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Forest reopens today

Stage 2 fire restrictions remain in effect

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The San Juan National Forest (SJNF) will reopen to the public today at 3 p.m., rescinding the prior Stage 3 fire restrictions that have been in place since June 12.

Stage 2 restrictions remain in effect for the national forest, unincorporated Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs.

According to a press release by SJNF Acting Public Affairs Officer Cam Hooley, lands that are managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the Durango

■ See Restrictions A8

La Plata County jail: No more room for inmates

Arrestees could be 'refused'

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

La Plata County Jail (LPCJ) is full and, as of late, and the jail may refuse to accept certain individuals.

Since a flooding event closed the Archuleta County jail in April 2015, the majority of Archuleta County's inmates have been housed in the LPCJ.

In an administrative order titled "Order Authorizing the Release of Nonviolent Arrestees During LPCJ Overcrowding," the problem of jail space is addressed with a plan for refusing prisoners under certain

■ See Jail A9



SUN photo/Terri House

For the 12th consecutive year, the San Juan Squadron, Pagosa's own formation flying team, will open the Independence Day Parade. The squadron will make three passes, each in a different formation, over downtown Pagosa Springs. The first pass will be at 10 a.m. as the parade begins its trek through downtown.

San Juan Squadron set to open Rotary's Fourth of July Parade

By Craig Taylor
Special to The SUN

For the 12th consecutive year, the San Juan Squadron, Pagosa's own formation flying team, will open the Independence Day Parade.

The squadron will make three passes, each in a different formation, over downtown Pagosa Springs.

The first pass will be at exactly 10 a.m. as the parade begins its trek through downtown. It is highly recommended that you make your way to downtown early to pick your best vantage point for viewing the flyovers.

The lead aircraft will be flown by Craig Taylor, of Pagosa Springs. In the skies alongside Taylor will be Dave Peart, Michael Arbuthnot, Doug Dellmore, Skip Thomas, Jim Lane, Tim Gallagher, John Vander Horck and Travis Reese.

Prepare to be impressed by these pilots and their abilities with these beautiful airplanes.

Formation passes

The formation passes will be:

1. Diamond with two in trail (like a kite).
2. Double "v" formation.
3. Arrowhead (five aircraft in a "v" with one in trail as a stinger).

From the arrowhead, we will perform a fleur-de-lis break, with the left side aircraft turning sharply to the left, the right two aircraft turning sharply right, and lead and stinger going straight ahead.

Craig Taylor

Taylor flies this year's parade formation in lead position, making smoke during the parade overflights. The aircraft is a Van's RV8, painted red and silver.

Taylor joined the Navy in 1966 through the Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla. He earned Navy Wings in February 1968 and was assigned to Attack Squadron 25 in the A7Corsair II aircraft. He flew over 100 combat missions in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Ticonderoga (CVA-14).

After Vietnam, Taylor spent three years as an instructor pilot for Naval aviators transitioning to the A-7E aircraft. After active-duty service, he began a 20-year career as a corporate pilot flying a number of different corporate jet aircraft.

In 1990, Taylor left aviation, starting a small engineering firm in Texas with his wife, Marcie. Taylor gave no thought of flying again until 2005, when Tom Broadbent, of Pagosa Springs, provided a ride in his Stearman biplane.

■ See Parade A8

County staff resign

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Both the Archuleta County administrator and attorney have announced their resignations.

Archuleta County Administrator Bentley Henderson and Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr both talked with The SUN about their reasons for resigning from



Henderson



Starr

■ See Resign A8

Coroner takes leave of absence

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Coroner Dan Keuning has requested a leave of absence from his office due to health reasons.

On Wednesday, Keuning submitted a letter to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), the county's Department of Human Resources, staff and citizens of Archuleta County.

"It is with great sadness that I would like to request a leave of absence for health reasons from the office of Coroner of Archuleta County Colorado," Keuning wrote. "This past Monday I was diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Impairment with memory loss at Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, AZ. The Neurologist con-



Keuning

■ See Coroner A9

Short-term rental decision postponed

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The continuing talks over short-term rental (STR) regulations in Archuleta County may finally come to an end on July 3, with the county commissioners slated to vote on the issue that day.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the STR regulations at several of its past meetings and at the morning work session of the BoCC on Tuesday.

However, at the BoCC's regular meeting Tuesday afternoon, the BoCC decision on STRs was continued again, this time to July 3.

That meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the BoCC's meeting room at 398 Lewis St.

John Shepard, the Archuleta County planning manager, explained at the meeting that the de-

cision should be continued to July 3 to allow sufficient time to address concerns, suggestions and changes to the STR proposal.

BoCC Chair Steve Wadley told the public that a decision on STRs should be coming soon.

"[The BoCC] have worked with staff to try to have everything put into a reading for July 3, for action on July 3," Wadley said.

Wadley explained that he thought many people in attendance at the meeting were there for the purpose of STR discussion, but that at the work session that morning the BoCC had discussed the regulations in depth.

"I think it's fair for the community to know that it seems, just from my vantage point listening to my fellow commissioners this morning, that we are probably moving towards

■ See STRs A9



Photo courtesy Natalie Carpenter

With the forest closed at the time, Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (SAR) utilized Pirate Hill, behind Pagosa Springs High School, for a training session on June 14. SAR volunteers worked on a simulated cliff rescue using rope teams under the guidance of Mike Le Roux, director of emergency operations for Archuleta County. Candace Wolf, kneeling at left, strapped onto the litter that will carry the mock patient up from the "accident area" while Le Roux, pointing, directs another volunteer where to attach an additional rope. EMT Tyler Long, kneeling at right, provided guidance on the rescue coordination between SAR volunteers and medical responders that would be on scene at an actual accident event. The SAR training sessions are ongoing throughout the year and teach essential skills that the volunteers use in real-life search and rescue situations. For more information about SAR, email usjsar@gmail.com.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Short-term rentals

Communities around the United States are finding themselves dealing with the trend of short-term rentals (STRs). Archuleta County is no different.

While vacation rental owners are benefiting financially, their neighbors have discovered their once-quiet neighborhoods are being disrupted by vacationers who don't have the same sense of community and respect for the surrounding residents who live there year-round.

Enacting and enforcing regulations on STRs within Archuleta County is a necessity.

According to Archuleta County's proposed regulations, a vacation rental is a residential use of a dwelling unit — whether of the entire dwelling or individual rooms — on a short-term basis and is defined as fewer than 30 days at a time.

We commend the county commissioners and planning commission for their continuing efforts in researching and discussing proposed solutions. We thank the citizens who have voiced their concerns and given input in the regulation process.

We also acknowledge that there is a shortage of workforce housing in the community. We see STR regulations and enforcement of those regulations making a difference.

There's no doubt that STRs fulfill a lodging need for visitors to our community. Not everyone wants to stay in a hotel when they travel. Staying in a home can be more attractive and convenient for families or travelers who have pets.

STRs bring welcome tourist dollars to our community. They bring jobs. They generate much-needed tax revenue.

We agree that property owners must be required to register any property offered as a STR. Most importantly, they should pay the lodging and property taxes required of hoteliers and bed and breakfast operators.

Current STRs should be given reasonable time to come into compliance with regulations.

It's unfortunate that some residents who currently live next door to a vacation rental find themselves searching for a new neighborhood to live. The impact of vacation rentals shouldn't make anyone feel the need to relocate. We need to give great consideration to protecting the charm of neighborhoods and the activities that happen in those communities.

Who doesn't want to have nice, quiet, friendly neighbors? It is a completely reasonable desire. Unfortunately, we know people right now who have to contend with noisy vacation renters in their once-peaceful neighborhood. They find themselves needing a vacation from the neighborhood vacation rental.

We've heard and sympathize with the stories of vacationers littering, driving too fast and disrupting neighborhoods. That is why we place strong emphasis on enforcing regulations once they are established. Enforcing regulations is one area that has really been lacking in Archuleta County and we applaud the commissioners for discussing the need for giving "teeth" to an ordinance where the enforcement of new STR regulations are concerned. Penalties should be expensive.

Neighborhoods governed by homeowners associations can enact policies pertaining to STRs that are more restrictive and fit the desires of their homeowners. Those policies will overrule any county regulations. And, the county's land-use regulations can be amended at a later date if needed.

One letter writer this week proposed the idea of taking the vacation rental issue to the voters. We saw that happen with proposed development of Reservoir Hill and establishment of big box stores. The voters decided the future of the community. We don't discount the idea, but we ponder just how the ballot language would be designed.

We believe it is imperative that we preserve our neighborhoods when establishing STR regulations. Once those regulations have been established, the county must enforce them, or it's all for naught.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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What would you give up to end the drought?



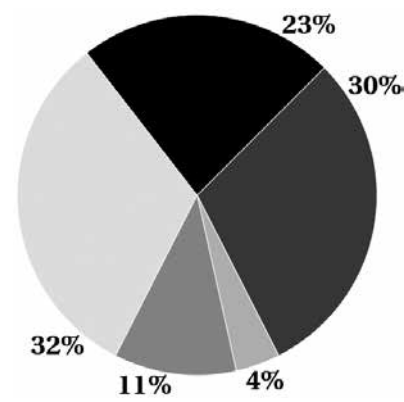
Tammy Boen
"Money. Money isn't everything."



Shannon Herzog
"Facebook, because it's a big waste of time anyway and we need the rain."



Molly Risinger
"Camping, because I can't have a campfire anyway."



Poll results (159 Votes)
My favorite food — 30 percent
My left arm — 4 percent
My firstborn child — 11 percent
Nothing — 32 percent
Other — 23 percent

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LOOKING BACK

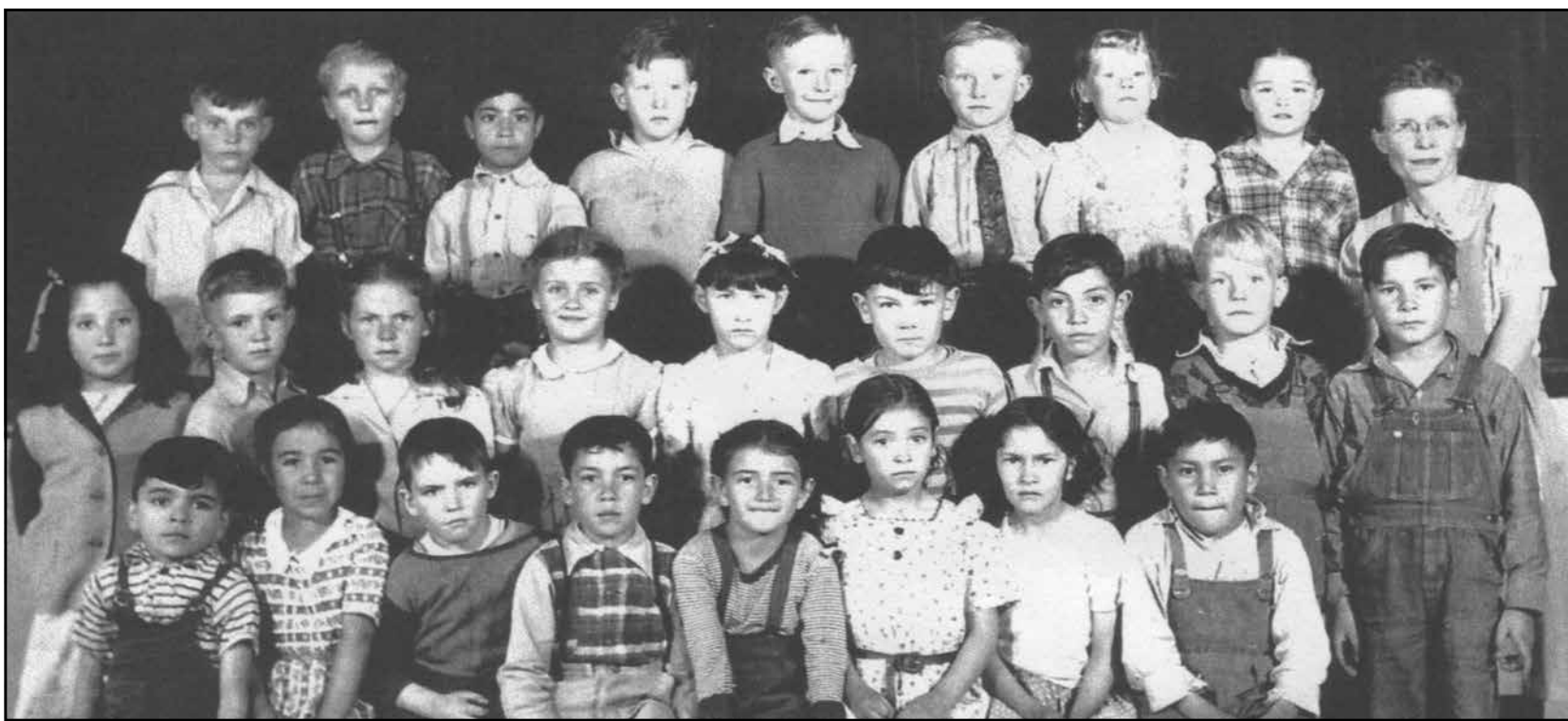


Photo courtesy Harvey Catchpole

Mrs. Bussing's second-grade class. Top row, left to right, Michael Bussing, Freddy Catchpole, Fidel Alberico, Michael Sheridan, Harvey Catchpole, Ralph Davis, Alma Lee Kingsley and Glenda Roe Kimball. Middle row, left to right, Lionel B. Belarde, Cora S. Sandoval, Danny G. Gaston, Tommy H. Martinez, Jolinda M. Martinez, Isabel Gallegos, Rachel Martinez and Salvador A. Archuleta. Bottom row, left to right, Rosalee Maestas, Jerry Diestlekamp, Patsy McCoy, Ritta Lowell, Vina Martinez, Ben Lynch, Freddie Lucero, Tommy Lines and Ben Martinez.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 22, 1928

Work on the new Archuleta county court house temporarily stopped this morning and Contractor M.J. Wicklem, left this morning for his home at Durango to remain a few days while awaiting the burning of the brick in the kilns in south Pagosa.

A "baker's dozen" of men gathered at the H. A. Bryant ranch north of town Tuesday to participate in an old-fashioned "barn raising." They spent a good day at labor, in which much effective work was accomplished, and also participated in a mammoth dinner, prepared by Mrs. Bryant.

Juanita Archuleta, 11-year-old girl of Lone Tree, underwent a successful operation for the removal of her tonsils in this city Tuesday.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 25, 1943

Word was received here Monday from the War Department telling of the death of Pfc. Joseph Nickerson in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines. Death was caused by malaria and occurred on June 11, 1943. The deceased is an Archuleta county boy who enlisted some 2 years ago. He was born at Lone Tree near Dyke and was raised by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Sanchez. Ross Nickerson, a brother, who was Archuleta County's first casualty of World War No. Two, having been killed at Bakersfield, California, was buried at Lone Tree near Dyke on June 14, 1942. Joseph Nickerson is the third man from Archuleta county to have made the supreme sacrifice in the present war and the first known casualty on foreign soil.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 20, 1968

Lt. General (Ret.) James Doolittle, one of United States' most famous aviators, will be in attendance at the Red Ryder Roundup this year. General Doolittle, who has been retired for some time, led the famous B-25 bomber raid on Japan early in World War II. The bombers were launched from aircraft carriers off the coast of Japan and marked the first time that Japan was bombed by American bombers during World War II. He is coming here as a guest of General Gordon Saville, who is also a retired general. General Saville operates the Four Mile ranch. He and General Doolittle served together during World War II in various combat areas. They have been closely associated since 1928 when they were assigned to the Guggenheim Foundation for Aeronautical Safety.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 24, 1993

On Dec. 15, 1992, voters living in Pagosa Springs and within the service boundaries of the Archuleta Water Company requested inclusion of the town and Archuleta Water water systems into the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District. The Water and Sanitation District board of directors approved the request, and the inclusion takes place on July 1, 1993. "The inclusion will add approximately 1,050 "equivalent units" to the Water and Sanitation District. There will be 565 users of the town water system added to the Water and Sanitation District rolls and 485 from Archuleta Water Company. The additions will bring the total number of equivalent units served by the district to approximately 3,000.

