registration-not in vehicle, driver's license-not in possession, disobey lane usage sign, fines and costs — \$181.50.

Feb. 21 — Clarence S. Espinosa, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

Feb. 21 — Burlin F. Goodman, dog at large (first offense no injury), fines and costs — \$76.

Feb. 21 — Kevin R. Brake, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

Feb. 21 — Gilbert T. Salazar, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

Feb. 21 — Fransico Ruiz, following too closely, driver's license-not in possession, fines and costs — \$224.50.

Feb. 21 — Anthony Lewis, speed-

ing 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

Feb. 21 — Michael Gerard Herrera II, turning improperly, fines and costs — \$172.50.

Feb. 21 — Aaron K. Harrison, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$187.50.

Feb. 21 — Glenn C. Alexander, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

Feb. 22 — Dale W. West Jr., driving while ability impaired, 40 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$792.01.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

Feb. 6 — Dathan L. Mobley, theft-\$5,000-\$20,000, two years community corrections, fines and costs — \$503.50.

Feb. 20 — Shaina Lee Myers, theft-\$5,000-\$20,000, controlled substance-possession schedule 1/2/FL/KT, 50 hours community service, two years probation, fines and costs — \$3,341.50.

Feb. 20 — Jose A. Espinosa, weapon-possession/previous offender, three years community corrections, fines and costs — \$473.50.

PFPD responds to propane truck rollover

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to an accident where a propane truck rolled onto its side on the morning of Thursday, Feb. 22.

The incident occurred around 10 a.m. off of Kelsey Circle, explained PFPD Capt. David Mon-

toya in an interview with SUN staff.

"The propane truck was coming off of the driveway from a residence, and the driver lost control and went off of the driveway. The driveway had about a 20-foot drop off, and the truck skidded off the edge of that road and laid over onto its side. It came to rest against a tree," Montoya said, adding that the

driver was uninjured and managed to self-extricate before the PFPD arrived.

"We found one valve that was partially opened. We were able to shut it and we didn't pick up anything from it," Montoya explained. "We monitored with meters and checked everything out. There was no damage to the tank itself."

Montoya pointed out that the

roads were very slick due to snow accumulation that morning, and that this likely had something to do with the rollover.

He added that the PFPD dispatched a rescue vehicle, an engine, a command vehicle and a chief vehicle, and that three volunteers and four paid staff responded to the accident.

Units were dispatched at 10:02 a.m., arriving at 10:14 a.m., and clearing the scene at 10:38 a.m.

Montoya added that the slick roads also affected the PFPD's arrival time.

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Pagosa Area Housing Solutions group asks for fiscal sponsorship from CDC

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At the most recent Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) work session held on Tuesday, the board heard a presentation from a representative of a potential board about being a fiscal sponsor.

The potential board would be called the Pagosa Area Housing Solutions (PAHS).

Per documentation provided by representative Jo Suomala at the meeting, PAHS is requesting fiscal sponsorship from the CDC to oversee and advise on funding expenditures.

"We feel this would be a good match based on the parallel interest of community housing solutions, which are directly linked to local economic growth and prosperity," the document reads.

"We feel this is a great need in Pagosa. And needs to be addressed widely," Suomala said.

The five- to seven- member board would have members with a variety of backgrounds, Suomala added.

Some prospective board members for the PAHS group would be Larry Ash, Sharon Crump and Shellie Hogue, the document states.

"The mission is to expand opportunities and choices for housing within our community, which we also recognize directly links with its economic prosperity and growth," Suomala noted.

The main objective of the group would be to act as a central place for prospective projects, ideas and funding.

Decisions would be made by the PAHS board, but it would also have a professional consultant that specializes in housing, Suomala explained.

The board would also support a core staff, with the consultant being one of them, Suomala added.

Suomala's document notes that in terms of the scope of work for PAHS, an estimated expenditure of between \$65,000 to \$70,000 is expected for the remainder of 2018.

The funding would be invested for the professional consultant and two part-time workers.

These part-time workers would be doing duties including but not limited to:

- Gathering "Pagosa specific" data to support a data-driven strategy.
 - Conducting research in all aspects of community housing needs solutions.
 - Seeking financial support via grants to assist with plan development and execution.
 - Developing a funding stream strategy.
- An allocation breakdown was also provided in the document with the funds being allocated as follows:
- Professional consultant — \$31,000.
 - Two part-time employees — 28,000.
 - Specialized training (for a mini-

mum of two people) — \$4,000.

- Travel, hotel and food — \$1,500.
- Office expenditures — \$1,500.
- Legal (to form a 501(c)(3) — \$1,000.

All of these expenses total \$67,000.

"I love this town. I have lived in so many tourist towns and I've seen it gone downhill so fast," Suomala said. "I'd love to see a prosperous growth in this town."

The funds have been provided by both the town and county.

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Town issues RFP for impact fee study

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 22, the Pagosa Springs Town Council took action on several items regarding impact fees.

The council approved issuing a request for proposals (RFP) for an impact fee study and approved the second reading of an ordinance that would create an impact fee deferral program.

The council also considered the first reading Ordinance 878, which addressed both deferral of impact fees and waiver of impact fees for low- and moderate-income housing projects.

However, the council had several issues with the wording of the ordinance, along with several additional suggestions, and instructed town staff to return with a new draft ordinance during the town's next meeting on March 6.

Council members John Egan, Clint Alley and Mat deGraaf were absent from the meeting.

RFP for impact fee study

"Before you tonight is a draft of an RFP to go out for a new impact fee study," explained Town Manager Andrea Phillips. "As everybody knows, we are working off an old impact fee study, and state law

requires that you develop what's called a rational nexus between your infrastructure needs, your capital needs and what you're charging on impact fees."

"Prior studies-conducted in 2006 and 2009-were completed jointly with Archuleta County. The county commissioners voted recently not to participate with the town in a new study," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting. "At this time, staff desires direction from the Council on whether to put this out to bid for town capital needs only."

The documentation goes on to explain that, in addition to seeking updated information on impact fees linked to town infrastructure needs, the council has expressed a desire 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."

Phillips explained that, in the past, Economic Planning Systems (EPS) did the impact fee studies,

but that there may be additional companies that could provide the same service.

"The rough quote I got from EPS was \$45,000 to do both county and town," explained Phillips. "For just us, it would be between \$25,000 and \$35,000, depending on the scope of it."

Council member Nicole DeMarco explained that she wanted language in the RFP that would have whichever consultant that took the job to first review the town's Smart Growth America Report that was done in 2017.

"I move that we go forward with the RFP with an added emphasis on integrating the Smart Growth America prescriptions," said DeMarco.

Council member Tracy Bunning seconded the motion, which proceeded to pass unanimously.

The RFP states that the deadline for turning in proposals is March 23 at 5 p.m.

Ordinance 879

The council also approved the second reading of Ordinance 879, which pertained to an impact fee deferral program.

"The current code allows for a ten year deferral for projects that demonstrate a 'public benefit.' Staff and Council have discussed the fact that this term is difficult to

quantify and is highly subjective," reads documentation. "In an effort to provide a more transparent and even playing field, town staff recommends that any developer be able to request a deferral of impact fees or that the town remove the deferral program option. Staff also recommends that the Town reduce the deferral from 10 years to three years."

The documentation adds that, originally, ordinances 878 and 879 were packaged in one ordinance, but staff was later directed to separate the issues into two separate ordinances.

"Ordinance 879 removes the 'public benefit' language and allows a deferral of up to three years for any project except for a single family home, duplex, or accessory dwelling unit," reads the documentation. "Feedback from interested parties was that it is not beneficial for someone to put a lien on their property for a project of a smaller scale such as these. Also, the town is considering waiving impact fees for low and moderate income housing in Ordinance 878 so a deferral may not be needed as well."

DeMarco moved to approve the second reading of the ordinance, Bunning seconded the motion and it proceeded to pass unanimously. marshall@pagosasun.com

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Town sanitation discusses consolidating with PAWSD

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 22, the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) considered adding an additional scope of work to the district's current rate study to see what it would take for the district to consolidate with the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

"At its meeting on December 21, 2017, the District Board directed staff to obtain a quote from Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to review the feasibility of the GID being consolidated with the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting.

It adds that Stantec is currently working on rate studies for both the PSSGID and PAWSD.

"If you recall, we're contracting

now with Stantec to do our rate study for the GID. When I presented this as the quote for the rate study, council had requested to get a quote for an additional scope of work from Stantec, and that would be to look at the feasibility of consolidating PAWSD with the GID," explained PSSGID Manager Andrea Phillips to the board. "We did get a quote from them, and it would be roughly \$30,000 to \$38,000 depending on whether they actually come here in person."

Phillips went on to explain that a lot of the work could be done remotely, but the cost could be as much as \$38,000 if consultants had to come to Pagosa Springs in person.

"They've provided a work hour estimate ... I did let Justin Ramsey from PAWSD know that we're looking at a quote, but I wasn't sure if council wanted to move forward with this or not," Phillips explained.

"(Stantec) would be doing a Web-based workshop with us, they'd be looking at our expected desires and outcomes, both for the GID and for PAWSD, so PAWSD would need to participate on some level with this."

Phillips added that the consultants would also develop a plan for financial strategy and operation regarding how combining the two entities systems would work.

The documentation adds that, due to this being an unbudgeted item for 2018, the funding for the study would need to come from reserves.

The board discussed the matter, with board members Tracy Bunning and David Schanzenbaker expressing apprehension at the prospect of adding to the scope of work.

"Council had just requested a quote on what it would look like. I did mention it to Justin, but I don't

know if he had talked to his board about it, but maybe some discussions with their board would be helpful to let them know this is something we're taking a look at," Phillips said. "I don't know if they'd want to participate."

"We need to talk to them," said PSSGID Board President Don Volger. "We've already agreed to go forward with the rate study. Let's talk to PAWSD and see if they want to do something with us on the feasibility study."

The board instructed PSSGID staff to contact PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey to see if the PAWSD board would be interested in participating in a consolidation study.

"If they have some interest and they want to sit down at the table and talk about some ideas, great," commented Volger.

The next PSSGID board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 6, in the town council chambers at Town Hall, located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. marshall@pagosasun.com

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Housing

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Suomala explained.

Both the town and county have put up \$50,000, Suomala stated.

"Our numbers are pretty ballpark at this point in time," Suomala noted.

PAHS would be creating more of a partnership with the other housing groups in town, Suomala added.

"If I can capsulize this, once the RFP is put out by the housing group, your group intends to apply for this money, and you could then say, when you're applying, that the CDC is the fiscal sponsor," Mary Jo Coulehan said.

The model that PAHS is presenting will work best for the current housing and economic cycle, CDC board member Michael Whiting explained.

"It's a focal point organization that coordinates with all the other siloed organizations that you're bound to have," Whiting said.

PAHS would need to form an LLC at the very least, CDC President Jason Cox noted.

"We would need some kind of legal entity to be a fiscal sponsor," Cox said.

A contract would also need to be set up in moving forward, Cox added.

"I love the idea of collaboration," CDC board member Don Volger said.

"The whole purpose of this was to make sure that the process was as transparent as anything we've done in the past, or more, hopefully, than the past," Whiting said.

Cox suggested that the board make a decision on becoming a fiscal sponsor for the PAHS at the next regular CDC meeting on March 14. chris@pagosasun.com

Celebration



Photo courtesy Nancy Walls

Dalton Walls, age 16, of Pagosa Springs, won double gold at the Colorado Special Olympics Winter Games at Copper Mountain Feb. 24 and 25. His speedy 50-second slalom and 41-second giant slalom earned him first place in both intermediate men's downhill ski races. Over 300 athletes and 400 coaches and volunteers gathered for the event, which was topped off with fireworks and a torchlight parade by the Copper Mountain ski patrol. This was Dalton's sixth year competing in the state finals.

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Sports

BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates earn No. 2 seed, host this weekend

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

With an 18-3 record on the season, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team earned the No. 2 seed in the 3A state basketball tournament, behind Kent Denver.

The Pirates' seeding was helped by a pair of wins during last weekend's Intermountain League (IML) tournament in Alamosa, at which the Lady Pirates defeated the Alamosa Mean Moose and the Centauri Falcons.

Now, the Lady Pirates will host the first- and second-round action for their quadrant of the state bracket.

Alamosa

"We just tried to not put a lot of pressure on it and just go be relaxed and go play," coach Wes Lewis said of Friday's game against the Mean Moose. "We felt like we were better than them, but they were kind of playing for their postseason seeding and a chance to host if they could get by us and Centauri. The tournament was in their gym, and ... and we kind of used the unfortunate accident that happened to our boys, made sure that woke us up and not let it happen to us."

And that approach worked for the Lady Pirates, who defeated the Alamosa Mean Moose 51-26 to advance to the tournament championship.

The Pirates jumped out to a 15-4 lead by the end of the first quarter, and had extended that lead to 29-9 by the end of the half.

"They really tried to take Devin Wilson away," Lewis said, which opened up other players.

The Mean Moose bested the Pirates in the third quarter 12-8, but Pagosa rebounded in the fourth quarter, outscoring Alamosa 14-5.

"I thought our defense was good again," Lewis said, adding, "That's always a focus point going in."

Morgan Lewis led the Lady Pirates in the game with 18 points, followed by Wilson and Hailey Griego with eight each.

The team shot 48 percent from the charity stripe, with the coach calling the team's free-throw woes a "confidence thing."

Of the team's 26 rebounds, nine came from Morgan Lewis, followed by six from Griego.

The team turned the ball over 13 times in the game while logging nine steals.

Alamosa earned the No. 23 seed for the state tournament and will take on No. 10 Lamar in Sterling Friday afternoon.

Centauri

The following night, the Pirates took on their IML rival, the Centauri Falcons, with the teams having split regular-season action.

Centauri entered the game with a 19-1 record.

And, again, the Lady Pirates went in with the message to just relax.

"We just told them that the pressure was on Friday night, to win that one, that there wasn't a lot of pressure on Saturday night," Wes Lewis said, adding that it was a game between two good teams who were first and second in the league and were co-champions.

The team also knew the game



Photo courtesy Joel Priest

Junior Devin Wilson fights past an Alamosa defender during the district tournament in Alamosa Friday. The Lady Pirates defeated Alamosa and Centauri at the tournament, earning the No. 2 seed for the state tournament.

would be one of spurts and runs, the coach said.

Again, that approach worked, with Pagosa jumping to a 15-10 lead by the end of the first quarter and a 31-17 lead at halftime.

The third quarter was closer, with Pagosa outscoring Centauri 9-6.

The fourth quarter, however, was a different story.

The Falcons came on strong in the quarter, eating into the Pirates' lead, ultimately outscoring the Lady Pirates 19-8 in the quarter, leaving Pagosa with a narrow 48-42 win.

"I feel like if we could have just made some free throws down the stretch, it wouldn't have been near as close as it was," Wes Lewis said.

The team faltered from the line, making 16 of 28 attempts.

