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Aspen Springs residents voice concerns

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

An Aspen Springs property has been at the forefront of two recent meetings of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

The property at topic, owned by Warren Goodman, was first brought up at the BoCC's Feb. 20 meeting in terms of a request from Amazing Grace Church.

That request was from the church's pastor, Mark Disbrow, who asked that the county waive landfill fees for the church to help clean up the property, which is currently at the center of a lawsuit with Archuleta County over alleged nuisance ordinance violations.

■ See Concerns A8



With a 20-3 record, the No. 2 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team will be back in action this evening in the Great 8 round of the Colorado 3A state tournament at the University of Denver. For more information, see article on page A12. SUN photo/Randi Pierce

9-year-old boy dies in shooting incident

By Marshall Dunham and Terri House
Staff Writer

Editor's note: The SUN is choosing to not name the siblings involved in the following incident out of respect for the situation.

A 9-year-old boy was shot and killed Friday afternoon in Arboles.

The incident occurred after the victim, Branden Patten, and his two brothers, age 7 and 10, forced entry into an unoccupied home in the Arboles area.

According to Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez, the ACSO was notified at 2:58 p.m. on Friday, March 2, that a juvenile had been shot in the Arboles area.

Sheriff's office personnel responded to the scene along with the Southern Ute Police Department and a Los Pinos ambulance.

■ See Shooting A8

Mike Le Roux: 'Consequence' planner wins Emergency Manager of the Year

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

On the wall, a simple sheet of white printer paper is embossed with a bold set of large words, "UNDER PRESSURE YOU DON'T RISE TO THE OCCASION, YOU SINK TO THE LEVEL OF YOUR TRAINING."

The quote leaves a good impression of Mike Le Roux, the director of emergency operations for Archuleta County.

And it is clear to see that Le Roux believes completely in the motto hung proudly on the wall — on Feb. 28, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office announced on social media that Le Roux was awarded Emergency Manager of the Year for 2017 by the Colorado Emergency Management Association.

"So often you hear people say, 'Wow, this guy, he really went above and beyond,' but really he went to where he was trained at. It's very rare that people do miraculous things, and the only reason why they do is because they've been there," Le Roux explained.

At 6 foot 5 inches tall, and a well-fit 200 pounds, Le Roux's sharp eyes and accented smile are enough to disarm you with a warm greeting, and "cheers" as you part company.

His firm handshake is a testament to the amount of physical strength a former ultra-marathon racer,



Le Roux

Ironman competitor and horse endurance racer has.

Currently, however, you won't find Le Roux planning for his own races, but for possible disaster, emergency, or as he describes them, "consequence" situations for Archuleta County.

"Our goal here is the 'what if?'" said Le Roux pointing to his "command center" (his office), "Hopefully, we never have you use any of this stuff, that's the ideal situation, but if we have to, at least we have something to build off of."

Beside helping with possible crises or search and rescue, Le Roux said he has been creating multiple plans for the county in case of emergencies such as fires or other natural disasters, and even as simple as how to notify the public.

"Many of these plans help us navigate those processes," Le Roux explained.

As the emergency manager, Le Roux and his two person full-time staff are tasked with making plans for natural disasters such as a fire. That is, of course, on the side of covering nearly 2,000 miles of national forest in different levels of responsibility ranging from search and rescue, fire prevention and general knowledge.

■ See Le Roux A8

Sheriff proposes temporary facility locations to county commissioners

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez approached the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) at its regular Tuesday morning work session about finding a more permanent residence for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ASCO).

Valdez had previously spoken to the BoCC on Jan. 2 concerning the need.

During the Jan. 2 meeting, Valdez had noted that, since leaving the courthouse, spacing and holding cells

had become problematic.

Valdez listed several options on housing for a temporary sheriff's office at that Jan. 2 meeting, one of which surfaced again on March 6.

Valdez had listed a location on Park Avenue costing between \$5,000 and \$6,000 a month in rent and offering 5,900 square feet.

He also mentioned two other properties that were not discussed again on March 6.

During the Jan. 2 meeting, Valdez also stated that the

■ See Sheriff A8

Planning Assistance Team discusses possible elementary school sites

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At the most recent Archuleta School District (ASD) Planning Assistance Team (PAT) meeting, the group was presented with the final Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant application draft, but the discussion largely centered around the site of a new elementary school.

Potential site pros and cons

Initially, the potential sites for the new elementary school were just south of the current elementary school, and on the Vista Boulevard property that ASD owns.

Stuart Coppedge of RTA Architects did note that an-

other site could still be in play for the new elementary school.

Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) Assistant Principal Aaron Freed began the discussion by asking how many acres were at the site south of the elementary school and the Vista property.

Coppedge responded by noting that the Vista site is larger in acreage, but a lot of it is not buildable because of wetlands and various other things.

The Vista property does have a lot of space for outdoor education, Coppedge noted.

ASD Superintendent Linda Reed added that the exist-

■ See School A8

Public meetings set on PFPD mill levy increase

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

On March 15, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) will host a public information meeting to discuss its requested mill levy increase on its May 8 ballot.

The meeting will be held at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owner Association (PLPOA) clubhouse at 5:30 p.m.

Additionally, there will be a follow-up meeting on April 19 at 5:30 p.m.

"On May 8th, 2018, there will be a mail-in ballot issue for a mill levy increase and the election of 3 board member positions for the Pagosa Fire Protection District," reads a press release from Kenny Rogers, who is coordinating the public in-

formation meeting. "The ballot issue will be asking for a mill levy increase to 7.85. The 7.85 figure will give us just over \$2 million in taxes."

The press release goes on to explain that \$129,045 of that sum would go directly to its volunteer pension fund.

"That would mean an increase in taxes to an owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000 of an additionally \$2.27 a month," reads the press release. "That adds up to \$27.24 a year."

The release explains that the PFPD hopes to increase its staffing in order to have a quicker response time to incidents, and that 10 full-time positions would be added.

"The proposed positions are

■ See PFPD A8



Our Savior Lutheran preschoolers celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday this week. On Monday the children made their "Cat in the Hat" hats. Photo courtesy Anette McInnis

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Courts: Find a solution

It's not often that a murder trial is held in Archuleta County. A jury trial has been set for Chad Nystrom, the man accused of killing Richard "Dick" Isaacs in the spring of 2017. Nystrom's trial is set to begin on March 12 and run for two weeks. Unfortunately, only the jury selection portion of that trial will likely be held here in Archuleta County.

The remainder of the trial will be at the La Plata County Courthouse. Last September, upon the courts vacating the Archuleta County Courthouse, Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson of the Sixth Judicial District requested that the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) "immediately begin to search for temporary facilities to house the court clerk's office, the probation department and at least one courtroom."

That letter went on to review "salient points from recent history to give you a full understanding of the magnitude of issues the courthouse faces." Since then, the county and the courts have both had extensive scientific tests performed on the courthouse with the county declaring last October that the courthouse is safe. To prove that point, scientific testing is still being performed with ongoing, real-time monitoring.

We don't disagree with the court's decision to move out. What we do have a problem with is the manner in which the courts and the BoCC have failed to find a solution to the matter.

Since the courts abandoned the courthouse last September, we have been forced to bus jurors over 60 miles to La Plata County for trials. For months, all court services were conducted in La Plata County, requiring a 60-mile trip just to pay a fine. Talk about a hardship for many people who are already struggling.

Thankfully, court clerk's and probation services for the Archuleta County Combined Courts returned to Archuleta County in February. We don't feel that's enough.

There shouldn't be a single trial where people are barred because of logistics, which is what is happening when the trials are being held in La Plata County.

The BoCC offered up the county's administration building to the courts and were refused.

Now the county is taking the courts to court to force them to move back. Just this week, a special Archuleta County attorney was hired to represent the county in this matter to the tune of \$375 per hour. Keep in mind that both sides of this fight are being paid for by the taxpayers.

And on top of that, Wilson has recused himself from at least one case in which the county is a party.

We just cannot fathom how things have gotten to this point. We don't know who is right or wrong when it comes to these scientific tests — or even if there is a right and wrong. Hashing out of who is using the right science in testing the building is subject to speculation.

The bigger issue is, presuming that both the county and the judicial department both have good arguments, they both have a higher duty to work this out. There is a higher value in keeping the courts open right here in Pagosa Springs. And if that means someone has to swallow their pride and do more to fix the problem or take less in order to find the solution, then that's what you have to do, because there is something more important at stake here and that is access to the court system.

No matter who is right and who is wrong, the courts and the county have failed the citizens by not figuring out how to bring the courts back to this community.

Who can disagree with the fact that there is still a solution out there and it should have been found voluntarily by now?

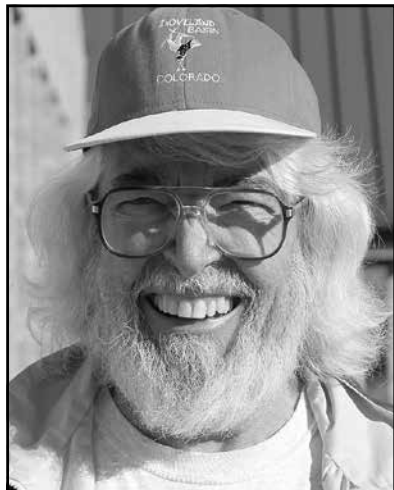
Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

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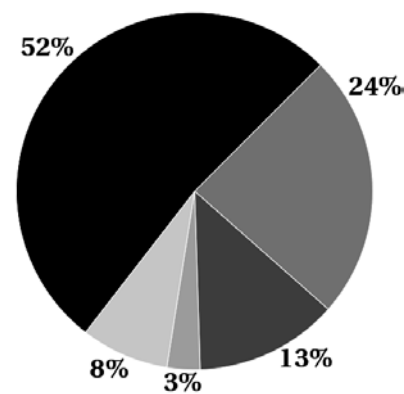
Lois Hill
"Cooking."



John Farley
"Skiing."



Addi Greer
"So many, like walking my dog, ice fishing, reading, cooking and soaking in the hot springs."



Poll results (184 Votes)
Downhill skiing/snowboarding — 24 percent
Cross-country skiing — 13 percent
Ice skating — 3 percent
Snowmobiling — 8 percent
Relaxing by the fire — 52 percent

This week online: Would you be in favor of an elementary school being built near the high school?
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LOOKING BACK



From the Feb. 27, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. **PAGOSA PIRATES** — The Pagosa Pirates will be participating in the San Juan Basin A league tournament in Durango this weekend. The winners of the tournament will play in the regional tournament the following weekend. The Pirates are, left to right, back row: Pat Candelaria, Mike Lister, Pressie Gurule, Andy Archuleta, and Norman Nye. Front row, left to right: Roy Martinez, Terry Branson, Steve Archuleta, Joey Bell, Richard La Varta, and Danny Kingsley. Coaches are Tom Nolan and Jerry Madrid.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 2, 1928

The **Pagosa High School Wolverines** departed yesterday for Durango to take part in the basketball tournament, which began last evening, between all the teams of the San Juan Basin, to determine the Conference champions. Piloted by Supt. V.H. Rowland, the following made the trip to the Smelter City to show the rest of them what Hot Water-fed boys can do: George Holliday, manager; Ernest Black, forward; Myron Catchpole, forward; Charles Loucks, running guard; Gilbert Loring, standing guard; Charles Cotton, center; Lynn George, substitute forward; and Glenn Kimball, substitute guard.

The Sun is well equipped to do almost any kind of perforating, stapling, punching and numbering job, besides all kinds of good printing.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 12, 1943

Mike Pargin came out from his ranch Monday to inspect his telephone line and fix up broken wires, the result of winter storm. He used snowshoes to make the trip, and reports lots of snow.

C.T. Hazelwood arrived home Wednesday of last week from Denver, where he had a truck load of cattle on Monday's market. He brought home salt and grain on the return trip. Mr. Hazelwood has been busy this week, transferring cattle from the Florida to his home ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Young of Chromo received word last week that their son James, had been sent to Fort Jackson, S.C. for his basic training. James is their fourth son to enter the service.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 7, 1968

County Commissioners met Monday of this week for the regular March meeting. Routine business and discussion of various matters were the main items on the agenda. Commissioners believe the construction of a new jail may soon have to be faced locally. Inasmuch as County and Town prisoners alike are held in the present jail quarters this is also a mutual problem.

To date we have received approximately 24 percent cooperation in our plea for 1968 TV dues. This will provide sufficient funds to operate the present Towers until March 16, 1968. It is not the decision of the TV Committee, but rather the lack of support of the community that will make it necessary for TV to be discontinued after March 16, 1968 unless more support and dues are received.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 11, 1993

The **Dr. Mary Fisher Medical board** will host a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Mar. 15 at the elementary school multi-purpose room to discuss a new medical services building. Consideration of new medical facilities for the area began in earnest last July, when the Upper San Juan Hospital District received a proposal regarding a donation of land for a medical building. The proposal was made by Tom and Mary Ellen Grant of California who own a home in Archuleta County. Tom Grant plans to develop a residential subdivision adjacent to the acreage he offered as a site for a medical facility. The 6-acre site proposed as a donation to a qualified non-profit corporation for a medical services building is located at the southwest corner of South Pagosa Blvd. and U.S. 160.

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Letters

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Don't Breck us

Dear Editor:
Cynda Green's recent "Don't Breck Pagosa" letter is spot on. When considering regulations for short-term rentals, our local political leaders need to act on behalf of those of us who live in Pagosa Country — not on behalf of the real estate industry, and certainly not on behalf of absentee owners who are here maybe a week a year and use their "homes" the other fifty-one weeks as ways to make money, not as a place to live. There is no doubt that the growing tendency to convert homes to money-making machines drives up the cost of workforce housing. Those who work here and serve the growing throngs of tourists should not have to pay more and more for less and less housing just so that

absentee owners can make money from what should have been a place for a Pagosan to live. If people who work in Pagosa cannot afford to live in Pagosa because much of the workforce housing has been converted to short-term rentals, not only they but all of who depend on the services they provide will pay a price.

Another letter-writer lamented that if short-term housing is regulated, we might have to turn away visitors during Christmas, spring break, or summer. I say, what is wrong with that? Anyone who has skied Wolf Creek during Christmas or spring break or who has attempted to drive in Pagosa on a summer holiday weekend knows that there are times when the number of tourists in the area already exceeds our small community's capacity. We who have chosen Pagosa as a place to live chose it because it is not massively crowded and expensive like most of Summit, Eagle, and Clear Creek counties. We do not want massive traffic jams, road closures every time it snows, or \$100+ lift tickets. Yet, that is exactly what those who want no limits on the number of tourists and no limits on short-term rentals would love to see, because they would get rich because of it. I hope our political leaders will realize that there are more important things than maximizing the chance for absentee owners to make a fast buck. Please, protect what we love about Pagosa Country. Don't Breck Pagosa.

John Farley

Interpretations

Dear Editor:
Respect the Constitution. We all agree on this. Interpreting the Constitution is not so easy. We know what kind of guns they had when the Second Amendment was written. You needed powder and ball to load your gun. For comparison, a New York City ordinance 100 years ago would require that all methods of transport on city streets must carry poop bags. That applied to wagons, carriages, buggies and horseback riders. According to the way the Second Amendment is being interpreted today, it means that all buses, trucks and cars in NY City must carry poop bags.

Norman French

Courts

Dear Editor:
I have watched courthouse issue unfold for nearly a year. I must say that it has gone from interesting to

absurd. We have a District 6 Judge that is holding the BOCC's feet to the fire to provide "his" court with a shiny new courthouse. Archuleta County taxpayers voted against a \$20million (+/-) proposal to build a new facility because it was: A) Too expensive B) Not well thought out and conceived C) The current facility has been deemed by experts to be safe. The BOCC has often acted in a confrontational manner, most recently by taking the district court to court in an effort to move the process in their favor. Now we have seemingly reached an impasse, with both sides pointing fingers at the other for the breakdown. A wise man once told me to remember when you point your finger at someone, that there are 3 more pointing back at you. The county has proposed the formation of a citizens committee to review the issues and propose ideas to help reach a resolution, in which I have expressed my interest in being a part of, but it appears that those people have already been "chosen". This is a good first step. A little outside the box thinking is surely what is needed to get this issue settled and move along with other business that is of interest to the taxpayers of this county. However, I do not see the court interested in participating in such action. The BOCC has offered up \$5 million dollars to renovate the existing facility to mitigate the "hazards" that seem to be of concern. From the counties various proposals in the past, there seems to be around 30,000 sqft of space in question. That works out to about \$166/sqft. In my experience that is pretty cheap. \$250/sqft would be more appropriate. Considering that any renovation of the scope being discussed will surely uncover things that were not known that will drive the cost up with 10-15 percent override costs expected, especially in a building that is 90 years old. Over the years, how many remodel/renovation, repair projects have been done and cobbled together that will now have to be undone and raised to current codes? So now, at 30,000 sqft, with contingency for the unexpected, we are now at around \$8.6 million, and these are just off the cuff guesses based on 40 years around the construction industry. That is still a lot less than the \$20million originally requested. I would suggest that the county consider a new steel building on the land in Harmon Park. The building, scaled back in square

footage to maybe 18,000 leaving the jail in the existing facility and remodeled at around \$1million. The steel building could be erected for around \$350,000. That would leave around \$3.5 million to finish the inside for the court. It would not be lavish or extravagant, just safe, comfortable and functional. Isn't that all that we really need?