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Letters



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Fire precedent

Dear Editor:
I am writing in response to the closure of the local National Forests as reported previously in the Sun. The fire conditions in the area, while severe, do not seem to be that unusual and yet millions of acres have now been closed to the public. This decision seems to establish a new precedent which will likely have far reaching consequences for Pagosa Springs.

I understand from the previous article (June 7 Avery Martinez) quoting Mr. Khung of the Forest Service that 7 of 10 key measures

must be triggered for the government to enact Stage 3 and close the national forests. I've looked at the ten measures he provided and most of them seem to be highly derivative. In other words, if the "1000-hour time lag fuel moisture content" is below 12%, then it is almost guaranteed that the "Seasonal ERC" will be above the 80th percentile, the "Ignition Component" will be above 80%, and the "Three-day Burning Index" will be above the 80th percentile. If those four measures are triggered, then number 5, the "Fire Danger Adjective", will by definition be "Very High". If widespread rain is not imminent then the 6th measure is also triggered. Therefore, all six of these measures are in fact directly inter-related and will occur any time there is a long period of hot, dry weather.

Let's look at the final four measures:

7th — Is there a fire which is using local fire-fighting resources?

8th — Is the fire also using national resources?

9th — Have there been a large number of fires and is the risk of human-caused fires expected to increase?

10th — Are current restrictions (Stage 1 and 2) failing to suppress human-caused fires?

Other reporting has suggested that the recent fires were almost exclusively caused by lightning, and the incidence of Stage 1 and 2 violations has been very low. Therefore Measures 9 and 10 would not seem to be triggers. That leaves the final two measures (7th and 8th) either one of which would get one above the 7 of 10 threshold for closing the

National Forests.

In fact the Forest Service's 10 measures boil down to only two questions: has it been very hot and dry for several weeks? And is there a fire in the region? Clearly these are conditions that coexist most years in this region — yet the forests haven't been closed each summer in the past.

Have the Forest Service and Department of Agriculture established a new precedent such that we should expect National Forest closures each year when we experience a multi-week period of very dry weather and there is a fire somewhere in the SW region? What will this new precedent do to land values, business income, summer recreation tourism, employment, and tax revenues? Imagine how Pagosa's reputation will suffer if the main area attraction is closed at random each summer? There must be another solution: perhaps allowing only day visits, no vehicles off road, banning all ignition sources, etc.?

James Adams

Guns and schools

Dear Editor:
John Meyer's letter in the Sun about guns and schools is sensible. I believe when Christians did not stand up to keep prayer and Godly values in school, this nation changed, and not for the better. I read recently there has been only one school shooting in all of Israel's history; it was decades ago. The teachers have been trained and armed ever since. Rights are not a given; they have to be protected and guarded or lost. There has always been those who seek power and dominance, fueled by greed, over others. We

outnumber them. What about the old saying "fight fire with fire"? Firefighters know to build a fire so that when the threatening fire reaches there, it is stopped for lack of fuel. The youth and teachers need to be free to learn and have an education with out the nagging fear of a dangerous intruder no one is prepared for.

Peg Ellis

Trash picker

Dear Editor:
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Helena Gunther

Let voters decide

Dear Commissioners Maez, Wadley and Whiting,

I have previously written to express my opposition to the adoption of county-wide permitting of short-term rentals.

Pursuant to further reflection and to reading articles in the SUN, I have come to believe that this issue is of sufficient importance to merit a question on the Fall ballot. In other words: Let the voters/taxpayers decide.

I very strongly recommend that you place this issue on the Fall ballot and that you defer the decision on this issue until after the election.

Vic Lucariello

Letters

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Parking regulations in place for Fourth of July parade

By William R. Rockensock
Special to The SUN

Flatbed trailers/viewing stands will be prohibited from parking along the Fourth of July parade route on U.S. 160 until after midnight on July 4.

All parking will be prohibited on the north side of the 400 block of Pagosa Street (U.S. 160) between 4th and 5th streets (Goodman's Department Store to the bell tower

park) between the hours of 2 a.m. on July 4 until after the parade.

All parking will be prohibited on 1st Street and the 100 block of Lewis Street between the hours of 2 a.m. on July 4 until after the parade.

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Bring the USS Pueblo home

On Jan. 23, 1968, the USS Pueblo and its crew were attacked by the North Korean military while peacefully sailing in international waters. The crew of the ship tried valiantly to resist capture, but were outgunned and eventually forced to surrender.

During the struggle, Petty Officer Duane Hodges was killed by enemy gunfire and multiple members of the crew were injured.

After the capture of the Pueblo, the remaining 82 crew members were taken to Wonsan, North Korea, and held in captivity for 11 months. During this time, the crew experienced brutal conditions and torture at the hands of their North Korean captors. While the crew members were eventually released, the USS Pueblo was not.

For the past 50 years, the USS Pueblo has sat moored in the

Potomac River and remains the only commissioned vessel by the U.S. Navy to be held in captivity. In that time, it has become one of North Korea's most popular tourist destinations. It is disgraceful that this American ship — where an American life was taken — has become a tool for North Korean propaganda.

Many Americans have forgotten about the USS Pueblo. Many have never even heard the story. However, many Coloradans haven't forgotten the ship proudly named for one of the state's cities. Over



Rep. Tipton's Report

the years, Colorado, Pueblo County and the city of Pueblo have repeatedly passed resolutions calling for the ship's return, but to no avail. However, this past week, a rare opportunity presented itself.

At a summit in Singapore, President Donald Trump met with Kim Jong-un to talk about the denuclearization of North Korea. In anticipation of this historic meeting, I sent a letter to Trump, urging him to ask the North Korean leader for the return of the USS Pueblo as a sign of good faith. While I did not receive a direct response from the president, I did receive assurances from his administration that the return of this ship would be addressed in future negotiations with North Korea.

As the door to peaceful negotiations with North Korea continues to open, we all know that denuclear-

ization must remain the top priority. It is vital that Jong-un is held accountable and that he follows through on his promise to eliminate his entire nuclear arsenal. The security of this nation, and the world, depends on it.

While denuclearization and improvements in human rights are the most important goals of continued negotiations with North Korea, so long as the regime continues to hold this ship hostage and use it to celebrate the death and suffering of American service members, our nations will never have a good relationship. That's why I recently asked Secretary of State and my former colleague in the House, Mike Pompeo, for an update on the current status of conversations with North Korea concerning the return of the USS Pueblo.

We owe it to the memory of Hodges and the rest of the crew members to bring the USS Pueblo home, and I will continue to advocate for its return until this mission is achieved.



Photo courtesy Sandy Artzberger

Archuleta County Republican Women's President Carol Melberg (back) and First Vice President Sandy Artzberger presented Deputy Mike Sindelar from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office with a bullet-proof vest for Edo, the drug-sniffing K-9. The vest was made possible through the generous donations of members and from collections at the June car show. Looking on are meeting guest speakers Sen. Don Coram and UC Regent Glen Gallegos.



Photo courtesy Sandy Artzberger

Edo, the drug-sniffing K-9, demonstrated his skills and modeled his new bullet-proof vest at the Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting June 12. The vest, costing \$900, was made possible through the generous donations of members and from collections at the June car show.

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Obituary

Rebecca Jean (Powers) Slattendale

Rebecca Jean (Powers) Slattendale was born on Sept. 13, 1941, in Elkhart, Ind., to her parents, Oral and Mary Powers. At a very early age (from about 2 years old), Becky went in the ministry from door to door with her mother. She rode in a basket on the back of her mother's bicycle.



In 1950, at age 10, she symbolized her dedication to Jehovah God by being baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. She was baptized in a creek in Elkhart, Ind.

Becky and her husband, Warren,

were married on Oct. 5, 1957, in Compton, Calif. They were married for 60 and a half years and had a son (Christopher Mark Slattendale) on Jan. 1, 1959, in Boulder, Colo. Chris preceded his mother in death at age 37 on April 12, 1996. Becky was preceded in death by her parents.

It meant a lot to Becky to follow closely in the footsteps of Christ Jesus by preaching the good news of God's Kingdom in the house-to-house ministry. She continued sharing in this important work right up until the time of her death. She was an avid reader and student of the Bible right up until the last two weeks of her life.

She was very interested in cooking and taught their son, Chris, to be a good chef. She loved to knit and was a good seamstress. She also worked in the City Market in Pagosa Springs for 10 years.

Becky passed away June 5 at her home in Salmon, Idaho. There will be no memorial service held. Her hope and her faith was that

she will be reunited with Warren in the paradise earth, when she is resurrected by the voice of Jesus Christ, soon to come. Her friends and family will be anxious to see Becky when she is resurrected to perfect health in the paradise earth (Revelation 21:3-5).

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Jones and Casey Funeral Home of Salmon, Idaho, www.jonesandcaseyfh.com.

Memorial

Liz Marchand

A celebration of life for Liz Marchand will be held June 24 at 5 p.m. on the patio of River Sports Bar and Grill (the old Spanish Inn). Some of Liz's favorite foods will be provided, on a first-come, first-served basis, and a cash bar will be available. In lieu of flowers or cards, please donate to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Memorial ID 11316775.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, June 21

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

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

Tuesday, June 26

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

Joint town/county work session. Noon, 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.

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District further consideration of results and alternatives as well as possible approval of water and wastewater rate study by Stantec. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

Wednesday, June 27

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education retreat. 3 p.m., Sunset Ranch, 4186 E. U.S. 160.

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

Thursday, June 28

Archuleta School District Board of Education retreat. 8 a.m., Sunset Ranch, 4186 E. U.S. 160.

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting. 5:30 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, July 3

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

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

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

Monday, July 9

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board special meeting. Noon, Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, July 10

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.

Town Planning Commission,

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

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting and Board of Trustees of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Firemen's Pension Fund regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, July 11

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

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board open house. 5:30 p.m., historic Water Works facility, 96 N. 1st St.

Loma Linda Metropolitan District Board of Directors meeting. 6 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, July 17

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.

Thursday, July 19

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall

council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, July 24

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, July 25

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.

Tuesday, July 31

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

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Senior Center

The Pagosa Senior Center would like to thank Patty Tillerson for her volunteer activities. Our seniors appreciate the wellness checks she provides.

Business

Habitat for Humanity introduces executive director

By Terry Pickett
Special to The SUN

Habitat for Humanity is pleased to introduce its executive director, Valerie Hargis, to the Archuleta County community.

Actually, you may already be familiar with Hargis as she has been at Habitat since January. This is the organization's first opportunity to let you meet her up close.

Hargis comes to Habitat after a successful career in executive leadership for nonprofits and construction. Her roots are in Southwest Colorado with her family homestead in Bayfield. She is a native of Durango.

Her education includes a BA in business administration and



Valerie Hargis

MBA in human resources from Wayland Baptist University. She brings 20-plus years in business experience specializing in busi-

ness management, accounting and human resources. She is a proven professional in nonprofit development, specializing in rural communities.

Hargis answered the following questions.

What attracted you to Pagosa?
It was a chance to come home and work in a community that is genuine, caring, honest and follows through on commitments.

Why a Habitat for Humanity affiliate?

Habitat has a Christian mission that fits with my own personal mission to serve people in meaningful ways. Affordable housing makes a world of difference for a family and the community. A roof over our heads promotes connected-

ness and stability; it's a comfort to families. That flows through the whole family now and generations to come. Everyone needs the basic needs of food and shelter to prosper in life.

What are your goals for Habitat in Archuleta County?

Create a steady volunteer base. Include local businesses in our builds. Forge creative partnerships in the community for alternative ways to meet affordable housing needs. Build two houses each year. Get a ReStore up and running.

Final thoughts?
"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." — 1 Peter 4:10.

There is plenty to do in Pagosa Country

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The SUN

With memories of the West Fork, Pappoose and Little Sand fires just a short five or so years ago here in the Pagosa Springs area, we empathize with our neighbors to the west and the 416 Fire. All of our communities are plagued with questions from visitors planning a trip to our area and the concern that there is nothing to do due to the Stage 3 fire restriction.

Nothing can be further from the truth, as the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center explains to our inquiries. Perhaps many of your businesses are experiencing the same questions? Here is a brief outline to use with your staff members to encourage people to enjoy the activities that we are famous for.

Most of the horseback riding outfitters are still running as they trail ride on private property. Our river guides also have permits to rivers around our area and are still rafting. Of course, we have seen our San Juan River through town packed with tubers, as we see every season.

Now is the time to utilize our disc golf courses on Reservoir Hill and in Cloman Park. The 27-hole golf course is also open every day, with the 19th Hole Concert Series taking place every Thursday evening until July 19. People wanting to play pickleball can also enjoy a challenging game. Of course, the big question is where do we hike, mountain bike or ATV. Again, for hiking or biking, experiencing the many great trails right in town on Reservoir Hill is one option. For more extensive activity, we have been directing people right over the pass to the Rio Grande National Forest trail system. These trails include nearby locations such as Big Meadows, Tucker Ponds, Platoro and even up to the Creede area. It is a short drive and a beautiful

experience.

Pagosa continues to be poised as a great location to hike and ride with our town being the center for activities while these other outdoor activities are close by. We also have many other activities for families to engage in here such as an escape zone, an arcade, outdoor games, live theater, shopping, dining, soaking in the hot springs, fishing (in town or at Echo Lake), the animal park and more. It is important that everyone knows that we continue to operate our businesses.

We hope that the wet weather increases and the fire danger decreases so that we can safely make use of those natural amenities that we rely so heavily upon in many of our industries.

The Chamber has a "button" on its website, www.pagosachamber.com, that has a number of links related to the fire situation in our area. Not only do we have the activities listed that people can engage in, the site also contains the latest on the fire information, air quality and economic impact and assistance through Region 9. Make sure that you as a business owner and your people are informed about what is happening in our community and how to promote all of our businesses.

For more information, please contact the Chamber. We want everyone to know that we are open for business.

Parade applications

The Chamber has applications for the Fourth of July parade available at our offices at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. To receive an assigned slot, please pick up and return your applications to the Chamber by June 30. You can still enter the parade after this date, you will just be assigned a position at the end of the parade line.

Biz Beat



Puja and Udgar Parsons, founders of Growing Spaces, are retiring after 30 years. They created the Growing Dome as an alternative to traditional greenhouses to allow for year-round growing of healthy and organic food. They have also promoted sustainable lifestyles through a thriving conscious business model. The Growing Spaces team wishes them well as they move into the next stage of life adventures.

Puja and Udgar Parsons have confidently passed on the Growing Dome baton to Lem and Liz Tingley, of Golden, Colo.

Growing Spaces welcomes the enthusiasm and expertise of the new leadership.

"Our vision was to acquire a Colorado-based manufacturing company making innovative and environmentally friendly products," said Lem, whose background is in manufacturing. While keeping a base of operations in Pagosa Springs, they also plan to grow the business within the state and throughout the country. They also plan to expand the services offered by Growing Spaces.

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I ask respectfully that you consider voting for Samantha for Treasurer as I will be in the upcoming election.