"Kind of the game within the game was the foul situation," Wes Lewis said. "We had Taylor and Ada [Peshlakai] both had three fouls in the first half, and we were fortunate to keep Devin out of foul trouble. And, we got some big minutes out of Teagan [Stretton], and then we also got some big minutes out of Amelia Peshlakai and DeAnn Schaaf as we were trying to get to halftime with Taylor and Ada not picking up any more fouls."

Stretton started the second half for the Lady Pirates in place of Taylor Lewis due to the foul situation.

"They were dealing with some foul trouble of their own," Wes Lewis said of Centauri.

Then, as the second half unfolded, Wilson picked up her fourth

foul at the end of the third quarter, with Wilson fouling out early in the fourth quarter.

Centauri's Ember Canty followed suit and fouled out.

With about three minutes left, Stretton fouled out for the Lady Pirates.

Centauri also had a second player, Kyree Huffaker, foul out.

"I thought we both dealt with some significant foul trouble," the coach said, adding that more of the Lady Pirates' younger players stepped up as the game progressed.

A big factor in the game, he said, was that Morgan Lewis was not in foul trouble when Canty was.

"I thought it was a team win," Wes Lewis said. "Different people contributed in different ways."

Three Lady Pirates contributed with double-digit scoring efforts, including 15 points from Morgan Lewis and 10 each from Griego and Wilson.

Ada Peshlakai put up six points in the game, followed by four from Taylor Lewis and three from Stretton (a 3-pointer).

Of the team's 30 rebounds, 11 came from Morgan Lewis, followed by nine from Griego.

The team turned the ball over 22 times in the game, while Centauri turned the ball over 28 times.

Pagosa logged 12 steals in the game — double Centauri's figure.

Despite the loss, the Falcons will host first- and second-round action, as well, as the tournament's No. 5 seed.

The Falcons face No. 28 Stargate

School Friday evening.

State tournament

Wes Lewis indicated he was surprised with the state tournament seeding, noting that St. Mary's has only one loss on the year, which was to Colorado Springs Christian.

He noted he thought the two should be the No. 1 and No. 2 teams instead of the No. 3 and No. 4.

Despite that, however, Wes Lewis said he and his coaching staff have gathered information on all three teams coming to Pagosa Springs for tomorrow's action, with the Lady Pirates simultaneously preparing for all three.

"I think we've got some good basketball teams coming to town this weekend," he said, adding it was important for the Lady Pirates to play well both nights. "We will have to play extremely well Saturday to get to the final eight."

First, the Lady Pirates will take on the No. 31 Middle Park Panthers, who are 16-6 on the season and went 11-1 in the Frontier League.

That game is slated to begin at 6 p.m.

At 8 p.m., No. 15 Grand Valley will take on No. 18 University.

The Grand Valley Cardinals are 15-7 on season, while the University Bulldogs are 17-5.

The winners of Friday's games will play each other at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Wes Lewis noted that the team would love to see a lot of local fans out showing their support.

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Good luck, Pirates!

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WRESTLING



SUN photo/Marshall Dunham

The Pagosa Pirates who garnered all-conference honors for their work over the course of the season stand in the wrestling room at Pagosa Springs High School Wednesday. From left to right are: junior Caleb Janowsky, senior Nolan Stretton, senior Trevor Bryant, senior Colton Castro and coach Dan Janowsky, who was selected as Coach of the Year.

BASKETBALL

No. 19 Pirates traveling to Coal Ridge for first round of state tournament

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The path to a third state championship will start on the road for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' basketball team.

On Feb. 25, the Colorado High School Activities Association released the 3A state tournament bracket.

Despite being bounced in the play-in game against Monte Vista on Feb. 20, Pagosa was seeded 19th overall for the state tournament.

The No. 19 Pirates (14-6 overall, 7-3 in league play) will travel to Coal Ridge High School in New Castle for the first round of the state tournament to take on the No. 14 Manual Thunderbolts (14-8 overall, 6-3 in league play) tomorrow at 5:30 p.m.

The winner of this matchup will go on to face the winner of the host No. 3 Coal Ridge Titans (20-2 overall, 9-0 in league play) and the No. 30 Frontier Academy Wolverines (9-11 overall, 2-8 in league play).

Action for the Coal Ridge and Frontier Academy matchup is set to begin at 7 p.m.

The Thunderbolts average about 64 points per game, compared to 48 points per game for the Pirates.

However, Pagosa averages more rebounds per game than Manual, averaging 25.8 to Manual's 20.1.

In assists, blocks and steals, Pagosa also has the edge.

For the Thunderbolts, Jaedon Bowles leads the team in points, rebounds and assists, averaging 23.2, 5.6 and 3.4, respectively.

Masiah Hudson also leads Manual in steals per game with 1.3.

For Pagosa, Isaiah Griego leads the team in points and rebounds, averaging a double-double with 16.3 points per game and 11.3 rebounds per game.

Griego also leads the team in blocks and steals with nearly two a game in each category.

Keaton Lavery leads the Pirates in assists with three per game.

In a phone interview with The

SUN on Wednesday afternoon, coach Randy Sorenson described Manual as a team that is long and athletic and likes to attack the basket.

"We're going to have to play well. I think we have a chance if we play well. If we can stop penetration and rebound the basketball I think we'll be in pretty good shape," Sorenson said.

In light of the loss against Monte Vista in the play-in game for the league tournament, Sorenson explained that he was pushing for the kids to believe in themselves and have confidence in their abilities.

"The coaches believe that they can play with any team in the state if they go play well," Sorenson added.

"We just need to be more fundamentally sound," he stated.

Currently, Sorenson noted, Pagosa is primarily focused on Manual, but saw Coal Ridge play at the Palisade tournament earlier in the season.

"I feel confident, if we can beat Manual, we'll compete with them,"

Sorenson said.

The Sterling Tigers garnered the No. 1 seed in the tournament by posting a 22-0 overall record and an 11-0 record in league play.

Four other Intermountain League teams also qualified for the state tournament.

The No. 2 Alamosa Mean Moose (18-3 overall, 9-1 in league play) will take on the No. 31 Cedaredge Bruins (9-12 overall, 2-7 in league play).

The Bayfield Wolverines (14-7 overall and 7-3 in league play) receiving a seven seed and will take on the No. 26 Brush Beetdiggers (14-9 overall, 5-5 in league play).

The No. 27 Centauri Falcons (9-11 overall, 2-8 in league play) will face the No. 6-seeded Faith Christian Eagles (16-6 overall, 6-3 in league play).

Lastly, the No. 25 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers (12-10 overall, 4-6 in league play) face the No. 8 Denver Science and Tech Stapleton Knights (18-4 overall, 11-1 in league play).

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Pagosa Springs creates new little league program

By Mark Day
Special to The SUN

Members of the Pagosa Springs community will now have the opportunity to be a part of the world's largest youth sports organization as Pagosa Springs Little League has officially announced the launch of a little league program, offering a variety of diversions for youth baseball, from beginners to more

experienced players.

The program is currently open for online registration via www.pagosapringslittleleague.com.

For those looking to join as a player or volunteer with the Pagosa Springs Little League, here are the details on this year's upcoming registration:

- How to register — Registration is online at www.pagosapringslittleleague.com.

- How to volunteer — Send email request to pagosapringslittleleague@gmail.com.

- How to donate — Pagosa Springs Little League is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and relies on support from the community to make this program available to our youth. Please email pagosapringslittleleague@gmail.com.

As a part of chartering with little league baseball, Pagosa Springs

Little League will receive all of the benefits of being a little league affiliated program, including:

- Opportunity to participate in the little league national tournament.
- Access to Little League University, little league's online training and education resource.
- Brand recognition with the world's largest organized youth sports program.
- Service and support from little league international, regional and district staff members.

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Tee-ball registration runs through April 23

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The recreation department is accepting tee-ball registrations through April 23. Cost is \$35 includes hat and jersey.

Tee-ball season will be held during May every Monday and

Wednesday evening.

Community Center closed Saturday

The Ross Aragon Community Center will be closed Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call the Community Center with any questions, 264-4152, ext. 521.

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

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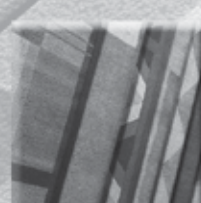
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Outdoors



Spring hunter education classes announced

By Don Volger
Special to The SUN

Spring 2018 hunter education classes will be held March 17 and 31 (Internet conclusion class); March 19, 21, 23, 24 and 31 (youth class); and March 26, 28, 30 and 31 (regular class).

For the Internet conclusion class on March 17, the time will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; for the March 31 class (range), the time will be 9 to 10:30 a.m.

For the youth classes on March

19, 21 and 23, the time will be 6 to 9 p.m.; the March 24 class will be from 8 to 11 a.m.; and the March 31 class (range) will be from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

For the regular classes on March 26, 28 and 30, the time will be 6 to 9 p.m.; the March 31 (class and range) time will be noon until 1:30 p.m.

Range day will be March 31, and students from all classes must attend to receive a hunter education card.

Classes will be held at the Ross

Aragon Community Center, South Conference Room, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. (north of the Town Hall).

There is no charge for classes.

If you were born on or after Jan. 1, 1949, you are required to have a hunter safety card before you can purchase a hunting license. Students 17 and under should attend the Internet conclusion class or the youth class. Students 18 and older should attend the adult class. Students should register online by going to wildlife.state.co.us and following the directions.

Please note: The range day for all classes will be March 31. Conclusion class and youth class students should be finished no later than noon on range day. Also, the Internet conclusion class will be geared to youth, but adults are welcome. Students taking the conclusion class must complete an approved online course and bring proof of completion on March 31.

■ See Classes A15

Colorado Parks and Wildlife to hold informational meeting

By Doug Purcell
Special to The SUN

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is hosting an informational meeting on March 10 from 1 to 4:45 p.m. at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library to discuss several items, including key changes to the limited license application process.

Paper applications will no longer be accepted.

A help session will follow the meeting in the computer lab to assist people with accessing and using the new licensing system.

1-3 p.m. topics

- The Landowner Preference Program.

- Changes to either-sex elk licenses.
- Elk management in the area.
- Upcoming five-year big game season structure.
- Antler shed season.
- Future Generations Bill — Proposed fee increases.
- New online licensing and application system.

1-4:45 p.m. — computer lab

- Assistance applying for hunting licenses.
- Establishing an email account.

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Goals & Accomplishments Pagosa Fire Protection District

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.

Answers are printed as received and are not edited.

Randy Larson, Fire Chief, Pagosa Fire Protection District



What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2017?

2017 saw a lot of changes in the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD). Karn Macht was promoted from Wildland Coordinator to Deputy Chief, Capt. Kelly Robertson was reassigned to fill the vacated position of Director of Fire Prevention and Public Education, and through attrition 2 Command level positions were eliminated and reorganized making way for us to hire 2 entry-level Full-time Firefighters and 2 part-time Firefighter/Administrative assistants.

Along with the above accomplishments:

- Our Strategic Plan was completed and published
- 2 more volunteers were promoted to Lieutenant. 1 for Training and one as Public Information Officer.
- A class of new Volunteer Firefighters graduated.
- Beyond Hoses and Helmets Leadership Class was brought to PFPD by the IAFC/VCOS.
- Received a grant from Wal-Mart to purchase per-

sonal safety equipment.

- Continued to work on transparency and public relations.
- Complete an Insurance Service Organization re-rating. (More to come on this soon.)

What are your three top goals for 2018?

With the completion of the Strategic Plan several short-term and long-term goals were developed. PFPD will work toward accomplishing as many of these goals as possible over the next year. Some of those goals include:

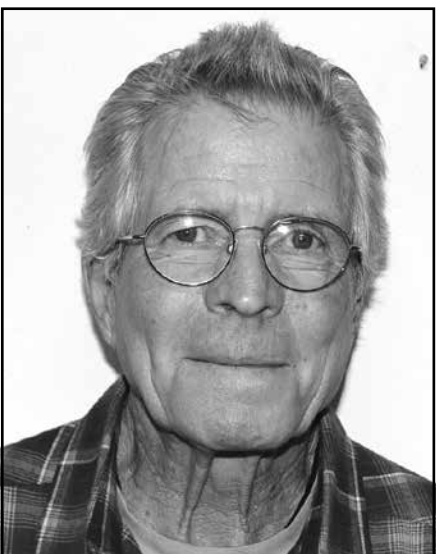
- Continue to improve service delivery to the community.
- Support effective community outreach and involvement.
- Provide and maintain quality equipment and facilities.
- Be fiscally pro-active and responsible.
- Improve leadership and communications.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

Unfortunately, the key to accomplishing many of these goals falls to finance and budget. Since the PFPD is funded almost solely with property taxes and the Gallagher Amendment continuously cutting into the property evaluations, we will be forced to ask the voters for a mill levy increase so that we can increase our budget and continue to grow with the community. Extensive research has been done to make sure that what we ask for is not overreaching, but can accomplish the goals of the Strategic Plan.

We will continue to seek out grant funding and other available funding sources, however the grant atmosphere is very competitive at this time.

John Thompson, Board Chairman, Pagosa Fire Protection District



What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2017?

2017 was a productive year for Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD). A comprehensive Strategic Plan was developed through the efforts of the public and local stakeholders, volunteers, staff and Board of Directors. PFPD's Transparency Notice, Finances, Audits, and more have been added to the website, keeping the District transparent to the public and District taxpayers. Frequent Press Releases and the use of PFPD's Facebook Page has become "the norm" to help educate, and keep the public informed. A highly motivated group of Volunteer Firefighters graduated the Firefighter Academy and took their "Oaths of Office" in front of the Board of Directors. For Public Education

and Recruitment purposes a "Fire Fest" was held in the town park. The National Fire Protection Association conducted a Live Fire demonstration, capturing the attention of all attendees.

What are your three top goals for 2018?

2018 brings new challenges to Pagosa Fire Protection District. We have a Board of Directors Election with three seats open. Along with the Board of Directors Election, PFPD will ask the voters for a mill levy increase. PFPD will not be able to accomplish the goals, set forth in the Strategic Plan, without seeking a mill levy increase. After having discussions with several public stakeholders, the opinion PFPD received was not to overreach in the mill levy increase. The Board, alongside Chief Larson, have worked hard to come up

with asking for a 3.783 mill levy increase, for a total of 7.85 mills. This would allow PFPD to accomplish the goals set before us in the Strategic Plan.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

Public awareness and education will play a huge role with the mill levy election. We will continue to reach out to educate the public on what Pagosa Fire does and what services are provided. We hope to accomplish this with acute attention to what the public expectations are. As far as the Board of Director seats, PFPD is always looking for community minded residents that would like to oversee the activities and decisions being made by Pagosa Fire.

Archuleta County Treasurer's Office

Betty Diller, County Treasurer



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2017?