Gary Hardin

Inspections

Dear Editor:
The PLPOA continues to administer and enforce covenants for preserving the architecture and appearance of the housing development as stated in their recent newsletter article "Community Inspections." They state "when you purchase a home in a common interest community, like Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, you become contractually bound to abide by the covenants that protect the Association." I agree with that statement. However, in my opinion, you also become contractually bound to the bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. The Articles of Incorporation is the primary governing document over the bylaws, declaration of restrictions, covenants, etc. If a conflict occurs in these governing documents then the Articles of Incorporation must be followed. Please do read them on the www.plpoa.com website.


It is my understanding that when beginning a business, you must decide what form of business entity to establish. PLPOA

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State and regional cases of hantavirus reported

By Claire Ninde
Special to The SUN

Over the past month, one case of hantavirus has been reported in Denver in addition to two reported cases in Farmington, N.M.

The risk of hantavirus increases as warm weather continues and residents begin their spring cleaning early. While most human cases are reported in spring and early summer, hantavirus can be contracted year-round.

Hantavirus is carried by wild rodents, particularly deer mice in our area, and is present in their droppings, urine and saliva. Dried droppings or urine can be stirred up in dust and it is possible for humans to get hantavirus by breathing in the contaminated air.

Hantavirus is a rare disease that causes severe illness which can be life-threatening, especially if not detected quickly. Symptoms include fever, severe muscle aches and fatigue, which often occur within two weeks of exposure. Other symptoms

that occur later include difficulty breathing, headaches, dizziness, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach pain. Residents should inform their doctor of any exposure to large amounts of rodent droppings/urine if they have these symptoms.

Suggestions to avoid hantavirus when spring cleaning, especially where rodent droppings may be present:

- Wear a mask (N95 mask is best and can be purchased at most home improvement stores).
- Wear rubber or plastic gloves.
- Ventilate the room by opening windows and doors.
- Spray all droppings down with a bleach solution (one part bleach, nine parts water) before vacuuming or sweeping. Be sure the droppings are very wet.
- Clean up the droppings with paper towels and throw the used paper towels into a plastic garbage bag.
- Place the garbage bag in a second garbage bag and dispose of in a covered trash can.

• Wash gloved hands before removing gloves and wash hands after removing gloves.

Hantavirus has not been shown to infect other kinds of animals, such as dogs, cats or farm animals. The disease is not contagious and does not spread from human to human.

San Juan Basin Public Health recommends everyone control the presence of rodents around their home; and, when heading outdoors, particularly to areas where wild animals and insects are active, wear insect repellent, appropriate clothing and protect your pets from fleas and ticks. Do not handle or feed wild animals, especially those that appear sick, and do not pick up dead animals or animal waste. Also, remember to talk with your children about these precautions.

To learn more about the symptoms, treatments and other information about hantavirus, visit sjbpublichealth.org/communicabledisease. Information is also available from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at www.cdph.state.co.us.

SENIOR NEWS

Next seniors' health and wellness event March 12

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.

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Medicaid and nursing homes

By Kay Kaylor

As the long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and Bee-Hive Homes. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life.

Pine Ridge is Medicaid/Medicare-certified and a Veterans Administration Community home providing skilled nursing; rehabilitation due to injury, disability or illness; and long-term care. Medicare covers only qualified people who first received inpatient hospital care, and not those under "observation," for three

days and then covers up to 100 days of care, with a daily co-payment after 20 days.

At times, as many as half the Pine Ridge residents receive long-term care benefits paid by Medicaid in a joint federal and state program for low-income people with few assets. By law, they must be treated the same as private-pay residents.

Often questioned is the Personal Needs Allowance residents may keep from their income to pay for personal items and services not covered by Medicaid. The 2018 allowance is \$84.41 per month in Colorado, a 3 percent increase from 2017.

The rest of the income, minus deductions for health insurance and an allowance for a spouse, goes toward the nursing home payment. When considering whether a relative or friend would qualify for Medicaid

long-term care, keep in mind that Medicaid looks at financial records for the past five years, and gifts of money or other assets or the transfer or sale of certain assets at less than fair market value will result in a delay based on the amount. Medicaid considers some gifts and transfers valid.

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Obituary

Marijean 'Jeanie' Riley

Marijean "Jeanie" Riley passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 5. Born July 22, 1967, in Wichita Falls, Texas, she moved to Pagosa Springs at the age of 10. Since then, she has been a lifelong resident of Pagosa Springs, raising two kids in the beautiful mountain town.

Known for her amazing work ethic, she worked at various establishments throughout her life, leaving her mark on those she worked

with. With a sharp, unique sense of humor and one of the kindest hearts, she made friends at any job she worked.

After meeting Wayne Robert "Clarence" Riley, the two fell deeply in love and married in 2005. Their relationship remains a testament to powerful love; their last few days were just as romantic as their first ones. This union also



brought Sarah and Eliza Riley into her life, and she accepted them as her own progeny.

She is survived by children Michael and Rose Quintana; stepchildren Sarah and Eliza (Jaime) Riley; son-in-law Randy Marr; grandchildren Riley and Joby Higgins-Miller, Davian and Kyleah Coss; sister Cathy (Arthur) Villarreal; brother J.A. (Patricia) Maglothlin; sister-in-law Lisa (Chris) McKaughn; and innumerable close friends and extended family.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Riley, and mother Zona Maglothlin.

Letters

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formed a business as a Colorado Nonprofit 501(c)(7) Corporation (tax exempt) in 1972 organized as a social and recreation club. Your type of business determines which income tax return form you must file. In this case form 990. PLPOA has been filing a form 1120-H, under IRC 277, and filing exempt. IRS Rev. Rul. 75-494, 1975-2 C.B. 214 provides clear guidance that a 501(c)(7) will fail to qualify for exemption if it administers and enforces covenants for preserving the architecture and appearance of the housing development. This appears to apply operationally also. IRS 7.25.7.2 pertaining to Social

and Recreation Clubs: "Organizations with powers in their governing documents beyond IRC 501(c)(7) need to amend their governing instrument to remove the non IRC 501(c)(7) power. Once the document is amended, the organization is exempt provided its operations also satisfy the requirements of the statute." It is therefore my understanding that most activities of the Environmental Control Committee, Department of Community Standards and Administration are out of compliance with the IRS.

PLPOA continues to operate as something other than a 501(c)(7). Starting on Jan. 15, 2018, and several times since, I have asked

for documentation from PLPOA that proves it is not a 501(c)(7), as stated in their Articles of Incorporation. PLPOA has not yet provided any such documentation. I have strongly urged PLPOA to seek guidance from a corporate tax law attorney specializing in non profit.

The agenda for the board meeting on March 8th (tonight) at 7 p.m., in the administration building, includes some topics of interest, like the propane tank screening issue, the 501(c)(7) status, greenbelts and purchase of golf course. There are board members trying to help the PLPOA be legal. They need your help ... please attend.

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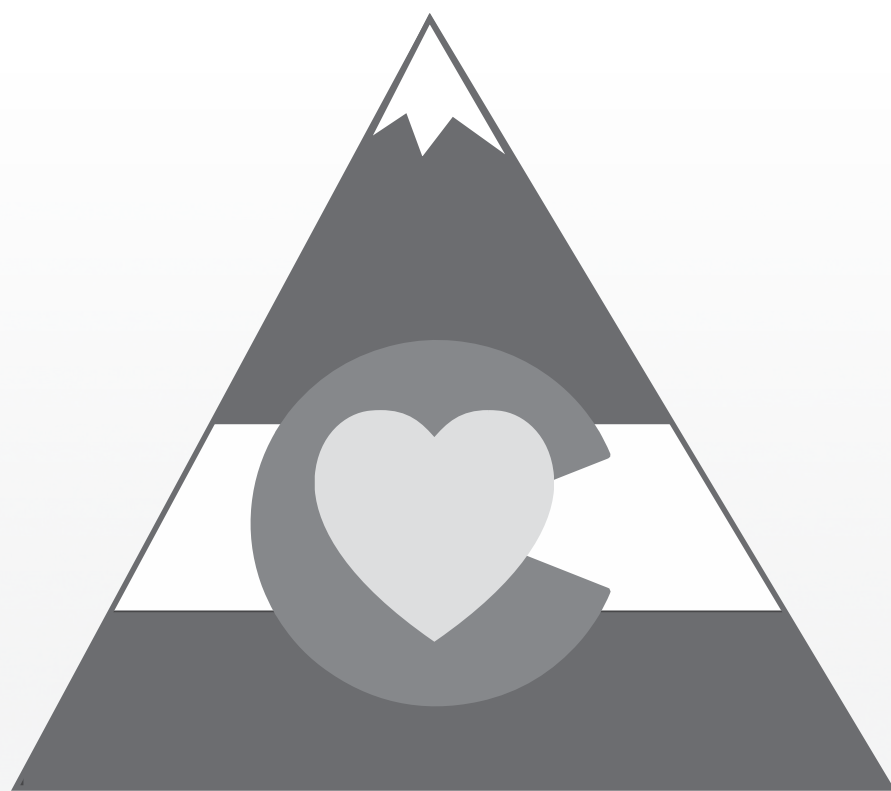
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Business

CHAMBER NEWS

New SBDC consultant available in Archuleta County

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Fort Lewis College is an integral part of the business community in southwest Colorado, including Archuleta County.

For years, the Pagosa Springs Chamber has had a strong relationship with this organization, offering monthly free consulting sessions with the director of the SBDC or a certified business consultant. Businesses or individuals can take advantage of various mentoring services from reviewing business plans, financials, expansion opportunities, marketing and other business

topics. Due to SBDC retirements and part-time assistance available, these consulting sessions became sporadic the past couple of years.

Under the new guidance of Mary Shepherd with the SBDC and the local commitment of a new certified business consultant, the regular free monthly consultations are back on track.

For years, Pagosa has been gifted with the expertise of Rich Lindblad through his efforts with the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) and his tireless consulting services through the SBDC. His services will still continue.

The SBDC has now also added full-time Pagosa Springs resident

and certified business consultant Dr. Robert Blaise to its list of business experts. Blaise has over 25 years of business management and holds a BS in information technology, a master of business administration and a doctorate of philosophy in business management with a specialization in strategy and innovation. His expertise includes electronic commerce (e-commerce) and data analysis.

Blaise's mentoring philosophy centers on three principles: to embolden critical thinking, provide clients with a method of connecting empirical knowledge to practical applications and to utilize impactful teaching aids to engage the client better. He feels that business mentoring is a two-way street.

"It is not the consultant's role to merely direct; the client is an equal partner in the process, with the consultant facilitating the client's ability to think for themselves rather than being told what to think to become an autonomous entrepreneur," Blaise commented.

The monthly free sessions will begin on April 13 and will be held in the Chamber conference room. Interested clients can book a 12-1:30 p.m. or 1:30-3 p.m. appointment on the second Friday of every month. If these two sessions are filled, an additional 3-4:30 p.m. session can be added. Interested parties can contact the SBDC office at 247-7009 to book an appointment.

The Chamber and the CDC encourage individuals or businesses to utilize this rich resource that the SBDC makes available to our communities. Questions can also be directed to the Chamber offices at 264-2360.

Upcoming Business Bites classes

The Chamber is partnering with two knowledgeable and dynamic speakers to provide some critical business tools to help improve your business acumen.

The first class to be held on March 20 will be WordPress and Shopify 101 presented by Natalie Carpenter. These business essentials can show you how your website and online store can work for

your business. Some of the topics covered will be: what you should expect to pay for a website, risks and rewards of the WordPress platform, importance of a blog for your business, setting up a Shopify online store, search engine optimization (SEO) tips, and hosting and domain names — owning your own site.

The class will be held at Pagosa Brewing's new meeting space from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on March 20. The cost of the class is \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. This small investment could increase your exposure and/or sales manifold, making this a minor investment in your business.

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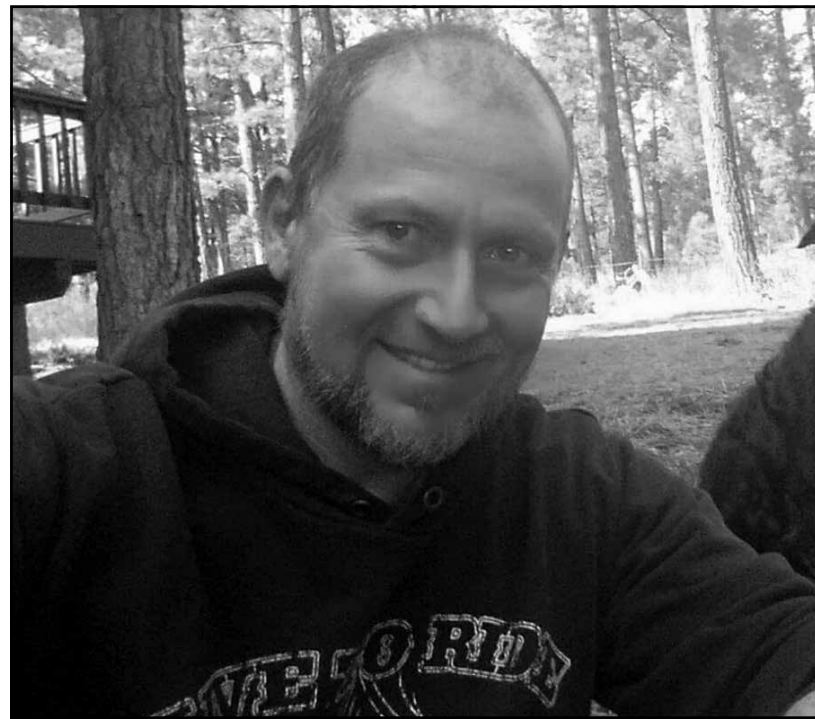
The second class that we are going to offer will utilize the skill set of Blaise and his expertise in data management. How do you make use of the data that you already collect through online platforms such as Go Daddy and Google Analytics? We get the data, but then we don't know what to do with it or how to utilize the data to improve our business. We will be offering a class in April — date to be determined — to help you and your business make use of this very valuable data. Stay tuned for the date and time. Grow your business by investing in your business and place these classes on your must-do list.

Membership news

Renewing memberships this week are Sky Ute Casino, Abba Eye Care, Colorado Dream Homes, Lavana DeWees with Team Murphy Realty, Elk Trace Bed and Breakfast, Hickory Ridge Apartments, Old Town Market, Re/Max Realty Eagle's Nest, Rise Above Violence, Smithco Enterprises, and Basin Printing and Imaging.

The community is preparing for our spring break visitors. Be staffed, be on your best hospitality behavior and remember that, as a tourism-based economy, we are grateful for the wonderful snow that has brought visitors to the community that we love and live in. We welcome them to our beautiful playground.

Biz Beat



Rich Schlosser is the owner of Qi-Source. Qi is the universal energy that keeps you vital, it flows via meridian channels to serve cells, tissues and organs. If blockages in Qi occur, it can restrict all functions of your body, sometimes in places other than the symptoms. Energy healing can help open these channels so you can function with ease. Schlosser's technique is a uniquely customized treatment that combines MFR myofascial release, therapeutic pressure and quantum energetic therapy. With this variety of modalities, he can assist your healing from sports injuries, aches, pain and past trauma. Each session is tailored to where your body is and what it requires at that time to restore its own energy and allow it to heal the way it was designed to. Visit Qi-Source.com for more information. To schedule your session, call Schlosser at 946-9920.

County's public hearing on vacation rental regs moved to Community Center

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Due to the attendance anticipated at next Wednesday's Archuleta County Planning Commission public hearing on proposed vacation rental regulations, the meeting has been moved to the Ross Aragon

Community Center.