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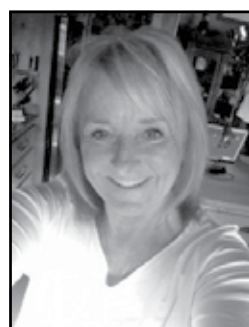
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Jail

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“When the [LPCJ] is experiencing overcrowding conditions by housing 200 or more inmates, the jail may refuse to accept into custody the following individuals ...,” the order states.

The order was signed by 6th Judicial District Court Chief Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson on June 15.

According to the document, the jail will still accept into custody “all out-of-district warrants and all failure-to-appear warrants.”

The jail will also accept all probation revocation no-bond warrants and “all defendants arrested for domestic violence offenses,” the document states.

“The jail shall not release any intoxicated arrestees until they are sober,” the document states.

The order further reads that if the jail houses 190 or more inmates

on any weekday afternoon, the on-call judge can be emailed with recommendations of inmates with pending charges being released on a personal recognizance (PR) bond.

“... the on-call judge may approve or modify the list of proposed inmates to PR so that the jail may stay under maximum capacity without the necessity of calling the on-call judge after working hours,” the order states.

Also, according to the order, if the jail is full “despite the implementation of the guidelines” the jail can call the on-call judge when a new arrest would exceed the jail’s capacity with a recommendation that inmate be released on a PR bond.

The individuals that could be refused acceptance into custody by LPCJ, as listed by the order, are:

- Any defendants arrested for any nonviolent offense that constitutes a felony 4 or lower offense and any

drug offense that is felony 4 or lower.

- Any defendants arrested on arrest warrants issued by the 6th Judicial District for any nonviolent offense that constitutes a drug felony 4 or lower offense.

- Any probation revocation (failure to comply) warrants that have a monetary bond amount set in the warrant.

- Any county court failure to appear (FTA) bench warrants where the bond is set at \$10,000 or less and any district court FTA warrants where the bond is set at \$25,000 or less.

According to the document, any FTA or probation arrestee “who is released from custody” according to the guidelines above will be given a PR bond at the jail to appear on the criminal docket of the court who issued the warrant “at least one week after arrest.”

“Any other arrestee who is re-

leased from custody... shall be given a PR bond at the jail to appear in county court on a Tuesday at 8:30 AM at least one week after arrest,” the document reads.

However, Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez is already planning for enforcement.

Valdez explained that the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office will still be enforcing the laws, and performing its duties.

“We’re going to do everything we can,” Valdez said to The SUN.

If someone needs to go to court, or someone needs to be in jail, Valdez explained, they will be.

Valdez explained that contact had already been made, and contracts signed, with Rio Grande County for further inmate housing if needed.

“It’s not a free-for-all,” Valdez told The SUN.

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STRs

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the adoption of [STR] policy ... and those will be heard in depth on July 3,” Wadley said.

Further, according to Wadley, any adjustments based on public comment would be made at that time.

Since the STR item was continued, it was not opened to public comment.

Commissioner Michael Whiting had something to add about the July 3 meeting, however.

“... although I won’t be here on the third to vote, my position, for lack of a better term, is well established with my fellow commissioners and staff, and so I wish you luck on the third,” Whiting said.

What is an STR?

The county currently has provisions in its land-use regulations addressing STRs that prohibit those rentals in residential and rural residential zoning districts.

Per the document, a “Bed and Breakfast” (where an owner lives) is allowed with a conditional use permit in the following zones in unincorporated Archuleta County: Agricultural Ranching, Agricultural Estate, Rural Residential and Commercial.

At the April 24 joint work session of the BoCC and Pagosa Springs Town Council, Archuleta County Administrator Bentley Henderson explained that, currently, there is a misconception that the county does not allow STRs.

“That’s not correct,” Henderson said on May 1. “There are locations within the county where [STRs] are permitted right now.”

Henderson explained at the May 1 meeting that there are over 600 unregulated and unregistered STRs across Archuleta County.

Henderson explained at that meeting that the current licensing surrounding STRs exists on a come-and-get-it basis, with no enforcement of policy or punishment for lack of license.

“We have zero compliant businesses in the community ... and when I say zero, I mean zero,” Commissioner Michael Whiting said on May 15.

Henderson further explained at the April 24 work session that the current need is to decide if STRs are a use by right in every county zone minus commercial and industrial.

“It only makes sense that you have a second look at establishing residential uses in commercial or

industrial zone districts, in my own opinion anyway,” Henderson said on May 1.

Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr explained at the May 1 meeting that if a subdivision or other body had rules governing STRs, the county’s regulations would not overrule those local regulations.

Proposed regulations

The proposed changes, which have been looked at by both the Archuleta County Planning Commission and the BoCC itself, include changing the costs, permits and other details surrounding what a “legal” STR is.

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

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

For multifamily dwellings, vacation rentals would be allowed with

a conditional-use permit in residential, commercial and industrial zoning districts.

At a May 15 BoCC meeting, Shepard explained that, in light of the public comments and commissioner concerns, the proposed regulations had been changed to exclude signs and to intensify the importance of the notice of neighbors about the structure’s change from a long-term residence to an STR.

One of the suggestions made by Shepard at the BoCC’s morning work session on June 19, was to have an online permitting process with a basic sketch of the possible STR property.

According to Shepard, this would create an easy way to apply and come into compliance with STRs, and allow possible STR owners in another geographic area the ability to easily submit a sketch and forms.

This online permit process would be on a website, created by a vendor already used by the county, according to Shepard.

The cost of setting up this website, by rough estimate of Shepard, was around \$7,000.

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Coroner

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cluded this after an abnormal PET CT scan, neurocognitive evaluation and office evaluation.”

The letter notes that the doctor recommended a “leave of absence with disability.”

That leave, the letter states, started Wednesday, June 20, after Keuning met with his deputy coroner staff, with the BoCC in executive session (on Tuesday), with law enforcement and investigations staff, and with dispatch staff.

Keuning’s letter notes he’s also asked County Clerk and Recorder June Madrid to look into what is necessary for the change in elections for the General Election.

Keuning informed The SUN that he is not resigning, but that it will be a long-term leave and the BoCC would have the opportunity to fill his role by appointing a coroner to serve until after the General Election.

“I appreciate all the support I have received and hope to leave a positive legacy in the Coroner Of-

fice,” Keuning wrote in the letter. Your love and care for me and my family is felt everyday.”

Keuning told The SUN he will be “perusing treatment options in the near future” and thanked the community.

BoCC Chair Steve Wadley explained early Wednesday afternoon that the county is researching what needs to be done, including what Keuning’s intentions are, what the next steps need to be and if the commissioners need to fill the position.

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Education



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Five environmentally conscious students at Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) presented their research and findings of their litter study to Town Manager Andrea Phillips, Town Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis, Archuleta School District Superintendent Linda Reed and Mayor Don Volger on Monday. Students also showed their ideas and designs for new trash cans in Pagosa Springs. Following the presentation, a tour of PPOS was conducted by School Director James Lewicki.



Superintendent provides updates on BEST grant, school safety, task force recommendation

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As a part of the monthly Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) meeting, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed presented her superintendent's report to the board.

The report, given June 12, covered academic celebrations for Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) students' academic achievements, an update on the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant process and school safety.

According to Reed's report, during PSHS's award night on May 29, PSHS recognized students who received a 4.0 GPA for the 2017-18 school year.

In total, 17 students were recognized during the awards night, Reed noted.

"The final grades were not completely calculated because the year wasn't over," Reed explained.

Once the school year ended and all grades were calculated, Reed noted that "significantly" more students garnered 4.0 GPAs.

All students will be awarded academic letters in the fall, Reed's report states.

Pagosa Peak Open School awarded \$135,000 grant

By James Lewicki
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) has been awarded a \$135,000 grant from the Colorado-based James Walton Fund to implement food security initiatives for the school as well as Archuleta County and to secure a school guidance counselor.

Food security is the condition in which all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.

The grant supports micro-financing of student-designed projects that implement ideas to increase food security for the Pagosa Springs community and Archuleta County. Small project grants will enable good ideas to come to fruition by supporting

■ See Grant A12

BEST grant update

Reed explained during the meeting that the State Board of Education would be meeting the following day, on June 13.

"And will most likely approve our high school BEST grant, and after that we're going to begin the RFP (request for proposal) process," Reed said. "As you can imagine, with any kind of state funds, there are definitely going to be requirements that we're going to have to meet."

It is ASD's hope to have at least installed card readers and door-control equipment at PSHS by the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, Reed explained.

The reconfiguration of the PSHS entrance, however, will likely have to go through the state permitting process, Reed noted.

Reed also added that she was informed that there are currently

over 100 projects in line for the state permitting process and approximately 20-25 projects are processed a week.

"We're also exploring some different options to expedite the process, such as a design/build process rather than a RFP for design and a RFP for build because it's a small project," Reed said.

School safety report

The next item in the report was an update on school safety.

Reed, along with Safe Schools NOW team member Ken Fox, recently met with Kathy Morris.

Morris was the Board of Cooperative Educational Services Director in Durango, but had recently been hired by Durango School District 9-R.

Reed's report explains that there will be meetings with Morris to

discuss school safety plans that ASD currently has in place and to make sure it's not missing anything regarding school safety for the 2018-19 school year.

Task force update

Finally, Reed touched on the upcoming final facilities task force meeting.

The community opinion surveys sent out by ASD will be sent to investment banking firm George K. Baum for tabulation and a summary of responses to the survey, Reed explains in her report.

Those results will be presented to the task force at its final meeting on June 25 and, additionally, the task force will be asked to prepare a final recommendation to the BOE at its June 28 meeting, Reed's report concludes.

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Eighth-graders from Pagosa Springs Middle School explore sites during their trip to the East Coast last week. Some of students' stops along the route included New York City; Washington, D.C.; Boston; Philadelphia; the Jamestown settlement; and Williamsburg.

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School district receives NWEA test scores

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

With the release of the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) scores, Archuleta School District (ASD) schools have shown collective growth in the reading, math and science portions of the tests, sometimes outgrowing the national average.

Below are the ASD NWEA average scores of each of the 10 grades that took the NWEA tests in the fall of 2017 and spring of 2018, along with the growth average between the two tests.

ASD Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares explained that there are not "total" NWEA scores, but, rather, the NWEA utilizes Rasch

units.

"And that is on a continuum and it's generally a three-digit number and we can look at a range between the 150s up to, maybe, 300," Mijares explained. "But, the important thing is to look at that as a measure of growth."

There is also a language usage NWEA test, but ASD does not administer that, Mijares noted.

The following NWEA results listed below do not include results for Pagosa Peak Open School.

Reading results

- First grade: Local students scored an average of 158.8 in the fall of 2017 (national average 159.1) and improved to 176.9 points in the

spring of 2018 (national average 176.6), for an 18.1-point growth (national average 17.5).

- Second grade: 171.3 (national average 173.3) improved to 189 points (national average 188.1), for a 17.7-point growth (national average 14.8).

- Third grade: 186.4 (national average 187.1) improved to 197 points (national average 198.3), for a 10.6-point growth (national average 11.2).

- Fourth grade: 197.4 (national average 197.3) improved to 204.4 points (national average 205.6), for a 7.0-point growth (national average 8.3).

- Fifth grade: 203.8 (national average 205) improved to 209.2

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Grant

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the time, materials and supplies needed to carry out the projects. For instance, a wheelchair-accessible garden might be developed, or an expansion of a community garden, cooking and nutrition classes, or development of additional resources for food distribution. The mini-grants will be available to all the schools and community organizations of Archuleta County. The grant program will begin this fall.

A school counselor will imple-

ment a school-wide developmental guidance curriculum and work with students one to one and in small groups. Furthermore, the initiative will build collaborative partnerships with a variety of community professionals and organizations that support the emotional health of children and youth. Ideas will be implemented that provide positive experiences for children and youth, thereby increasing their emotional health and resiliency. School and community-based workshops and seminars will be

initiated as well to support this effort in reducing aggression and negative experiences for children and youth.

The purchase of vehicles is also supported to provide access for students to implement field studies and community projects.

For more information on the food security initiative feel free to contact Emily Murphy, PPOS food security and project advisor, at emurphy@ppos.co or for general questions, or PPOS School Director James Lewicki at jlewicki@ppos.co.

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Center of Southwest Studies continues free lecture series with 'Women in the Southwest' talk by Kate Nelson

By Julie Tapley-Booth
Special to The SUN

The Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College continues its summer lecture series based on the theme "Women in the Southwest" with a presentation from Kate Nelson, "Three Women, One Story: 1,000 Years of Art, History and Culture in Under an Hour," on Wednesday, June 27, at 1:30 p.m. in the center's Lyceum Room No. 120.

Pablita Velarde, Helen Hardin, and Margarete Bagshaw encompass more than a three-generation story of women artists. Their lives also touch on key points of Southwestern history — from Ancestral Puebloans to the Spanish flu, Harvey Houses, hippies and the evolving arc of Native American art.

Nelson wrote the biography "Helen Hardin: A Straight Line Curved" and is managing editor of New Mexico Magazine, where she's

paid to travel around the Land of Enchantment meeting interesting people and telling their stories. She cut her teeth as a newspaper writer and editor at the Kansas City Star and Albuquerque Tribune and did public relations and marketing for the New Mexico History Museum/Palace of the Governors. She lives in the northern foothills of the Sandia Mountains, where she attempts to garden despite occasional incursions by wild horses.

This lecture is free to the public.

Parking on campus is free during summer months.

The Center of Southwest Studies, now in its 54th year, provides an active program of free public lectures and events year-round at its museum, research library and archives facility on the campus of Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.

For more information, please contact the center's business office at 247-7456 or visit <http://swcenter.fortlewis.edu>.

Options available to maintain independence for aging, disabled

By Laura Chapman
Special to The SUN

Harry is an 85-year-old senior living alone in his home with neighbors checking in on him now and then. His children and grandchildren live out of state and express concerns about his ability to manage basic tasks in his home. They're worried he might fall and not be found for days. Harry doesn't want to move out of his home or to another state to live with his children. He enjoys his independence and doesn't want to be a burden. He is no longer able to drive and appears to be unhappy and isolated since the death of his wife five years ago.

Does this sound familiar? Scenarios like this are happening more often as family members move further away from extended family for employment and life pursuits. Few realize the options available to their aging loved ones to support their goal of staying in their homes.

Jack is a 29-year-old paraplegic

with a traumatic brain injury transitioning out of a rehabilitation center after a motorcycle accident. He is concerned about his care once he is discharged home. His home will be difficult to access as there are steps leading to his front door. Jack is overwhelmed with grief over his new challenges and changes in life.

Both of these hypothetical situations represent the population served through Options for Long Term Care, or Single Entry Point program (SEP), through San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH). The program serves over 400 individuals in La Plata, Archuleta and San Juan counties.

SJBPH believes that the elderly and people with disabilities deserve to maintain their independence and live with integrity. The Options for Long Term Care program helps people stay in their homes and out of nursing facilities, and by doing so inspires well-being and creates a higher quality of life for the individuals served.

Options for Long Term Care is a Health First Colorado (Medicaid) program in collaboration with the Department of Social Services. Individuals must first apply at their local county office for Long Term Care Medicaid, and qualifying income requirements and functional criteria must be met, as outlined by the state of Colorado. A functional assessment is completed by a case manager and areas of need are identified, as well as supports and services that can be provided through the program.

The supportive home-based services provided by Options for Long Term Care help people feel at ease in their own homes and in control of their life choices. This results in a higher quality of life for the individuals we serve while promoting health and safety.

Some of the services Options for Long Term Care case managers provide include:

- Homemaking: to clean, do laundry, grocery shop and prepare meals.
- Personal care: to assist in bathing, dressing, skin care and hygiene.