Passage of HB 17-1019 solidified the ability of county treasurers to pay for treasurer deed software and include that cost as a redemption fee. This gives county treasurers access to sophisticated tools for use in managing the tax deed application and property transfer process. My bill was sponsored by Representative Donald Valdez (District 62 which includes Alamosa County and Conejos County) and Senator Don Coram (District 6 which includes Archuleta County). I was able to testify before the Finance Committees of both the House and the Senate.

Addition of a Sweep Account structure with our bank gives us locks in increased earnings for the county. This year, rising interest rates returned the sweep account product to a profitable option. We now earn greater interest on our cash on hand than we were earning as credits against fees. At the current status, we anticipate earning an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 in 2018.

Presenting "Being a Public Trustee is Risky Business" was highlight of the year. It was an honor to be selected to speak before the group. While many presentations on risk are focused on businesses, the material I prepared covered 5 risks typically faced by governments. A large portion of the presentation addressed ethics in government and what we in government owe the public.

What are your three top goals for 2018?

Passage of a bill addressing bankruptcy during a treasurer deed application process will be another impact I hope to have on county treasurer legislation. There is a huge gap in statutes regarding procedures for notification and restarting the application when a party of interest declares bankruptcy during the deed application process. We need this legislation to define notice requirements and continuance procedures. Passage of this bill will allow the procedures to be incorporated into the treasurer deed software, on which Archuleta County was the major contributor.

Leading the development of software functionality to enable the treasurer deed program to process multiple-lien deed applications and low-value applications will be an important part of 2018. This will enable county treasurers to take advantage of software to process these kinds of tax deeds. Using software increases efficiency and accuracy. It also eliminates redundant typing of legal documents.

Increasing awareness of fraud attempts is an ongoing project. All forms of fraudulent attempts, including the abundance of different kinds of cybercrime as well as counterfeiting and check alteration, are increasing each day. It is important that treasury lead the way

in educating the county organization in prevention and detection of fraudulent activity. We held training classes on check inspection and acceptance last year. We are currently preparing materials for new classes in currency counterfeiting detection and procedures.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

Drafting of the bankruptcy bill should be completed in February. I will circulate the proposed bill throughout the county treasurers for improvements or corrections. Because scheduling for hearings regarding a bill can occur with very short notice, I hope to be able to testify this year.

Increasing the software functionality available will involve emails and telephone conferences with a small treasurer group. We will then submit the desired changes to treasurers who use the software and then move it to implementation.

Strengthening our fraud awareness will increase by attending high-quality trainings from the state, banking institutions, and other meeting conducted throughout our region. We will then continue to translate what we have learned into training sessions for the county organization. We will also audit our protection measures and evaluate implementing additional processes.

Solstice project researchers slated to speak at the CRIA Lecture Series Thursday, March 8

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

On Thursday, March 8, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is proud to host a special presentation on "Chacoan Astronomy, Cosmography, Roads, and Ritual Power: New Insights into Chaco's Powerful Expanse using New Technologies."

The lecture is free of charge and will begin at 7 p.m. at The Springs Resort and Spa (Ecoluxe building) located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd. The

public is invited to join the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) for its social hour preceding the lecture at 6 p.m.

Solstice Project researchers Anna Sofaer, Richard Friedman and Robert Weiner will share latest research findings revealing the vast extent of the Chaco culture across an area the size of Ohio and the compelling cosmology that underlay its regional power. They will review the Chacoans' complex solar and lunar astronomy as commemorated at the Sun Dag-

ger site and in the alignments of buildings. They've learned of striking ritual objects found at Pueblo Bonito such as macaws, cacao, copper bells and gambling pieces. The hundreds of outlying great houses throughout the Chaco world will be brought to life through 3-D models.

The researchers will also share the results of the Solstice Project's recent use of LiDAR technology to document enigmatic Chaco "roads," many of which establish connections with striking features of the natural landscape and astronomical directions. Their latest findings reveal that the topographic trajectory of Chaco Canyon itself aligns to the major lunar standstill as viewed from a great house, just as Chimney Rock's landform frames the standstill moon's rising from ritual architecture. With this use of the sculpted land forms of the Four Corners, the Chacoans created a powerful union of land and sky, a convergence that may have

inspired their intense investment in astronomical commemoration and ceremonial extravagance.

About the speakers

At the summer solstice in 1977, Sofaer rediscovered the Sun Dagger site in Chaco Canyon, N.M. Following this finding, Sofaer founded the nonprofit Solstice Project and has conducted three decades of research at Chaco.

She has produced, directed and co-written two award-winning PBS documentaries, "The Sun Dagger" and "The Mystery of Chaco Canyon," both narrated by Robert Redford. Her work has been published in dozens of scientific papers, republished in the book "Chaco Astronomy: An Ancient American Cosmology." Currently, Sofaer is producing and co-directing a third documentary, writing a book and pursuing efforts to protect Chaco from energy development.

Friedman is a remote sensing

expert who has studied Chaco Canyon for over 30 years. He combines diverse skill sets in geology, remote sensing, archaeology and new digital technologies to study the Chaco world.

Friedman worked with the Navajo Nation Chaco Sites Protection Program to document countless great houses and roads throughout the Four Corners region. Friedman has published numerous articles on Chacoan architecture, roads and agriculture. He currently teaches in the GIS program at San Juan College in Farmington, N.M., and works closely with the Solstice Project.

Weiner is a research associate with the Solstice Project and research affiliate with the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology at Brown University. He will start a Ph.D. in archaeology at Harvard in the fall.

Weiner studies gambling, roads, ritual, Mesoamerican connections and astronomy at Chaco. His re-

search has been published in American Antiquity, Kiva, Advances in Archaeological Practice and various edited volumes. He has conducted archaeological fieldwork in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Turkey.

Join the Chimney Rock volunteer team

CRIA invites community members to attend the Chimney Rock volunteer open house on March 16 at the EcoLuxe building at The Springs Resort and Spa located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd., from 6 to 7 p.m.

This is a great way to meet our amazing volunteers and learn more about Chimney Rock and ways to get involved. Stop by the Chimney Rock open house and enjoy coffee and desserts with our enthusiastic volunteers. Beverages will be available for purchase.

For more information, please visit our website at www.chimneyrockco.org.

Classes

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All programs, services and activities of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) are operated in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need accommodation due to a disability, please contact Don Volger at 264-2197. To

assure that CPW can meet special needs, please notify Volger at least seven days before the class.

These courses are sponsored by the Pagosa Springs Police Department in conjunction with CPW with support from the local chapter of the Friends of the NRA.

Goals & Accomplishments Pagosa Springs Medical Center, USJHSD

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Mark Floyd, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Upper San Juan Health Service District



What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2017?

Very few of the District's accomplishments can be called mine, so I'll speak on behalf of the board. First, we are in the midst of a smooth CEO transition. Brad Cochennet has guided the District for about 10 years – sometimes it was a little too exciting for me, but there's no arguing with his successful tenure. Rhonda Webb, MD is taking up the reins and we're looking forward to more successes going forward. She inherits a terrific management team and staff, so I don't expect any slowdown in our progress.

We completed construction and moved into

our new clinic space this summer – a project that went about as smoothly as possible. In addition, we remodeled space in the hospital so that operating departments are better able to fulfill their goals and support further services expansion.

Finally, we improved service availability by adding physicians and support staff to the Primary Care Clinic. This will make it easier for patients to receive timely care in the new setting.

What are your three top goals for 2018?

I'll be retiring from the District's board this year, along with Jerry Baker. In addition, the seats filled

by Greg Schulte and Dr. Rick Zak's replacement (to be named this month) will be up for re-election. My goal in this regard is to have a smooth governance transition. Other goals are not mine to determine, but a growing business's financial stability is always a priority and of course I have high hopes for the success of our new oncology program.

I'm full of hope for the future of the district. It has been my honor to serve its residents, visitors and employees.

Brad Cochennet, Former CEO, Pagosa Springs Medical Center



What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2017?

From my view as CEO, of the steps taken in 2017 the top three accomplishments in 2017 were: the completion of the new clinic, the addition of new talent to the Pagosa Springs Medical Center team, and the opportunity to invite the community to our open house to celebrate ten years of rural healthcare progression.

The completion of the new clinic was marked by a community focused Grand Opening event. The project was a multi-year process with over \$4.5 million in grants and donations that helped

offset the \$12.0 million expense for the new structure. Through the help of architects Boulder and Associates and general contractor GE Johnson, the project came in under budget and on time. The new space enables PSMC to extend primary care availability to six days a week while adding specialty service lines such as cardiology.

In 2017, new talent to the organization was added: two new primary care physicians, Dr. Stophar-Mitchell and Dr. Reed; a General Surgeon, Dr. Roy Tinguely, with over 20 years' experience; and current CEO, Dr. Rhonda Webb, who has been with PSMC since 2015. Fortunately for our team of professionals and the community, Dr.

Rhonda Webb stepped forward from her role as Chief Medical Officer and will now serve as the Chief Executive Officer. She brings a great deal of experience with health care to our medical center as a clinician along with much administrative expertise. Dr. Webb is well-positioned to lead the medical center forward to meet the challenges ahead. I am very proud of my time at PSMC and I believe it will provide well into future.

After much effort from the community to open in 2008, we will commemorate our 10th anniversary by hosting an open house highlighting the improvements for rural healthcare access in the Pagosa area.

Dr. Rhonda Webb, CEO, Pagosa Springs Medical Center



What are your three top goals for 2018?

As the incoming CEO, I am excited for the opportunity to take Pagosa Springs Medical Center forward to meet the demands of our growing community. In 2018 we will be expanding services for our patients and preparing PSMC for the uncertainties and challenges to come with the changing landscape of healthcare reimbursement. Our primary goal will be to continue to provide safe, high quality patient-centered care.

We will be adding The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at PSMC with our new experienced Medical Oncologist Dr. Bill Jordan and Nurse Practitioner Kelly Cesary. Through the Center, PSMC will improve rural access to quality cancer care. We recognize that cancer touches almost everyone during their lifetime and that patients in rural areas face unique challenges in receiving treatment. We are pleased to have recruited Dr. Jordan to oversee our program. It is hard to believe that not quite eight years ago our

Hospital was open for primary care just one half day per week. Today PSMC offers primary care six days a week, 24/7 Board Certified Physician covered Emergency Room care, and specialists in General Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Cardiology, and Gastroenterology. We also offer Gynecological Services. Soon patients will be able to receive care for cancer in Pagosa Springs.

To meet patient needs, PSMC will add Neurology with Dr. Bill Bentley, and expand our Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine department to increase coverage for Pediatric and Trauma Orthopedics with Dr. Mindy Siegel. Also, we are expanding our existing Gastroenterology coverage with Dr. Richard Zak, and Cardiology coverage with Dr. Rob Lambert. Several of our new Primary Care Physicians are also offering local Pre-Natal Care.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

We will continue to keep a close eye on any changes to the reimbursement model for healthcare

and while staying independent by strengthening our relationships with all of our neighboring health systems.

Operationally, we have been taking strategic steps to be able to bring The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders to PSMC in 2018. We remodeled our pharmacy and infusion room. We have recruited an experienced Medical Oncologist from the Dallas Ft. Worth area, who has worked at MD Anderson in the past, and surrounded him with a strong team experienced in cancer care. Next, we will be implementing state-of-the-art software with the most current clinical care protocols and virtual networking, a system that will allow our team to stay connected to over 1,000 other Oncologists.

With the additional exam rooms provided by the new outpatient wing, we will be able to accommodate other specialty lines to address current patient demand. We are here to serve the community, and we will continue to listen to the needs of our community.

Many thanks to Brad Cochennet for bringing us this far.

Education

Archuleta School District seeks community input on mill levy override

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A possible mill levy override (MLO) was the topic of discussion at the most recent community engagement meeting on Jan. 22.

Hosted by the Archuleta School District (ASD), the meeting began with ASD Superintendent Linda Reed informing the public that ASD is one of the lower-funded districts in the area.

ASD is also one of the few districts that does not have an MLO, Reed noted.

ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson began the meeting by explaining the different types of MLOs, along with their uses.

Types of MLOs and uses

A voter-approved override can be used for "almost everything," Hodgson explained.

Salaries, supplies and equipment are covered within the first MLO outlined by Hodgson.

"But, you are limited by what you take to the voters. So if you tell the voters you're going to use it for a specific purpose, that's what you have to use it for and the voters have to approve it," Hodgson said.

According to documentation provided by Hodgson at the meeting, 113 districts out of the 178 public school districts in Colorado currently have a voter-approved

override.

In regard to the next MLO, the hold-harmless override, Hodgson explained that in 1994, when the state legislature set up the current funding formula, 29 schools would have been negatively impacted.

"So, they gave them a mill levy to make sure they didn't lose out during that transition," Hodgson explained.

Voter-approved and hold-harmless MLOs are limited by the greater of 25 percent of the total program or \$200,000, whichever is more, Hodgson noted.

The number of districts that use a hold-harmless MLO is 29.

In total, the number of total voter-approved and hold-harmless MLOs utilized in the state is 121.

The next MLO, the special building and technology fund, is not used by any district in the state of Colorado, Hodgson explained.

"That's probably because you can have that for no more than three years. So people are assuming if you're going to go through the effort to get the voters to approve something, get something that can be used beyond that," Hodgson said.

A full-day kindergarten fund is another MLO that is used by three schools in the state, Hodgson added.

This MLO is used for the excess

cost of full-day kindergarten.

The transportation fund MLO was then briefly explained by Hodgson as being used for transportation operating costs and equipment.

Only 10 schools in the state utilize the transportation MLO, Hodgson noted.

The last MLO described, which began in 2016-17, the operational MLO, is used by three schools and is used for capital construction, technology and maintenance.

"The theory behind that is let schools raise the money locally ahead of time for a project so they don't have to borrow money and pay interest," Hodgson said.

Why pursue an MLO?

Looking at the districts that make up the area's Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), Pagosa and Cortez are the only two districts without an MLO, Reed noted.

ASD has never had an MLO before to Reed's knowledge, she explained.

The reason why ASD is considering an MLO is due to a cut in funding from the state, Reed explained.

"In order to balance their budget they did a rescission, the first year, and then they found an obscure code that they were able to access and they called it the negative fac-

tor," Reed said.

The rescission occurred in 2010, Reed added.

From 2009 to 2018, the total amount of revenue lost for ASD totaled \$11,828,301, documentation provided to TheSUN by Reed shows.

"What that has done over time is caused us to not be able to compensate our staff the way we would like to," Reed said during the meeting.

Hodgson moved forward with the presentation by explaining the various MLO rates for various districts across the state.

Archuleta County's total mill levy sits at 24.209.

Districts such as Bayfield or Durango have total mill levies of 31.905 and 20.281, respectively.

The average total program mills for the districts within the San Juan BOCES area is 12.377. For schools within the San Luis Valley, the average of total program mills is 23.611 and for "mountain schools" such as Aspen, Buena Vista and Telluride, the average of total program mills is 19.705.