The meeting will be held in the North Conference Room of the Community Center at 6 p.m.

According to the public notice for the meeting, "... Archuleta County Development Services is proposing amendments to the Archuleta County Land Use Regu-

lations, as requested by the Board of County Commissioners. 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."

A Feb. 14 public input session with the planning commission included a standing-room-only crowd that spilled out of the commissioners' meeting room at the county's administration building.

The full draft proposal can be found at: <http://www.archuletacounty.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@archuletacounty.org prior to the March 14 public hearing by the planning commission.

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San Juan Water Conservancy District to open consultant position to public

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

After being postponed during its regular meeting on Feb. 12, the topic of hiring a consultant, as well as the consultant agreement, was again broached at a special meeting held by the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) on Feb. 26.

SJWCD President John Porco began the meeting by reading from a prepared statement advocating for former SJWCD president Rod Proffitt to be hired as the consultant.

"First, much of the debate has centered on some minor mistakes that the board has made over the last few years. Certainly, mistakes relative to board actions have been made and we all must bear responsibility for these errors, not just Mr. Proffitt. However, we have resolved to carefully follow all rules in the future to the letter," Porco read.

Despite those minor mistakes, the things Proffitt had done for the district in his five years of service have been ignored, Porco added later.

According to Porco's statement, Proffitt:

- Helped restructure a loan between the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD), SJWCD and the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB).
- Approved a \$2 million loan from CWCB to complete the purchase of the land needed for the

pool basin of the San Juan River Headwaters Project, including a possible land transfer with the U.S. Forest Service.

- Established a good working relationship with the Laverty family, who owns land needed for the pool basin of an 11,000-acre-foot reservoir.

Proffitt also has an excellent reputation and a wide-ranging network in the water community, Porco stated.

Porco then briefly touched on the services agreement that Proffitt had originally signed on Oct. 8, 2012.

"The agreement recognized that the district was asking Mr. Proffitt to engage in extraordinary efforts far beyond what would be expected from a volunteer," Porco explained.

The agreement was drafted by SJWCD's former counsel Collins, Cockrel, and Cole P.C., Porco added.

However, last year it was brought to SJWCD's attention that the advice provided by its former legal counsel was "flawed," Porco stated.

"Apparently, counsel was using the conflict of interest provisions of the Colorado Special Districts Act rather than those of the Colorado Water Conservancy District Act. In the five years that the agreement had been in force this was never discovered," Porco said.

Once SJWCD noticed this error, the services agreement was canceled, Porco added.

SJWCD is also well-aware of the complaints filed against it regarding the agreement and Proffitt's oath, Porco mentioned.

"The complaint filed with the Colorado Independent Ethics Commission has already been adjudicated as frivolous and the commission declined further action," Porco said.

The complaint

Porco was referring to a Colorado Independent Ethics Commission (CIEC) complaint made by Matt Roane.

On Feb. 12, the CIEC met and reviewed the complaint.

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

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

The statement goes on to read: "While the Commission is not unsympathetic to the concerns expressed in your complaint, this is not the proper forum in which to raise them. There may be other, more appropriate avenues through which you may explore relief."

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Consultant

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However, the Commission cannot provide you with guidance or advice, nor does it take a position on whether relief is ultimately available to you."

Attorney general investigation

Porco then noted during the meeting, and in an updated statement sent to The SUN, that SJWCD has recently found out that there is an ongoing investigation underway with the attorney general's office.

SJWCD now faces a difficult position as "strident detractors" of Proffitt are suggesting that the district cut all ties with him, Porco noted.

"We are told that Mr. Proffitt has no credibility in the community, that no one likes him. That certainly has not been my observation," Porco added. "From his years of service with Rotary to his support for Relay for Life to many other civic activities, I believe Mr. Proffitt to be an honest and caring person. I personally know many people who like and trust him. Is he perfect? No, but who among us is?"

After the reading of his own statement, Porco acknowledged that SJWCD has received letters of support for Proffitt as well.

In addition, Proffitt also wrote a letter to SJWCD dated Feb. 25.

In his letter, Proffitt noted that due to Matt Roane's complaint being dismissed as "frivolous" and no other matters pending, he submitted this letter in support of the consulting contract to the board.

Proffitt went on to echo many of the same accomplishments that Porco did in his statement and also noted that naysayers are also creating a negative impact.

"It seems to me that if the board had simply voted in a timely manner on an executive director back in October, this all would have been over. Instead, all of the preparations I made to set up actions in 2018 toward moving the district forward have been wasted," Proffitt's statement read.

Proffitt's statement then concludes, stating, "This seems to be the last opportunity the board has to do the right thing for the District. I sincerely [sic] hope each member of the board thinks first

about what's best for the District in casting a vote."

SJWCD board member Al Pfister then questioned why Porco did not share Proffitt's statement with the board when he received it.

"I mean, you shared some other things this morning," Pfister said.

"Alright, I'm sorry. I forgot. I frankly thought I had shared with you. My mistake, there it is," Porco responded.

Board discussion

"I make a motion that we not take any action on hiring Rod Proffitt because of the ethical concerns and the appropriateness of some of the activities that he has conducted as a member of this board and as a director," Pfister said.

It will not benefit the SJWCD to have Proffitt as a consultant, contractor or general manager, Pfister added.

Pfister recognized the positive things Proffitt had done for the district.

Some of the ethical issues that have occurred over the past few months were then described by Pfister, including "Sending a letter to the board, saying that we should not discuss anything negative that he didn't agree to in a public meeting."

"After we decided not to hire him as an interim general manager, he wrote the entire board and said, 'I am very disappointed that you did not hire me because I need the money,'" Pfister said. "Not because he cared about what the district is doing but because, 'I need the money.'"

Pfister also explained that another concern of his was Proffitt not posting a more accurate job description on SJWCD's website, despite being instructed to by the board.

"To me, that is not the character of a person that I would recommend to the board and the rate-payers of this district," Pfister said.

Putting out a request for proposal (RFP) was then suggested by Pfister, with a rewrite of the duties of the consultant.

"I have no problem advertising it," Porco said, regarding the consultant position.

SJWCD's legal counsel Kent Holsinger, participating by phone, suggested that the board not frame

this position as an RFP.

"The district wouldn't be seeking proposals, the district is seeking a contractor, or a consultant," Holsinger said.

Pfister clarified that his intent was to ask for proposals, but that he realized it adds an extra degree of difficulty on the district.

Porco then stated that he is against a fixed-rate contract, and advocated for the potential consultant to propose an hourly rate contract.

Board member Susan Nossaman explained that Proffitt has a lot of experience and knowledge for the position and also noted that advertising for the position is not a bad idea.

"But I also think that we should look at it from the standpoint of, if we wanted to ask Rod to turn away everything he has done, say, in the last six months to us, before we knew that he shouldn't have been working under that agreement, I think we owe him something for that," Nossaman said.

The board could then proceed with someone else if they were the more-qualified candidate, Nossaman added later.

Anyone could apply for the position, Porco added.

SJWCD needs a general manager, and the consultant would not be a replacement for that position and is a temporary position, board member Doug Secrist stated.

"I wouldn't want to see the consultant position get confused with the ultimate goal of general manager," Secrist added.

The board then opened the discussion for public comment.

Public comment

Audience member Michael Whiting first asked the board about the progression of events.

"Originally, you couldn't keep Mr. Proffitt employed under his old contract because it was illegal, so you terminated the contract and then you tried to hire him back as general manager and that didn't work," Whiting said. "So you then created a, and this was my understanding from the last meeting, you created this consultant position to hire, John's words were, to hire Rod back and not to hire somebody as a stopgap, but to hire Rod back."

"So every single one of these moves, or potential moves, has been to hire Rod back into the organization. Every single one of them," Whiting said.

The initial hiring of the general manager was not specific and Proffitt was never the only candidate the district would consider, Porco responded.

"He helped write the job description, didn't he?" Whiting asked, referring to Proffitt drafting the general manager job description.

Porco acknowledged that while Proffitt did have a role in drafting the job description, it was reviewed by the board and SJWCD's legal counsel and "significant changes were made to it."

The line of progression could be seen as "massively suspicious" to anyone outside of the board, Whiting added.

"Because it looks like you've been trying every single thing you could to hire back the guy you had to let go at the beginning," Whiting explained.

Audience member J.R. Ford stated that the process of hiring a general manager is "tainted" in the eyes of the general public.

"I know you need somebody to help you run the district, but you've got a real problem. And the problem is that you got 25 percent of the vote on your project," Ford said.

The consultant would not run the district, Porco commented later.

"When you lead off with a statement that you are very in much of support of Rod, and you start out with the letters of support, I mean that basically kind of gets back to the perception issue that we have," Secrist said.

"I will tell you right here and now, I've known Rod for a long time and there's a lot of good things about him, but if you were to ask me right now I would say I do not support him for this particular position," Secrist added later.

Pfister nominated himself to write the draft RFP, which would then be approved by the board at a special meeting.

The special meeting will be held on March 26 at 4 p.m.

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Outdoors

DUST2 2018 Winter Fat Bike Race a success

By Annie Sewell
Special to The SUN

A good day was had by all at the DUST2 Winter Fat Bike Race held on Forest Service Road 725 near Wolf Creek Pass. This year's fun and flowy course offered up to 10 miles of trail, beautifully groomed by the Wolf Creek Trailblazers.

Racers were challenged and enchanted as they raced their way up and down through tree-covered hills with stunning views of the San Juan Mountains around every corner.

With invaluable support from the Wolf Creek Trailblazers, 12 high-energy volunteers and five skilled snowmobile course marshals, our racers were safe, well-fed and provided with a fun, competitive, high-quality fat bike course that they will be sure to come back for next year.



Photo courtesy Annie Sewell

And the winners are, Travis Brown, JD Kurz and Wil Chapple. Gretta gets an honorable mention.



Photo courtesy Annie Sewell

Chantelle Jordan had the special honor of being the only woman to race.

Make a difference by joining the Chimney Rock volunteer team

By Ron Beckman
Special to The SUN

It is an honor to be a part of the ages-old historic legacy of Chimney Rock National Monument (CRNM), which, as far as we currently know, dates back over a thousand years. The complex was built as villages and essentially a palace for early American peoples carved only out of stone, earth, water and wood using no metal tools, nor livestock as work animals.

During my two seasons working at CRNM, I have had the wonderful opportunity to be a part of something larger than oneself and can see every day that I am able to make a difference.

As a small nonprofit organization, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) only has a handful of paid people working, one per day at the site. However,

daily operations at the monument require 10 to 20 people per day working in some of the best darn teamwork fashion anyone has seen in order to operate the tours, maintenance, shuttles, check-ins, scheduling and gift shop operations. That cadre is made up of slightly less than 100 tremendous volunteers — all making a difference in something larger than the single person.

Each meeting with our guests, both Coloradoans and visitors from all over the world, is a worthwhile undertaking. Being able to discuss and share archaeological knowledge and fascination of how ancient Chacoan people mastered their surroundings, working, watching the astronomical bodies, worshipping and living upon the ridge tops is quite an opportunity. The beauty of the area itself is breathtaking every day. Just the his-

tory in the perspective of time and what was accomplished by these people deserves to be preserved and cherished. On a daily basis working there, with each human contact we make, we are potentially able to raise awareness of this national treasure to keep the story alive, give tribute to the modern Pueblo people in our discussions and pass the site along to our children for them to understand.

Please consider joining the CRIA volunteer team — thereby making a difference.

Join CRIA and its inspiring volunteers at the Chimney Rock open house on March 16 from 6 to 7 p.m., at the EcoLuxe building at The Springs Resort and Spa located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd. CRIA offers a great, in-depth training and mentoring program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining its amazing

team of volunteers.

New volunteers receive extended training with veteran volunteers at the site until they are comfortable in their new positions.

Another perk of becoming a volunteer at CRNM includes outings to other archaeological sites.

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

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at CRNM under a participating agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest.

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

Colorado Parks and Wildlife opens applications for 2018 big game licenses

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Applications are now open for limited 2018 big game, sheep and mountain goat hunting licenses. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) encourages all hunters to prepare and apply early for this year's license draw.

2018 will be the first big game draw process conducted in the new CPW integrated purchasing system, which means there are some significant changes for sportsmen and women this year.

One major change is that paper applications are no longer accepted; all applications must be done online or over the phone. Additionally, payment in full is no longer required at the time of application in 2018. Hunters will be responsible only for their application fees and a \$10 habitat stamp when applying. The cost of any licenses will not be charged until a hunter is selected in the draw.

Finally, updates to our purchasing system no longer require unique emails for every account, allowing families to use the same email address for all purchases. This also means email is no longer

a unique identifier for logging into the system; prepare to have your customer identification (CID) number, driver's license number or other information handy for logging in.

"We advise all sportsmen and women to spend some time reviewing their accounts in the new system, verifying their personal information and preference points, and getting to know the system before applying for a license this year," said Cory Chick, CPW's license administration manager. "We realize change can be a little tricky and we don't want our customers caught by surprise by the system or any of our licensing requirements at the last minute."

The deadline to apply for limited licenses is April 3.

CPW suggests applicants follow these key steps before applying in order to solve common account issues:

- All customers will need their CID, driver's license or other unique identifier to look up or create their CPW account and confirm all stored personal information. This includes not only verifying the correct address, email and phone number on file, but also checking

preference points to ensure those have carried over correctly.

- Be ready to confirm your driver's license information. If your license was issued or renewed within the past six months, you will need to confirm your residency with proper documentation at any CPW office. If preferred, you may also email accepted documentation to our hunt planners; call (303) 297-1192 for more details.

- Don't wait to verify your information until the last minute. Applications for the draw opened on March 1 and will close on April 3. Logging into the system and applying early will ensure access and confirm your information well ahead of the closing date next month.

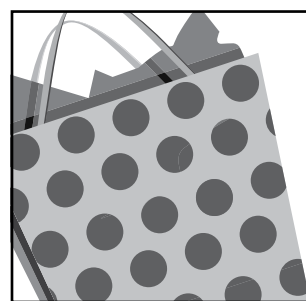
The 2018 Colorado Big Game brochure is available online and at most CPW offices and purchas-

ing agents. The brochure contains regulations for deer, elk, pronghorn, moose and bear. The 2018 Colorado Sheep and Goat brochure details regulations for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, desert bighorn sheep and mountain goat.

An approved hunter education card or certificate is required before applying for or purchasing any of these Colorado hunting licenses.

Please see the Big Game hunting page for additional resources and details on applying for the draw. CPW hunt planners are also available to answer questions and help you plan. Hunt planners are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by calling (303) 291-7526.

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Colorado honors Nolan Olson

Photos by Shannon Gabardi, Mike Gabardi, Shari Pierce and Randi Pierce

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) staff carried home Nolan Olson's ashes from Denver to Archuleta County on Friday. Accompanying the memorial motorcade were CDOT Region 5 employees, driving their trucks and equipment. Fellow CDOT employees and people from around the state paid their respects as the motorcade made its way south across the state. Olson's family members led the final leg of the procession from Treasure Falls into his hometown of Pagosa Springs. Community members paid their respects as the memorial procession made its way through Pagosa Springs. Olson lost his life on Feb. 11 after suffering critical injuries from a passing vehicle that struck him while he was filling potholes on the highway in Pagosa Springs. A celebration of life was held at the Ross Aragon Community Center on March 3.



Education

Archuleta School District superintendent addresses potential student walkout

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

In response to the recent acts of gun violence in schools across the state, a national social media movement has gained momentum encouraging students to participate in a national walkout.

The walkout, in protest of gun violence, has been scheduled for 10 a.m. on March 14.

According to an article published in the Durango Herald, Durango School District 9-R Su-

perintendent Dan Snowberger has recommended that parents discourage their children from participating in the walkout.

Snowberger explained his reasons by stating that, because the date of the walkout is well-known, it could make students participating in it vulnerable to harm.

Snowberger added that he would rather see students protest in a safer environment and that student safety has to be a priority.

However, there has been a planned community march which

will take place on March 24 to Rotary Park in Durango and Snowberger has advocated for students to participate in this event, which would provide a safer environment for students.

Archuleta School District (ASD) Superintendent Linda Reed explained in a phone interview on Wednesday that ASD is concerned for student safety just like Snowberger is.

"So, here's my take on it. I'm not going to violate a student's constitutional right, or a teacher's constitutional right," she said.

In referencing recent acts of gun violence, Reed stated "For our perspective, it's about what is it that's driving people to take these heinous acts."