- Skilled care: in which a certified CNA or registered nurse attends to medical care and medications.
- Home modifications: to create accessibility, wheelchair ramps, grab bars and roll-in showers.
- Electronic monitoring: to provide emergency assistance for falls/medical emergencies or medication machines.
- Non-medical transportation: to engage in events and activities in the community.
- Care coordination: to connect individuals to other viable resources within their community.

SJBPH's Options for Long Term Care wants to ensure that people like Harry can "age in place" and still receive the care and attention they need. Additionally, the program strives to serve individuals like Jack to help maintain their independence and continue to live safely in their homes for as long as possible without having to utilize long-term care facilities.

For more information, visit sjbpublichealth.org/sep.

Scores

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(national average 211.5), for a 5.4-point growth (national average 6.5).

• Sixth grade: 207.4 (national average 210.5) improved to 213.1 (national average 215.5), for a 5.7-point growth (national average 5.0).

• Seventh grade: 214.8 (national average 214.1) improved to 217.6 (national average 218), for a 2.8-point growth (national average 3.9).

• Eighth grade: 214.6 (national average 217) improved to 223.6 (national average 219.9), for a 9.0-point growth (national average 2.9).

• Ninth grade: 222.5 (national average 220.1) improved to 225.6 (national average 221.8), for a 3.1-point growth (national average 1.7).

• Tenth grade: 222.8 (national average 220.3) improved to 226.7 (national average 221.2), for a 3.9 point growth (national average 0.9).

Of the 10 grades that took the NWEA reading test, six of them had growth-point averages higher than the national average.

Math results

The following are the ASD NWEA average scores of each of the 10 grades that took the NWEA math test in the fall of 2017 and spring of 2018, along with the growth average:

• First grade: 158.5 (national average 160.8) improved to 181.6 points (national average 179.7), for a 23.1-point growth (national average 18.9).

• Second grade: 173.3 (national average 175.6) improved to 190.7 points (national average 191.2), for a 17.4-point growth (national average 15.6).

• Third grade: 187.3 (national average 189.4) improved to 198.3 points (national average 202.6), for an 11-point growth (national average 13.2).

• Fourth grade: 197.7 (national average 201.1) improved to 209.5 points (national average 212.7), for an 11.8-point growth (national average 11.6).

• Fifth grade: 206.6 (national average 210.7) improved to 217.6 (national average 220.7), for an 11-point growth (national average 10).

• Sixth grade: 210.9 (national average 217.1) improved to 217.9 (national average 224.8), for a 7.0-point growth (national average 7.7).

• Seventh grade: 217.4 (national average 222.2) improved to 225.5 (national average 228.2), for an 8.1-point growth (national average 6.0).

• Eighth grade: 223.7 (national average 225.9) improved to 231.2 (national average 230.7), for a 7.5-point growth (national average 4.8).

• Ninth grade: 229.2 (national average 230) improved to 230.8 (national average 233.2), for a 1.6-point growth (national average 3.2).

• Tenth grade: 231.8 (national average 229.8) improved to 234.8 (national average 232.2), for a 3.0-point growth (national average 2.4).

Of the 10 grades that took the NWEA math test, seven of them had growth point averages higher than the national average.

Science results

Only two grades at PSHS took the NWEA science test, ninth and

10th grade, and both grades again showed improvement from the fall to the spring.

PSHS ninth-graders raised their scores from 218 (national average 212.3) to 220.3 (national average 214.7), for a growth of 2.3 points.

Nationally, ninth-grade students raised their NWEA science scores 2.4 points.

PSHS 10th-grade students raised their average NWEA science score from 218 (national average 213.2) to 220.6 (national average 215), for an average growth of 2.6 points.

Nationally, 10th-grade students only raised their average score by 1.8 points.

Mijares later explained the reason why the NWEA science test is given to ninth- and 10th-graders.

"That is to help with the placement of their integrated math program," Mijares said.
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Outdoors

License checks go with privilege of fishing

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is reminding the public that its officers routinely check anglers for valid fishing licenses and that anglers agree to those inspections when they buy a license.

The reminder was prompted by a video circulating on social media showing an encounter that turned into an unnecessary confrontation. While the confrontation did not result in violence or an arrest, it's an example of what CPW officers are facing more frequently when they are in the field checking licenses.

"This is the third similar incident in recent weeks," said Mike Trujillo, CPW's area wildlife manager for the Pueblo region. "It seems like we are facing more and more confrontations along these lines and it's troubling. We are only

trying to ensure everyone is following the law."

The video shows two CPW wildlife officers at a lake in Pueblo during the Memorial Day holiday. The officers were conducting routine checks of anglers for valid fishing licenses. CPW checks licenses to ensure people are adhering to a state law (Colorado Revised Statute 33-6-101) requiring anyone fishing in Colorado to purchase a license and to adhere to bag limits and legal methods of take.

The encounter became tense, however, when a man with a fishing rod angrily refused the officers' requests that he produce his license. He wrongly declared the request a violation of his constitutional rights and he erupted in a profanity-laced tirade of personal insults against the officers.

His verbal attacks escalated even as the officers showed the

man a state statute book and read the entry to him that states anyone fishing in Colorado must buy a license and produce it when asked by an officer.

Eventually, the man showed the officers his valid license, but he continued to act with belligerence toward the wildlife managers even as they left to check other anglers at the lake.

Colorado has a long history of regulating fishing to protect and perpetuate our fishing resources. It dates to Nov. 6, 1861, when the first Legislative Assembly of the Colorado Territory passed a law banning the use of seines, nets, baskets or traps to catch trout. New laws soon followed including the Fish Law of 1870 making it illegal to "kill or take trout or other fish by use of poisonous, deleterious or stupefying drug or explosives."

Those laws were a response to

the extreme depletion, and even extinction, of some species of fish in Colorado and dangerous practices used by early residents to catch fish.

The first fishing season was enacted in 1885. The first non-resident fishing license, costing \$2, was approved in 1909 and the first resident fishing license was enacted in 1913.

The funds were used to pay for research and to fund hatcheries where fish were bred for stocking into Colorado lakes and rivers. Today, CPW uses proceeds from fishing licenses to stock 90 million fish annually into Colorado's 2,000 natural lakes, 800 reservoirs and 9,500 miles of trout streams.

For more information on the rules for fishing in Colorado, visit: <http://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/RulesRegs/Brochure/fishing.pdf>.

Support available for wildfire distress

By Karla Sluis
Special to The SUN

The 416 and Burro wildfires can bring up many challenging emotions.

Axis Health System (AHS), a local health care nonprofit, is offering a variety of counseling options for people who are in crisis or having difficulty coping with disaster-related stress. Community members have the following options:

- Schedule a free AHS counseling visit. People who are experiencing distress caused by the 416 or Burro wildfires may schedule three free 30-minute counseling visits.

This resource is available only for new AHS patients. Current AHS patients are encouraged to continue attending regularly scheduled appointments and seeking support from their provider as needed.

New patients who want to schedule the fire-related counseling visits may call Archuleta Integrated Healthcare at 264-2104.

For immediate support 24/7, call the Axis Health System Crisis Line at 247-5245. How do you know if you or someone you love is in crisis? There are wide-ranging symptoms that can be both emotional and physical. Depression, fearfulness and difficulties in dealing with

day-to-day life are some common signs that someone is in crisis. Below are other symptoms of stress in a disaster:

- Difficulty communicating thoughts.
- Difficulty sleeping.
- Difficulty maintaining balance in your life.
- Low threshold of frustration.
- Increased use of drugs/alcohol.
- Limited attention span.
- Poor work performance.
- Headaches/stomach problems.
- Tunnel vision/muffled hearing.
- Colds or flu-like symptoms.
- Disorientation or confusion.
- Difficulty concentrating.
- Reluctance to leave home.
- Depression, sadness.
- Feelings of hopelessness.
- Mood-swings and easy bouts of crying.
- Overwhelming guilt and self-doubt.
- Fear of crowds, strangers or being alone.

"Stress symptoms during a wildfire are normal reactions to an abnormal situation," said Sarada Leavenworth, AHS senior director of strategy and development. "We encourage everyone to reach out when they need support — whether that's connecting with loved ones, talking to a doctor or meeting with one of our counselors. We live in an amazing region where

we take care of each other during disasters like this."

Coping tools for disaster-related stress include:

- Acknowledge the loss.
- Tell the story — talk about your feelings.
- Be in the moment fully.
- Give yourself permission to feel rotten.
- Limit use of alcohol/drugs.
- Take deep breaths.
- Structure your life as much as possible.
- Create a safe and healing environment.
- Acknowledge your process — allow others their own.
- Allow yourself time.
- Acknowledge your vulnerability and limitations.
- Seek professional counseling.
- Participate in support groups.
- Listen to your body.
- Rest and get plenty of sleep.
- Eat nutritious foods.
- Increase light physical activity.
- Postpone major decisions.
- Try journaling or expression through artwork.
- Connect with others.
- Receive body work/massage.
- Nurture yourself.

Durango community leaders establish 416 Fire relief effort

By Theresa Blake Graven
Special to The SUN

The 416 Fire has prompted a group of concerned citizens, businesses and community leaders to band together and establish Southwest Colorado Disaster Assistance (SWCODA).

The mission of SWCODA is to share resources and raise awareness during the 416 Fire by matching those who want to help with those in need of assistance.

Oftentimes, community organizations are able to respond quickly and provide interim relief during times of crisis. The SWCODA is a repository of resources and information that shares the many ways people can get assistance during this time, and how individuals and businesses can get involved and help.

A major function of SWCODA is to raise awareness and assist with fundraising efforts for the Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF). This fund is set up for broad-based community emergencies in southwest Colorado.

"Our advisory committee is

working with government agencies and local businesses to develop a strategy for vetting the needs and distributing the funds we raise," said Brigen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado. "Our efforts will support local people and efforts related to the 416 Fire. Phase 1 is to raise \$500,000, which will help 750-1,000 people in La Plata and San Juan counties with bridge funding for immediate expense, including food, transportation and shelter."

On Monday, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado began accepting applications online for individuals who have been financially impacted by the 416 Fire. More details about how to apply and criteria will be forthcoming.

Please visit <https://swcoda.org> to learn more. Community members and organizations are encouraged to share ideas and resources as the website and social media pages will be regularly updated.

SWCODA is a grassroots community effort in partnership with

the following:

- City of Durango,
- Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado,
- Durango Area Tourism Office,
- Durango Business Improvement District,
- Durango Chamber of Commerce,
- La Plata County Government,
- La Plata Economic Development Alliance,
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Please contact Theresa Blake Graven for more information at swcoda@gmail.com or 764-7783. Regular updates will be posted online at <https://swcoda.org> and through social media at www.facebook.com/swcoda/ and www.twitter.com/SouthwestColor1.

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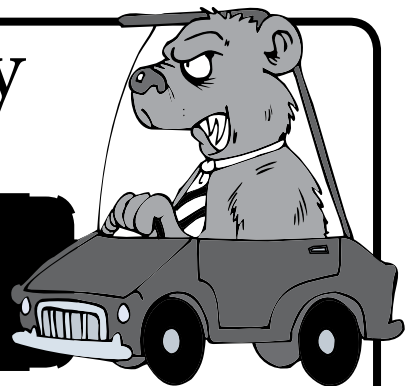
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Get your tickets now for 69th annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

By Lisa Scott
Special to The SUN

Sixty-nine years. The Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo began in Pagosa Springs in 1949 and has been a town and rodeo tradition ever since. The rodeo was named for the famous comic strip character, Red Ryder, who was drawn by Pagosa Springs resident Fred Harman Jr. The comic strip was wildly popular and ran from 1938-1964 in 750 newspapers.

Red was a cowboy hero and a crime fighter of the west, accompanied by his sidekick, Little Beaver, a young Navajo Indian boy. Both had trusty steeds, named Thunder and Paopose, respectively. Cowboys and cowgirls from various states, on their trusty steeds, will travel to compete for prizes and prize money in this sanctioned rodeo series. The event is also filled with a variety of exhibition events to make an entertaining traditional American rodeo event.

The Red Ryder rodeos will be Wednesday, July 4, at

2 p.m., Thursday, July 5, at 6 p.m. and Friday, July 6, at 6 p.m., presented at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds off U.S. 84 and Mill Creek Road. Tickets are available at Goodman's Department Store and at the gate prior to the event.

The cost is \$10 per adult and \$6 for children 12 and under on July 5 and 6. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$8 for children 12 and under on July 4. A limited number of box seats are available and can be purchased by calling 264-5000.

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Each daily performance begins with an impressive grand entry with flags waving from westerners on horseback. Rodeo events are interspersed with a variety of other acts like the Mutton Bustin' contest, Daisy BB gun raffle and rodeo clown.

The website www.PagosaRodeo.com has detailed information about the entire event. Additional questions can be directed to 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.



Photo courtesy Diana Talbot

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Special Olympics athletes medal at State Summer Games

By Nancy Walls
Special to The SUN

Two members of the Pagosa Springs Special Olympics track and field team traveled to Grand Junction with coaches Wayne Walls, Nancy Walls and Ben Vaughan for the State Special Olympics Summer Games June 8-10.

Tricia Sierpiejko scored well in the women's division, bringing home a silver medal for her 16-meter softball throw and bronze medals for her 54-second 100-meter and 104-second 200-meter fast walks.

Dalton Walls, 16, scored big in the young men's division, winning double golds for his 40-meter softball throw and 3.9-meter running long jump and a silver medal for his 3.9-meter running long jump.

At the regional meet in May, Sierpiejko recited the Athletes' Oath to the spectators and participants at the Stocker Stadium opening ceremony and was interviewed by the local television network.

The state games are attended by 1,100 athletes and coaches who gather from all over Colorado to participate in track and field, soccer, aquatics and power-lifting events. The Summer Games which are Colorado Special Olympics' largest, most festive annual event, were hosted by Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, which also provided lodging, food and entertainment for the teams.



Photo courtesy Nancy Walls

The Pagosa Springs Special Olympics track and field team just returned from the State Summer Games in Grand Junction. Dalton Walls, left, and Tricia Sierpiejko brought home medals in multiple categories.

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Election Tracker

Republican Candidates for Archuleta County Treasurer

The Pagosa Springs SUN asked Republican candidates for Archuleta County treasurer to provide a brief biographical statement and answer the following questions. Answers are printed unedited, as they were received.

Samantha Armitstead



My husband and I honeymooned in Pagosa almost 11 years ago and fell in love with the area. Six years ago we were blessed to be able to move here full time. Before moving to Archuleta County, I spent over nine years working in the financial industry teaching fraud prevention, financial management, government regulations and customer service skills to all levels of bank personal. For over four years, I have used these skills as treasurer deputy to help the residents of Archuleta County. I enjoy volunteering with 4-H, the County Fair, Chamber of Commerce and the Empty Bowls program.

Elsa White



I am a longtime resident of Archuleta County; 33 years in the Banking Industry and 2 years in the Treasurer's Office. I have been on different boards, Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, The Pagosa Springs Booster Club, The Pagosa Springs Spanish Club, the Eddie Oldham Scholarship Fund. I am currently a member of Pagosa Springs Morning Rotary Club and a member of the Archuleta County Republican Women's Committee.

What are your top three goals if you are elected and how will you achieve those goals?