"One of the other big problems that we have is that this finance formula is 20 years old and things have changed dramatically," Board of Education member Bruce Dryburgh commented.

Reed noted that there is a bill currently in the state legislature

that would revise the school finance formula.

This bill would rely on per-pupil allocation rather than a district allocation, Reed mentioned.

In terms of per-pupil revenue, only two other districts are below ASD, Cortez and Alamosa, Hodgson added.

A question was raised by audience member Matt Ford on what the bond redemption mill levy would be.

"The net is 5 or 6, last I heard, and a lot of that will depend on what happens with the interest rates over the next six months," Hodgson explained.

Because of a teacher shortage in the state, and unemployment being at an all-time low in Pagosa Springs, ASD is having difficulty in attracting and retaining high-quality staff, Reed explained.

"My idea, and I'm not going to pin this on the board, this is my idea, is that we would be able to increase salaries for staff so that we are competitive with our nearest neighbor as far as size," Reed said.

Those "competitors" were identified by Reed as Bayfield and Durango, and it was also noted that Durango just raised its starting salary for teachers to \$40,000.

Starting salaries for ASD teachers are currently at \$34,000.

Average starting salaries in the

San Juan BOCES area is \$32,751.

"The only thing the board has said is that we are interested in looking at what alternatives would allow us to give more money to our staff," Dryburgh added. "There are absolutely no numbers that have been proposed."

Reed again reminded the audience that ASD is in steep competition with districts around the state.

A lot of the teachers and staff have two or three jobs so they can live in Pagosa Springs, Reed noted.

However, there always will be competition among school districts, Reed acknowledged.

"But, we have agreed that we don't poach in other people's ponds," Reed said.

For example, if ASD needed a special education teacher, Reed would not go to Bayfield, Ignacio or Durango to convince them to teach in ASD.

But, if there were more money to be made in ASD for that position, that could be enticing enough, Reed noted.

Public comment

A community member began this portion of the meeting by asking Reed about her experience with losing staff to other communities.

"I think it's not necessarily that we're losing teachers, but it's re-

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Goals & Accomplishments Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District

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Jim Smith, Board Chairman and President, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District



What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2017?

1. In January 2017 the Board promoted Justin Ramsey, who was the District Engineer, to become the new PAWSD Manager. Justin has over twenty years of water and wastewater design and construction experience.

2. In 2017, PAWSD spent approximately 1.4 million dollars on new and used Capital Equipment and maintenance items. The largest items included a centrifuge that separates fluids from solids, computer related updates, and replacement of all Firefly's that electronically transmit water meter readings to the PAWSD office.

3. Water rates will start out the same in 2018 as in the last three years; however, a rate study is

scheduled to begin in Mid-January to determine if rate adjustments are necessary. Water rates not being raised for the past 3 years is due to a Conservative Board and dedicated employees providing the "BEST" service for PAWSD's Customers. The 27 employees do not receive a cost-of-living salary increase. Employees receive pay increases based on merit, successful completion of job training, and meeting performance requirements. By the Board and employees working together, Customers will again enjoy the lowest water rates possible.

What are your three top goals for 2018?

1. Continue locating and repairing water losses in 290 miles of waterlines in which many older lines were installed using poor construction practices

and/or substandard materials. A recent section of waterline located in a rocky formation was replaced at a cost of \$90 per foot.

2. In order to comply with a new State regulation, PAWSD must add UV disinfection equipment to the SJW Treatment Plant to treat water coming from the San Juan River. This will be completed in two years.

3. PAWSD will continue maintaining quality service at the lowest cost possible, as well as develop plans for any future growth that might occur.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

The PAWSD Board of Directors and Department Heads will develop and adopt a Capital Improvement Plan covering the years 2019-2028.

Justin Ramsey, District Manager, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District



What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2017?

For the third year in a row Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District's (PAWSD) met our obligations to the community of providing high quality drinking water and safety treating and discharging wastewater without a rate increase. Through this period, 2015 through 2017 there has been approximately 5.8% overall increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for our region with no increase in water or sanitation rates. PAWSD's three biggest accomplishments for 2017 were: 1) The operation of the San Juan MIEX pre-treatment facility. This allows us to treat water from Lake Forest during high demand periods thus reducing impacts on Hatcher Lake. 2) 2017 had significant growth in our district. PAWSD had 115 water connections and 86 sewer connections. This is up 17 percent from 2016 and 43 percent from 2015. 3) We had a full year of treating the Town of Pagosa Springs wastewater. The increase in flow was approximately 250,000 gpd or a 25 percent increase in our overall wastewater treatment. PAWSD was able to handle this significant increase with no discharge violations or risks to public health.

What are your three top goals for 2018?

The three top goals for 2018 are 1) Develop a Capital Improvement Plan to set needs and priorities of PAWSD over the next ten years. Developing a plan will reduce emergency expenditures. Emergency expenses are always more costly than well planned expenses. 2) Build on the operations of the San Juan Water Treatment Plant operations. The San Juan plant produced about 15 million gallons of drinking water in 2017. PAWSD would like to see this significantly increase and at the same time see the cost per gallon produced be reduced by 50 percent. 3) Reduce inflow and infiltration (I & I). Inflow is storm water that enters the sewer system through connections usually through illegal roof drains or sump pump connections. Infiltration is groundwater that enters the sewer system through cracks or leaks in sewer pipes or manholes. Excess I & I can cause sewer overflows onto roads or even into homes or businesses. I & I can also lead to flows in excess in the wastewater treatment plant capacity often times requiring the treatment plant to be expanded unnecessarily.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

PAWSD's action plans to meet the goals listed above include: 1) PAWSD will work with other community entities (i.e. the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County) to develop growth projections to assure capital growth dollars are spent in areas most beneficial to the needs of the community. 2) PAWSD's in house staff will continue working with technical consultants and vendors to increase treatment capacity and decrease operational costs of the San Juan Water Treatment Plant. 3) PAWSD will develop an I & I program consisting of contacting building owners for structures that appear to be discharging storm water directly into the sewer system and requiring any direct connection to be terminated. The program will also include scheduled visual inspections of sewer mains and manholes to actively look for infiltration. Once areas are identified the leaks will be sealed by repairing or replacing the main or manhole. Additionally PAWSD will be sealing lift stations that through age have begun leaking high groundwater into the lift stations during spring snowmelt.



Photo courtesy Kristin Morehouse

Members of Bombulum Draconis are Ruth Ann Morehouse and David Morehouse, coached by Jesse and Kristen Morehouse.



Photo courtesy Rebecca Thompson

Members of the high school Destination Imagination team Shmop Boys are Kelsi Rollins, Danielle Roque, Emma Happ, Katriel Davies and Sydney Mitchell.



Photo courtesy Rebecca Thompson

Members of the middle school DI team Nerds 2.0 are coach Cheryl Bowdridge, Chase Ward, Levi Hinger, Donovan Galabota and coach Cindi Galabota.



Photo courtesy Rebecca Thompson

Members of The Seven Wheels On An Empty School Bus are Cody Caler, Alethea Barrows, Maya Nasralla, Ella Hemenger, Megan Greenly, Madisen Millburn and Madeline Stewart.

Five Destination Imagination teams advance to state

By Rebecca Thompson
Special to The SUN

Saturday, at a creativity competition called Destination Imagination, six Pagosa Springs teams competed to qualify for the state level of competition.

Destination Imagination is a creativity competition that challenges students in one of six areas: scientific, fine arts, technical, engineering, improvisational or service outreach.

The Pagosa Springs teams qualified for state in both the middle- and senior-level divisions.

At middle level, the team Nerds 2.0 came in first place in the technical challenge. This challenge required them to design and build a device to navigate a maze. They also had to build a prop that transformed in the maze.

The second middle-level team

to qualify for state from Pagosa Springs was Bombulum Draconis. This team came in second place in the engineering challenge. This challenge required them to design, build and test a freestanding structure that could withstand impacts from dropped weights — all the while telling a story about a sudden event with a dramatic impact.

At the senior level, Pagosa Springs sent two teams to compete in the fine arts challenge. This challenge required them to present a musical of original music and lyrics whose plot includes a change of plans, a spectacle and an integrated set change. These two teams received first and third place. In third place, The Shmop Boys also won the Renaissance Award for their set change with their innovative use of a vacuum. In first place, The Seven Wheels On An Empty School Bus won the

Da Vinci Award for broaching a difficult topic. They told a story of a potential suicide and the impact on the people around it.

The third senior-level team from Pagosa to compete was DI To The Seventh Power. They competed in the scientific challenge. In this challenge, they had to design and build an amusement park attraction that used three different scientific concepts during its operation, then create and present a story that featured the attraction operating in an unlikely location, portraying it with sight and sound.

These wins qualify them for the state tournament in Denver on April 7.

Pagosa also had a team in the noncompetitive Rising Stars division. This featured 6- to 8-year-olds presenting two different cultures and the similarities and differences of each in an eight-minute story.

Our Savior Lutheran School now enrolling for 2018-2019

By Pennie DeClark
Special to The SUN

Enrollment is open for the 2018-2019 school year at Our Savior Lutheran School for preschool through seventh grade.

In addition to the Memoria Press Classical Christian Curriculum we are using, we have been able to add a completely reworked library, music classes (bells and chimes), physical education activities and Latin,

through the volunteer efforts of board members and parents.

All classes have limited space and are anticipated to be full next year.

Our Savior Lutheran School is located at 56 Meadows Drive. For more information on enrollment, please call Headmaster Andrew Packer at 731-3512 or visit our website at www.oslcpagosa.org/school.html, where you can download the school handbook and application.

Override

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cruiting and retaining as teachers retire," Reed answered.

ASD Director of Information Technology Jesse Morehouse echoed Reed's statements.

"It's more about hiring new people and also getting high-quality people to apply," Morehouse said.

"Ultimately, it's the board's decision on what we do," Reed mentioned later, referencing ASD pursuing an MLO.

"So, that's not really a given right now that's going to go to a vote in November?" ASD Communication Specialist Kim Elzinga asked.

"No, ma'am. It is not. That's why we're having this meeting. We want to get community input, too," Reed responded.

A task force will be assembled in order to give the district an idea on whether or not an MLO should be pursued, Reed explained.

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Independent Living Skills classes to help adults with disabilities

By Carolyn Paschal
Special to The SUN

Are you one of the many adults with disabilities in the southwest area who are living or look forward to living more independent lives, yet feel a need for more knowledge and support to do so?

There will soon be classes offered that are specifically designed with this in mind. The original purpose was to prepare young adults for their transition into Aspen House, but has been expanded to include all adults with disabilities.

The Southwest Center for Independence and Aspen House are pleased to offer free Independent Living Skills classes to adults with disabilities looking to develop skills

to live the lives they desire in their community.

These classes will be held the second and fourth Friday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. They will begin with an orientation on March 9 and conclude with a graduation celebration on Aug. 10.

Ruthie Uhl, the independent living coordinator for the Southwest Center for Independence, will be leading the classes. Her career in the human services field includes positions at Manna Soup Kitchen, Community Connections Inc., Axis Health Systems and now as the independent living coordinator at the Southwest Center for Independence, a state-certified independent living center that serves

Archuleta, Dolores, Montezuma, La Plata and San Juan counties.

Uhl has a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in human services. Uhl has several years of experience working directly with people with a wide range of disabilities and has helped many residents of this area to become more independent in their daily living.

"This class is important to the disability community because it can teach a person with a disability how to live well while tackling some of the barriers that can prohibit that from happening. The goal of the class is to have each person walk away with a new skill set and a new outlook on what living independently with a disability can look like," said Uhl.

The classes are free and we will do our best to make accommodations possible to impact a wide range of disabilities and learning styles.

Class topics will include:

- Goal setting.
- Problem solving.
- Healthy reactions.
- Beating the blues.
- Healthy communication.
- Seeking information.
- Physical activity.
- Eating well.
- Advocacy.

These classes will be interactive, informative and fun.

For more information, please contact Uhl at the Southwest Center for Independence at 903-5880 or email ruthie@swilc.org.

\$6,000 in impact grants awarded to Archuleta nonprofits serving the arts and culture sector

By Tracy Pope
Special to The SUN

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has awarded \$6,000 in impact grants to two Archuleta County organizations that serve the arts and culture sector. Impact grants are unsolicited

grants intended to address special community needs. Generally, they are considered onetime grants that will have a unique impact.

The Pagosa Springs Arts Council (PSAC) received a \$3,000 impact grant to help launch a collaborative program called Arts for All, bringing arts education and creative outlets

to both at-risk children and senior citizens.

"The Pagosa Springs Arts Council is grateful to be awarded this generous impact grant," said Paula Miller, secretary/treasurer of PSAC. "PSAC was established to stimulate and promote the arts in our community. We will use this grant to create a col-

laborative program called Arts for All, which will bring the limitless benefits of visual and performing arts to underserved children and seniors in our area."

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) received a \$3,000 impact grant to support girls, grades five through eighth. **See Grants A18**

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eight, with tuition assistance, performance dresses, vocal coaching and assistance toward a summer educational trip.



Photo courtesy Tracy Pope

Jenna Bush Hager

Kristof, columnist for the New York Times and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner. Kristof spoke about shining a light on the problems that exist in our world, so that we can truly make a difference in the lives of others.

In April, the Community Foundation's next Making a Difference speaker, Jenna Bush Hager, will shine a light on the importance of early childhood development.

Hager, daughter of former U.S. President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, is founding chair of UNICEF's Next Generation initiative, empowering young people to be dedicated to reducing childhood deaths around the world. Tickets, \$30-\$55, are now available to see Hager speak at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College on April 25 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased through the concert hall's website: durangoconcerts.com.

For more information on expanding the culture of giving to meet the needs of the community, visit swcommunityfoundation.org or call 375-5807.

The Archuleta Committee of the Community Foundation is an important factor in cultivating relationships with local philanthropists to maximize effective grantmaking to our local nonprofit organizations. "Ultimately, we want to seed an Archuleta Fund at the Community Foundation to support Archuleta nonprofits through grants and professional development," said board member Jan Johnson.

The Community Foundation is home to more than 60 donor-advised funds, organizational funds, designated funds, scholarship funds and field-of-interest funds. The foundation manages nearly \$5 million in investments for philanthropists in the region, offering invaluable resources to ensure that donors can be impactful with their giving, making a difference in the lives of others.

Jenna Bush Hager to speak

The Community Foundation is always evaluating new ways to impact the community, striving to increase philanthropy.