It is also about creating systems that support people so that they do not feel that they have to act in that way, she added.

Reed further explained that at Pagosa Springs Elementary School students are taught how to be friends to others with the use of the "buddy bench."

Reed explained that the purpose is "Teaching young children about how to support peers and how to be friends with peers so that we don't have kids who feel like they don't have a voice."

These steps are also being taken at Pagosa Springs Middle School and Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS), she added.

"In our community, and I've used this term before, I can't con-

rol what happens outside of my share of influence, I can't control what happens in other places in this world, but what I can do is in my space and time I can, at the power of us, make a difference," she explained. "So that's the approach we're taking."

Reed again reiterated that ASD is concerned about student safety, which the district will be ensuring, but it is a balance between student safety and the student's right to freedom of expression.

At PSHS, there will be planned activities, Reed added.

These activities may be done during advisory periods because of the relationship the students may have with their advisory teacher, she mentioned.

These activities would be done in small groups and provide a safe environment for kids to talk, she added.

"This is a tough time and these are challenging circumstances for educators and for communities. So, that's the approach that we're going to take," she said.

ASD also has been in contact with local law enforcement to have an additional presence to discourage any sort of outside intrusion, she explained further.

"I would say that this is something that we do every day. Each and every day through our advisory periods. But it is maybe a more concentrated focus on this particular day," she said.

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Photo courtesy Al Myatt

Pagosa Rotarians are traveling to Senegal as part of a Rotary Foundation program for improving science and English education. Ronnie Doctor and Marianne DeVooght (foreground) with Lassie Olin (not in photo) collected books that will be donated to four high schools in Senegal for use by students studying English. Kim Moore and David Smith (background) will carry the books and science supplies to Senegal and present them to the high schools. This is the fourth year that the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs has supported education in Senegal through grants from the Rotary Foundation.



Photos courtesy Melissa Bailey

Families brave the cold at the Winter Festival at Seeds of Learning on Saturday, Feb. 24. Families participated in sledding, building snowmen, snow painting, and making bird feeders from pine cones and birdseed.



Families celebrate at Seeds of Learning Winter Festival

By Terri Hardeman
Special to The SUN

With temperatures hovering around 30 degrees, families braved the cold to turn out for the Winter Festival at Seeds of Learning on Feb. 24.

There were many winter outdoor activities for young children and their families to participate in. Those included a sled run, building a snowman, snow painting, and making bird feeders from pine cones and birdseed. The sled run was the most popular activity and there was always a long line.

No winter activity is complete without warming up with hot chocolate and marshmallows. The children also decorated cookies with icing and sprinkles and made ice cream from fresh snow. As the event concluded, the kiddos were tired, the snowmen were drooping and the sled run had some bare spots.

The Winter Festival was sponsored by the Family Involvement Committee at Seeds of Learning. The event was successful because of the parent and teacher volunteers.

Parents and grandparents engaged the children in the activities, guided them through learning new

skills and helped them have fun.

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Sports

BASKETBALL

Upholding tradition: Lady Pirates advance to Great 8 for sixth straight year

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Strong defense may be tradition for the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team, but it seems a trip to the Great 8 is also tradition.

For the sixth consecutive year, the Lady Pirates will make an appearance in the Great 8 round of the 3A playoffs, this year as the No. 2 seed.

The Lady Pirates are slated to take on No. 10 Lamar tonight at 7 p.m. at the University of Denver for a chance to advance to the Final 4.

"We know they're a really good basketball team, they've got a lot of size," coach Wes Lewis said of Lamar following Saturday's Sweet 16 Pirate victory.

The Lamar Savages hold a 20-4 record on the season and upset No. 7 Sterling 44-42 in the Sweet 16 round to advance to today's matchup.

"We've seen them in the summer basketball and know them from last year and, you know, they're a really good team, there's no doubt about that. They're a really good team," Lewis said.

The winner of tonight's matchup will advance to the Final 4 on Friday and will take on the winner of No. 6 Cedaredge and No. 3 St. Mary's, who play this morning at 8:45 a.m.

That Final 4 game will be played at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

On the other side of the bracket, No. 1 Kent Denver takes on No. 8 Moffat County at 11:45 a.m., and No. 5 Centauri takes on No. 4 Colorado Springs Christian at 4 p.m.

The winners of those two contests will play at 4 p.m. Friday.

Saturday will feature the championship and consolation games, with the championship game scheduled for 4 p.m. and the third-place game set for noon.

Middle Park

After earning the No. 2 seed for the state tournament, the Pirates hosted first- and second-round action for their quadrant of the state bracket Friday, March 2, and Saturday, March 3.

First up for the Lady Pirates were the No. 31 Middle Park Panthers from Granby, with the Lady Pirates sailing through the first round with a 56-16 win.

The Lady Pirates jumped out to a commanding lead, 17-0, by the end of the first quarter, building that to a 31-4 lead by halftime.

Pagosa notched another 14 points



Senior Morgan Lewis goes up for a shot amidst a pair of Middle Park defenders during the Lady Pirates' first round win over the Middle Park Panthers Friday. Lewis put up 16 points in the game and helped the Lady Pirates advance to the Sweet 16 round, where they defeated the University Bulldogs.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

in the third quarter, allowing seven by Middle Park, and outscored the Panthers 11-5 in the fourth.

"Well, we tried to stay real vanilla tonight," Lewis said following the game, explaining that the team ran only one out-of-bounds play and one offense in the game. "We were able to take care of business."

After not playing for a week, however, Lewis said the team was a little sloppy on offense in the first half, with too many turnovers, but improved in the second half.

"On the whole, I thought we could have played a little better offensively, a little smoother, but, like I said, we tried to run one out-of-bounds play and one offense the entire night just to not tip our cap too much," he said.

Nine Lady Pirates scored in the game, led by Morgan Lewis with 16 points.

Hailey Griego followed with nine, while Devin Wilson and Teagan Stretton each contributed six. Ada Peshlakai and Taylor Lewis each put up a handful, with Elsa Lindner adding four, DeAnn Schaaft putting up three and Alondra Hernandez adding two.

Morgan Lewis also led in rebounding with nine of the team's 28.

The Pirates stole the ball 13 times in the game, with Middle Park logging 10 steals.

Pagosa logged 14 turnovers in the game, while the Panthers tallied 25.

University

With a first-round win in the books, the Lady Pirates turned their attention to the Sweet 16 round and the No. 18 University Bulldogs, who had upset the No. 15 Grand Valley Cardinals by a score of 54-39 Friday night.

And, like the previous day, the

Lady Pirates sailed to victory, this time by a score of 56-24.

Also like the previous day, Pagosa commanded the lead early in the game, holding a 19-5 lead by the end of the first.

While the Bulldogs doubled their scoring effort in the second quarter, scoring 10, Pagosa scored 12 to increase its lead to 31-15 heading into the second half.

The Lady Pirates made a strong showing again in the third, outscoring their guests 17-4.

Pagosa bested University 8-5 in the final quarter, allowing the Lady Pirates to celebrate a 56-24 win as the final buzzer sounded, sending them to their sixth consecutive appearance in the Great 8.

After congratulations from fans and families, the ceremony of cutting down the net and pictures, the team headed to the locker room, where another congratulations came — this time from their coach.

"I mostly just congratulated them on getting to state," he said of the locker room discussion following the win. "You know, we tip our cap to University. They're a good team and they're young. They're going to be a real force to reckon with, [with a] good coaching staff. Our kids just played really, really well today."

The coach praised his team's effort during the game, including the offensive effort that was led by Morgan Lewis and Wilson and supported by the rest of the team.

Morgan Lewis notched 21 points in the game while Wilson contributed 14, including three 3-pointers (and Wilson led the team in rebounds with nine).

Griego followed with eight points, Peshlakai notched seven and Taylor Lewis added four.

The Lady Pirate defense was again a highlight for the coach, who noted, "That's pretty dang good defense, to hold a varsity team like that to 24 points. That's pretty good defense."

Pagosa turned the ball over seven times in the game compared to 14 by University, and stole the ball five times while allowing four steals by University.

The coach also highlighted another factor — the crowd.

"We had a great crowd," he said. "They came out and supported us. They were loud, they were energetic, they were fun. [We] really thank the community for the great support."

The coach noted he was "Just really proud of everybody. What a great win, what a great feeling for us and the kids right now."

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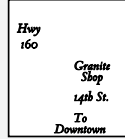
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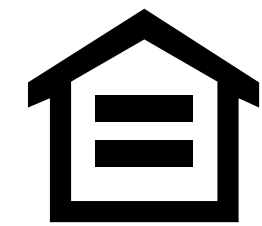
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Pirates end season against Thunderbolts

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The state tournament run for the No. 19 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' basketball team ended early on Friday with a 61-74 loss against the No. 14 Manual Thunderbolts.

Pagosa struggled in the first quarter on both sides of the ball, only scoring nine points and giving up 21 to Manual.

The Pirates outscored the Thunderbolts 17-13 in the second quarter to face a 26-34 deficit entering the second half.

The comeback effort for Pagosa fell short as the team was outscored 20-23 in the third quarter and 15-17 in the fourth to fall 61-74 in the first round of the state tournament.

Isaiah Griego finished with a team-high 28 points and 10 rebounds.

Griego also added three assists and three steals to his stat line.

Mason Snarr also scored in double digits for the Pirates, finishing with 17 points and five rebounds.

Ty Kimsey and Jesus Pacheco contributed six and five points, respectively.

Kimsey also led the team in assists with four, while Pacheco led the team in steals with four.

Rounding out the scoring for the Pirates, Cade Cowan had three points and Ryan Lewis had two.

Pagosa struggled to take care of the ball against Manual, turning the ball over 15 times.

With the loss, Pagosa finished with a 14-7 overall record and a 7-3 record in league play.

This was the fourth straight year the Pirates have competed in the state tournament and the team has made it to the top 32 of the state tournament seven out of the past eight years.

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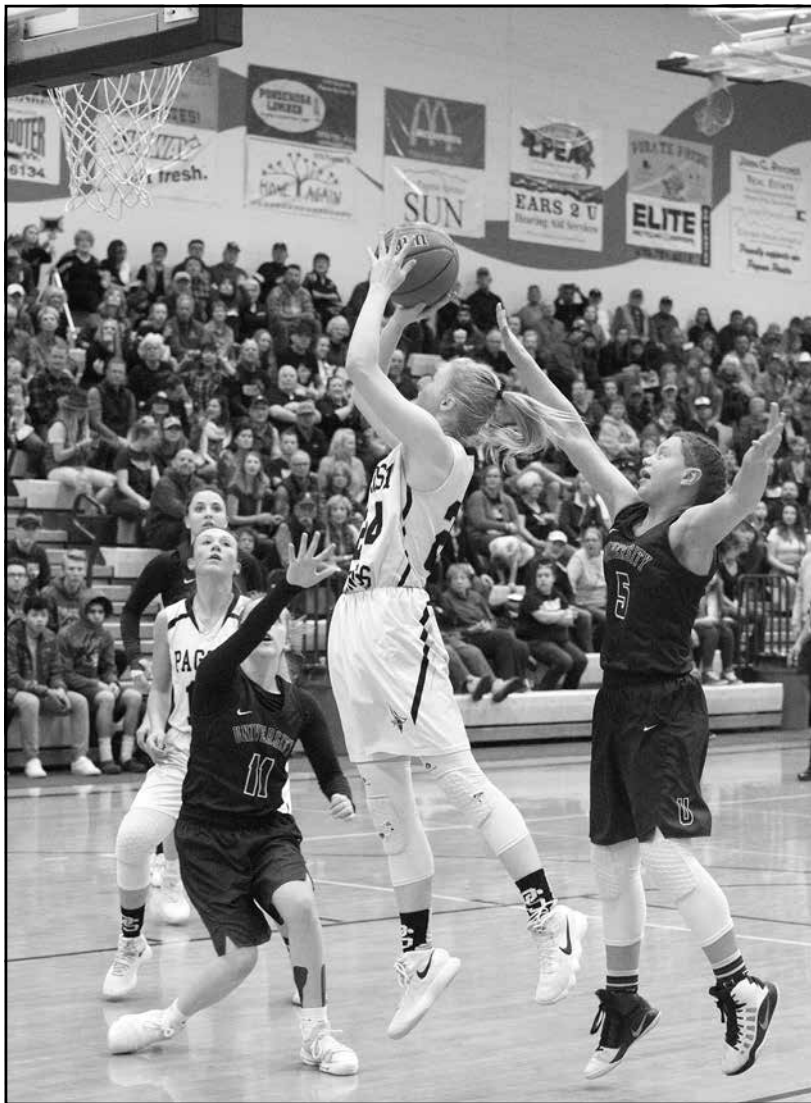
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Senior Ada Peshlakai avoids a swipe from a Middle Park Panther during the Lady Pirates' 56-16 win in the first round of state tournament action Friday. After logging another win in the Sweet 16 round, the Pirates will take on Lamar in today's Great 8.



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Sophomore Taylor Lewis looks to the hoop during the Lady Pirates' Sweet 16 win over the No. 18 University Bulldogs. Pagosa logged a 56-24 win to advance to the Great 8 for the sixth consecutive year.

BASEBALL

Pirate baseball looks for strong start, take on Center at home on Saturday

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Coming off of a 6-12 season last year, the Pagosa Springs Pirate High School baseball team is looking to have a stronger campaign for the 2018 season.

Coach Jim Fait explained during a phone interview Wednesday morning that after the team's scrimmage against Center High School on March 3, the team looks "ahead of last year." "I think we did pretty well in Center," Fait said.

Having experience at some positions helps, he added later.

The team has also grown in knowledge of the game from last year, he noted.

"We're more experienced and older. We'll probably have three sophomores start, I'm thinking," Fait said.

PJ Bailey, D.J. Day and Eric Huddleston were noted by Fait as the sophomore starters in the infield, though Bailey was injured during last weekend's scrimmage and is expected to sit the first game out.

The outfield will be comprised of mostly the same players as last year, who are now seniors, he added.

Tanner Evans, Jesse Laverty and Liam Doctor will comprise the outfield, he explained.

Hunter Bailey, a senior transfer student from Del Norte High School in Albuquerque will find time catching and pitching, Fait added.

"Shane Miller will probably anchor the staff, he'll be my starting pitcher again this year. He's a senior," Fait said.

The team is also looking more aggressive in hitting the ball, Fait added.

"I think the experience is starting to get there and they're seeing the pitches better," Fait explained.

The team's speed overall is good, so Fait expects more running and bunting as well.

The team also has been doing more conditioning, which Fait hopes will help the team late in games.

The Pirates are scheduled to begin their season on Saturday against the Center High School Vikings, with varsity action starting at 11 a.m.

Fait explained that field conditions should be good enough for game day following an effort that included pumping water off of the field.

"We're going to play at home. I really feel confident that we're going to play at home on Saturday," he said.

Some things for that game, however, remain up in the air, including who will start at second base and what role senior Keaton Laverty

will play.

"I'm still looking for a second baseman. I'm not positive with which way I'm going with that yet," he said.

Laverty, who was injured during basketball season, was just cleared to play and is expected to either play shortstop or be the designated hitter Saturday.

Schedule

The following schedule for the Pirates' baseball season was accurate as of March 7, but is subject to change.

This Saturday, March 10, the Pirates will host the Center Vikings, with varsity action set to begin at 11 a.m.

On March 16 and 17, Pagosa will travel to Ignacio for a tournament.

On March 16, Pagosa will face Sargent High School, with the game set for 4 p.m.

Opponents and game times for the matchup on March 17 are to be determined based on the March 16 game.

On March 20, Pagosa will travel to Sargent to take on the Farmers. Varsity action is set to start at 3 p.m.

On March 23 and 24, the Pirates will play host to both Sierra High School and Mitchell High School.

Game time for the matchup

against Sierra is set for 3 p.m.

Game time for the matchup against Mitchell is set for 11 a.m.

On April 3, Pagosa will host a doubleheader against the Bayfield Wolverines, with game times of 3 and 5 p.m.

On April 7, Pagosa will host another doubleheader, this time against the Alamosa Mean Moose, with game times of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

On April 13, Pagosa will travel to Montezuma-Cortez High school for a doubleheader against the Panthers.

Game times for the doubleheader are scheduled for 3 and 5 p.m.

On April 21, Pagosa will travel to Monte Vista High School for another doubleheader.

Game times for the doubleheader against Monte Vista are set for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

On April 28, Pagosa will take on the Centauri Falcons on the road for another doubleheader.