My top three goals are increasing return on investments while keeping funds safe, fraud prevention and customer service. Working in the treasurer's office means that I do not have to wait to implement my changes and am already working towards my goals. With the rising interest rates, I meet with our investment partners to stay updated and ensure we are maximizing returns while keeping funds safe. Fraud prevention is an ongoing fight that requires the entire office to be on guard. By implementing new safety procedures, additional training and fraud awareness the treasurer's office has already stopped multiple fraud attempts. I have been working to increase customer service by offering educational classes to Archuleta residents. The treasurer's office has successfully delivered multiple classes on counterfeit currency and financial fraud prevention. I am working on plans to improve the treasurer's website by making it easier to use and increasing content.

1) Security of County funds-make sure procedures are in place to protect the funds from fraud, plus making sure that the County funds are properly insured.
2) Investments of County fund-look at all options with credited investors for the best return without compromising liquidity.
3) Cross-training of employees-Documenting procedures, to be able to help customers with any questions.

What education and/or professional experience do you have that would qualify you to be county treasurer?

Over nine years of training bankers in financial management, fraud prevention and government regulations provides me with a strong foundation that has prepared me for working in the treasurer's office. The on-the-job training that our current treasurer, Betty Diller, provided was invaluable in helping me to become a great deputy treasurer and ensured that I have the experience and skills required to be your next Archuleta County Treasurer. As a life-long learner, I am always looking for the opportunity to learn something new. I have completed online accounting classes and enjoy attending lectures and reading books to ensure I stay up-to-date on new technology, cyber security, financial fraud and the changes and trends in the local and national economies. Other county treasurers have recognized me as a provider of quality educational programs. I look forward to continuing to be an educational resource to the Colorado County Treasurer's Association.

I started in the Banking Industry as a teller, worked my way up to Cashier/Vice President. I am currently an Assistant-Vice President/Operations Officer. Through out my years in banking we are required to complete different courses pertaining to regulatory issues, funds availability, customer secrecy and other technology changes that could affect our customers. I have always worked with our customers to find the best investments for them as I would for Archuleta County. I understand the importance of check and balances: reconciliations are what I do on a daily basis.

Why are you running for office?

I am running for Archuleta County Treasurer because I love working in the treasurer's office and I love getting to serve Archuleta County residents every day. Working in the treasurer's office has taught me the importance of the treasurer / public trustee position and its impact on the county's wellbeing. There are a lot of changes coming to Archuleta County and having a treasurer with the right skills and experience will ensure a smooth transition on January 1st. Improving service to our citizens is very important to me. This year, I made several changes to the tax notices to improve readability and ensure regulatory compliance. After evaluating the new notices, I have identified a few more areas where we can improve visibility and ease of use. I have the skills and training to keep the treasurer's office running smoothly and to keep the county's funds safe, secure and invested wisely.

I believe I am the best candidate due to my years in the Banking Industry and in the Treasurer's Office, I understand the importance of the security of the public funds as well as the investments of those funds. I want to bring unity to the offices of Archuleta County, I feel I can make a difference.

What is the most important quality an elected official should possess?

I believe the most important quality an elected official should possess is integrity. Our elected officials have to make decisions that affect the county and its residents. When hard decisions must be made, I want to feel confident that the people making those decisions are honest, have strong morals and the integrity to do the right thing. Being elected to serve Archuleta County should change a person's perspective from what do I want to do, to what do the people of Archuleta County want and need me to do. A person with integrity can make that change. As county treasurer, I will conduct myself with integrity. I will follow the statutes without preference, I will apply the laws fairly and equally to each person who walks through my door. I will make decisions based on statutes, truth and compassion rather than feelings and emotion. I am responsible for my actions.

To be available to the residents of Archuleta County, I will be a hands-on Treasurer. I will work closely with the employees to assist residents and provide good customer service. Understanding the importance of the security and insured requirements, plus finding the best investments for the county funds. Protecting our residents and employees from fraud.

Please explain what you think are the primary differences between you and your opponent.

The simplest way to explain the difference between Elsa White and myself is the right experience. I have not just worked in the treasurer's office for over four years; I have been personally trained and educated by our current treasurer, Betty Diller. Ms. White has not. I used this time to develop relationships and learn from our investment partners, treasurers from across Colorado, banking partners and our software developers. Ms. White has not. I draw on these relationships to ask questions and seek assistance if needed, but these relationships are not one-way. I use my experience to help our county's partners. Ms. White cannot. I manage \$24 million in county investments. Ms. White does not. The treasurer's office is like water, it needs to keep moving forward to avoid becoming stagnant. Voting for the right experience will ensure we keep moving forward.

Being a longtime resident of Archuleta County I feel I have our residents best interest, I will make sure their hard-earned money is secure and well invested. I am bilingual and will use my Spanish to help the other departments. I will reach out to the banks and Title Companies to see how we can work together.

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Fire claims mobile home, land on Pineridge Trail

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

A mobile home fell prey to fire around 11 o'clock on the morning of Thursday, June 14, with the fire eventually claiming roughly a quarter acre of land.

According to Deputy Chief Karn Macht with the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD), "We arrived on scene with Engine 1 ... to a fully involved mobile home fire."

A call came in at 11:02 a.m. for a fire on Pineridge Trail, and the PFPD was on scene by 11:21 a.m., Macht told The SUN.

According to Lt. Thad McKain of the PFPD, the given name for the fire was the Hollow Fire.

By the time that PFPD had reached the Hollow Fire location, the walls of the mobile home had already collapsed from the flames, Macht explained to The SUN.

"The trailer was already pretty much burnt," Macht said.

When the walls collapsed, Macht explained, the flames spread, creating a brush fire eventually reaching

a quarter of an acre.

"We were able to get lines around it, and contained it at about a quarter acre," Macht said.

The cause of the fire, however, is currently unknown, according to Macht, and a fire investigation is in process.

The trailer in question, according to Macht, was unoccupied at the time of the fire.

According to McKain, the trailer was being rented, but a resident was not on scene during the fire.

However, the work at the fire was not over when the scene was cleared.

At 3:57 p.m., a call was made which resulted in most of the original responders returning to the Hollow Fire scene, Macht explained.

According to Macht, when the trailer fire was blazing, it consumed two spruce trees that were next to the trailer.

"We believe that sent some embers way into what we call 'the green,' outside of the fire control line we put in," Macht said.

When they arrived a fire was blazing, and it was beginning to climb up a nearby hill, Macht told The SUN.

"We got another quarter-acre brush fire from that," Macht said.

"Basically, it was starting to climb up the top of the hill ... but we were able to get a hose line and a wet line around it," said Macht.

In addition to the responders on the ground, Macht explained, an "air attack" plane and a helicopter were called in to assist to the slope fire.

"But when we arrived on scene we found out that we could get around it with ground forces," Macht said.

Air attack did a few flyovers, Macht described, to make sure there were no other fire spots, but eventually it was diverted off to perform forest "recon."

The fire was contained to another quarter acre, and no other structures were endangered, Macht explained.

The fire was called out Wednesday afternoon.
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Photo courtesy Zhena

The Hollow Fire, the name given to two blazes that claimed a mobile home and two quarter-acre sections of land on Pineridge Trail, burns behind some trees. The occupant of the mobile home was not present during the fire, and the cause of the blaze is unknown. An investigation is underway. The first call to fire crews came in at about 11 a.m. Thursday morning, and a second call for a second fire came in at nearly 4 p.m. that same day.

Watering trees necessary during drought conditions

By Ryan Lockwood
Special to The SUN

Persistent drought conditions have parched the soil over southern Colorado, stressing even irrigated lawns and larger landscape trees. During these periods of drought, homeowners should consider supplemental watering to keep their trees healthy.

"Adequately watering your trees is the best way to ensure optimum growth and vigor during the summer months," said Donna Davis, Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) community forestry program specialist. "Dry trees become susceptible to root and branch dieback and subsequent insect and disease problems."

The most recent U.S. Drought Monitor map, released last week, indicates that all of southern Colorado is currently experiencing some form of drought — with 50 percent of the state under "severe"

or worse drought classifications.

The CSFS offers the following tips to keep trees healthy during summer drought:

- Mulch. Mulch is an inexpensive solution to retain soil moisture and save water. Apply 4 inches of organic mulch onto bare soil outward 2 to 3 feet from the base of the trunk (removing any grass first, if necessary). Do not allow the mulch to directly contact the trunk.

- Water a wide area. Tree root systems, unlike carrots, typically don't dive downward, but instead go outward — spreading two to three times wider than the height of the tree — and most absorbing roots are in the top foot of soil. Apply water to soak the entire area underneath the full span of a tree's branches.

- Water slowly. To ensure soil penetration, use a deep root fork (inserted 8 inches or less), soaker hose on low setting or soft spray wand to apply water gradually to the full area.

- Keep the yard green. Trees located in irrigated lawns generally do not require additional water, as long as the area surrounding the tree receives adequate moisture. Conversely, a dry, yellow yard means the roots of any trees present are also dry.

- Focus on smaller and non-irrigated trees. Trees that do not receive water from sprinkler systems or irrigation require additional water. Every week, apply 10 gallons of water for each inch of tree trunk diameter. Water small and newly planted trees even more frequently, as they have less extensive root systems.

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Pagosa Springs High School • June 29-30, July 5-7 at 7 p.m. • July 1 at 2 p.m.



Photo courtesy Curtains Up Pagosa

‘Children of Eden’ — the best musical you have never heard of — to open June 29

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

On June 29, Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) will open the curtains on a gem of a musical by Stephen Schwartz (music and lyrics) and John Caird (script), one that never hit the Broadway stage, but is one that has become a favorite in the world of musical theater.

“Children of Eden” is an ambitiously glorious musical presentation of the biblical book of Genesis. It is a joyous and thought-provoking study of faith, relationships, joy and sorrow, hardship and choice, and, ultimately, love and hope.

Composer and lyricist Schwartz has a number of successes under his belt that include “Godspell,” “Pippin” and “Wicked,” as well as lyrics for successful Disney movies such as “Pocahontas,” “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” and music and lyrics for “Enchanted.”

The musical follows the story of creation. God, known as “Father” throughout the play, has created a perfect garden, a place that is not only beautiful, but a safe place for his children to live. He delights in giving them this ideal place to live, a place where they can live in innocence, a place where they do not have to face evil. It is indeed heaven on earth. But, Father also gave

his children the ability to choose, and their choices, though baffling to him, bear the consequences that are handed down to generations to come.

Schwartz brings these biblical stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah and the flood, to life with a musical poignancy that relates to the difficult choices we make to this day. There are musical themes that run throughout the play that remind us that being a parent is difficult, sometimes rewarding, and often frustrating work. The song “The Hardest Part of Love” reminds us that as parents, we carefully build a nest for our children that is safe and protected, but eventually we have to let them go to fend for themselves and make their own choices, good or bad. Throughout the musical is another theme of love that is the promise of redemption and hope. We still have the option to choose good over evil and love over hate.

CUP proves once again that we have exceptional homegrown talent right here in our small town. Most of these amazing actors have been nurtured and mentored by CUP for a number of years, honing their skills and allowing them to display their accomplishments on stage.

Music Director Robert Neel, who plays the part of “Father,” is a CUP scholar, graduating with a degree in the performing arts from Santa Fe University of Art

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Live Performers



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Shooters & Shenanigans: The Tylor Brandon Band, 7 p.m.

Friday
Pagosa Brewing Company: Jacques Grand and The Rewired Band, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Sunny and the Whiskey Machine, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff on the Rio: Max Flinn, 7 p.m.
Shooters & Shenanigans: 13th Hour, 8 p.m.

Saturday
Coyote Moon: Karaoke, 9 p.m.
East Side Market: Open Mic with Steve Rolig, 9 a.m.
La Taqueria San Juans: Daniel Lindsey, 5:30 p.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Gary Gorence, 6 p.m.
Shooters & Shenanigans: You Knew Me When, 5 p.m.; Humildad Band, 9 p.m.

Sunday
East Side Market: Open Mic with Emily Tholberg, noon
La Taqueria San Juans: Live Music, 11 a.m.

Tuesday
Pagosa Brewing Company: Open Mic hosted by Emily Tholberg, 6 p.m.

Wednesday
La Taqueria San Juans: Tim Sullivan, 6 p.m.
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Learn the language of rhythm at Tuesday drumming sessions

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, June 26, at noon.

The class offers a welcoming environment that encourages fun, creativity, playfulness and connecting with others. Drums are provided for those who do not have one. Designed as an opportunity for people of all ages to unleash their creativity, the drumming class is a family-friendly activity open to all ages. No previous experience is necessary.

"It's time that the jazz musicians take up their original role of leading the public into a more adventurous rhythm ... it's time to shake things up a bit," said legendary jazz musician Dave Brubeck in 1961, two years after The Dave Brubeck Quartet released its groundbreaking album "Time Out." One of the tunes on the album, "Take Five," became the biggest-selling jazz single ever.

Brubeck dreamed up the idea of doing an entire album in unusual time signatures after returning from a trip to Turkey, where he had observed musicians playing traditional music in asymmetrical rhythms unfamiliar to the Western

ear. The end result of his dream, the album "Time Out" was comprised of original music that departed from standard symmetrical meters.

Most Western music is dependent on a structure with two, three or four beats in a measure. Some musical cultures from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Balkan Peninsula use other metric structures, such as five, seven, nine, 10, 11 and others. These rhythms can be difficult to follow if you don't know how they go. Complex rhythms can sound chaotic and unpredictable until their patterns become familiar, then they're a lot of fun to play.

From time immemorial, people have been gathering to sing and dance, synchronizing their voices and movements to a repeating pulse. Odd rhythms, even rhythms, any rhythmic pulse can be a groove if it aligns with the impulse to be musically creative. The most important thing is the feeling behind the music, because music is a language of the emotions, a language that speaks from the depths of our being and a birthright of everyone. At the hand-drumming class, the throbbing pull of the drum connects us to ourselves and to one another.

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

Musical

■ continued from previous page and Design. Malinda Fultz Burnett, another CUP scholar, who recently received her master's degree in music education, will be conducting the pit orchestra and cast during the performance.

Other longtime CUP actors include Gus Palma (Adam and Japheth), Kaitlyn Smith (Eve), Jeremy Medina (Cain), Hunter Swinehart (Abel), Doug Roberts (Noah), Crissy Ferguson (Mama Noah), Taylor Jones (Yonah), Trace Gross (Seth), along with a host of others, both young and old, who will be either returning or joining the cast

for the first time.

Dale Johnson, longtime production director of CUP, promises that this is a musical that you will not want to miss. Not only is it a feast of beautiful music, it is a timeless story of humanity that speaks to us personally, a story that fills us with hope and promise.

The show opens at 7 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School beginning June 29 and continuing on June 30, July 1 (2 p.m. matinee), and will resume on July 5, 6 and 7. Tickets will be available at the Chamber of Commerce office downtown or at the door.

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“West Side Story” lovers Tony and Maria. The production opens Friday, June 22, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Thingamajig’s powerful ‘West Side Story’ to open June 22

By Cynda Green
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company’s “West Side Story” opens Friday, June 22, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

The story — a retelling of Romeo and Juliet set in the late 1950s — is about young lovers caught between prejudice and warring street gangs in Hell’s Kitchen on the West Side of New York City.

Based on a conception of Jerome Robbins, who also directed and choreographed the original production, “West Side Story” is a “theatrical musical choreographed work of art.”

That’s a mouthful, but it truly was a groundbreaking musical and remains one of the most influential and relevant musicals of all time.

What makes “West Side Story” and, specifically, this production of “West Side Story” so special? I posed that question to Director Melissa Firlit and Choreographer Pia Wyatt.

Firlit began: “‘West Side Story’ takes place in one and half days. That’s the timeline of the show. In that time, we find love. We lose love. The story is vital. It’s necessary. It’s dangerous. It surrounds you. And it’s New York City, so there’s a speed to it, and it’s hard to keep up.