To that end, last fall the foundation launched the Making a Difference speaker series with Nicholas

established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72
Accrued Interest: \$9.75
Costs: \$162.11
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,274.57
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Building Number: 7203
Lot (Unit) Number: 7203
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 24
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Unpaid Assessments: \$3,400.37
Accrued Interest: \$15.76
Costs: \$262.11
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,678.24
TERRY JESME and CONNIE JESME
Building Number: 3
Lot (Unit) Number: 7206
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 38
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Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 51
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Lot (Unit) Number: 7215
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 46
in that property which is located four (4) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 5, Units 7209 and 7210; Building No. 6, Units 7211 and 7212; Building No. 7, Units 7213 and 7214; and Building No. 8, Units 7215 and 7216 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 325 under Reception No. 156199, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain First Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156200, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72
Accrued Interest: \$9.75
Costs: \$162.11
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,274.57
WAED ALTURK
Building Number: 8
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72
Accrued Interest: \$9.75
Costs: \$162.11
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,274.57
WAEAD ALTURK
Building Number: 7
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 21
in that property on which is located four (4) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 5, Units 7209 and 7210; Building No. 6, Units 7211 and 7212; Building No. 7, Units 7213 and 7214; and Building No. 8, Units 7215 and 7216 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 325 under Reception No. 156199, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72
Accrued Interest: \$9.75
Costs: \$167.11
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,279.57
BARBARA D FARRELL and JAMES J FARRELL
Building Number: 7
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 4
in that property on which is located four (4) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 5, Units 7209 and 7210; Building No. 6, Units 7211 and 7212; Building No. 7, Units 7213 and 7214; and Building No. 8, Units 7215 and 7216 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 325 under Reception No. 156199, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72
Accrued Interest: \$9.75
Costs: \$262.11
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,374.57
WTA SERVICES, LLC
Building Number: 9
Lot (Unit) Number: 7218
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 33
in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72
Accrued Interest: \$9.75
Costs: \$262.11
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,374.57
WTA SERVICES, LLC
Building Number: 9
Lot (Unit) Number: 7218
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 33
in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Accrued Interest: \$9.75
Costs: \$149.61
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,262.07
STEPHI SMAILA
Building Number: 10
Lot (Unit) Number: 7220
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 47
in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72
Accrued Interest: \$9.75
Costs: \$162.11
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,274.57
BG ASUX LLC
Building Number: 11
Lot (Unit) Number: 7221
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 30
in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72
Accrued Interest: \$9.75
Costs: \$149.61
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,262.07
JULIA M ADAMS and KRISTEN M ADAMS
Building Number: 11
Lot (Unit) Number: 7221
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 51
in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72
Accrued Interest: \$9.75
Costs: \$149.61
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,262.07
JULIA M ADAMS and KRISTEN M ADAMS
Building Number: 11
Lot (Unit) Number: 7221
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 51
in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72
Accrued Interest: \$9.75
Costs: \$167.11
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,279.57
HELEN L FRYE
Building Number: 11
Lot (Unit) Number: 7222
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 3
in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72
Accrued Interest: \$9.75
Costs: \$167.11
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,279.57
HELEN L FRYE
Building Number: 11
Lot (Unit) Number: 7222
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 3
in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,102.72
Accrued Interest: \$9.75
Costs: \$177.11
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,289.57
VIRGINIA SIMONS
Building Number: 11
Lot (Unit) Number: 7228
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 32
in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on November 3, 1988, in Plat Map No. 327 under Reception No. 159241, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and further subject to that certain Third Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses recorded on November 2, 1988, under Reception No. 159242, in Record Book 233, Page 171 and rerecorded on November 21, 1988, under Reception No. 0159517 in Record Book 234, Page 283, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$3,771.37
Accrued Interest: \$17.48
Costs: \$167.11
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,955.96
ARTURO C ALEXANDER and CAROLE L ALEXANDER
Building Number: 10
Lot (Unit) Number: 7219
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 23
in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,327.59
Accrued Interest: \$29.33
Costs: \$262.11
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$7,619.03
LARRY J TERRY and DEBORAH A TERRY
Building Number: 10
Lot (Unit) Number: 7220
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 26
in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,937.93
Accrued Interest: \$8.98
Costs: \$262.11
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,209.02
JASON L HEMINGWAY
Building Number: 15
Lot (Unit) Number: 7230
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 47
in that property on which is located a portion of Parcel D, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded under Reception No. 139304, Plat Filed 314A-C, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, on which is located one building containing two, one level townhouse units designated, respectively, as Building 15, Units 7229 and 7230 described as Platmigan Phase V as recorded in Plat File No. 341, under Reception No. 179510 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that Fourth Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses recorded May 22, 1991, Reception No. 179511, Book 331, Page 164 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,937.93
Accrued Interest: \$8.98
Costs: \$154.61
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,101.52
DORIS M HENNING and KRISTEN M ADAMS
Building Number: 8, 15, 22, March 1 and 8, 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
970.264.2400
Peregrine Townhouses Property
Owner's Association, Inc.,
Plaintiff v.

Valerie Coplen, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2017CV30057
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM
This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered November 6, 2017, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):
Caswell B Windham
Donna A Windham
Amy Christine Prestera
Yolanda O McKinley
Edward E Martineez
Weanelle Martinez
Bernice McNeil
Gloria McNeil
Club Select Resorts
Cedric Bradley
Phyllis Bradley
Enoch Bradley
Dean Giles
Brenda Giles
Michelle A Shapiro
Wesley E White, Trustee of the Wesley E White Revocable Trust dated 12/16/1997, UTA dated 12/16/1997
Richard Lust
Sharon K Lusk
David M Munoz
Cathy K Munoz
Shyre M Shaw
Robert O Barlen
James E Davis, Trustee of the James E Davis Revocable Trust, UTA dated May 9, 2007
Reynold R Adams, Trustee of the Adams Living Trust of 1992, UTA dated 10/24/1992
Lora L Adams, Trustee of the Adams Living Trust of 1992, dated 10/24/1992
Johnny W Liias
Clyde Vinson
Gary Herrmann
Eileen Willis Brown
Travis Kilough
Bobby S Roper
Sue E Roper
Leona L Davis
Robert L Freese
Karen M Boyer
James Carter
Monique Rochell Carter
Bridgeway Vacation, LLC
Wilma J Walter
Dorothy Harding
Red Dragon, LLC
Wesley E White
Lena R Johnson
Pink Wong
Yionne Wong
Willmo Travel Holdings, LLC
Ariana Hill

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Peregrine Townhouses Property Owners Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations there-in described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs. Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 16PPA0144, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054 Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Townhouses Property Owners Association, Inc. Attached Exhibit "A" Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION. The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, 10:00 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association hereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of

paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: [February 8, 2018] Last Publication: [March 8, 2018] Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO. A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE PURSUANT TO §38-38-104 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICER AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED. IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, 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 CURE FILED PURSUANT TO §38-38-302 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE. THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 16PPA0144, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054. INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed December 18, 2017. Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

Detail Listing of Judgment Calculations As of September 15, 2017
TIMESHARE ALTERNATIVES, LLC
Building Number: 2B
Lot (Unit) Number: 7204
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 36
in that property which is described as Parcel 'E'-Platmigan Townhouses as recorded in Plat Sheet No. 324 & 324A under Reception No. 153256, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platmigan Townhouses recorded February 4, 1988, under Reception No. 153260 and re-recorded on February 18, 1988 under Reception No. 153557 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,400.89
Accrued Interest: \$65.86
Costs: \$256.57
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,723.32
AMY CHRISTINE PRESTERA
Building Number: 27
Lot (Unit) Number: 7853-7854
UDI Points: 63,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99011974, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,088.43
Accrued Interest: \$51.17
Costs: \$171.70
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,311.17
YOLANDA O MCKINLEY
Building Number: 24
Lot (Unit) Number: 7847-7848
UDI Points: 154,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,167.01
Accrued Interest: \$64.27
Costs: \$161.57
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,592.85
EDWARD E MARTINEEZ and WEANELLE MARTINEZ
Building Number: 39
Lot (Unit) Number: 7877-7878
UDI Points: 500,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VIII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,180.74
Accrued Interest: \$196.55
Costs: \$256.57
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$5,633.86
BARNEY MCNEILL and GLORIA MCNEILL
Building Number: 13
Lot (Unit) Number: 7825-7826
UDI Points: 77,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 98002629, subject to First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99002628, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

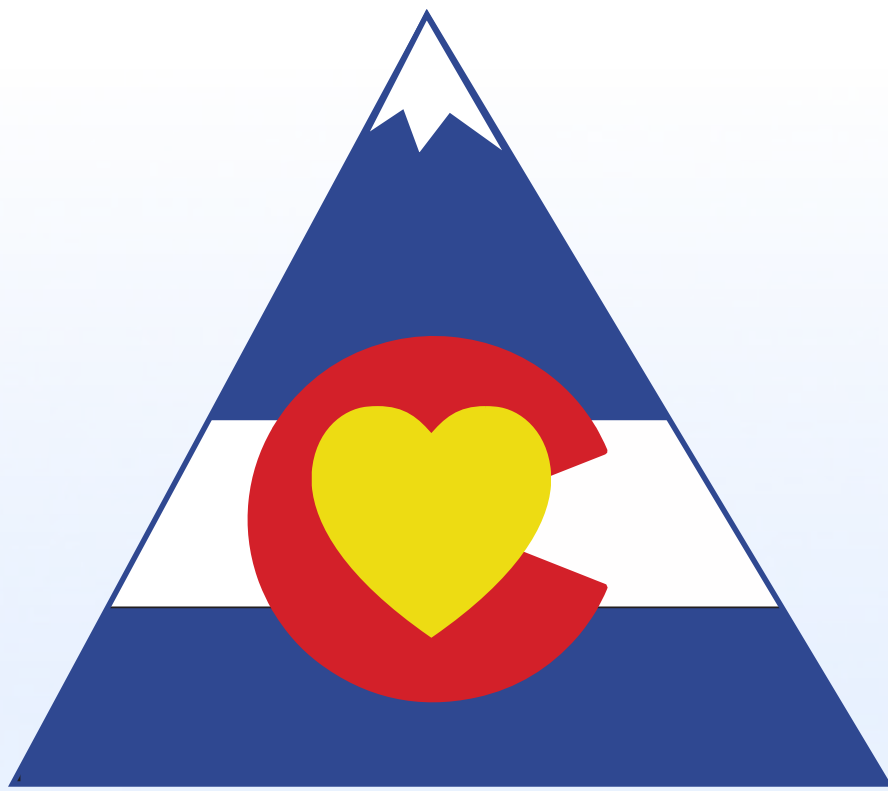
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Paws for Books Book Fair

Through March 9
Family night Wednesday, March 7, 5 to 7 p.m.



Photo courtesy Debbie Mackey

Members of the local Pi Beta Phi alumnae club celebrated the sorority's 2018 Day of Service by volunteering Feb. 26 on the first day of the two-week Pagosa Springs Elementary School Book Fair, which closes on March 9. Shown here are, back row, left to right: Lisa Scott, Marilyn Chipps, Mary Bailly, Penny Hart, Melissa McDonald and Carole Howard. In front are: Isabel Rivera, Charmayne DeJesus, Analisa Kappauf, Michael Hance and Bella Postelese from Kelly Ward's first-grade class. Everyone is invited to come to shop for books and other gifts. Every year, Pi Beta Phi's 300 alumnae clubs worldwide and 204 collegiate chapters across the U.S. and Canada participate in literacy initiatives in their communities.

Book Fair underway, family night set for Wednesday

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

Paws for Books Book Fair — Come, Stay, Read a Great Tale! will be running Feb. 26-March 9 during school hours in the Pagosa Springs Elementary School library.

The community, families and teachers are invited to attend this Scholastic Book Fair and participate in activities that accompany the pet theme which are all geared to instill the love of books and reading.

Partners In Education Committee (PIE) have organized family night to be held Wednesday, March 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. A delicious hot dog bar with Chicago-style condiments, veggie and turkey dogs and deli salads will be served in the cafeteria.

Trevor Gregory will bring pets and share information about them. Paige Shook from the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library will host storytime with pet stories. Additionally, there will be crafts such as making edible “pet chow” and crafting pet bracelets/collars. All families are invited to the school for an evening full

of fun. Participants can also shop the Book Fair and enjoy a meal together.

The elementary school has been hosting book fairs since 1982.

The Book Fair serves several purposes for the school. First, it’s a great way to inspire children to read by introducing new literature and highlighting existing books that kids love. Second, it is an opportunity for students and their families to engage in an all-school activity and create camaraderie around education. Finally, it is a fundraiser, as proceeds from book fairs are used for reading and educational improvements that are not funded through the school budget.

This book fair’s funds will be spent on adding alternative student seating and other improvements to classrooms.

The community is invited to attend the Book Fair as a shopper or volunteer. The event is hosted in the school library and staffed by volunteers. For more questions or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

Hand-drumming class continuing 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, March 6, at noon.

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

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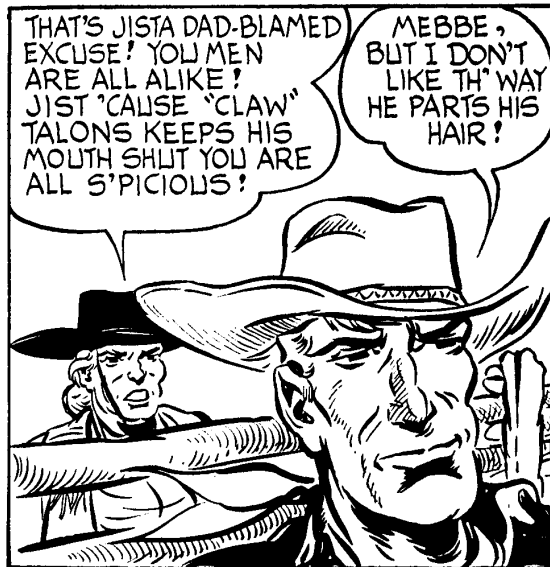
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'Siberia' enters final weekend

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.

For tickets and information, visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW (7469.)

Homemakers' meeting to focus on computer problems, techniques

By Tozi Rubin
Special to The PREVIEW

The theme of Mountain View Homemakers' March meeting is information technology.

Our speaker will be John Kennedy, who was the technology director for the Pagosa Springs school system.

After his presentation, Kennedy will answer questions about your computer problems, ways to up the speed when you are on the Internet, cellphone pointers, protection against viruses and more.

Many of us are sure to leave more technology savvy than when we arrived. And perhaps some of us will be laughing about how lucky we are to have a teenager in the family.

The program will begin after lunch.

We invite all area women to join us at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 8, at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. We socialize before we enjoy a pot-luck lunch provided by members. First-time visitors are not expected to bring food.

Mountain View Homemakers is a 50-year-old monthly gathering of area women who are interested in making their lives, the lives of their families, and the community more enjoyable. The meetings include lunch and a speaker or activity. This is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends in the community.

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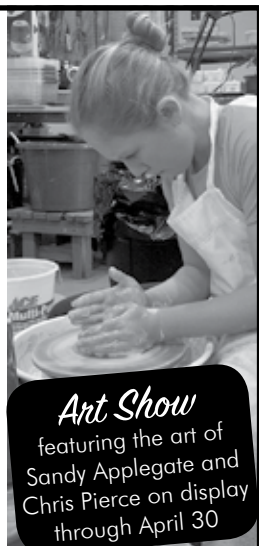
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World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade a short walk well taken

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

Have you always thought it would be fun to march in a parade, but questioned the idea of a long walk on concrete in the blazing sun? Well, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church has the perfect solution.