Game times for the doubleheader against Centauri are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

On May 5, Pagosa will travel to take on Dolores High School. Varsity action for this game is set for 3 p.m.

The Pirates will close out the regular season at home against the Salida Spartans, with game time set for 3 p.m.

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Pirates

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in the state," coach Randy Sorenson said in a phone interview on Wednesday.

The team struggled with unforced turnovers and Manual hurt them on the offensive glass, Sorenson added later.

Sorenson explained that it's always sad to lose seniors.

"All five seniors were really great kids and had good careers here and accepted their roles," Sorenson

said.

In looking forward to next season, Sorenson explained that he told the younger players on the team that they have to learn from their mistakes and become more fundamentally sound.

"I think we just need to do the little things better. We'd like to develop some people that could hit threes so we could spread the court," he said.

Of the loss to Manual, he said,

"They're a good team. It's not like we lost to a bad team."

In regards to the season, Sorenson noted that he thought it was a good year overall.

"We still struggled winning big basketball games, but overall we had a good record and, you know, I think we competed in every single game and I think we improved as the year went along," he explained.

Sorenson also acknowledged that the team has some young tal-

ent on the roster, along with players coming back who will be ready to help the team next season.

"We're just going to have to work hard and do things during the summer and all that to get better," he said.

Sorenson went on to thank his assistants Jerry Renfrow, Kain Lucero, David Snarr and Caleb Forrest for their help throughout the season.

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It was a team win for the Lady Pirates Friday night over Middle Park, with several players contributing on the court. From left: sophomore Elsa Lindner looks to rise above a Panther defender, junior Devin Wilson puts up a 3-pointer, sophomore Teagan Stretton heads for a layup, and sophomore Hailey Griego comes away with the ball after a battle.

TRACK

Fewer athletes, more team: Pirates set to start season Saturday

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate track team is gearing up for another busy season.

Coach Connie O'Donnell explained she was surprised that the team was able to start practicing right away at the PSHS track due to the lack of snow.

She added that the first couple track practices are usually spent trying to get every student on the same level.

"We have so many athletes of different abilities right now," explained O'Donnell. "Some are really in shape coming out of a sport, and some haven't gotten off the couch in a couple months. There's a lot of variances." She explained that a lot of the

first practices focus on warming up correctly, as well as focusing on technique.

"Our workouts, this week and even next week, one person might be running one thing and another person's going to be running additional stuff because they're in shape," O'Donnell said. "We try really hard not to hurt anybody."

The track team also has quite a few less athletes than the team has seen in prior years, she said.

"It's considerably smaller. We usually have a lot of basketball players who run track and we don't have a lot this year," O'Donnell said. "The girls are down about 12, and the guys might have the same amount of athletes as last year, but we lost some big ones." She added that this wasn't con-

cerning her, and that she was a really big fan of the culture and attitude of the team so far.

"I really want to focus on changing our culture," O'Donnell said. "In the past couple years, we kind of got away from being team-oriented, and it was a lot of individuals, but I'd like to bring it back."

She added that, last year, the team was lacking in sprint relays and she is hoping to put some teams together who could run sprint relays.

O'Donnell explained that two state qualifiers are returning this year: senior Keena Murphy and junior Cade Cowan.

Last year, Murphy placed second at state in discus, throwing a distance of 134 feet, 7 inches.

Cowan participated in the 4x800 relay, as well as the long jump.

Last year at state, the boys' 4x800 relay team, consisting of Ethan Brown, Jacob Hughes, Cowan and Noah Haarmann, placed seventh with a time of eight minutes, 18.81 seconds.

In the long jump, Cowan placed 16th, jumping a distance of 19-7.25.

"A lot of the athletes have a good idea of what events they want to do," O'Donnell said. "We'll be running some time trials and doing some stuff this week and next week to see where their talents might be."

The Pirates will have their first meet this weekend.

"Our first meet is on Saturday. We're going to Pueblo," explained O'Donnell, adding that the Pirates would only be able to participate in about half the meet due to bus driving stipulations.

Schedule

The following schedule for the Pirates' track season was accurate as of Wednesday, March 7, but is subject to change.

On Saturday, the Pirates will participate in a meet in Pueblo, with the starting time to be announced.

On March 16, the Pirates will travel to Monte Vista to take part in the Viking Invitational.

On April 6 and 7, the Pirates will go to Pueblo to take part in the John Tate Invitational.

On April 14, the Pirates will go to Bayfield to compete in the Pine

River Meet.

Then, on April 17, the Pirates go to Durango to participate in the Ron Keller Invitational.

On April 20 and 21, the Pirates go to Aztec to compete in the B&B Aztec Invitational.

On April 28, the Pirates go to Alamosa to compete in the High Altitude Challenge.

The Pirates will host the Terry Alley Invitational on May 5.

On May 12, the Pirates will go to Monte Vista to compete in the Last Chance Track Meet.

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SOCCER

Lady Pirates prepare for upcoming season, matchup against Bayfield on Tuesday

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Coming off of its best season in the past nine years, which included making it to the second round of the state tournament, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate girls' soccer team

RECREATION NEWS

Community Center closed Saturday

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 10, 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.townofpagosaparks.com.

has begun practices and is looking ahead to the upcoming season.

In an interview, coach Scott Galabota explained that 26 girls have attended practices so far.

"Last year it was a fantastic season and a lot of things really came together. We didn't lose that many players, but at this point, we don't have quite as many returning varsity players," Galabota said.

The reason behind this is because quite a few girls are playing basketball currently, he noted.

"So I'm expecting another, I don't know, six to eight maybe when basketball season ends," he said.

Galabota noted that, in that regard, he's not quite sure what to expect, but he is expecting another great season.

"We have some strong leadership with upperclassmen who are a year older and a year wiser and are, at this point, playing at a high level in practices," he said.

The Pirates open the season at home on March 13 against a league rival, the Bayfield Wolverines, with varsity action starting at 4 p.m.

Last year the Wolverines finished third in the 3A Region 5 standings posting a 5-10 overall record and a 3-5 record in league play.

Pagosa swept the season series last year against Bayfield, winning the home opener 1-0 and the matchup on April 11 by a score of 5-0.

Pagosa also finished first in the league standings last year posting a

13-4 overall record and a 7-0 record in league play.

In preparation for the opener against Bayfield this year, Galabota explained that the team is focused on itself.

"We're focusing a lot on passing and looking for a possession-style game," he explained.

If the team can be prepared to play its style of game and play well and play hard, then it can matchup well against any opponent, he added further.

Galabota recognizes that Bayfield is a tough opponent and a big rival.

"One thing I'm hoping for our season, but also for this game, is that we are going to be focusing on possession and working together as a team to share the ball and pass to each other," he said.

Schedule

The following schedule for the Lady Pirates' soccer season was accurate as of Wednesday, March 7, but is subject to change.

On Tuesday, the Pirates will host the Bayfield Wolverines with varsity action starting at 4 p.m.

On March 16, the Pirates will go on the road to take on St. Mary's High School at the Grace Center with varsity action scheduled for 4 p.m.

Then, on March 17, the Pirates will face Manitou Springs on the road at Manitou Springs High School, with the game scheduled for 11 a.m.

On March 20, Pagosa will travel to

Ignacio to take on the Bobcats, with varsity action starting at 4 p.m.

On March 23, Pagosa will travel to Crested Butte Community School, with varsity action starting at 4 p.m.

On April 3, Pagosa will face Montezuma-Cortez at home, with action starting at 4 p.m.

On April 5, Pagosa goes back on the road, this time to Salda to take on the Spartans. Game time for this matchup is scheduled for 4 p.m.

On April 6, Pagosa will face Alamosa at home, with action starting at 4 p.m.

On April 10, Pagosa will travel to Bayfield to take on the Wolverines. Game time is scheduled for 4 p.m.

On April 13, Pagosa will host Center High School, with the game set to begin at 4 p.m.

On April 17, The Pirates will go on the road to face the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers. Varsity action is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

On April 24, Pagosa will again be on the road to face Alamosa. Game time is set for 4 p.m.

On April 27 and 28, Pagosa will play host to the Telluride Miners and Ridgway Demons.

Game time for the matchup against the Miners is set for 4 p.m.

Game time for the matchup against the Demons is set for 11 a.m.

The Lady Pirates will conclude the regular season on May 1 on the road against Buena Vista, with action set to begin at 4 p.m.

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The community turned out Friday and Saturday to watch the Lady Pirates claim victories in the first and second rounds of the state tournament, advancing them to today's Great 8 action in Denver. Following Saturday's win, the Lady Pirates celebrated with the tradition of cutting down the net.



Archuleta County Republican Assembly slated for March 17

By Marilyn Harris
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Republican Assembly shall be convened beginning at 9 a.m. on March 17 at Pagosa Springs High School, located at 800 S. 8th St.

Check-in and credentialing for this assembly will begin at 7:30 a.m.

A total of 84 delegates and 84 alternate delegates have been authorized by the executive committee of the Archuleta County Republican Party for this assembly, which delegates and alternate delegates have been apportioned to each precinct according to the proportion of active registered Republican voters in each precinct.

The principal purposes of this assembly of county delegates are:

- To ratify the election of precinct committee persons;
- To designate Republican candidate(s) for the office of county commissioner;
- To elect 17 delegates and 17 alternates to the Colorado State Republican Assembly, and to elect or ratify the election of delegates and alternates to all higher district assemblies; and
- To consider and adopt such other rules and resolutions, and conduct all other business of the Republican Party, that may lawfully come before such an assembly of delegates.

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- Congressional District No. 3: 17 delegates and 17 alternates.
- Judicial District No. 6: 15 delegates and 15 alternates.
- State Representative District No. 59: 15 delegates and 15 alternates.
- State Senatorial District No. 6: 10 delegates and 10 alternates.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Tuesday, March 13

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

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

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

Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission. 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

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

Pagosa Peak Open School accountability committee meeting. 6 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

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., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors special meeting to review garden proposal presented by PPOS students. 2:45 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

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 engagement. 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.

Monday, March 26

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

Tuesday, March 27

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

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

Upper San Juan Health Service District regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center Great Room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, March 28

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

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

Public meeting information should be sent to editor@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.

Learn about potential tax increases, and expanded mental health care and substance abuse programs

By Julie Church and Sandy Artzberger
Special to The SUN

Do you want to be in the know regarding three potential local tax increases?

Come to the Archuleta County Republican Women's (ACRW) meeting Tuesday, March 13, from noon to 1 p.m. at Boss Hogg's Restaurant to hear Fire Chief Randy Larson discuss the rationale and benefit a mill levy increase would be for the citizens of Pagosa Springs and the Pagosa Fire Protection District.

Linda Reed, superintendent of Archuleta School District 50 Jt., will explain why a tax increase for schools might be on the November ballot.

Michael Whiting, commissioner, District 3, will talk about

state mandates for jail facilities and the potential financial impact.

Mental health care, substance abuse

If the above isn't enough to learn about, a representative from Axis Health System will discuss its facilities, philosophy and programs.

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Tuesday, March 13, Axis Health-care Systems will be presenting its new programs for mental and physical health care in Pagosa Springs.

Ricardo Martinez, community health director, and Rick Jacobsen, who specializes in substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment, will be presenting the services of their integrated healthcare system. Jacobsen will discuss dual disorder treatment and offender treatment.

Come learn about mental health care counseling, psychiatric care, substance abuse programs and total body integrated health care that is now available in our community.

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EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

March 17 class set for cottage food and egg producers

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

What do spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butter, flour and baked goods, including candies, fruit empanadas and tortillas, all have in common besides being delicious foods? They are all listed in the Cottage Foods Act.

What is the Cottage Foods Act, you ask? The Cottage Foods Act allows individuals to produce, sell and store certain types of "cottage food" products in an unlicensed home kitchen. The Colorado Cottage Foods Act allows individuals to make and sell a limited range of foods that are non-potentially hazardous and that do not require refrigeration.

A one-day course required for certification for cottage food producers and egg producers will cover the requirements for cottage food as a business. Topics will cover food safety; safe food handling; cross contamination and cross contact of food allergens; temperature control for safe food preparation, storage, transport and sales; ingredient labeling and disclaimer requirements; and the business specifics and current expectations for selling specific

food items produced in your home kitchen and for the selling of backyard eggs.

The course will be held March 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Preregister by March 12 at the Archuleta County Extension office at 344 U.S. 84, email robin.young@colostate.edu or call 264-5931. The cost is \$30 and attendees will receive a food certificate good for three years.

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.

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ARTS & LIFE

Humane Society Chocolate and Other Decadent Delights auction and fundraising dinner

March 17 • Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse • 5:30 p.m.



Photo courtesy Kathy Keyes

Are you ready for chocolate fundraising fun on March 17?

By Mike Stoll
Special to The PREVIEW

The Humane Society Chocolate and Other Decadent Delights auction and fundraising dinner will be held March 17 in the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse located at 230 Port Ave.

Tickets are \$25 and available at the Humane Society thrift store at 279 Pagosa St., the animal shelter at 465 Cloman Blvd. or by calling 264-5549. Seating is limited and the auction sold out last year, so don't delay.

This year's auction is bringing a bit of the "Big Easy" to Pagosa with a March celebration in the spirit of Mardi Gras. Beads, masks and colorful decorations will adorn the venue to help set the mood. Festive attire is certainly encouraged, but not required. Come join the party celebrating chocolate, delightful desserts and Mardi Gras, all to help the dogs and cats of the animal shelter.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for this popular annual event, with plenty of time to socialize and preview more than 30 decadent and delightful dessert creations donated by pastry chefs, bakers, caterers, restaurants and creative chocolatiers. The price of admission includes a delicious catered dinner and dessert. The cash bar will include a selection of wine, beer, soft drinks and a Mardi Gras cocktail.

Buy-It-Now dessert plates will again be part of the evening's festivities. Each plate features a generous assortment of delectable goodies from local bakers that can be purchased throughout the evening, while supplies last.

The always entertaining balloon pop will also be back by popular demand. Purchase a balloon for \$30

and have the opportunity to pop it during the evening to win an assortment of great prizes generously donated by local businesses. Each balloon's surprise prizes are guaranteed to have a value equivalent to or greater than the purchase price. Balloons are limited and will go on sale after the doors open.

Following dinner, the incredible dessert creations donated by our wonderful bakers will be auctioned to raise much needed funds to help offset the daily operating costs of the Humane Society animal shelter. The shelter provides a safe haven for the lost, abandoned and homeless dogs and cats of Archuleta County until they can be either reunited with their family or adopted into a new home.

This year's auction will also include the drawing for the winner of the new The Best Things In Life Are Furry raffle. The raffle prize is a brand new 28-inch, two-burner flat-top grill that's perfect for restaurant-style outdoor cooking. A propane tank and free tank fill has been donated to make a complete grill package. Raffle tickets are only \$5 and can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce and Humane Society thrift store and animal shelter. Cash and check only, please.

The Chocolate and Other Decadent Delights auction is a great way to have a fun-filled evening enjoying good company, great food, popping balloons and bidding on delectable chocolate — all in support of the shelter animals. Previous auctions have raised enough funds to buy a year's worth of food for the nearly 700 dogs and cats that pass through the animal shelter annually. With the support of our generous donors and auction attendees, we hope to make this year's

■ See Auction on next page

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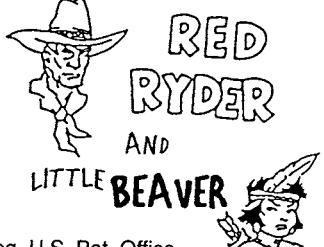


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By Fred Harman





Photo courtesy Andy Butler

An eight-spotted skimmer spotted along the shore of Lake Forest. Long-time club member and president Andy Butler is slated to be the feature speaker at the March 14 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club.

March Photography Club meeting to feature Andy Butler

By Gregg Heid
Special to The Preview

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will hold its March meeting on Wednesday, March 14, at Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Longtime photographers and those just starting out are welcome.

The Photography Club normally meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room of the Methodist Church.

The March Photography Club meeting will feature longtime member and club president Andy Butler. He will be doing a presen-

tation on "Visualizing an Unseen World: Close-up and Macro Photography."

Photographing the "unseen" small details of our world can add an extra dimension to your photography and is something that can be done with a variety of camera gear.

Butler will discuss close-up equipment, technique and depth of field, lighting and composition.

Members may bring up to 10 images to share with the group on a flash drive. Those of you who do close-up photography are encouraged to bring examples of your images for discussion.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Butler at (512) 581-1470 or visit our website: pagosaprsphotoclub.org.