“The set is the playground and neighborhood that the show exists in. The audience is seated on both sides, as though it were a tennis match. The set design leaves the audience no choice but to be involved. There is no escape.”

Lovers Tony and Maria can’t escape the neighborhood’s two gangs

— the established American-born Jets (co-founded by Tony) and the Puerto Rican new arrivals, Sharks (founded by Maria’s brother, Bernardo) — that are fighting to rule the same block.

This sort of gang warfare is as prevalent today as it was then — perhaps even more so. Firlit, a NYC resident, explained, “When a

neighborhood is shifting, it’s power to hold your ground. With gangs, it’s territory, turf, ethnicity. It happens over and over again in the city.”

Firlit continued, “What’s exciting is that when, as an audience member, you experience this story, you see how words wound, and then words become physical actions, so

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San Juan Outdoor Club chosen to benefit from 19th Hole Concerts

By Susan Fischer
Special to The PREVIEW

The San Juan Outdoor Club is one of six Archuleta County nonprofits selected to benefit from the 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

Presented by the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado, the 19th Hole Concerts pairs an Archuleta nonprofit with a local music talent on Thursday evenings, June 14 through July 19, to offer a fun and entertaining event.

Food from the grill, beer, wine and signature cocktails will be available for purchase. Concertgoers should bring a camp chair or blanket, and, please, leave pets at home.

The cover charge is a \$10 donation (age 10 and under free) which supports the six selected nonprofits. At the end of the concert series, all proceeds are pooled and distributed equally to the six featured organizations.

All concerts run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

June 21: — Brooks-i Band: Original party rock-n-roll dance music; featuring San Juan Outdoor Club.

June 28 — San Juan Mountain Boys: country, folk, pop and old rock; featuring DUST2.

July 5 — 13th Hour: Original rock; featuring Archuleta Seniors Inc.

July 12 — Songs of the Fall: Americana; featuring Aspire.

July 19 — J-Calvin's Soul Sessions: Soul-abducting jazz funk; featuring San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership.

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that we go from fists to knives to guns, and what is that really teaching anyone? These people are at an age where they don't comprehend the repercussions of their actions. They don't have that maturity yet. As an audience member, you get hit with that."

Firlit added, "It's vitally important for us to see stories like this. The idea of what the American Dream is, and then what it actually is for yourself. When you take time to discover the 'want of more,' the basic human needs are to love and be loved. This play deals with that on a visceral, guttural, immediate level."

Wyatt also weighed in on why "West Side Story" is an exceptional musical: "In many musicals, the scenes progress the story and the songs are a reflection of the scenes. Some people don't like musicals because they find the singing is fluff. But in 'West Side Story,' the songs progress the plot."

Indeed. One reason "West Side Story" was groundbreaking is because the music and choreography served as the narrative for the story and therefore were integral to the plot.

"It's a timeless story with a time-

less theme that allows us to reflect on our own lives and what we are teaching our children," Wyatt said. "It's something we struggle with today, because we're from the wrong side of the tracks, or too white, or too black, or too Protestant. Love is love."

Regarding choreography for "West Side Story," Wyatt said, "My

"It's a timeless story with a timeless theme that allows us to reflect on our own lives and what we are teaching our children," Wyatt said.

choreography attempts to capture the vision of the director and to create storytelling through physicality, which is wonderful and exhausting. I want my audience to be changed somehow when they see my shows. Coming into a theater company like Thingamajig, the cast is magical and it's wonderful to work here. It's

a very talented production team as well as cast."

"West Side Story" is based off of the book by Arthur Laurents, with music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Thingamajig Theatre Company's production is directed by Firlit, with music direction by Boni McIntyre, choreography by Wyatt, and stars Nick Drivas as Tony, Zulfiya Asquino as Maria, Katie Whittemore as Anita, Dan Morrison as Riff and Diego Sayão as Bernardo.

"West Side Story" plays all summer in repertory with "Legally Blonde the Musical," "Thoroughly Modern Millie," "Little Shop of Horrors" and "Pinkalicious the Musical."

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Stargazers to meet June 28 for telescope clinic and meeting

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

The San Juan Stargazers will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, June 28, at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Conference Room, located at 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

The meeting is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come before 7 p.m. to have time to socialize. We start the meeting with introductions and information about upcoming events.

For our program, we are using a new series of lessons called "Getting to Know Our Night Sky," taught by Professor Murphy of the University of Virginia. This lesson is titled "Using Binoculars and Backyard Telescopes." This should be another valuable lesson about basics of viewing.

For our April meeting, we were planning to have celestial planispheres and constellation flash cards. They are finally available and will be for the next few meetings. If you missed out on these valuable

tools, just ask for them.

It has never happened before that Chimney Rock National Monument as well as the entire San Juan National Forest is closed due to fire danger. Usually there are nine Night Sky Programs scheduled each summer, two of which have already happened. There are seven more that may happen as normal or not happen. I still would like to invite anyone who is interested in helping with these programs to come to our meeting to get specific information. We need people to set up the area, greeters, speakers, telescope operators, crowd control and helping with parking. You will work with a wonderful team of people who welcome and treasure new people wanting to learn more about astronomy and bask in the glorious night sky at Chimney Rock.

At 6 p.m. on June 28, we will again have a Telescope Clinic. These are so valuable considering all the unused telescopes with owners needing help. We are asking

that you call 335-8286 to reserve a "telescope expert" no later than June 27 (the day before the meeting). Your expert will then be waiting for you at 6 p.m. It is amazing how our telescope experts can quickly analyze problems and help you get your scope working.

The San Juan Stargazers are part of the Astronomical League, which includes clubs from all over the U.S. We have a website, www.SanJuanStargazers.com, as well as an email address, sjstargazers@gmail.com and a club phone number, 335-8286, to help communicate with the public.

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Let freedom sing: A Tribute to Patsy Cline set for July 4 and 5

By June Marquez
Special to The PREVIEW

A Tribute to Patsy Cline with June Marquez will take the stage of the Liberty Theatre, 418 Pagosa St., on July 4 at 2 p.m. and July 5 at 7 p.m.

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Pagosa Springs Historical Museum featuring exhibit on Worthe Crouse

By Frank Zellner
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Historical Museum proudly displays artifacts depicting many aspects of the history of our community and surrounding area.

Today we are featuring a marvelous exhibit by Worthe Crouse. Crouse was legend in his time and, as a teacher and a blacksmith of sorts, he was responsible for producing many pieces of iron work.

He served the community using his creativity to make tools, repair equipment and various pieces of art. He could make anything from iron and solved many problems for the folks who came to him. He shared his knowledge with others and taught those who had an interest in the learning the trade. The Crouse family are longtime residents of Pagosa Springs and their contribution in the early days was substantial.

Crouse was one of the founders of the Pagosa Springs Historical Museum and was instrumental in securing the current location of the museum. We like to acknowledge



Photo courtesy Frank Zellner

This beautiful piece of work by Worthe Crouse is one of the prominent artifacts on display at the Pagosa Springs Historical Museum. It is a must-see when visiting the museum.

and thank the Crouse family for sharing this history with the community.

The Pagosa Springs Historical Museum is located at the corner of U.S. 160 and 1st Street.

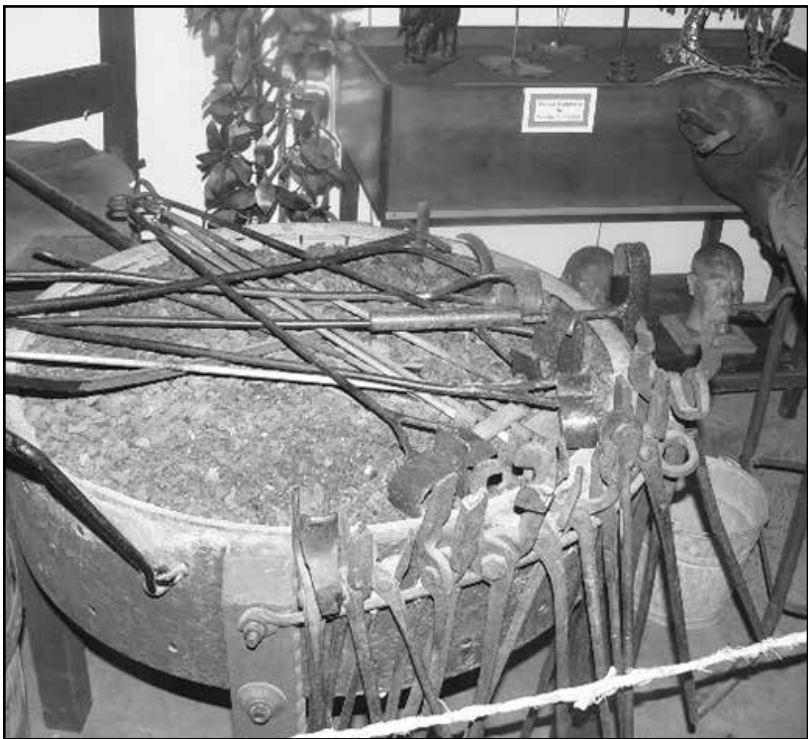


Photo courtesy Frank Zellner

Seen here is Worthe Crouse's coal forge. A giant bellow is attached to the forge. Crouse and his students forged many tools and pieces of art from this forge. The Pagosa Springs Historical Museum is currently featuring an exhibit on Crouse.

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Pagosa Springs Community Band to offer free Fourth of July concert

By Heidi Tanner
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Community Band invites you to enjoy a free concert on the Fourth of July at 2 p.m. on the back lawn of The Springs Resort and Spa, near the footbridge across from the county courthouse and Tequila's restaurant. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy a variety of patriotic songs in celebration of Independence Day.

The Community Band was formed seven years ago with the goal to raise awareness of instrumental music, provide music education to student and adult players alike, and to celebrate the joy of playing and performing instrumental music for our community.

The Community Band is a non-profit organization whose membership is all volunteer. This year's concert will be under the direction of conductors Larry Elginer, Malinda Burnett, Larry Baisdon and Kathy Wadenpfuhl.

The Community Band will play a variety of patriotic anthems and marches that will make your Fourth of July holiday a special one. You can look forward to hearing John Philip Sousa's "Semper Fidelis March," Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA," as well as the fight songs for each branch of our



Photo courtesy Ray Diffe

Malinda Burnett conducts the Pagosa Springs Community Band. You can enjoy the band's free patriotic Fourth of July concert at 2 p.m. on the back lawn of The Springs Resort and Spa.

military. The Community Band is very appreciative of The Springs Resort and Spa, which is hosting this concert for the seventh year in a row.

Please join the Community Band for a free festive and patriotic band concert at 2 p.m. on the Fourth of July. Though the concert is free, the band will be accepting donations for its performance with gratitude. Our members look forward to playing for you and celebrating the July 4 holiday with you.

Community singers to present patriotic concert July 3

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Springs musicians have again come together to present an awe-inspiring concert celebrating Independence Day for the Pagosa community on Tuesday evening, July 3, at 7 p.m. The patriotic concert will be held at the Community United Methodist Church.

Singers and musicians from throughout the area will wow their audience with a star-spangled concert of choral music and handbell arrangements. Instrumentalists Larry Baisdon and Larry Elginer will add their special touches to the festive music. The choir is un-

der the direction of Linda Parker and the Quodlibet Handbells are directed by Berkey Branch.

Parker stated, "July 4th is such a great family holiday. This concert is definitely a must-see. So many wonderful people will share their love of music, their love of country and love for our community. It is a family affair, an event for all ages.

Pagosa Springs really knows how to celebrate the Fourth of July and we hope everyone will begin their celebration a day early. Wear your Uncle Sam hat, your red, white and blue, and join us for this delightful presentation. A reception will immediately follow the concert in the Fellowship Hall. Admission is free.

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2018 Archuleta County Fair honorees announced

By **Leslie Wustrack**
Special to The PREVIEW

Archuleta County Fair Board President Jason Cox just announced the Archuleta County Fair Board's choices for the 2018 Archuleta County Fair honorees.

Fair dedication

Cox stated, "With great respect, the fair board is proud that the 67th annual Archuleta County Fair will be dedicated to the memory of Elaine Johnson Nossaman for her many years of dedication and engagement."

Annually, the county fair is dedicated posthumously to an individual who has made notable contributions to the fair.

Nossaman was a lifelong educator and volunteer whose significant 4-H efforts helped to establish the program in Archuleta County. The daughter of Charles and Elizabeth King Johnson, her early education began in Archuleta County country schools. Nossaman's teaching career began with an emergency teaching credential in Arboles during World War II, the Bayles School District, and then after obtaining a bachelor's degree in elementary education, and as a teacher in Alamosa and Dulce (New Mexico). After retiring as a paid teacher, Nossaman became a tutor for students needing supportive help. Additionally, she volunteered at Pagosa Springs Elementary School and the Summit Christian Academy.

Prior to the establishment of the fair in Archuleta County, as volunteers, Elaine and her husband, Royal, taught the principles of 4-H to children in Bayles. Eventually, her dedicated efforts aided in the establishment of the Archuleta County Fair in Pagosa Springs. Elaine became a 4-H leader in cooking, sewing, knitting and leather crafts. She exhibited and won many fair awards for her canned goods and sewing projects. Throughout their childhoods, she helped both her children and grandchildren with their 4-H projects. In 2005, Elaine was selected as the Fair Lady at the 2004 Archuleta County Fair. She passed away in 2015.

Super Volunteer

Cox added, "Every year, the fair depends on a hundred plus quality volunteers. The fair could not

exist without their support thus every year one 'Super Volunteer' is honored by the fair board. This year, the annual award for the 2018 Super Volunteer will recognize Muriel Cronkhite."

A Pagosa Springs resident for over 30 years, Muriel and her husband, Paul, have three children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Her many community commitments include preparing food boxes for St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and serving as a docent for the Fred Harman Art Museum. Muriel was a founder of the Loaves and Fishes community lunch program. She particularly enjoys volunteering at the Archuleta County Fair to interact with all the children, including the 4-H youth. Last year, Muriel staffed the fair's front gate collecting entrance fees, passing out wristbands and providing information to fair-goers.

She has exhibited her needlepoint and won a prize for her submission of braided breakfast bread in the baked goods category.

Super Superintendent of the Year

The last honoree award granted by the fair board is the Super Superintendent of the Year.

Cox stated, "This year, the award will be given to an amazingly civic-minded couple who have remained engaged and dedicated throughout their lives in Pagosa Springs: John and Jean Taylor."

The Super Superintendent of the year is awarded to a volunteer(s) who has/have taken on responsibility of overseeing and managing a particular event at the fair. Both Jean and John served as superintendents for Field Crop Exhibits. In addition, John supervised the photography exhibition and Jean supervised the vegetable display. They also developed an important educational display on non-native noxious weeds.

John was honored as the Western Heritage Gentleman in 1997 and Jean was recognized as the Fair Lady in 2004. The Taylors have a long family history in Archuleta and Hinsdale counties that goes back to the 1880s and 1890s, when their families homesteaded in the area. For more information on the honorees, visit [archuletacounty-](http://archuletacountyfair.com)

fair.com.

More about the fair

The 67th annual Archuleta County Fair will be held Aug. 2 through 5 at the fairgrounds, located at the juncture of U.S. 84 and U.S. 160, in east Pagosa Springs.

Daily live music, a ranch rodeo, a horse show, family entertainment and educational activities, games for kids, exhibits, 4-H animals/science, horseshoe and fly-casting contests, livestock showmanship, the annual livestock sale, and the annual Saturday night dance and 4-H chuckwagon dinner are just a few of the exciting features. Everyone is invited to participate; there is something for all family members.