It's St. Patrick's Day parade is a short walk across the parking lot in brisk weather, guaranteed not to put a strain on the walking shoes.

On March 17 at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., at 11 a.m., folks will gather on the church parking lot to welcome St. Patrick himself sitting in his bishop's chair atop a trailer filled with fun-loving, would-be leprechauns wearing their Irish greenery. St. Patrick will be heralded by a bagpipe band led by local piper Jim Dorian. What follows will likely be a decorated fire truck from the Pagosa Fire Protection District, a trash truck, a classic car or two and whoever else shows up to get in on the fun. It is truly a parade that is meant to tickle your funny bone and inspire your Irish whimsy.

"This is Pagosa Springs at its finest," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's who plays the part of St. Patrick in the parade. "This community does know how to have good, clean fun and celebrate all that is good about this wonderful place. We hope we will have lots of folks come and join in this celebration of our patron saint."

Included in the fun will be a performance by the NightSong Trio (flutist Jessica Peterson, violinist Heidi Tanner and pianist Sally Neel), who will play some of your favorite jigs. The parking lot will be lined with booths that will include

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Photo courtesy Sally Neel

Fr. Doug Neel plays the part of St. Patrick in the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church World's Shortest Parade on March 17 in the church parking lot. Festivities begin at 11 am.



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Pagosa Springs High School students rehearse dramatic scene from the spring musical “The Hunchback of Notre Dame.” The play is set to be performed March 20-24.

Redemption theme strong in high school’s ‘Hunchback’ musical

By Kim Elzinga
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Springs High School’s (PSHS) spring production of “The Hunchback of Notre Dame,” the musical adaptation of Victor Hugo’s 1831 novel of the same name, features a strong theme of redemption and acceptance, said Boni McIntyre, an accomplished actress and director working with Thingamajig Theatre Company and

directing this year’s production.

The 43-member cast of high school students will perform March 20-24 at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

The story follows disfigured Quasimodo, the bell-ringer of Notre Dame Cathedral, who is taken in yet locked away by his uncle, the pious Claude Frollo, archdeacon of Notre Dame. With only gargoyles to keep him company, Quasimodo longs to be with

other people, leading to his chance encounter with the enchanting

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Parade

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nonprofits and local artists. Free food will be served in the parish hall, provided by St. Patrick’s Men’s Group. Donations for the food will be applied to the St. Patrick’s Food Box Ministry. There will also be folks from St. Patrick’s Fly-Tying Group on hand to help you with your fly-casting and fly-tying techniques.

For information on how to reserve space for a booth for your organization or your craft, or to join the parade, contact Lynne McCrudden at st.patricks.pagosa@gmail.com or call 731-5801. Booth space is free.

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Pagosa Springs High School students learn dance moves from spring musical director Boni McIntyre. The play is set to be performed March 20-24.

Musical

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gypsy Esmeralda. When the beautiful young woman catches the attention of Quasimodo's guardian, Frollo, Quasimodo must help to keep her out of his clutches.

"Even though the original story is fraught with dark and disturbing ideas, the overall theme is full of redemption," said McIntyre. "Just because Quasimodo is crippled doesn't mean he's stupid. He has a heart of gold. He's easy to love.

"I think the show's ultimate message teaches us that we need to treat every person like a human being, no matter how different they are. Plus, in the character of Frollo, we see that just because you're pious doesn't mean you're good. The story is set in 1482, but in many ways reflects life in our own world today. It speaks to the world we live in now," she commented.

Although the storyline may be dark, the production has plenty of spunk — filled with lots of drama, music, dance and even a bit of stage fighting. The production's costumes, designed by Nanette Cheffers, capture the colorful spirit of 15th century Paris.

PSHS Music Director Dan Burch, accompanied by pianist Venita Burch, brings out the best in the lively musical score, written by Alan Menken with lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. We will have a full pit orchestra of local musicians from the Pagosa Springs Community Band.

Others involved in directing the show include PSHS students Ahia Kaeser as assistant director, Jeremy Medina as stage manager and Sally Neel as a rehearsal accompanist. PSHS students who make up the

cast include Kaya Knox (Esmeralda), Hunter Swinehart (Father Dupin), Tate Hinger (Frederick), Marissa Medina (Frollo), Alex Foster (Frollo), Hunter Smith (Jehan), Keanan Anderson (King Louis), Antonia Bussoli (Madame), Brayden Shulda (Phoebus), Adrian Roque (Quasimodo), Sydney Mitchell (St. Aphrodisius) and Miles Roque (Clopin).

The congregants at Notre Dame, who narrate the story throughout the play, include Sophia Raymond, Kayla Nasralla, Hayden Kiker, Emma Happ, Ethan Mazur, Ella Blechman, Anika Thomas, Grace Thompson, Ella Hemenger and Elsa Lindner.

Members of the choir include Crystal Jaramillo, Jasmine Dixon, Dallas Stephenson, Maya Nasralla, Elizabeth Thomas, Grace Thomas, Izzy Mijares, Maddie Peart, Stella Schuchart, Laura Delgado, Sarah Ross, Alex Rountree, Liberty Bonin, Nina Smith, Emma Heidelmeier, Daily Valdez, Diana Scott, Colton Castro, Dalton Lucero and Trevor Bryant.

McIntyre received her masters degree in vocal performance from the University of Northern Colorado. Credits include lead roles in "1776," "Macbeth," "Amahl and the Night Visitors," "Into the Woods," "The Little Foxes," "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" and "The Rainmaker." Regional credits include "Blithe Spirit," "Sister Act" and "Les Miserables." Recent favor-

ite performances feature "Master Class" and "Kismet." Last summer saw the premier of her one-woman show "The Evil Diva Cabaret." McIntyre is the recipient of Henry and Ovation award nominations and has received two Marlowe Awards, most recently as Best Actress in a Musical for "Sweeney Todd."

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame" premieres March 20 and runs every evening through March 24. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with curtain at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

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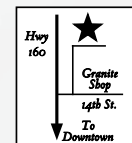
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Frozen in my mind: Let it go

My mother warned me about days like these. She said we would get old. I didn't believe her.

Every year my Sweet Al has Bo-tox surgery, a 30-minute operation; they open up his throat so he can swallow better. My Sweet Al's appointment for surgery in Albuquerque was scheduled on Valentine's Day. No problem. We love day trips, a great book on tape, and warm sunshine streaming in through the windshield. What could go wrong?

I have learned that when traveling with our children, they have their own agenda. We go along for the ride. Last year was no exception. It is still frozen in my mind. Our daughter drove us. She made plans for the day. We stationed Al at the hospital, in his hospital gown and we told the nurse we were leaving him there. We'd be back in three hours.

The nurse answered in surprise, "Aren't you going to wait until he goes under?"

"No, we have a small window and we have a list of things to do. Costco run, pick up veggies and run by Kohls."

In the car, our daughter said, "We need to go take my rings to the jewelry store. While we are there, lets go by Chick-fil-A, where Al proposed to me." (Her husband's name is also Al.) Then she said, "You have to experience fried cheese on a stick."

"OK, as long as I'm back in time for your dad." I had no idea how we were going to get it all done in time.

When we picked up Al, the nurse gave us a list of dos and don'ts. Don't let him drive for 24 hours or do any work for three days. Don't let him eat anything that is hard to swallow.

When she gave us the list, we looked at the nurse in disbelief, like we have a pizza in the car and we are ready to leave. My poor Al, propped up in the back seat,

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



watched us eat pizza in the front seat. We did stop and get him a milkshake.

This time, our children were at work and our son was flying in from Georgia the same day. He'd meet us at the hospital. We'd have two cars in Albuquerque and we'd follow each other home. That was the plan.

Al had a new doctor, Dr. Mason, who would be operating.

I told Al, "That's your middle name, you can remember it. When the nurse asks you which doctor, don't tell her Dr. Al."

We went to the wrong hospital, where we told him to meet us. I can't keep up with Al's specialized doctors and where they perform surgery. They all look familiar.

Stephen figured it out, rolled his eyes and drove us to the right hospital. I thought I would get some sympathy from our son, so I said, "Your dad was pulled over going 10 miles over the speed limit."

"Are you sure he wasn't going 10 miles under?"

"Don't jest. Not only that, he played with the dials and gadgets on the new car. He's still in that new-car-smell modem. I told him to stop it until we had a chance to read the manual."

Like a mischievous child, he kept fiddling and trying each button until the gear went into a low granny gear and the drag took us down to 2 mph. This happened at Cuba and we crawled until he finally hit the right button.

Our son said, "Let it go, Mother."

We settled Al at the right hospital. Then we left. Our son wanted to look for flooring, which took us all over Albuquerque.

When we picked up Al, we heard the weather had changed for the worse. I was to follow behind our son. No driving for Al. It amazed me how he was back-seat driving when he had just come out of surgery.

We left that morning with two books on tape by one of our favorite authors, C.J. Box. We put on one tape, "Off The Grid." Game Warden Joe Pickett was following a man-eating bear through the Red Desert of Wyoming. We were on the edge of our seats, the bear ate a man and it added more tension to the blinding snow hitting the windshield. Then he came after Pickett.

There were no sunbeams splashing against the window. Snow was mounting thick on the road, a blizzard sweeping across the reservation took us off the grid.

Al was manning the audiotapes. He was putting tapes in from the other C.J. Box story, "Vicious Circle." Pickett's house burned down and a crazy woman with an ax was trying to kill his daughter.

I said, "This story doesn't make sense. What have you done? You've changed stories. You've got the disks mixed up. We are listening to two different stories."

I dropped the speed down to a crawl, one eye on Al's switching disks and the other eye looking for our son's tracks, which were disappearing. The snow came down harder and harder. That wasn't in our plans. What happened to our leisurely day trip?

When we arrived at the gas station in Dulce, our son said, "What took you so long? You were driving like an old woman."

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Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

A total of 73.7 percent of Americans are overweight or obese. That is more than two in three adults — a startling statistic. I will refer to this statistical information as the “overweight syndrome” in this article.

This overweight syndrome is known to cause or promote:

- High blood pressure (hypertension).
 - High bad cholesterol, triglycerides and low good cholesterol.
 - Diabetes.
 - Coronary heart disease.
 - Stroke.
 - Gallbladder disease.
 - Osteoarthritis.
 - Sleep apnea and breathing problems.
 - Cancers such as breast, colon, kidney, gallbladder, uterine and liver.
 - Mental illness: clinical depression, anxiety and others.
 - Body pain and difficulty with physical functioning.
- Heart disease and stroke are the first and third most common causes of death. Cancer is the second-leading cause of death of Americans. Diabetes contributes to these

statistics, and about 80 percent with diabetes are overweight, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and prevention.

The medical costs are over \$150 billion per year. That's billion with a “B.”

The annual nationwide productive losses of overweight absenteeism are about \$10 billion (\$200 per individual).

Many overweight Americans don't know they could change their lives if they attained a healthy weight.

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

My friend Charlotte, who was 300 pounds, didn't know. She asked her doctor, “Am I morbidly obese?”

“Yes, I'm afraid you are.” He was thrilled to hear that she wanted to do something about it, so he asked her to describe an average meal. She said she really liked the cheeseburgers at Burger King, because they were flame broiled. She would normally eat one with a small order of fries and a diet Coke.

He was very kind. The first thing he thought she should know is her average meal included more calories than she should have in

a whole day. The second thing he told her was to stop with the diet Coke. “Just have the regular sugar soda, if you have to drink soda.”

She followed the doctor's orders and lost over 100 pounds. At 180 pounds, she feels like she looks great. She still drinks a lot of soda, but not diet. In fact, she stopped the diet soda right away, as per his advice, and while she went through physical therapy, mindful eating and an exercise program to lose all the weight, she thought cutting out the diet soda did more for her health than anything else.

9Health Fairs offer weight assessments, testings and education. Our lifesaving blood tests are a great way to ward off potential problems.

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phone. I wanted you to slow down, and I didn't know where the defroster was. I had to drive with the window down and snow was coming in. Your dad was giving me driving instructions while fiddling with two stories and mixing up disks.”
“Let it go, Mother.”

Final brushstroke: This day has been frozen in my mind. It took six hours from Bernalillo to home. Every year, it's my same Sweet Al, same Botox surgery, a different child, a different story and a year older for Al and I.

Our children refuse to let us get old. Heaven forbid if we slow down

in a snowstorm or get confused with hospitals or want a little sympathy. Life isn't getting any easier and I'm running out of children and patience.

Readers' comments

Send your comments to betty@bettyslade.com.

Jesus wept. John 11:35

This verse came in handy when I was a boy and had to quote a Scripture from memory. It is the shortest verse in the Bible. But it is far more valuable to us than that.

Jesus knew when He went to Bethany He would raise Lazarus. He told the disciples twice He would do so.

Yet as He went to the tomb He wept. Why? Reasons given include it was His human side or He was showing empathy and identifying with those who lost Lazarus. Most importantly, Jesus wept because He cared. Christianity has a compassionate God who cares.

It is not the only time Jesus wept. He wept over Jerusalem because He cared for them even though they would not listen to Him, Matthew 23. He cares for you. He weeps with you, for you, and over you. May we share more with you about the God who cares?

Dorman Diller, minister



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THRIVE changes name to Aspire Medical Services and Education

By Marcy Mitchell
Special to The PREVIEW

Recently, a national THRIVE organization contacted our non-profit organization about using the name, so the board of directors thought it best to avoid any legal issues by changing our name.

Our services and mission to help the men and women in our community become the best moms and dads possible has not changed.

“Aspire” is defined as “directing one’s hopes or ambitions toward achieving something.” That sums up our goal to come alongside clients and support them physically, emotionally and spiritually — as individuals and as families. We not

only assist clients through pregnancy, childbirth and parenting, but we also offer a myriad of other medical and educational resources.

Medical services include free prenatal care up to 36 weeks, STI/STD testing and treatment, pregnancy tests and ultrasounds performed by Brittany Bedtke, MA, EMT, under the direction of our medical director, Dr. Carole Nasralla, with additional support from Fran Schreiber, PA. Aspire provides all women with free prenatal vitamins containing 800 mcg of folic acid, a crucial supplement in preventing certain birth defects. We see the vast majority of all pregnant women in Archuleta County.

Educational services for both

men and women are extensive, including prenatal care, childbirth, parenting, co-parenting, blended families and healthy relationships. By attending classes and completing assignments, clients earn incentives, which they can then spend on items from the on-site baby boutique.

Our mission is to empower men and women to make healthy life choices by providing medical services and education in a safe and supportive environment. Aspire is a 501c(3) nonprofit and all services are free.

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Pagosa Community of New Thought welcoming back the Rev. Janet Wyrick

By Janie Garms
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) welcomes back the Rev. Janet Wyrick on Sunday, March 4.