Auction

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The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs does not receive any funding from the Humane Society of the United States, American Humane, the ASPCA or from United Way. The animal shelter relies on revenue from private donations, our thrift

store and fundraisers such as this month's auction to keep the animal shelter operating.

For more information on the auction or other Humane Society programs and services, please contact our administration office at 264-5549. See you at the auction March 17.

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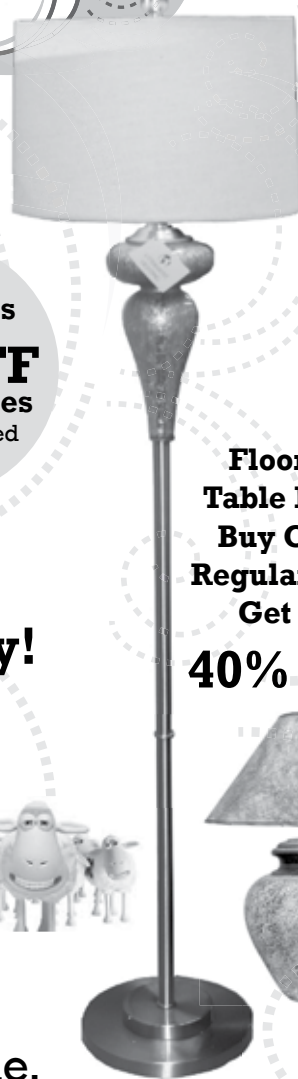
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Do you miss playing your instrument or just want to play more? If so, you're in luck, with the Pagosa Springs Community Band slated to start rehearsals for its spring concert on March 18.

Attention horn blowers and drum beaters (and fiddlers): Community Band to start rehearsals March 18

By Larry Baisdon
Special to The PREVIEW

Did you play in the band in high school or maybe college band? Did you enjoy it? Do you miss it? Well, you're in luck. The Pagosa Springs Community Band is about to begin rehearsing for our next concert, which is Band-O-Rama.

We call it Band-O-Rama because in addition to the Community Band, we also feature the Pagosa Springs High School and Pagosa Springs Middle School bands.

The parent organization of the band, the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society, is dedicated to bringing quality instrumental

music to our town by allowing adult musicians an opportunity to play in an excellent concert band. Our organization also encourages young musicians to aspire to improve their performance abilities and musicianship.

If you haven't played your instrument for several years, that's perfectly fine. Just come and join us and you will have your chops back and be back in to it before you know it.

We rehearse once a week on either a Sunday afternoon or Monday night for five weeks in the high school band room. Rehearsals begin on March 18 with registration starting at 1:30 p.m. The rehearsal

then runs from 2 to 4 p.m.

There is a \$15 registration fee for new members. The rehearsals following are on March 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then April 2, April 8 and April 15, with a dress rehearsal on April 20.

The concert is April 21 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium at 7 p.m.

Don't be shy. Please come join us. We are ready to meet you. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Larry Baisdon at 317-9288 or Heidi Tanner at 749-7385.

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Curtains Up Pagosa announces summer musical

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP), a community theater, is excited and thrilled to announce its summer 2018 spectacular musical, "Children of Eden," by Stephen Schwartz and John Caird.

Schwartz is no stranger to musical lovers, as we recognize his work

in "Wicked," "Godspell," "Pippin," "Hunchback of Notre Dame," "Pocahontas" and so much more.

"Children of Eden" casts the beloved biblical stories of Genesis through the personal lens of family. An epic musical with an original cast of 60, "Children of Eden" starts with the very beginning: the creation of the universe. Father breathes life into his children, Adam and Eve, and

learns that the hardest part of being a loving father is letting go. It's a lesson that translates into the parenting of Cain, Abel and Seth — and is reiterated once again as Noah parents his sons Shem, Ham and Japheth.

This joyous and inspiring musical celebrates the difficulty of choice, the importance of passion, the value of questioning and the pain in allowing those you love to take risks and face the consequences.

CUP's acting music director, Robert Neel, has been working with Artistic Director Dale Johnson for years to find the right time to bring this extraordinary and unique musical to the Pagosa stage, and they have both decided the time is now.

"Eden" is said to be Schwartz's favorite musical, both for the magnificence of the original score and his favorite subject matter, family and kids.

Malinda Burnett will be joining our CUP family, working with Neel and sharing the musical director responsibilities. Johnson is "Eden's" producer, director and choreographer.

"Children of Eden" will be presented the last weekend of June and the first weekend of July on our home stage at Pagosa Springs High School.

We are actively seeking interested performers from ages 8 to 98 for our production and would love to welcome newcomers into the cast. In addition to cast members, we are putting together a singing choir to add voices to the richness of the performance.

Watch The PREVIEW for audition announcements in April or check curtainsuppagosa.org and on Facebook.



Photo courtesy Heidi Tanner

Violinist Heidi Tanner with student Hayden Kiker. Kiker received a set of strings and rosin for his violin from the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society (PSIMS). Funds for this gift were raised from this past year's Herald's of Christmas concerts presented by PSIMS, which included a new feature this year: the Heralding Angel Tree. Concert attendees were offered beautiful handmade Christmas ornaments in exchange for their donations to fund the needs of local music students. Many such gifts were distributed to local music students from donations raised at the Heralds of Christmas concerts thanks to the generosity of our audiences.

Everyone welcome at presentation on maternal and child health March 18

By Michelle Huck
Special to The PREVIEW

Rise Above Violence is honored to host an informational session for anyone interested in learning how domestic violence effects children and what we can do, as concerned community members, to help.

All are welcome to attend this presentation on maternal and child health March 18 at 12:30 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

We know children are amazing receptacles of their environments, their brains are developing exponentially, but, unfortunately, they

can't necessary receive only the good; they inherit the bad, too. How does that exactly work in a child's mind and how can it be rewired to not take on too much negativity? You'll learn some simple, everyday tools anyone can use to change some of that negativity and create a more positive view of the world and their environment. Plan to be empowered.

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■ See Health on next page

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CUP scholarship recipient offered extraordinary opportunity

By **Johannah Laverty**
Special to The PREVIEW

Johannah Laverty, a Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) scholarship recipient, has been a student of the performing arts and has been on stage with CUP since she was 7 years old. She recently took a hiatus from her studies in music at Fort Lewis College in Durango to accept an extraordinary opportunity on the East Coast.

CUP asked Johannah to give us an update on her exciting new adventures in the New York City area and traveling to London:

After two years of studying vocal performance with Fort Lewis College in Durango, I was presented with an opportunity to further my music and theater training with the Eugene O'Neill National Theatre Institute in Waterford, Conn.

I was accepted into the musical theater program along with 23 others. In this program, we create theater seven days a week, 10 hours a day for three months. We spent most of our weekends in New York City attending Broadway shows and networking with the theater world. We spent two weeks of residency in New York City, where we studied all varieties of theater, music and dance. We studied dance with Broadway Dance Company, studied voice with Broadway star Aimee Steele, and enjoyed amazing shows such as "Waitress," "Come From Away," "Chicago," "Once On This Island" and many more. During this time, we networked with directors, producers and performers who equipped us with the skills we need to hone our own craft.

Also during this time, I discovered an aspiration and talent for directing and composing. The artistic director of the school, Rachel Jett, also acknowledged this growing talent and invited me to take part in the Advanced Direct-



Photo courtesy Dale Johnson

Johannah Laverty, a Curtains Up Pagosa scholarship recipient, is set to intern with the National Theater's Musical Workshop in New York City over the summer.

ing Track this spring semester. It is an incredible opportunity for me to craft my skills and network with professionals in the business. I will be spending two weeks in London. There, we'll train intensively with the company Complicite. They are one of the top theater companies working in England now, and we train with two of their associates/teaching artists.

After completion of the Directing Track, I have been offered the opportunity to intern with the National Theater's Musical Workshop in New York City this summer, which specializes in new musicals and theatrical projects. I will have the chance to work alongside Broadway composers as their

composing assistant. I am very thrilled and honored to represent the theater community of Pagosa nationally and internationally and would like to thank Curtains Up Pagosa and its supporters for providing scholarships to students like myself as we pursue our careers and dreams in the arts.

Health

■ continued from previous page cially and emotionally. As the only prenatal care clinic in Archuleta County, Aspire (formerly known as THRIVE) sees the vast majority of pregnant women in the area. To that end, we can share the importance of prenatal care and education to helping our new families get the best start to life. We will

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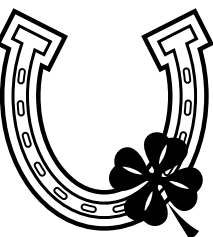




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The St. Patrick's Day festivities at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church are shaping up, with the Irish festival set to include face painting, a live Irish concert, Irish libations, free food, the World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade and more.

St. Patrick's Irish Festival puttin' on the green

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

St. Patrick's Day is a big deal at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. It is not only the day church members honor their patron saint, but also a day to wear your brightest green St. Paddy's attire, kick up your heels in an Irish jig and celebrate.

On March 17, beginning at 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Day will begin in earnest on the parking lot of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

"This is shaping up to be our best Irish festival yet," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's.

The parking lot will be lined with booths of vendors and non-

profits. There will be a face painter, a live Irish concert, Irish libations, free food and, of course, the World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The parade is led by a trailer filled with young leprechauns and St. Patrick himself, holding court over the proceedings. There is a piper band led by our own Jim ■ See Festival on next page

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Live the Life You Want.

Backstage Onstage, a Thingamajig concert, tomorrow at 7 p.m.

By Laura Moore
Special to The PREVIEW

Dale Scrivener Jr., a graduate of Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, will deliver an hour-and-a-half-long concert on Friday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Scrivener is a familiar face at the center, often seen selling tickets, operating the tech board and performing innumerable other backstage tasks. But, on March 9, the audience will have a chance to see him onstage.

Scrivener, having graduated with a BM in vocal performance, will knock you off your feet with his wide range of repertoire from the Broadway and classical music world. The talented pianist has shone onstage behind the ivories in Thingamajig Broadway galas and house concerts and you may have seen Scrivener most recently on the keys in "An Affair to Remember" starring Blue Haas and Kathy Keyes.

Now, you will see him take the stage himself, accompanied by Venita Burch. He will sing songs from stage and screen, from musicals new and old. Dale has been in shows including "Snoopy!," "How to Succeed," "Titanic: A New Musical," "Children of Eden," "Les Miserables," "Shrek the Musical" and "Godspell," as well as operas including "Amahl and the Night Visitors," "Gianni Schiichi," "Die Fledermaus" and "Pirates of



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

Dale Scrivener Jr. is set to take the stage at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts at 7 p.m. on Friday to a variety of songs. The concert is free, though donations will be accepted.

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Come out and see Scrivener in this free concert. Donations will be accepted supporting Thingamajig

Theatre Company. The doors open at 6 p.m. and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis with the concert starting promptly at 7 p.m.

Festival

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Dorian, a fire truck (later available for kids to peruse), a few vintage automobiles and (last but not least) a garbage truck. Don't blink. You might miss it.

The parade begins at 11:30 a.m. on the north end of the parking lot and concludes on the south end of the parking lot. Others who wish to participate in the parade should arrive by 10:45 a.m. Parking will be available at the hospital next door to the church.

The NightSong Trio, with Jessica Peterson on flute, Heidi Tanner on violin and Sally Neel at the piano, will present a 30-minute concert of Irish jigs in the church. There will be a class in fly-casting and

fly-tying offered by the Men of St. Patrick's, and free food will be available (donations gratefully accepted) in the parish hall.

"We really aren't out to make money at this festival," said festival organizer Jim Dorian. "The idea is to offer the community a fun way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Any proceeds will be given to the St. Patrick's Food Box Ministry."

If you are a vendor, there are still a few slots left to set up a booth. The space is free of charge. Vendors must supply their own table or tent. For more information, contact Lynne McCrudden at st.patricks.pagosa@gmail.com or call 731-5801.

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Be part of a community at Tuesday hand-drumming classes

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, March 13, at noon.

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

It's market day in Nigeria. The women have picked their vegetables and are carrying them in baskets on their head. As they walk along a path in a line, they sing a harvest song.

"Ba-ba-la goom-ba-la, ha-goom-ba-la, ha-vee-say

"Oh, na-na, na-na, ha-vee-say

"Ha-vee-say

"Babala Goombala" is a call-and-response song that works well with improvised rhythms. It's one of the indigenous songs from world cultures we sing in drumming class.

In Africa, where the degree of social cohesion in communities is usually very strong, participation in group musical activities is emphasized as an important form of community experience.

"Drumming, music, singing and dancing have always played a significant role in our village life," writes Babatunde Olatunji in his autobiography, "The Beat of My Drum." "When a child is born there is a celebration to welcome the child into the world, and especially into the community. When there is a significant project in the community, there is music and dancing and singing to get people in the mood. When one takes the giant step of getting married, there is drumming and dancing and singing.

"The drum plays a central role in the life of the community. It is one of the first things that all children in the village learn about. They, too, in their own little world, beat on pots and pans, beginning their musical career just like that, by mimicking what they have seen adults do."

The name for the African drum, djembe, means "come together." Olatunji's description of music in African villages exemplifies how participatory music can be a magnetizing form of social support. There is increasing awareness among scientists and health care professionals that social support is exceptionally important for maintaining good physical and mental health. Social support can be defined as support accessible to an individual through social ties to other individuals, groups and the larger community.

Nonverbal communication in a music group provides a unique opportunity for social support. Through drumming, singing and body percussion, participants in

the Pagosa drumming class contribute to a group experience, creating a sense of community. Even someone who has never played a musical instrument can immediately participate in this joyful form of communication and feel part of the group. Active music-making deserves consideration as a healthy

lifestyle choice. Drumming brings everybody together. Come on in, the rhythm's fine.

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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Tickets are on sale now for A Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown, featuring The High Rollers. The April 13 event benefits Our Savior Lutheran School and offers up a chance to don your fanciest western wear and hit the dance floor.

Tickets on sale now for A Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown

By Pennie DeClark
Special to The PREVIEW

Come one, come all — come get your tickets now. Put on your fanciest western wear and join us on April 13 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in the Our Savior Lutheran School gymnasium (56 Meadows Drive) for the third annual Colorado Guys and Gals Hoedown.

This event is not to be missed, with the High Rollers playing their good-time tunes, a delicious bris-ket served with all your favorite country fixings, desserts and beverages. We will also have beer and wine available at our cash bar.

Like to shop? We will have all sorts of fun items to bid on in our silent auction to raise money to help support our school. This event sold out last year and we anticipate

it will sell out again.

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Sunday Night Unplugged to feature tenor Dale Scrivener

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

This Sunday evening at 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will offer its monthly music and meditation service, Sunday Night Unplugged, featuring guest tenor Dale Scrivener, accompanied by pianist Venita Burch, soprano Kaitlen Smith and Heidi Tanner on violin.

Anyone who has been to the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts over the past year has likely encountered the ever-warm and welcoming Scrivener. He is a full-time employee of Pagosa Center for the Arts, serving in almost every capacity imaginable from lights and sound technician to greeter of

guests to ticket sales. What many may not realize is that he is a recent graduate from Mansfield University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in vocal performance.

His beautiful tenor voice will provide inspirational moments for musical meditation during this Sunday's service. His selections of music are designed to allow us to contemplate the messages of this Lenten season, a time to consider our own response to the death and resurrection of Christ.

Sunday Night Unplugged is a monthly part of St. Patrick's community offerings, providing guests an hour to unwind, meditate, pray, think (or not think) and just be still in the presence of God. The service is simple and

is designed to bring us to a place of quiet and peace.

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Seeing clearly is clearly important: Check your vision April 28 at 9Health Fair

By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

Having competent and consistent vision examinations is really important.

Come to Pagosa Springs High School on April 28 for free vision screenings. 9Health Fairs realizes how important seeing clearly is to all of us. The doors open at 7 a.m. and many tests and screenings are available until 11 a.m.

When my father started losing his vision, I became very concerned and interested. He had developed "floaters," apparently due to an exposure to tuberculosis when he was a child. He might have been able to save his eyesight, but that was not how it turned out. He went blind.

After sustaining a concussion a couple years ago (traumatic brain injury, or TBI), my eyesight started changing. It continues to change and it is important to pay very close attention. As an author and writer, this difficulty is not something to be trifled with. And, I get optical migraines. They don't hurt, but lightning-bolt-like flashes stretch across my vision and I can't see anything else. If I completely relax, which is not always easy, they usually go away within five to 10 minutes or so. I'm so glad I took up mindful meditation years ago. It really helps in the relaxation.