For a full calendar of events, sponsorship information, exhibit forms and vendor information, visit the fair's new website: archuletacountyfair.com.



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Seeds children soaking up knowledge, thanks to donor dollars being raised at Dancing with the Pagosa Stars.

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars: Your voting dollars directly benefit the kids

By Dee McPeck
Special to The PREVIEW

The local celebrities participating in Dancing with the Pagosa Stars are working very hard to create a memorable night of entertainment on July 14 at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

While they are competing to take home the Mirror Ball Trophy, their motivation to succeed goes far deeper.

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Straight from the horse's mouth

As you might have guessed from my last column, I had the privilege during the late 1970s to talk with several Pagosa old-timers. Coffee was the favored lubricant for loosening memories. Some of the old-timers had been born around 1900; a couple had entered Pagosa Country by way of Elwood Pass in



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

horse-drawn wagons.

If you consider that the first settlers landed in Pagosa Country in the 1870s, it's easy to mentally calculate that most of those first settlers were still around when I had an ear tuned to old-timers during the 1970s. I was gettin' it straight from the horse's mouth, no foolin'.

In order to connect with columns I've written recently about the warfare between Anglo and Hispanic for political control of the county after the county was created in 1885, I'm going to start with Emmett Martinez.

There are a number of Martinez families in Archuleta County, not all of them closely related to Emmett and not all of them involved in county politics. I've been told that Martinez is the most common surname in New Mexico, just as Smith is the most common surname in the United States.

It is also easier to understand the Hispanic people and their times we are talking about if we understand that the Hispanics of the Territory of New Mexico in those days lived in a two-class society. The Mexico/New Mexico social structure was too complicated for the space it would take in this column. Just know that the higher class was well-educated and relatively financially well off when compared to the working or peon classes. The Archuleta, Martinez and Gomez families who led the

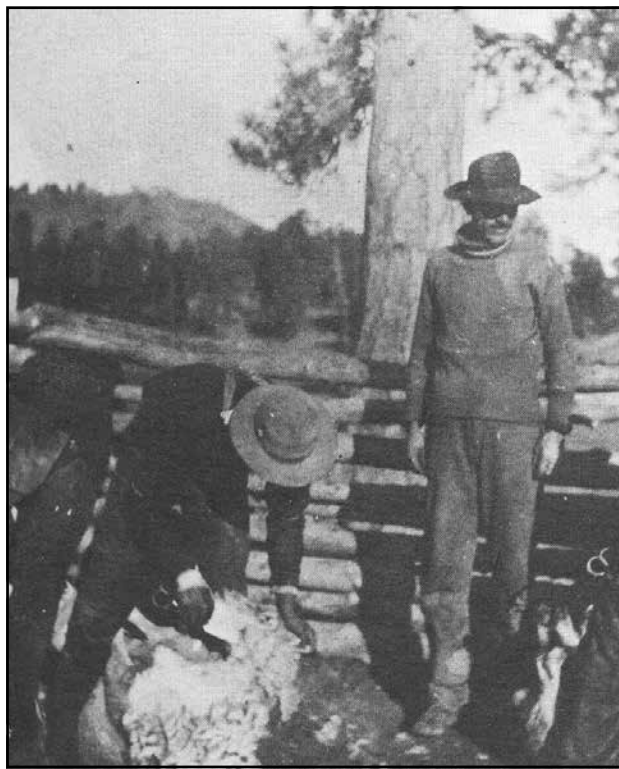


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J.T. Martinez looks on as one of his hands shears a sheep. Martinez was a county judge from 1934 to 1954, the son of J.B. Martinez and the father of Emmett Martinez.

Hispanics in the 1885 confrontation were all educated, financially secure families. I don't want to get a bunch of letters on this subject. There certainly were many other higher-class Hispanics among the settlers of Pagosa Country.

Emmett was a direct descendant of the Martinez family who were among the leaders of the Hispanic side of the 1880s fracas. Emmett's grandfather on his dad's side was Jose Benedito Martinez, one of the earliest settlers in the Animas Valley (Durango area), where he took land near Hermosa in 1874, before the town of Pagosa Springs was started. He had been born in Rancho de Taos, N.M., in 1853. In 1870, when he was 17, he married Maria Liberta Valdez, who was 11 years old.

He engaged in sheep ranching, freighting and supplying mines. In 1879, he homesteaded northeast of Pagosa Springs and for the next few years commuted between Pagosa Springs and Durango. He moved full time to Pagosa Springs in 1888, where he was active in politics and

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I'll never forgive Bob

Do you remember the 1991 movie "What About Bob?" Starring Bill Murray and Richard Dreyfuss, Murray plays Bob Wiley, a psychiatric patient who follows his egotistical psychiatrist Dr. Leo Marvin (Dreyfuss) on vacation.

I remember seeing this movie and feeling annoyed at Bob. He showed up at their front door, invited himself in for lunch and wouldn't let the family have any peace. I said, "Why doesn't Bob just go away?" Of course, he couldn't go away, it was the theme of the movie. We all have Bobs who won't go away, either, and become the theme of our lives.

One of the movie's most famous conversations goes like this:

Doctor: "Are you married?"

Bob: "I'm divorced."

Doctor: "Would you like to talk about that?"

Bob: "There are two types of people in this world: Those who like Neil Diamond and those who don't. My ex-wife loves him."

Doctor: "So what you're saying is that even though you are an almost paralyzed, multiphobic personality who is in a constant state of panic, your wife did not leave you, you left her because she loves Neil Diamond."

I recently talked to a lady and had a similar conversation. It was all about Bob. Neither conversation made sense, but maybe it does to the one who rationalizes their problem. They don't want

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



to change and will live with the situation.

This lady, five years older than me, said, "I'll never forgive Bob."

I said, "You need to forgive Bob. It doesn't hurt Bob, it hurts you."

"I can't forgive him."

"Bob is a rope around your neck and he is holding you back. If you don't let go of him, you will become bitter and no one will want to be around you, especially your children.

"You're going to be all dried up like a prune and your bones will dry up, too. You are allowing yourself to be saddled with Bob and you don't even like Bob."

She replied, "I don't care. I am bitter and I'll never forgive Bob. I lost my home because of Bob. I'll never get over it."

My Sweet Al is so matter of fact. He sees things in black and white and gave his opinion. "If she doesn't like Bob, why does she keep him around? What is her gripe? She got the house, she is sitting on a couple of million. Bob doesn't have a pot or anything else. Let him go and chase the young girls. Bob has gone on, he is singing Celine's song,

"My heart will go on and on."

But my friend has a different spin on Celine's song about Bob: "Every night in my nightmares, I see Bob, I feel Bob. That is how I know Bob. And spaces between us. Near, far, wherever you are. Bob is everywhere. And, I am getting bitter and angrier at every turn because Bob is gone but always shows up."

My Sweet Al says, "she needs to quit messing around and get on with her life. Her widow friends are all going on cruises, spending their dead husbands' money. She can afford to go, why doesn't she go and enjoy life and fall in love with Neil Diamond?"

"Because she gave 32 years of marriage to Bob, who disappointed and offended her. He is still robbing her of life and yet he is out of her life. He doesn't even know all of this is going on. The problem is she will give him another 20 years if she doesn't forgive him and settled this offense."

I reminded my Sweet Al about rains in the desert. The barren land is dry. Not even a weed survives the hot, baking sun. But, when a little rain hits the dry ground, forgotten, buried seeds will burst forth. Whatever is buried underneath the ground will spring up. We can't hide those ugly feelings. They will take over every relationship we have.

When the rain comes on a kind heart, the desert will blossom quickly. Because it waits to blossom, the seeds, the dry riverbeds and the potential is there waiting.

Al reminded me that in a dry riverbed, when the rains come, there are fish. How did that happen? From where did the fish come?

It brought to mind the hidden seeds of potential and the hidden seeds of bitterness. When the des-

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Past

■ continued from previous page served as a county commissioner in 1888, when he was involved in the battle between Anglos and Hispanics we've been writing about. At one time, he was probably the

largest land owner in Archuleta County, having 1,120 acres divided into seven ranches and as many as 27,000 sheep. He died in 1944, his wife in 1930.

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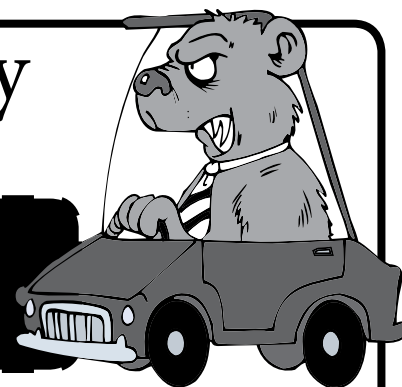
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Thursday, June 21

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

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

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

Board Games. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For tweens and teens in 4th-12th grades. Join us to play a variety of board games and tabletop games. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Grief Support Group. 4-5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. GriefShare is a national nondenominational program. The purpose of the meetings is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member or of a special friend. A person may attend one or all of the meetings. Topics vary, so there is no progression of subjects. Interested persons can call the church office at 264-5508 for further information.

Heartbeat of Pagosa Springs: Suicide Loss. 5 p.m., 398 Lewis

St. This is a group dedicated to anyone who has ever lost a loved one to suicide. Contact Janna Schaefer 749-1673 or email schaeferjanna@gmail.com 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.

19th Hole Concert. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Brooks-i Band hosted by San Juan Outdoor Club. The cover charge is a \$10 donation (children 10 and younger are free). No outside food or beverage. Food and drinks can be purchased from the grill. Bring a chair or blanket. Please leave pets at home. Concert will happen rain or shine.

Friday, June 22

LEGO Contest Submissions Due. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Submissions must be turned in by 5 p.m. Entries must be built ahead of time and they must be your own creation, not a LEGO kit or from another source. Entries cannot be larger than 18 inches on any side. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if

you don't have one.

Independent Living Skills Classes. 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 community. 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.

Rhythm and Motion Dance/Yoga. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Bring your yoga mat and light weights. Open to all. This is a free-form dance class to the music of ABBA, with some guidance. Call 731-5529 for further information.

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10:30

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ert rain comes, those who are free to bloom will blossom. Those who are holding on to resentment and refuse to forgive that person who has injured them, they will spiral further downward and sprout up unwanted weeds.

Final brushstroke: We probably all have an unwanted Bob who shows up. But no matter how barren our lives have become or

hopeless or how many years we've lost and given to Bob, there is a way to get rid of him. All it takes is a heart to turn to heaven and forgive. Then let the desert rains happen and good things will spring up. Potential is waiting to blossom. You make the choice.

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Saturday, June 23

Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. For more information, contact Pauline Benetti at paulineb@centurytel.net.

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.

Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk. 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Suite B-15. All are welcome.

Crafting Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6 to 12 years old. We've got the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call 264-2209 for more information.

LEGO Contest. 12:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Winners of the LEGO contest will be announced. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Pagosa Uke Jam. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All levels welcome. Come sing and share the fun. Instruction for beginners provided.

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, June 25

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Vacation Bible School. 8:30-11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. For age groups kindergarten up to 6th grade. Call 264-5508 with any questions.

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 at 9:15 a.m., advanced group at 10:15 a.m. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B,

D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Caregiver Support Group. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Bridge for Fun. 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.

High Country Squares. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Jim Park calling Mainstream and Plus dances. A Plus workshop will be held before the dance at 6 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, contact Steve Keil at 731-0044 or Jim Park at 731-9910.

Tuesday, June 26

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Tai Chi Class. 8 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Vacation Bible School. 8:30-11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. For age groups kindergarten up to 6th grade. Call 264-5508 with any questions.

Fly-Fishing Instruction. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Mark will provide classroom instruction to talk about fly-fishing equipment, tactics and common fly-fishing knots.

Call 264-2209 or stop by to register and for more information.

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Yoga Fusion Class. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., Elkwood Manor Bed and Breakfast, U.S. 84, Continental Estates. Lunch will be \$12. Call 946-1895 to RSVP. The deadline to RSVP is Friday, June 22; limited seating is available.

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 in-

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Men's PTSD Combat Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church library. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. For more information, contact Vets for Vets at 799-VETS.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Paws to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For kids in K-5th grades. Come and share your favorite book with Bacchus, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Adult Education. 2-7 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.

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

Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us the last half of this month as we learn the easy and fun hustle. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, June 27

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Vacation Bible School. 8:30-11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. For age groups kindergarten up to 6th grade. Call 264-5508 with any questions.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library.

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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.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Wellness Clinic. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Held by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

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

Role-Playing Game. 3:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Spanish Conversation. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. This information meet-up allows you to increase fluency by speaking with other Spanish language learners and speakers. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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, June 28

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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Fly-Fishing Casting Practice. 9-11 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Registration required. Demonstration and casting practice will be held at Yamaguchi Park. Call 264-2209 or stop by the Sisson Library to register and for more information.

Medicare 101 Class. 10:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Learn about the Medicare Parts A to D and Medicare Advantage plans. For more information and to reserve a spot, call the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging, 264-0501, ext. 1.

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

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

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

Computer Class: Protecting Your Privacy Online. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to limit what is shared about you online. Find out how browser plug-ins, proxies and various browsers can help keep your information private. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tech Time. 2 p.m.-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Coding Music. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 5th-12th grades. Learn how to make music with computer code. Some laptops will be provided, but if you have one, you're welcome to bring it. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Grief Support Group. 4-5:30 p.m.,

Community United Methodist Church. GriefShare is a national nondenominational program. The purpose of the meetings is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member or of a special friend. A person may attend one or all of the meetings. Topics vary, so there is no progression of subjects. Interested persons can call the church office at 264-5508 for further 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.

19th Hole Concert. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. San Juan Mountain Boys hosted by DUST2. The cover charge is a \$10 donation (children 10 and younger are free). No outside food or beverage. Food and drinks can be purchased from the grill. Bring a chair or blanket. Please leave pets at home. Concert will happen rain or shine.

San Juan Stargazers Telescope Clinic. 6 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. We are asking that you call 335-8286 to reserve a "telescope expert" no later than June 27. Your expert will then be waiting for you.

San Juan Stargazers. 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. We start the meeting with introductions and information about upcoming events. For our program, we are using a new series of lessons called, "Getting to Know Our Night Sky," taught by Professor Murphy of the University of Virginia.