She will be speaking every first Sunday of each month. Her topics will vary and will always be a surprise. Come join the fun. We have a place saved for you.

About us

Unify in shifting the collective consciousness of this planet. What brings us together is much more powerful than what divides us. The Spiritual Living Center (PCNT) is establishing community and exploring all paths to the Divine.

We welcome local talent to share gifts, aptitudes and brilliance. Have a hand in making a difference. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

We are always here for you. PCNT holds Sunday services each week at 10 a.m. at the Momentum Fitness Center building, 40 N. 15th St.

Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain information by joining us, emailing PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, calling 749-9020 or snail mailing to P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or on our website: www.PagosaNewThought.org.



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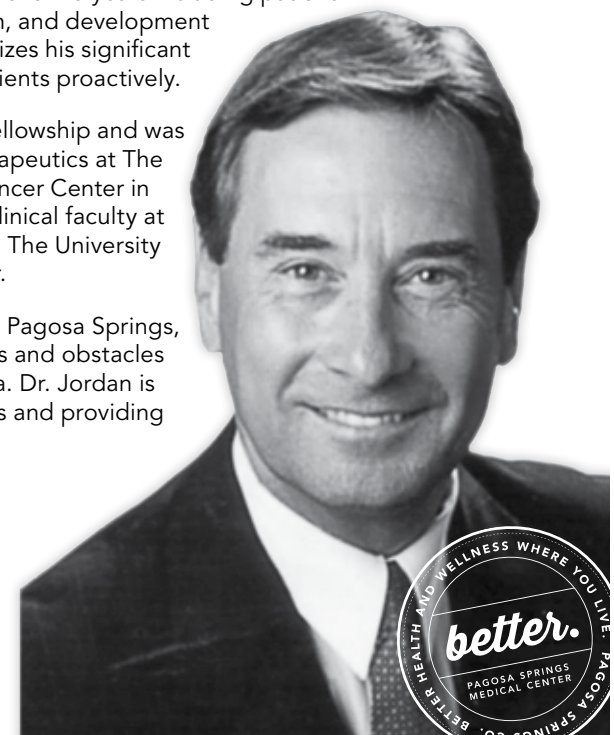
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Dr. Jordan is board certified in medical oncology and internal medicine. He has an extensive medical oncology career of over 45 years including patient treatment, cancer research, education, and development of cancer care centers. Dr. Jordan utilizes his significant experience and expertise to treat patients proactively.

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

As a long time second-homeowner in Pagosa Springs, he understands the unique challenges and obstacles to receiving cancer care in a rural area. Dr. Jordan is committed to removing those barriers and providing compassionate, high-quality care for our patients.



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UUs to learn about UUism

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

This Sunday, we will have the opportunity to listen to the Rev. Angela Herrera, senior minister of First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque, via a DVD presentation.

“Is UU a religion?” Herrera begins her sermon with that question about Universal Unitarianism, and then goes on to wrestle with the illusive definitions of concepts such as religion, belief and meaning. Those of us who have the same question will appreciate both the

struggle and its conclusions.

But her effort to help us understand who we are is just beginning. From there, she takes us on a whirlwind trip back in time to prehistory, to Jesus, to Origen (who is this?) to find the roots of UU thought and then forward, marking the important events and people along this evolutionary path to the present.

This is a Sunday not to miss if you have questions about UUism. The answers are of interest to members and friends as well as interested strangers.

Herrera is senior minister, hav-

ing served almost a decade under the Rev. Christine Robinson, First U’s longtime and much-revered past minister, at First Unitarian Church joined First Unitarian in August 2010, having graduated with an MDiv from Harvard University in the spring. She had previously completed a chaplaincy internship at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston and a parish internship at First Parish in Concord, Mass., and was ordained in Concord in December 2009.

Our fellowship is about belonging and, through this sense of belonging, we each grow spiritually. We are a Welcoming Congregation; we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all.

Service begins at 10:30 a.m. and, following that, we invite you to share refreshments and conversation.

Every third Sunday, our service includes children’s religious explorations. All youngsters ages 5-12 are welcome and there are no prerequisites. Parents need only show up with their offspring(s).

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Come in and join us. You are welcome.

For further information, visit pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.



Photo courtesy Karen LeCour

2017’s Volunteer of the Year Award goes to Kay Kaylor. In her more than five years as a Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) member, Kaylor has donated generously of her time and talents in many ways, from a high-profile stint on the steering committee to quietly cleaning up on Sundays after coffee and refreshments. For a number of years, Kaylor submitted weekly program articles to The SUN and other media outlets, as well as serving as facilitator for the book club. She participated on the committee that resulted in PUUF being officially recognized as a Welcoming Congregation for the LGBTQ community. And, last but not least, she recently served as interim treasurer for four months while our regular treasurer was out of the area.

UUs celebrate the life and legacy of John Graves

By **Phil Swearngin and Karen LeCour**
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship recently celebrated the life and legacy of its music director of 20 years, the late Professor John Graves.

The annual Coffee House was a tradition begun by Graves — a time for music, stories, jokes and general merriment. It is a time for the fellowship to share their talents through music, poetry and dance and is always one of the most well attended events of the year. The Coffee House is held every year near John’s birthday. This year, John would have turned 90.

Graves lived a life few of us could even dream of living. He rubbed shoulders with such luminaries as Bertrand Russell, Katharine Hepburn, Nureyev, Rosemary Clooney, Dave Brubeck, George and Gracie Allen, Jack Palance, George Burns, Louis Armstrong, Jimmy Durante and a host of others. The professor traveled extensively throughout the world, played piano with some of the greats, produced movies, worked at NBC on several series, including “I Dream of Jeannie,” taught broadcasting and film at the University of Central Missouri and was a puppet, a pauper, a poet, a pirate, a pawn and a king. As a child prodigy, he played piano for

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Take time to delight

By Joyce Holdread
Special to The PREVIEW

How often do we take time to simply delight? Living in troubled times, we sometimes get caught up in everything wrong with the world and with our lives. Yet the first chapter of Genesis repeats seven times that God looked on what He had made and declared it good. He was delighted with His creation.

Furthermore, in Proverbs 8:30-31, Wisdom speaks with her own personal voice: "I was the craftsman at his [God's] side; I was filled with delight day after day/rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in [human] kind."

Some Bible scholars believe this personification of wisdom represents the Son of God, who was with God at the time of creation, as we read in John 1:1-3. Therefore, Jesus delights in his Father's creation, and especially in us, the pinnacle of that creation. Even with all our pride and corruption, God still finds pleasure in his human creation.

God delights in us when we follow our call — whatever that may be and however hesitantly we follow. He cheers us on as we yield to the process of becoming who we were created to be. Jewish rabbis tell the story of Zhusa, who upon arrival at the Pearly Gates was quick to apologize for not achieving the holy works of Abraham, Moses, Joseph or David. Yahweh's response was, "Never mind Abraham, Moses, and all the rest; did you become Zhusa, fulfilling who you were created to be?"

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This delight is meant to flow both ways: God delights in us and we find pleasure in Him. One way we can delight in Him is to truly notice and give thanks for the Creator's simple wonders which attend our lives every day—a child's smile cracks a hard glare, rainbows supplant storms, snows gild the ground with dazzle, understanding erupts across a student's face, the smell of humus in a fresh garden spirals up your nose, cocoons release black-gold wings, a wispy seed transforms into a carrot.

Lastly, God and we experience mutual delight when we learn to "play" together. A 13th century Christian mystic wrote of God's voice to her: "I, God, am your playmate! I will lead the child in you in wonderful ways for I have chosen you."

This image jolts us at first. God as our "playmate?" Isn't everything concerning God and us pretty serious stuff? We need to remember Jesus' teaching to his disciples, "... unless you become as little children, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven."

Children usually do not take themselves over-seriously, but are free to be fully alive each moment. If we can embrace this childlike attitude, we will approach our

family, friends and even strangers with greater spontaneity and less judgment. Let's be attentive to our Father's winks and run out to play — in laughter, simplicity and exuberance. This sounds like the kingdom of heaven to me.

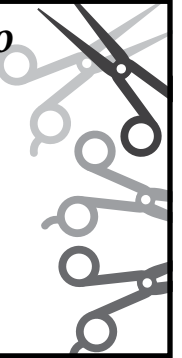
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Judy Garland and John Wayne at their private parties. He had over 35 years of experience in music, broadcasting, film and teaching.

The Coffee House is lovingly emceed each year by Phil Sweargin with help from DC Duncan. Sweargin was a former student of Graves' and Graves left a lasting impression on Sweargin; they stayed close for nearly 30 years. Sweargin would visit his mentor in the mountains of Pagosa Springs every year

since Graves retired here in 1996.

Duncan was part of Rio Jazz and John Graves and Friends. Both Duncan and Graves were amazing jazz musicians and played together for over 15 years.

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Tomatoes are coming soon to the GGP Education Dome in Centennial Park and, right now, the dome has fresh sprouting greens. Visit us and select a variety of greens to make your fresh spring salad now. At the same time, enjoy this warm, green environment as a reprieve from our late winter snows. The Education Dome is open on Tuesday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have a hankering to get your hands in soil, let us know. We always welcome volunteers.

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 Friday, 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.

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Seniors' next health and wellness event set for March 21

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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.

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: Infection control

By Kay Kaylor

I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes as the long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life.

The flu season is occurring in Pagosa, and an ongoing national concern in care homes is the prevention and control of infections, which is a leading cause of death, suffering and expenses for residents.

The federal Nursing Home Reform Law requires infection control programs to provide a "safe, sanitary and comfortable environment" to "help prevent the development and transmission of

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disease and infection."

Nursing homes must follow minimum standards of care to be certified by Medicare and Medicaid. They must have written policies and a system for identifying, investigating, reporting and controlling communicable diseases and infections for residents, staff, visitors and care providers.

Precautions include the least-restrictive isolation of residents and rules about employee contact of residents and food, wearing gloves, hand washing, sterilizing equipment, safe management of linens and annual reviews.

Anyone concerned about such nursing home policies or health department inspection citations anywhere in the country may look online at Nursing Home Compare, medicare.gov or the Long Term Care Community Coalition website, nursinghome411.org, which has a Nursing Home Information and Data Page. Inspection reports also must be displayed in each care home.

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

Menu

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch. If you are a senior (60 years and older), for only a \$4 suggested donation, you are eligible for a hot meal, drink and a salad prepared by our kitchen staff.

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$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, March 1 — Pork zuppa Toscana with potatoes and kale, eggplant medley, focaccia bread, milk and salad bar.

Friday, March 2 — Beef Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, herbed green beans, milk, salad bar and chocolate cake.

Monday, March 5 — Crunchy baked catfish with Dijon mustard sauce, tarter sauce, scalloped sweet potatoes and apples, spinach, milk and salad bar.

Tuesday, March 6 — Loaded baked potato bar, red chili, cream of broccoli soup, milk and salad bar.

Wednesday, March 7 — Honey barbecue chicken, glazed carrots, seasoned green beans, milk, salad bar and chocolate chip cookie.

Thursday, March 8 — Beef meatloaf, mashed cauliflower, gravy, green peas, dinner roll, milk and salad bar.

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Scene ... at the Knights of Columbus' annual Lenten Fish Fry. The organization's weekly fish fries began on Feb. 16 and will run through March 23. Each week, a menu of fish, coleslaw, french fries, dessert and a drink is available for a fee from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Parish Hall on Lewis Street.





The people behind the names: Ruby Sisson

Folks living in Pagosa Country are blessed more than they realize by the quality of their hometown library. Much of the credit for the existence of such a wonderful library has been attributed to the support of a local lady affectionately known as “Miss Ruby.”



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

Just as likely, she might have a hammer in hand, a mouth full of staples, fencing pliers in a hind pocket and a hired hand to supervise while repairing barbed wire fences.

Miss Ruby was a larger-than-life link of past and present, a rancher and school teacher who taught school in Archuleta County for 48 years while running a cattle ranch in the Upper Blanco Basin. Week-days she could be found in front of a blackboard, teaching math in a local classroom. Weekends you might find her in rubber boots with a shovel in her hands irrigating the hay pasture. Just as likely, she might have a hammer in hand, a mouth full of staples, fencing pliers in a hind pocket and a hired hand to supervise while repairing barbed wire fences.

A visitor to the library is greeted in the entryway by a framed photograph of a dignified lady, positioned as if extending a warm and heartfelt welcome to each visitor. The photograph captures the essence of Miss Ruby, more formally known as Ruby Murel Cales Sisson. Her significant contributions to the local community in general and to the library are the reason the library is named the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, a well-earned honor.

Everything she did, she did well. She also served as president of the San Juan Soil Conservation District, was one of the last county school superintendents, was 1978 Colorado Teacher of the Year, was grand marshal of the Pagosa Springs Fourth of July Parade and was honored by her community with the proclamation of “Ruby Sisson Day.”

We learn much about Miss Ruby's life from Mamie Lynch, who knew her while working for the school board and later, with



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“Pagosa girls” dressed in the finery of the 1890s. From the left are Annie Byrne, Hattie McGirr, Maude Garvin Hart, Laura C. Manson White and Myrtle Schonefelt.

husband Doug Lynch, served as friend and confidant. Mamie Lynch's memories of Miss Ruby are contained in the Hershey Collection in the Sisson Memorial Library in a booklet assembled by the San Juan Historical Society titled “Remembrances.”

Mamie wrote: “When I first went to work for the school district, Ruby was teaching there and she was matriarch of the school. We did what Ruby told us to do. She pretty much ruled the roost there. It was a working relationship but, over the course of years, we grew to be personal friends.”

“Much of Miss Ruby's early history was lost when her house

burned in about 1959,” according to Mamie. “She was born in Kansas, spent many years in Nebraska and then moved to Pagosa Springs. Her first teaching assignment was in town. She married one of her students, Red Sisson, in 1936 and moved to the Sisson Ranch on the Upper Blanco. She taught all eight grades in the Blanco School from 1936 to 1948.”

The Blanco School was located across the road from the Sisson Ranch. It has been moved to the Fred Harman Art Museum in Pagosa Springs, where it can be seen to this day. It is said that Fred Harman II, the artist, attended the Blanco School.

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How to encourage 'reluctant reader' youngsters

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

For some early readers, a big block of text is like a giant stop sign — which is why these youngsters often get tagged with the “reluctant reader” label.

Here are some insights and tips from Pamela Paul and Maria Russo's recent New York Times article on “How to Raise a Reader” to help inspire a less-enthusiastic reader and find books your child will love:

- **Format doesn't matter.** Many chapter books with highly visual, comics-influenced formats were written specifically to help reluctant readers and children with challenges like dyslexia. Youngsters still learn reading skills with these more visually driven books.

- **Make room for comics and manga.** Don't denigrate these genres. Many of the most celebrated literary figures of our time not only grew up devouring comics, but also incorporate comics-inspired themes into their prize-winning novels.