Cataracts are a problem in highly sunny areas and can be identified before becoming a safety issue. Even though Florida is called the "sunshine state," Colorado has more sunshine. Our

residents have a high incidence of cataracts. I have personal experience because I came from Florida. Experience our highly trained and committed professionals at the 9Health Fair.

9Health Fairs offer assessments, testings and education. Its lifesaving blood tests are a great way to ward off potential problems.

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Goodbye to the yellow brick road

I've walked that yellow brick road in my shiny red shoes with all the gusto and excitement I could muster. On that golden creative path, there was no end to meeting interesting and over-the-top characters. I was challenged by new opportunities and brilliant ideas and, yes, the excitement of the gift carried me along the golden bricks.

I understand where the potholes are on the way to the Emerald City. Like Dorothy and her friends, searching for that place somewhere over the rainbow, only to find she had what she was looking for all along. It was within her, back home in Kansas, aka Pagosa Springs.

The question came up this week as to how an artist handles the situation when they are expected to give their talent away. Did I charge for my work or did I give it away? Most times I gave it away. Even though I'm not painting today, I am an artist down to my shiny red shoes. I think like an artist, behave like an artist and have the bruises of an artist. Those bruises go deep and many are of my own doing, and I still bare the marks of self-inflicted wounds.

Doing what I love to do, free-wheeling and disregarding certain rules and conventions, I lived outside the box. As a professional volunteer for everyone who needed a decorative bulletin board, a theme for a mother and daughter tea or a piece of art for someone's wall, I gave freely.

Both of our grandchildren in California are very creative and have chosen art careers. Our grandson is planning his future in the film industry. Still in college, he has written a script, directed it and has a team who is supporting him. He plans to take this training into his future.

Our granddaughter is an excellent artist, better than me, and has developed her own business. She specializes in photography, home staging, wedding and event designs, custom signs and décor.

As a wedding planner, she completed a wedding the week before, with contacts for possibly more weddings. I received a call from our daughter. She drove to southern California to help her daughter work a wedding trade show the following weekend.

When I heard about their plans, I yearned to be with them on that yellow brick road. I remembered those days, totally exhausted, fulfilled, but many times disappointed. I told her to send pictures of the wedding and the free giveaways. I want to know how the booth looks. I want to hear and see all about it.

In our conversation, our daugh-

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



ter said, "A relative invited Tiffany to her baby shower and asked her to bring her camera with her."

"What did she say?" Red flags went up in me. How many times and how much have I given away for the sake of being nice? I didn't know my worth as an artist. I was having too much fun producing and creating. Also, my Christian walk checked in and how could I say no?

I said to my daughter, "I was put in that position so many times. I didn't handle it the way I should've. Well-meaning friends can cut your legs off at your knees."

A friend asked me to teach her how to paint. She said, "I see it as a hobby and don't want to pay money to learn a hobby."

But it wasn't a hobby for me. I had been painting over 30 years and I was serious about my art. She was a nurse and making big money. I said, "I don't expect you to give away your means. Why do you want me to give away mine?"

I didn't teach her and she went on to something else. But those digs go deep into one's self-image.

At the time, I felt she didn't respect my talent. How could she? She had never painted in her life. She didn't know the years of training and doing without.

Another student came to one of my painting classes and said after class, "I'm not going to pay you today, you didn't paint on my painting." But, I taught you how to paint. I've added more paint to your canvases over the last year than I should have. If you want to learn how to paint, then you have to apply the paint for yourself.

She left without paying. She didn't get it. After that day, I didn't teach her anymore. Artists know what I'm talking about.

So how did my granddaughter handle the situation? What did she tell her cousin?

Her husband gave her sound advice. There is family and there are relatives who come around every few years and want a favor.

My Sweet Al was always ready to give me sound advice. "You need to charge." Did I heed his words? Sometimes, but most of the time I said to him, "You don't understand how it is being an artist." Then I'd quote a scripture. I didn't listen to him, but he was always there to

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PCNT welcomes guest speaker

By Janie Garms
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) welcomes Shayla as its guest speaker.

We are excited to hear of her experiences and knowledge of Native American ways and the medicine wheel. We are sure to be entertained and enlightened as she brings new ideas and helps us to step out of our comfort zone while we broaden our understanding of another culture.

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Lane

■ continued from previous page protect me.

My granddaughter listened to her husband and handled it by emailing the relative. She wrote, "Did you want me to take pictures? Let me know, my fee is X amount of money." She didn't hear back from her cousin.

If she goes to the shower, I hope she leaves her camera at home. When I heard how she stood up for a principle, I wanted to commend her for believing in her worth. I know my granddaughter. She would never be ugly, brazen or insensitive, just quietly setting boundaries.

It's hard to say, "No." We don't want to appear cheap, thoughtless or callous. We want everyone to like us. They are going to like us the same if we say yes or no. If they don't, then it's their problem.

Did I ever stop midway and have the courage to say, "No"? As my heart raced and my breath caught in my throat, I couldn't stop the excitement or the momentum and I was pushed to say, "Yes."

Even Elton John sings, "So goodbye, yellow brick road where the dogs of society howl. You can't

plant me in your penthouse, I'm going back to my plough."

I used to say, "Artists have no business being in business. They love the experience and do not know how to price their worth and are too emotional over their work. Their true mantra is "I want to be understood and be appreciated. It's the wrong business for that."

We should charge for our worth even if we love every minute of what we are doing. If we don't respect our talent, work and education, how do we expect others to respect us? I used to blame others, but I must own my own blame. Now that I'm off the golden road, I can see clearly.

Final brushstroke: Yes, Dorothy, you have to start by looking at home. See how much you have before you engage on that path. You will pick up a lot of freeloaders along the way. They will trick you out of what you worked so hard for and you will let them. Because you're having too much fun, wear-

ing those bright shiny red shoes, skipping on golden bricks.

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UU topic: the direct experience of transcending mystery

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

Unitarian Universalism holds no creed, no particular belief system; rather, our congregations affirm and promote seven principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides and which are usually exemplified in our services.

During Sunday's service we will experience the third principle: "Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations."

We live out these principles within a "living tradition of wisdom and spirituality," drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scriptures and personal experience.

The service, presented by Dr. Pam Kircher, draws its inspiration from personal experience, the first of the several sources we draw upon: "Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renew-

al of the spirit and openness to the forces which create and uphold life."

Many of us have profound direct experiences of mystery that we may describe as spiritual experiences, deep connection with nature or mystical occurrences. Even though these mystical experiences are hard to put into words, they can be the driving force behind people's lives. These often-unspoken experiences form the bedrock of belief and focus of many lives. The overarching theme of these occurrences is usually the understanding that our purpose in life is to love universally and to recognize our interconnectedness to all life. Another common change after a spiritually transforming experience is a decreased fear of death.

In her presentation, Kircher will illustrate how mystical occurrences, including synchronicity and spiritually transforming experiences, have formed the basis of her understanding of life and guided the decisions she has made that determined her

outer world.

She'll share spiritually transforming experiences of people she has cared for as a hospice doctor, near-death experiences people have shared with her in her talks, and transformation of people receiving energy work in the form of healing therapy. Hearing other people's stories often reminds us of our own stories and gives them validation. When we begin to value our own experiences as much as those we read about, we begin to deeply know that indeed, love and oneness are the basis of our highest possibilities for our lives and our world.

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. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. and, following that, we invite you to share refreshments and conversation.

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For further information, visit pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

Methodist Thrift Store seeks to fulfill a mission

By **Marcie Taylor**
Special to The PREVIEW

The Methodist Thrift Store is not just a retail outlet — it is a mission of our community.

Vouchers are given out to those in need (via several local social service agencies) and the Methodist Thrift Store provides the items needed at no cost to the customer.

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By Karlene Stange
Special to The PREVIEW

Luminosity Talks is pleased to present Dr. Karlene Stange, a vet-

erinarian from Durango, speaking about her quest and book, “The Spiritual Nature of Animals.”

Join us at the Pagosa Community of New Thought, located in

the Momentum Fitness building, 40 North 15th St. (near bottom of Put Hill), on Friday, March 9, at 7 p.m. (Note: This is a new location for Luminosity Talks.)

“I set out to understand the spiritual nature of animals and, in

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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 ring-necked duck.

It's a great time of year to check out waterfowl on the lakes of Pagosa Springs. As the ice clears to open water, many migrating ducks stop to rest and feed. When trying to identify a duck out on a lake or pond, it is often helpful to figure out its color pattern. It is especially helpful to find any white markings. When visibility is otherwise difficult, the white markings seem to pop out.

For our bird of the week, this tip is especially helpful. The male ring-necked duck has a distinctive whitish-gray shape on its side. Some of our local birders say it reminds them of a whale. In addition, there is a white band around the base and midway down its gray bill. The bill tip is black. These markings contrast with the rest of its shiny black body. The female is a rich brown, with the same black-tipped and white-banded gray bill. She has a white ring around her eye. The heads of these ducks have a distinctive peaked shape.

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Cat poo in the sandbox: an allegory

By Lynn Moffett
Special to The PREVIEW

My granddaughter came skipping. “Come play in my sandbox with me.” Delighted to spend time together, we clasped hands and hurried to her playground. As we drew near, she pulled out of my grasp, raced ahead and plopped down. I stopped dead in my tracks.

She was shoveling wet, putrid sand into a pail. Her play place was filled with cat poo. Disgusting.

My voice, toned with education, ordered, “Stop! It’s dirty, awful! Out, right now!”

Peering up at me she asked, “What’s a matter?”

I couldn’t ignore the threat. This could give her a killer disease. “Do you realize what you are sitting in?”

A Matter of Faith

“This is where kitties come and play with me. I like to pet them. They’re my friends. Sometimes they make the sand wet for me.”

“That means you are playing in their pee and poo.”

My grandchild burst into tears and screamed, “You ruin everything. You hate me and my kitties!”

Her words stunned me. Didn’t she understand I didn’t want her to get sick?

“Go away. You hate me. Go

away.”

By now, both of us were devastated. Not wanting to upset her further, I backed up, shaking my head at how I caused such a mess and ruined our special time. Am I supposed to join her in cat poo? How will she ever know how much I love her after this?

A scripture dropped into my heart. 1 Corinthians 4:21: “Now which do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a rod of correction, or with love and in a spirit of gentleness?”

“Father, please help me approach her with love and the spirit of gentleness rather than with a rod of correction.”

Near the tennis court I spied youngsters standing beside a card-

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Talks

■ continued from previous page so doing, I discovered my own,” she said. “Creatures great and small dragged me down a rabbit hole and through sacred tunnels into a world of dragons, shamans, gurus, lamas, monks, nuns, demons, priests, rabbis, preachers, scientists, clairvoyants, channels, mystics, animal communicators and other spiritual teachers. Those adepts schooled me and gave me refuge from the dramas and traumas of veterinary practice overburdening me. They introduced me to the anima — what Jungian psychology refers to as the animating principal present in all living beings.

“Anima is the Latin root of the word animal. It means soul, breath and life. Veterinarians share a personal relationship with the anima; we watch it drain from a body only to meet it again as a newborn foal or pup. Yet veterinary education rarely mentions it. We learn detailed information about bones,

blood and the other physical components, but little is said of the nonphysical aspect — the animas of animals — I now believe it is the most important part.

“Firemen do not enter burning buildings or ascend to the tops of tall trees to grab a hunk of meat known as a ‘cat.’ They rescue a beloved family member, a companion. The incorporeal light in an animal’s eyes reaches into our hearts. It touches us more deeply than any physical thing. We humans have the capacity to connect with the spiritual nature of animals; it makes us happy. I wanted to understand it more fully.

“I began my course of discovery after meeting two women clients, a Buddhist and a Baptist, with sharply contrasting views of what happens to an animal at death. They made me consider the question, ‘Do animals reincarnate or are they just dead meat?’ At the

same time, my close relations with animals from birth to death made me wonder how people could make certain statements about them, such as ‘Animals do not feel love,’ ‘Animals do not have souls,’ ‘Animals have a lower soul but not an eternal spirit’ and ‘Animals are not conscious.’ None of these made sense to me.

“The quest to understand the spiritual nature of animals became my passion and my salvation. Please join me as I share this extensive research into the world’s religious, scientific and spiritual teachings about the incorporeal aspect of animals.”

For more information, go to www.animasanimals.com.

Luminosity Talks is a not-for-profit group that presents innovative speakers and films to educate, inspire and inform. All are invited to this free event and donations are appreciated.

And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

Sometimes we sing, “There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.” The song then describes the meaning for His name. It tells us about a Savior’s love who died for us, how the Father walks with us each day, and finally about one who cares for us in our deepest sorrow.

In Acts 3 Peter and John healed a lame man. In Acts 4 while teaching the people and proclaiming Jesus they were arrested and put in jail. The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes examined them. Peter stated that by the name of Jesus, whom they crucified, the lame man was healed. Then he proclaimed there is salvation in no other name.

The song is right. Jesus does all those things and more for us. No wonder we love to hear and sing the worth of His name. Join with us as we praise the name of Jesus.

Dorman Diller, minister



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Thursday, March 8

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.

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.

Archuleta County Republican Women. Noon-1 p.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Three representatives from three groups will discuss rationale and need for potential ballot or mill levy tax increases. Also, representatives from Axis Health will present information about its programs. All are welcome.

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 library at 264-2209 for further information.

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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.

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Faith

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board box sporting a sign. "Free kittens." With my eye still on my granddaughter, I walked the short distance and chose a black one with white paws.

As I returned to the playground I called, "Sweetheart, look who I found."

A fleeting smile lit her small face before she remembered her anger. The furry critter and I sat nearby in the green grass. She glanced across the expanse between us now and again before she dusted off her hands and joined us.

"Do you like her?" I asked. She nodded.

"Me too. I like playing with her in this pretty green grass. I think this sweet little bundle should be yours."

She jumped up and grabbed me around the neck. Her words, hug and smooch were the answer to my prayer. "I love you, Grandma."

"I love you, too."

My grandbaby lifted the kitten to her chest, laid back on the lawn, stroked the soft head and whispered, "You're my friend. I don't have to go anywhere to find you. I'm going to call you Grace."



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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 of well-being.

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

Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration is required. Everyone will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a free clinic for parties who have no attorney via computer link. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veterans benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Otaku. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 5th-12th grade. If you are into anime or manga, this class is for you. Come and watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga.

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.

Backstage Onstage: A Thingamajig Concert. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Dale Scrivener Jr. will deliver an hour-and-a-half-long concert. He will sing songs from stage and screen, from musicals new and old. Donations will be accepted. The doors open at 6 p.m. and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Luminosity Talks. 7 p.m., Momentum Fitness building, 40 N. 15th St. Presenting will be Dr. Karlene Stange, s veterinarian from Durango, speaking about her quest and book, "The Spiritual Nature of Animals."

Saturday, March 10

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the town's website, Facebook page and newspaper. Call 264-4152, ext. 521 for more information.

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.

Fundamentals of Buddhism: A Practice and study with Debra Quayle. 10 a.m., Pagosa Universalist Unitarian Fellowship, Suite B-15, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are welcome.

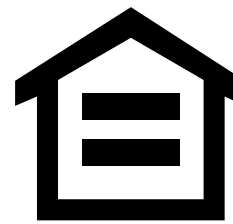
Pagosa Springs Quilt Guild. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse,

230 Port Ave. Meetings are for new or experienced quilters. Upcoming classes include curved piecing, hand embroidery and skill building. Additional information can be found on Facebook or by emailing pagosapiece-makers@gmail.com.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We've got the LEGO bricks, all

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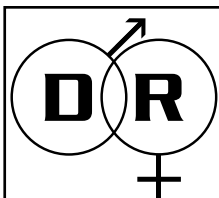
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BigGame Forever Banquet and Fundraiser. 5-10 p.m., Community Center. Tickets include an annual membership to Big-Game Forever and raffle tickets to be used at the banquet. Tickets can be purchased online at BigGameForever.org or by contacting Dick Ray at 749-4148 or Stacy Boone at 946-5001.

Sunday, March 11

Tara Mandala Open House. 9:30 a.m., Tara Mandala Retreat Center. All-day open house event. You are welcome to join us for a guided tour of our beautiful retreat center and Tara Temple, which includes a brief introduction to meditation with time for Q&A and a vegetarian buffet lunch. For more information and to register, go to taramandala.org/open-house.