Friday, June 29

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book, "The Black Witch" by Laurie Forest. Stop by to pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Summer Reading Club: Recyclable Crafts. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For kids in the K-5th grade. Make your own musical instruments out of recyclable materials. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Wild-N-Crazy Critters. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. All ages. An exotic pet shop will bring an assortment of reptiles, small animals, birds and invertebrates. They will talk about each animal and do some interactive handling with those who wish to do so. There will be no registration for this event, but limited space is available. Participants will be included on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Monday, July 2

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced group at 10:15 a.m. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Decked out
- 5 Fire starter
- 10 In the center of
- 14 Harp's cousin
- 15 Nostalgic number
- 16 Bill killer in D.C.
- 17 Side by side?
- 18 Soup scoop
- 19 Revival word
- 20 Attitude
- 22 Prime example
- 24 Baking powder brand
- 26 Gain value, as stocks
- 27 Wayside stop
- 28 Summertime woe
- 32 Three sheets to the wind
- 35 Grammy category until 2008
- 36 Halloween cry
- 37 Top of the line
- 38 _____ and effect
- 39 Urban eyesore
- 40 Palindromic Bobbsey
- 41 Itchy pooch ailment
- 42 Pointer's word
- 43 Love-lies-bleeding, for one
- 45 Golf ball prop
- 46 Kind of list
- 47 Very heavy rain
- 51 Kind of driver or union
- 54 Bygone humor magazine, "National _____"
- 56 Container weight
- 57 Clear-thinking
- 59 Gung-ho about
- 60 Yemen's neighbor
- 61 Overhead
- 62 Lasting effect
- 63 Lash mark
- 64 Flamingo, et. al.
- 65 Skipper's spot

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- 1 Happy as a _____
- 2 Song snippet
- 3 Concert venue
- 4 Editor's concern
- 5 Like some vows
- 6 Dish
- 7 Make sense, with "up"
- 8 Get one's goat
- 9 Memento
- 10 Video gamer's icon
- 11 Noteworthy
- 12 News tidbit
- 13 Ready, in the kitchen
- 21 Done for
- 23 Small amount
- 25 Food for _____
- 29 Ultimatum word
- 30 Whiskey cocktail
- 31 There's no place like it
- 32 Comic Carvey
- 33 Drift
- 34 Artificial
- 35 Breathe hard

- 38 Vatican dogma
- 39 Like some grins
- 41 Fabricated
- 42 Time in office
- 44 Gerbil or gopher
- 45 Dow dabbler
- 48 Pizza topping
- 49 Particular occasion
- 50 Final figure
- 51 Stash away
- 52 Break, as a horse
- 53 Hefty horn
- 55 Vera's husband on "Cheers"
- 58 Fish-and-chips fish

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Blueprints of Hope's Cancer Wellness Workshop Series announced

By **Toni Abbey**
Special to The PREVIEW

Lifting the Fog — Navigating the Impact of Cancer Treatments on Memory, Thinking and Attention workshop will be held Saturday, June 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Durango.

Sponsored by Blueprints of Hope, a local nonprofit, this event will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 2917 Aspen Drive, Durango.

This is the first of three cancer survivorship workshops, scheduled to extend into February 2019. Each workshop has been made possible by a grant from the Colorado Cancer Coalition, Colorado Cancer Fund, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

The first workshop will focus on difficulties with memory and thinking that appear during and after cancer therapies, and welcomes

three guest speakers:

- AnneMarie Ciccarella, cancer survivor, patient advocate, blogger and researcher, who will discuss "Life in the Fog: The Value of Acceptance as a Key Addition to Our Daily Tips and Tricks." Ciccarella was featured on the cover of the American Association for Cancer Research fall 2017 issue of Cancer Today and her blog, www.chemobrainfog.com, has been named as one of the Best 10 Breast Cancer Blogs by Healthline for the seventh consecutive year.

- Andrea Chadwell, oncology pharmacist with Mercy Cancer Services, will present "Chemo-Brain: Clinical Findings, Pharmacologic and Nonpharmacologic Interventions and What the Literature is Saying."

- Susie Young, registered dietitian and board certified in oncology nutrition with Mercy Cancer Services, will share "Waking Up

After Treatment: Improving Neuroplasticity using Nutrition and Exercise Strategies."

Blueprints of Hope invites you to join them in learning more about what this mental cloudiness is, what causes it and how to gain tools that can make your life better. The event is free of charge and is open to cancer patients, survivors, their friends, caregivers and health care professionals. Space is limited, so please register online at www.blueprintsofhope.org or call 403-3711.

Blueprints of Hope is dedicated to providing community-based oncology nurse navigation, education, advocacy and supportive care programs for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and health care providers in southwest Colorado. The goal of these workshops is to promote viable options people can use to make the most of life as they travel through the cancer journey.

Pagosa Community of New Thought: Join in sharing laughter, music, prayer and conversation

By **Janie Garms**
Special to The PREVIEW

"Love is within us. Denying love is our only problem. Embracing love is our only answer. Through the power of love, we let go of the past, and begin again. Love heals, forgives, and makes all whole." — Dr. Ernest Homes.

The Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) and the Rev. Janet Wyrick welcome all to join us on Sunday, June 24, at 10 a.m. to join in sharing laughter, music, prayer and conversation. We welcome all to come walk a spiritual path of discovery, insight and revelation

with our group of individuals who wish to embrace and manifest a powerful destiny.

Unify is shifting the collective consciousness for all. What brings us together is much more powerful than what divides us. PCNT (a center of spiritual living) is establishing community and exploring all paths to the divine.

We welcome local talent to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Have a hand in making a difference. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

PCNT holds Sunday services each week at 10 a.m. at the Momen-

tum Fitness building, 40 N. 15th St.

Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain information by joining us, emailing PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, calling (505) 604-5031, or mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or our website: www.PagosaNewThought.org.

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He neither slumbers nor sleeps

By Andrew Packer
Special to The PREVIEW

“And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’” — Mark 4:37-41.

You have to understand that this was no normal storm. Many of the disciples were fishermen and they had seen quite a few storms, but this was different. In fact, this is most likely a demonic storm, a storm caused by the devil to try to get Jesus. The disciples thought they were going to die.

And Jesus is sleeping.

Throughout the Bible we are told that to sleep soundly is a sign of faith — a sign of trust in God — and Jesus, fully God and fully man, perfectly fears, loves and trusts in His Father above all things, no matter what is going on around Him.

And so, the Son of God sleeps, and the terrified disciples rush to wake Him up.

Have you not felt like God was asleep? Haven't you been terrified in the midst of the storms that have come your way and thought that God must be taking a nap?

There is much that we can learn from this event. Today we will focus on just one: the disciples and we our-

A Matter of Faith

selves are taught that it is to Christ alone that we should flee for refuge.

The disciples rightly teach us that we should always run to Christ for refuge — whether temporal or eternal. He neither slumbers nor sleeps. He is always ready and willing to assist you in your time of need. His ears are always attentive to your prayers. Does He sometimes appear to be sleeping? Yes, but only so that we might even more seek to “wake” Him through our prayers, so that He might strengthen our faith.

That very same Christ who calmed the storm wants you to have peace as well. Psalm 127 says that He gives to His beloved sleep, peaceful rest. His desire for you is to trust in Him even when things are bad, even when things look like they can't get any worse and then they do, even when you are scared and struggling and wondering when or if the storm is ever going to end.

Because He is fully God and fully man. He speaks a Word and calms the storms. He has suffered and died for your sins. He is risen and ascended — all for you and your salvation. So that even in the face of death and hell itself you can be at peace. Because you know that the One who has conquered death and hell for you is on your side and fights for you, even when you are of little faith.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Colorado Department of Revenue is upgrading their system for issuing titles and registrations in Colorado.

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UUs to hear from their president (via the Internet)

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

In 2018, the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray was elected the first woman president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) in the almost 200 years of its history. That election represented a watershed cultural change in the organization.

In her role as president, she has continued to make the cultural changes promised by her election. In this address via the Internet, we are given insight into how the promised cultural changes are affecting the vision she holds for the organization and the values that vision embodies, how they are affecting the institutional values

of the UUA, and how they are affecting the UUA's relationship with its member congregations and fellowships.

From her presentation, we will gain greater insight into the functioning of the national UU Association to which our local fellowship belongs and greater clarity as to why we belong. This presentation is also an excellent introduction to those with a beginning interest in the Unitarian Universalist faith.

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

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Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Come in and join us. You are welcome. Children's Religious Explorations begin again in September and information is available by contacting afrancis@hotmail.com.

For further information about the Pagosa UU Fellowship, visit pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

19th Hole concerts continue tonight

By **Cheryl Wilkinson**
PREVIEW Columnist

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (the Senior Center) is one of six nonprofits chosen by the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado to benefit from the 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

The 19th Hole Concerts pair an Archuleta County nonprofit with a local music talent on Thursday evenings through July 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to offer a fun and entertaining event.

The cover charge is a \$10 donation (children 10 and younger are free, making it a great family evening) which supports the six selected nonprofits. At the end of

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the concert series, all proceeds are pooled and distributed equally to the six featured organizations.

No outside food or beverage is allowed (food from the grill, beer, wine and signature cocktails will be available for purchase). Bring a camp chair or blanket, and please leave pets at home. Concerts happen rain or shine.

The concert schedule is as follows:

June 21 — Brooks-i Band: origi-

nal party rock 'n' roll dance music. Featuring San Juan Outdoor Club.

June 28 — San Juan Mountain Boys: country, folk, pop and old rock. Featuring DUST2.

July 5 — 13th Hour: original rock. Featuring Archuleta Seniors Inc.

Thursday, July 12 — Songs of the Fall: Americana. Featuring Aspire.

Thursday, July 19 — J-Calvin's Soul Sessions: Soul-abducting jazz funk. Featuring San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership.

Please plan to attend as many concerts as possible; ticket proceeds are divided equally among the nonprofits, so even if you can't come on our night, you are supporting Archuleta Seniors Inc. and

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■ continued from previous page the Pagosa Springs Senior Center.

Health and wellness

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center has a pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring, or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

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.

The next health and wellness date is June 27.

Medical alert system

Medical alert monitoring systems are available for seniors. We can help you get set up with a system and assist with the monthly service charges or, if you already have a system in place, we can help supplement the monthly service fees.

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Revised Assisted Living Regulations V

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

On July 1, the new and expanded assisted living rules passed by

the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will start, with a soft rollout for more than two years, until Jan. 1, 2021. The last of this series will highlight some of the revised regulations.

One change requires a more comprehensive list of questions for potential residents prior to admission, and the home can't change something that was agreed on for care, such as a diet requirement.

Among additions to resident rights, visitations may occur at any time, private consensual sex must be allowed, allergy sensitivities must be addressed, discrimination is illegal, and the home must have a written policy on alcohol and marijuana use. Residents who do their own laundry must be able to access the machines independently. Other wording has been added to clarify infection control, dining room access, food availability, hydration and nutrition, such as food alternatives that must be of equal nutritional quality.

Administrators must undergo 40 hours of training, including specific training depending on the services offered.

Finally, certain revised rules apply for alarms and wander guards used to keep residents in a secured setting. A 90-day evaluation by a physician is required for residents put in a secured setting, and if residents say they want a less-restrictive home, they have to be proven a wander risk.

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

Memberships

Senior Discount Club memberships are offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Everyone is welcome to join us

for lunch. If you are a senior (60 years and older), for only a \$4 suggested donation, you are eligible for a hot meal, drink and a salad prepared by our kitchen staff.

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$5 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, June 21 — Honey barbecued chicken, scalloped potatoes, seasoned green beans, milk, salad bar and pineapple/cherry cobbler.

Friday, June 22 — Barbecued pork ribs, baked beans, corn green chile pudding, milk, Mexican fruit salad and German chocolate cake.

Monday, June 25 — Pork posole, Mexican beets, whole-wheat tortilla, milk, salad bar and flan.

Tuesday, June 26 — Turkey potpie, bacon green beans, milk, salad bar and chocolate cake.

Wednesday, June 27 — Beef stroganoff, spinach, maple-glazed carrots, milk, salad bar, and snickerdoodle cookie.

Thursday, June 28 — Orange chicken with brown rice, roasted cauliflower soup, snap pea medley, milk, salad bar, and poached pears.

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

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Members from the 4-H Wolf Creek Wonders Club sang “Happy Birthday” to Ron Gustafson for his 84th birthday during lunch at Loaves and Fishes on June 6. Every 4-H club participates in community service activities as part of the 4-H mission. Thirty-two 4-H members and four parents served 249 delicious homemade lunches to community citizens. Each 4-H'er is working on their 4-H projects with a goal of showcasing them during the Archuleta County Fair on Aug. 2-5. The livestock auction will be at 6 p.m. on Aug. 4. Ron, on the left, is sitting with Bruce Young surrounded by 4-H students (left to right) Jonathan Baker, Faith Domingo, Annie Lane, Charity Domingo, Jenna Jenkins, Johanna Beard, Hope Domingo, Karina Brown, Angelina Voss, Hayden Peterson, Madeline Baker, Calvin Voss and Marie Smith.

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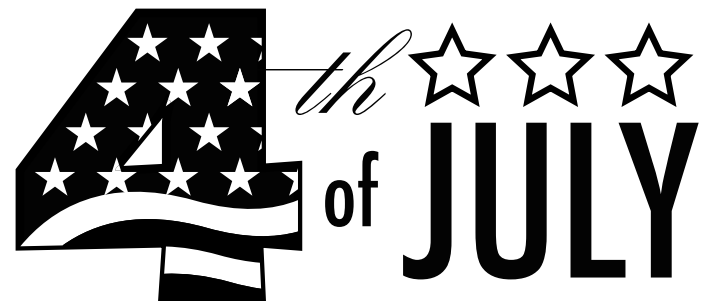
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET Pagosa Peak Open School. Notice is hereby given that on May 21, 2018 a proposed budget was submitted to the School Board of Pagosa Peak Open School for the 2018-2019 school year beginning July 1, 2018. This budget is available for public inspection at Pagosapeakopenschool.org and at the school finance office. Said proposed budget will be considered for adoption by resolution at a special meeting on June 28, 2018 at 5:30p.m. at Pagosa Peak Open School, 7 Parelli Way. Any persons paying school taxes in Archuleta School District 50 JT, at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget, may file or register an objection thereto.

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Noxious weed of the month: Houndstongue

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

Extension Viewpoints

While noxious weeds such as musk and Canada thistle get much more recognition, it is the invaders on the cusp of a full-blown infestation that need more awareness.

Houndstongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*) is one such species that can become a major problem in pastures and grazing allotments. While not appearing to be palatable to livestock, houndstongue is poisonous and may cause liver damage, especially in horses.

Seed dispersal is achieved by small seed-carrying burs or nutlets that have small Velcro-like hooks that stick to passing animals. Each plant can produce 2,000 seeds — when a herd of cattle passes through a stand of houndstongue, those seeds are now dispersed to every corner of that rancher's property.

Houndstongue can be identified by its small, red, five-petaled flowers and broad leaves with deep ve-

nation that does not touch the leaf margins. The leaves are a blue-gray color and, in the first year, the plant forms a rosette and only flowers in its second year.

This biennial life cycle makes controlling houndstongue without chemical means very achievable. By digging rosettes (either the entire plant or severing the root 4 inches beneath the crown), and chopping and bagging flowers and seeds, all standing plants can be removed while reducing the reproductive success to zero. Mowing thick stands before plants flower several times in the spring can also be effective, but plants may flower at the height at which they are mowed.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the Colorado State University Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 pm. Anyone needing to

receive or renew certification can register by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

We will also attempt to schedule classes on additional dates with five or more registrations. Cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. The type of first aid information provided will vary by the needs of the audience.



Photo courtesy Ethan Proud

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Ben Bailey

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the cliff swallow.

The cliff swallow travels over 6,000 miles from southern South America to breed here. Its return to the historic mission of San Juan Capistrano in California is celebrated yearly there with a festival on St. Joseph's Day in March. Six swallow species are common summer visitors to Pagosa Springs. It takes a trained eye to differentiate these bug zappers in flight as they dip and dive at 30 mph catching insects on the wing. If you spot a perched cliff swallow, you will see a colorful, small-headed bird with a metallic dark-blue back and head, pale rump and brick-red face with a white forehead patch.

These swallows are colony nesters and from 200 to 1,000 nests in one location is not uncommon. They return to the same sites year after year. Both sexes contribute to nest building by carrying balls of mud in their beaks to construct a gourd-shaped nest with an entry hole near the bottom. Each nest is comprised of between 900 and 1,200 mud pellets. Another swallow that is familiar here is the barn swallow. This swallow also builds nests of mud, but theirs are cup-shaped and open at the top. Although cliff swallows can still be found nesting on vertical cliffs, they have adapted well to human presence by nesting under bridges, in culverts and on buildings.

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