- **A book about a computer game is still a book.** If your child has a favorite computer or video game, you often can find a book counterpart, which is a great way to steer your child toward the pleasures of text.

- **Don't forget nonfiction.** Some reluctant readers are fact-gatherers who may be more inspired by nonfiction, especially when it's presented in a highly visual format. Look for books about animals, the solar system, presidents, states, ancient history and other topics your child is interested in.

- **Never treat books as a chore.** Don't say, “If you spend 30 minutes reading, you'll get to play.” If you want your child to be excited about reading, you should be also. Make sure your child sees you reading regularly, preferably daily.

Library News

Teen advisory board today

Today, Thursday, March 1, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, March 2, 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.

Reading with therapy dogs

On Saturday, March 3, from 11 a.m. to noon, youngsters from Kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to share their favorite books with Hondo and Bacchus, therapy dogs who love listening to stories, at a Paws to Read session. This is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence.

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.

Spanish instruction

Join us for this free basic course next Wednesday, March 7, from 4 to 5 p.m. to improve your ability to speak and understand Spanish. No registration is required.

Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for

seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Wednesday, March 7, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Computer/technology classes

Join us on Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. for free sessions to learn a technology skill or application.

Today, March 1, during the Internet searching session you will learn how to find information you need from websites you trust.

At the March 8 session, Microsoft Word-Intermediate, you will explore tools that make working on long documents easier.

On March 15 you will learn the basics of Facebook and how it can be an effective social media tool.

The March 22 session will focus on Learning Express Library, a comprehensive, interactive online learning platform that can be used to help students and other learners succeed. This is a highly useful database to improve computer skills or receive training relevant to almost any job or responsibility.

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Legal clinic next week

On March 9 from 2 to 3 p.m. a free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney will take place via computer link.

Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property tax, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veterans benefits and civil protection orders.

This clinic will take place the second Friday of every month. You also can visit checkerboard.co to access legal forms and answers to many civil legal questions.

Changes to hunting license process

Hunters will want to save the date of March 10, when Colorado Parks and Wildlife will discuss several items, including key changes to the limited license application process, from 1 to 3 p.m. Paper applications will no longer be accepted. As well, a session from 1 to 4:45 p.m. in a computer lab will help you apply for your hunting license and establish an email account.

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.

DVDs

“The Big Sick” is nominated for original screenplay in this year's

Academy Awards. “Only the Brave” is the true story of 20 American hot-shot firefighting heroes. “Roots” is based on Alex Haley's bestselling novel about one black man and his family kidnapped in Africa to become American slaves. “Where Love Found Me” is a story of street kids inspired by true events. “God's Own Country” is a British drama that won a Sundance film festival award for directing. “Wonder” is a heartwarming family film about a young boy born with facial differences.

How-to and self help

“Food Therapist” by Shira Lenchewski helps you break bad habits, eat with intention and indulge without worry. “How to Break Up with Your Phone” by Catherine Price offers tips to help you do just that. “Commercial Driver License Manual” is the October 2016 is a handbook to help you get your DMV permit in Colorado. “Southern California 2015” and “Northern California 2015” are travel guides.

Other nonfiction

“Operation Chaos” by Matthew Sweet describes how the CIA tried to infiltrate a radical group of Vietnam War military deserters. “Our Native Bees” by Paige Embry is a detailed look at the importance to our lives of North America's native bees.

Nonfiction CDs

“The Road Not Taken” by Max Boot is a fresh look at Edward Lansdale and the Vietnam War. “Revolution Song” by Russell Shorto focuses on six lives from the American Revolution. “Memory Rescue” by Dr. Daniel G. Amen describes a new program to change your brain and improve your memory. “No Time to Spare” by Ursula K. Le Guin is a collection of the author's online writing from the point of view of a senior.

Novels

“Surprise Me” by Sophie Kinsella tells of a couple who decide to bring surprises into their marriage. “Persepolis Rising” by James S.A. Corey is an interplanetary adventure.

Large print

“Walking the Bones” by Randall Silvis is a Ryan DeMarco mystery. “The Widows of Malabar Hill” by Sujata Massey is a mystery set in 1920s Bombay. “Dark in Death” by J.D. Robb is an Eve Dallas mystery. “The Grave's a Fine and Private Place” by Alan Bradley features 12-year-old Flavia de Luce. “Poison” by John Lescroart is a Dismas Hardy mystery.

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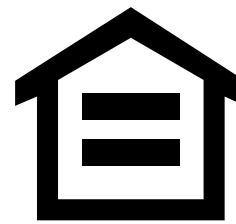
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Thursday, March 1

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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 sranch@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.

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.

Lenten Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m., Parish

Hall, Lewis Street. Adults tickets are \$12, plates for children under 12 are \$6, and plates for seniors 65 and over are \$11. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #7560.

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.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Welcome to Siberia — Now Go Home.' 7 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,

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Saturday, March 3

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.

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Sunday, March 4

DUST2 Fat Bike Race. 9 a.m.-noon, U.S. Forest Service Road 725, off of U.S. 160. With something for everyone, this 4.5- or 10-mile rolling course situated at 10,000 feet in the snowy San Juan Mountains will have you hooting and hollering every pedal stroke of the way. For more information, go to www.dust2.com.

Uke Jam. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Commu-

nity United Methodist Church. Come strum, sing and share the fun. All levels welcome.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, March 5

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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. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners are welcome at 9:15 a.m., advanced group is at 10:15 a.m. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

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

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

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.

Guest Speaker from Pagosa Springs Medical Center. 11 a.m., Senior Center.

Bridge for Fun. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn the waltz. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Tuesday, March 6

Scholastic Book Fair: 'Paws for Books Book Fair — Come, Stay, Read a Great Tale.' 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Element-

tary 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.

Hand-Drumming Class. Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, email banjocrazy@centurytel.net or call 731-3117.

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Kevin Kelly, Ph.D., at (505) 699-0824 for more information.

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Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.
Archuleta County Democratic Party Caucus. 6 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Registration beginning at 6 p.m., caucuses start at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come, but only those who meet certain criteria will be allowed to vote. For more information, contact Becky Herman at 264-2171.

Wednesday, March 7

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 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.

Free Screenings. 10-11 a.m., Senior Center. San Juan Basin Public Health screenings on total cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure checks, referrals

and translations for Spanish speakers.
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.
Red Hat Meeting. 11:30 a.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant. All welcome.
Hand and Foot. 1 p.m., Senior Center.
Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.
Spanish Instruction. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us in this basic course to improve your ability to speak and understand Spanish. Call 264-2209 for more information.
Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Scholastic Book Fair: 'Paws for Books Book Fair — Come, Stay, Read a Great Tale' Family Night. 5-7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. The Partners In Education has organized another fun evening. A delicious, nutritious and fun homemade dinner will be served and there will be many other "pet" activities. For more information, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.
The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

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 8

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Mountain View Homemakers.

11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. Technology presentation. All area women are invited. Buffet lunch provided by members. For information, call Tozi at 731-3360.

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

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

Computer Class: Microsoft Word. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us as we explore tools that make working on long documents easier. We will discuss headers and footers, image manipulation and more. 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

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Bird of the Week



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the house sparrow.

The house sparrow is an Old World sparrow found in the neighborhoods of Pagosa Springs. They live here year-round and are almost always present downtown. The easiest spot to find them is along the Riverwalk in the pine trees on the north side of the hot springs footbridge.

In the summer, when people are dining outside, this social sparrow often is found picking up crumbs underfoot. Breeding male house sparrows have a characteristic black bib, white cheek, rufous-colored nape and black beak. All house sparrows have backs/wings covered in stripes of black and brown. You have a good chance of spotting a busy flock of house sparrows with your plain eye, but if not, stop and listen. Their constant chatter will give them away even when they're buried in the bushes. The first house sparrows were introduced into Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1851. The species spread to the Rocky Mountains within 50 years of coming to North America. They are resilient non-natives that thrive in human habitats.

For local bird watching events, visit www.weminucheadubon.org or www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/.

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Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Presents: 'Chacoan Astronomy, Cosmography, Roads and Ritual Power: New Insights into Chaco's Powerful Expanse using New Technologies.' 7 p.m., The Springs Resort and Spa, Ecoluxe building. Solstice Project researchers Anna Sofaer, Richard Friedman and Robert Weiner will share latest research findings revealing the vast extent of the Chaco culture across an area the size of Ohio and the compelling cosmology that underlay its regional power. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Friday, March 9

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 sranch@centurytel.net.

Independent Living Skills Class. 9-10:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. For adults with disabilities looking to develop skills to live the lives they desire in their communities. These classes will be interactive, informative and fun. For more information, contact Ruthie Uhl at 903-5880 or email ruthie@swilc.org.

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

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Farm youngster
- 5 Bit of smoke
- 9 Typewriter sound
- 14 Methane's lack
- 15 Bounce back
- 16 Studly fellow
- 17 Scrapped, as a mission
- 18 Car alarm?
- 19 Tequila plant
- 20 Twisted, in a way
- 22 Blue denim fabric
- 24 Certain time zone
- 26 Political group
- 27 Copycat
- 29 Shade of purple
- 32 Malone of NBA fame
- 35 Sacred text
- 37 Chem class
- 38 20-20, e.g.
- 39 Carpenter's device
- 40 Sax-playing Simpson
- 41 Yacht spot
- 42 Group of experts
- 43 Dweeb
- 44 Sailor's tattoo, perhaps
- 46 Highway headache
- 48 Type of fund
- 50 Tapioca source
- 54 Grilling need
- 57 Fight souvenir
- 58 Reddish brown
- 59 Eastern attire
- 61 Campus digs
- 62 Sponsorship
- 63 Like some grins
- 64 Brink
- 65 Kilt feature
- 66 2011 film "The Iron ____"
- 67 Monopoly card

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- 1 Teepee-shaped
- 2 Dig deeply
- 3 Prepare to surf, perhaps
- 4 Figureheads
- 5 Skype necessity
- 6 Winter coat
- 7 Backyard structure
- 8 Type of book
- 9 Dismay
- 10 Smooth, in music
- 11 Daffodil's kin
- 12 Stalactite site
- 13 Kind of pad
- 21 Pigmented eye part
- 23 Part of U.S.N.A.
- 25 Compare (to)
- 28 Desire
- 30 Soldier's stance, with "at"
- 31 Lift
- 32 City near Phoenix
- 33 Bread maker

- 34 Dramatic transformation
- 36 Archeologist's find
- 39 Florida's Key ____
- 40 Uneven
- 42 Modern media offering
- 43 Luxurious
- 45 Weightlifter's worry

- 47 With little effort
- 49 Art studio item
- 51 Positive pole
- 52 Threshold
- 53 Anagram for "dream"
- 54 British buddy
- 55 Command to a dog
- 56 Hot issue?
- 60 Eliminate

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Winter water for livestock and horses

By Robin Young
Special to The PREVIEW

Water is an essential nutrient livestock require. The importance of animals having access to clean water year-round cannot be over-emphasized.

In the winter, giving livestock access to a reliable water source can be a real problem because of the snow, ice and freezing temperatures. Fifty to 80 percent of the animal's live weight comes from water. Animals can lose almost all of their body fat and 50 percent of body protein and survive, but the loss of only 10 percent of water can be fatal.

Livestock require a good supply of water in order to maximize performance (feed intake and production). A "good" water supply would be one that has enough water to meet the animal's needs and one that is of high-enough quality (i.e. clean). Livestock water consumption is based on a variety of factors, which include:

- Size and kind of animal.
- Physiological state of the animals (i.e. a lactating, pregnant or growing animal will require more water intake than one that is not).
- Level of activity — Animals such as horses that are being worked or livestock that are being transported need more water.
- Type of diet — Animals grazing dry pastures will require more water.
- Water quality (i.e. salt content and purity).
- Water temperature.
- Air temperature.

Do not mistakenly believe that animals can meet water requirements by eating snow or licking ice. With daily water requirements varying from 3 gallons (sheep) to 14 gallons (cattle), one can see that livestock would need to spend every waking hour eating snow to meet their requirements. Ice and snow consumption lowers body temperature and will increase maintenance energy needs, so it should be discouraged.

Research has shown that water sources that are warmed to 37 degrees Fahrenheit will encourage animals to drink and help ensure

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they get adequate water intake. Water tank heaters may be needed to ensure that water sources do not freeze. Always follow manufacturers' recommendations to prevent fires and electric shocks or electrocution of livestock when using water tank heaters.

If you do not have access to tank heaters, fresh water needs to be provided several times a day. Breaking ice in water tanks or ponds just once or twice a day may not be enough for an animal to meet its requirements. Ensuring adequate water intake will encourage optimal health and performance of livestock and help prevent serious conditions such as colic and impaction.

Upcoming CSU Extension programs

March 7 — 25th annual Four Corners Invasive Agricultural Weeds Symposium, McGee Park, Farmington, N.M., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register, contact bhopkins@nmsu.edu or call (505) 334-9496. The cost is \$20.

March 17 — 2018 Colorado Cottage Food Producers Required Food Safety Training — An opportunity to increase your personal income. Located at the CSU Extension office, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, contact robin.young@colostate.edu or call 264-5931. The cost is \$30.

March 20 — "Smoky Air, Should We Care? A Presentation and Panel Discussion on the Science, Impacts, and Management of Smoke." The keynote speaker will be Kelley Barsanti, Ph.D., UC Riverside. It will run from 6 to 8 p.m. at the CSU Extension office and is free to attend.

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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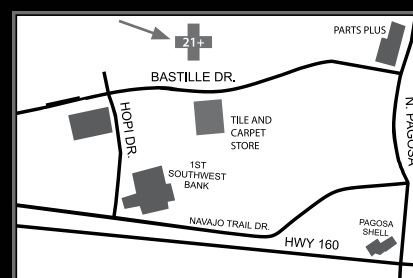
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AL-ANON meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Saturday, 10:30a.m., 234 N. 2nd Street (CR200/ Snowball Road). www.al-anon-co.org.

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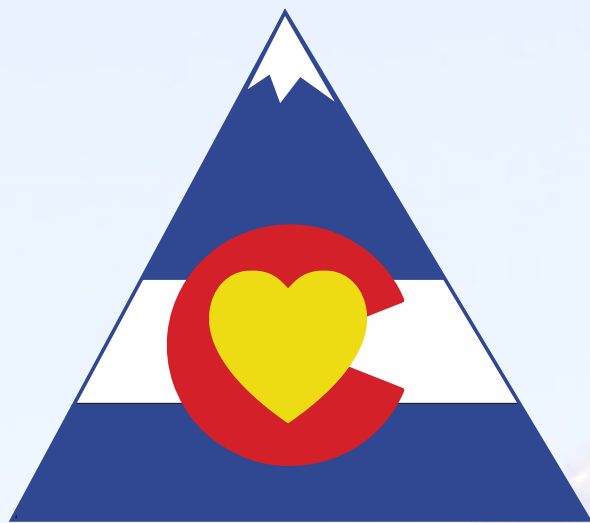
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