Sunday Night Unplugged. 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Music and meditation service featuring guest tenor Dale Scrivener, accompanied by pianist Venita Burch, soprano Kaitlen Smith and Heidi Tanner on violin.

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 12

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 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

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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.

Bridge for Fun. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Tween Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For those in the 4th-8th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
CPR Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension Office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

Tuesday, March 13

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.

Archuleta County Republican Women. Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Axis Healthcare Systems will be presenting its new programs for mental and physical health care in Pagosa Springs. Come learn about the mental health care counseling, substance abuse programs and total body integrated health care that is now available. Lunch can be purchased for \$12.

Hand-Drumming Class. Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, email banjocrazy@centurytel.net or call 731-3117.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Book Club for Adults. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join our book club to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles. We will be discussing "The Stars are Fire" by Anita Shreve. Stop by to pick up a copy or call 264-2209 for

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American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary. 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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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.

Wednesday, March 14

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Kids Kare VBS. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Ave. This is a program for kids ages 3-5. The program includes Bible time, crafts and

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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.

Flow Yoga Class. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

Free Blood Pressure Checks. 10:30 a.m., Senior Center.

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.

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

Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

Teen Writers. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Calling all teen writers: stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

American Legion Post 108. 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St. Veterans group meeting.

First Aid Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting. The club meeting will feature longtime member Andy Butler. The presentation will be on "Visualizing an Unseen World: Close-up and Macro Photography." Butler will discuss close-up equipment, technique and depth of field, lighting and composition. For more information, contact Butler at (512) 581-1470 or visit pagosaspringsphotoclub.org.

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 15

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

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

Computer Basics: Facebook. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn the basics of Facebook and how it can be an effective social media tool. 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.

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.

Pagosa Fire Protection District Information Presentation. 5:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Meet the fire chief, learn about the upcoming vote for fire board of directors and the proposed mill levy request. Call 731-4191 for more information.

Friday, March 16

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

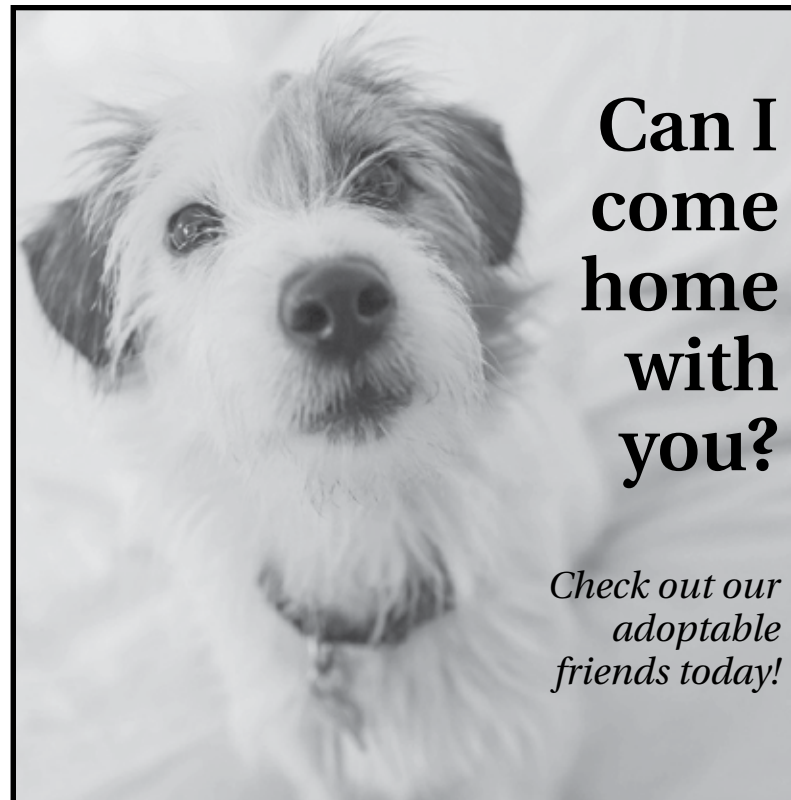
Movie. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. This movie unlocks the never-before-seen secret world inside your smartphone. Hidden within the messaging

app is Textopolis, a bustling city where all your favorite face expressions live, hoping to be selected by the phone's user. 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.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Open House. 6-7 p.m., The Springs Resort, EcoLuxe Building. The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association will host an open house to help community members learn about the exciting volunteer opportunities at Chimney Rock National Monument. For more information visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.

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The people behind the names: Ruby Sisson

We are writing about Ruby Sisson — school teacher, rancher and community benefactor. Her contributions to the community, especially the library, were so significant the library is named Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library in her honor.



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

The source of much of the information we know about “Miss Ruby” is Mamie Lynch, author of an article about Miss Ruby contained in “Remembrances,” a series of books concerning local history preserved in the Hershey History Collection at the library.

Continuing from last week:

“Mrs. Sisson died August 23, 1985, while convalescing at the home of Doug and Mamie Lynch.

“Mamie is the trustee of Ruby’s will and it is her responsibility to distribute the income from the estate according to the will.

“The provisions of the will clearly show just how thoughtful and generous Miss Ruby was. She provided various amounts of money to six public or civic organizations.”

“I had her in the hospital a couple of times,” Mamie wrote. “She complained about not being able to swallow. The doctors could not find anything wrong with her so we brought her to our house and this was where she died. The night before she died, I was sitting by her bed giving her a drink of water and she said, ‘You won’t be mad at me if I die, will you?’ I said, ‘No Ruby. Not if that is what you want.’

“Earlier that summer I had asked her if she had a will. She answered that she had no will but her money would be taken care of by Robert Lindner. She had sold her ranch to Robert Lindner. I said, ‘Ruby you can’t do that. You decide where your money should go.’ There were some nieces and nephews but she did not want her money to go to any of them. I told her that if she didn’t have a will, her estate would go through probate and her money might go to people and places that she did not approve of. She agreed that it would be a good idea to talk to local attorney Earl Hoover about what she wanted



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

J.M. and Eudvigas Salazar, members of the pioneer Archuleta family for whom Archuleta County is named.

done with her estate. She was living at the ranch at this time. I took Earl to visit with her and invited some neighbors to sit in. She talked to Earl alone and explained to him that she wanted her money to be used to help people. She decided that she wanted 50 percent of the proceeds of her estate to go to a scholarship fund to help students who had graduated from Pagosa Springs High School. Dr. Frank Oppenheimer had been a neighbor of Ruby’s and had established a museum in San Francisco, called the Exploratorium. Ruby was an admirer of Frank and what he had done and she wanted 20 percent of her money to go to his museum. She also wanted to help the Community United Methodist Church and the library and the emergency medical technicians. She wanted to help build a hospital, but she stipulated that if the building was not started within two years after her death the money was to be used for another purpose, at my discretion. The building was not started within two years and I decided that the money would go to a library. The net result is 50 percent went to the high school scholarship fund, 20 percent to the Exploratorium, 15 percent to the library, 10 percent to the United Methodist Church of Pagosa Springs, and 5 percent to the Upper San Juan

Emergency Medical Technicians. She asked me to set up a committee to oversee the scholarship fund.”

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Parks and Wildlife to explain changes to hunting license process and more on Saturday

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Hunters will want to come to the library this Saturday afternoon, March 10, when Colorado Parks and Wildlife personnel will discuss several items, including key changes to the limited license application process, at a free informational meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. Paper applications will no longer be accepted.

As well, a help session from 1 to 4:45 p.m. in a computer lab will help you access and use the new licensing system to apply for your hunting license and establish an email account.

Other topics to be covered in the informational meeting include the landowner preference program, changes to either-sex elk licenses, elk management, the upcoming five-year big game season structure, antler shed season and a future generations bill that involves proposed fee increases.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, March 9, 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.

Legal clinic tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, 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.

Otaku tomorrow

The Otaku (Anime/Manga) Club meets tomorrow, Friday, March 9, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Join us to watch anime, talk about manga and Asian cultures, and enjoy snacks. This free club is for fifth-through 12th-graders. Note the different day and time this month.

LEGO Club

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — this Saturday, March 10, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

Tween gaming

Free gaming for those in the fourth through eighth grades is next Monday, March 12, from 4 to



5 p.m. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

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.

Book club for adults

Our free book club for adults meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles. On March 13, we will discuss "The Stars Are Fire" by Anita Shreve. Stop by to pick up a copy. No registration is required.

Teen writers group with special guest

Join us next Wednesday, March 14, from 4 to 5 p.m. for our free teen writers meeting for seventh-through 12th-graders. This group's interests include stories, poetry, graphic novels and fan fiction. We will host local author Mariko Tatsumoto, author of "Ayumi's Violin," "Accidental Samurai Spy" and "Gutless." You don't have to be a regular member of this group to attend this special session.

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 8, during the session on 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.

Tech sessions

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

Adult education

Our PALS program — Pagosa Adult Learning Services — takes

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Little terror
- 5 Wet bar?
- 9 Knife wound
- 13 ___ of thumb
- 14 Church V.I.P.
- 16 Bounce back
- 17 Soon, to a bard
- 18 Throw for a loop
- 19 Garbage hauler
- 20 Complex unit
- 22 Deadly mushroom
- 24 Schongauer work
- 26 Toni Morrison's "___ Baby"
- 27 Tabloid twosome
- 28 Noble position
- 32 Retro phone feature
- 35 Established
- 37 Indigenous
- 38 Not quite right
- 39 Full of bounce
- 41 Fishing equipment
- 42 Like cows and sows
- 44 Campaign pro
- 45 Shrek, for one
- 46 Bomb
- 48 Certain tide
- 50 Computer capacity
- 51 Emphatic
- 56 New Year's Eve staple
- 59 X, in math
- 60 Tim Conway film, "The Billion Dollar ___"
- 61 Factory
- 63 Quitter's word
- 64 Word sung on 12/31
- 65 Concise
- 66 Flu symptom
- 67 Arborist's concern
- 68 Numerical suffix
- 69 Give the eye

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DOWN

- 1 Hold steady
- 2 Talk at length
- 3 Follow follower
- 4 Plant stem extension
- 5 Mermaid's milieu
- 6 Veteran
- 7 Annex
- 8 Animal fur
- 9 Type of psychology
- 10 Word in a 1978 John Irving book title
- 11 "Get lost!"
- 12 Kennel cry
- 15 Primary color
- 21 Cereal grass
- 23 Dogcatcher's catch
- 25 Evening bell
- 29 "Brokeback Mountain" director
- 30 CBer's term
- 31 Dole (out)
- 32 Tip, as a hat

- 33 Brainchild
- 34 Deserving of respect
- 36 Word of advice
- 39 Dry spell
- 40 Mumbo-jumbo
- 43 Pie preference
- 45 Type of illusion
- 47 Young raptor
- 49 It may be framed

- 52 Capture
- 53 Likeness
- 54 Locale
- 55 Aromatic compound
- 56 Chew the fat
- 57 Rush follower
- 58 Envelope abbr.
- 62 Half a score

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Family storytimes

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Please note that both storytimes are now open to babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to make it easier for parents to attend with their children depending on their busy schedules rather than the age of their little ones.

Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults.

How-to and self help

"Listen Up or Lose Out" by Robert Bolton and Dorothy Grover Bolton describes ways to avoid miscommunication, improve relationships and get more done faster. "Mommy Burnout" by Dr. Sheryl Ziegler offers tips on how to reclaim your life and raise healthier children in the process.

Other nonfiction

"The Bible Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained" is a DK guide to the stories, events and teachings of the Old Testament and New Testament. "Educated" by Tara Westover is the memoir of a woman devoted to educating herself after starting life in a minimalist survivalist family. "Sign My Name to Freedom" by Betty Reid Soskin looks at American history from the viewpoint of a black woman born in 1921.

DVDs

"The Roosevelts: An Intimate History" is a Ken Burns film. "Scientific Secrets for Raising Kids Who Thrive" contains 24 lectures by an associate professor of psychology. "Raising Emotionally and Socially Healthy Kids" contains 12 lectures by a clinical psychologist. "Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution" is a feature length documentary about the Black Panther Party. "To Sir, with Love" stars Sidney Poitier as a teacher in London's tough East End.

Novels

"A Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin is book one in a new

epic fantasy series called A Song of Ice and Fire. "Girl Unknown" by Karen Perry focuses on the effects on a family when a student claims to be the father's daughter. "Rosie Colored Glasses" by Brianna Wolfson tells of the effects on a daughter after the divorce of her very different parents. "Munich" by Robert Harris is set in pre-World War II.

Mysteries and suspense

"Death of an Honest Man" by M.C. Beaton is the latest in the Hamish Macbeth series set in Scotland. "Down the River unto the Sea" by Walter Mosley follows a NYPD investigator trying to clear his name. "Fifty Fifty" by James Patterson and Candice Fox is a thriller set in Australia. "The Glass Forest" by Cynthia Swanson is a suspense story about three women shedding light on a troubled family.

Large print

"Surprise Me" by Sophie Kinsella follows a couple who decide to bring surprises into their marriage. "Refuge Cove" by Janet Dailey is the second in the new Americana romance series set in Alaska. "Sisters Like Us" by Susan Mallery is a Mischievous Bay novel.

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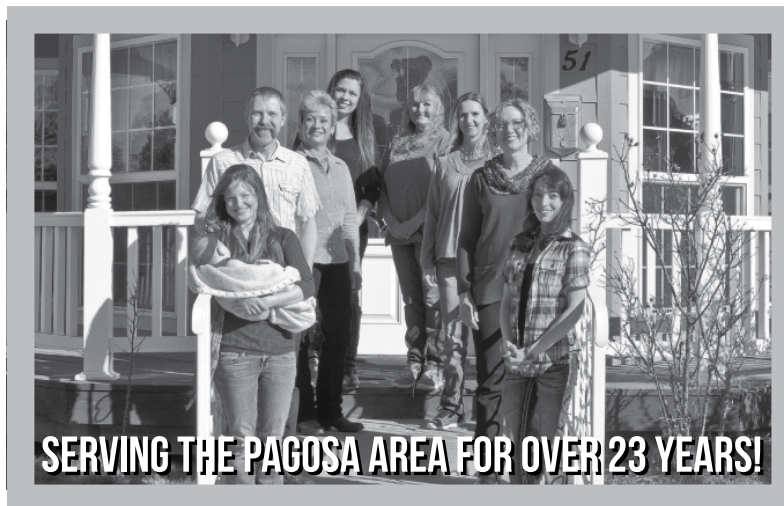
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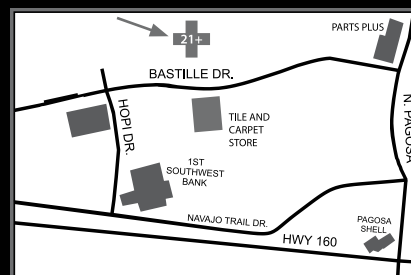
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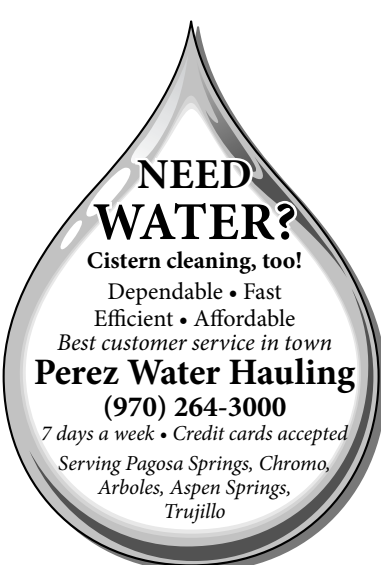
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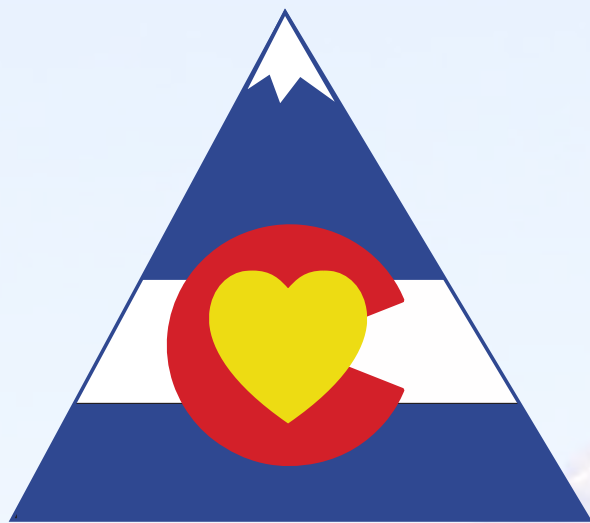
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