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Monday accident kills one

Closes U.S. 160 for hours

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A five-vehicle accident on U.S. 160 at the base of the Wolf Creek Pass Monday resulted in one fatality and the closure of the highway for several hours.

The following information was provided by the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) in a Tuesday press release.

At approximately 4:28 p.m., Trooper Scott Fenwick was patrolling Wolf Creek Pass when he observed a westbound motor home pulling a boat and trailer that was having apparent difficulties with overheated brakes as it descended the pass.

■ See Accident A8



The Pagosa Springs Middle School staff summits Alberta Peak for its fourth annual team-building hike Sunday morning. Twenty-seven staff and family members climbed the 11,870-foot local favorite to kick off the upcoming school year.

Photo courtesy Chris Hinger

New trial set for 1988 homicide

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A new trial has been set for Charles Ray Stane, who is accused of the 1988 homicide of Vickie Dexter.

That trial is scheduled for Jan. 7-18, 2019, with a pretrial conference set for Dec. 21 at 1:30 p.m., according to Deputy District Attorney Alex Lowe.

In addition to setting the trial date at a hearing on Tuesday afternoon in Durango, Lowe reported that Stane's previous bond of \$1 million has been reinstated with a requirement that Stane will have to wear a GPS unit if released on bond. Too, he will not be able to leave the state of Colorado.

Stane was previously convicted in the case, but the Colorado Court of Appeals announced on Nov. 22, 2017, that it was reversing the conviction and remanding the case for a new trial.

■ See Homicide A8

CDE releases preliminary school ratings

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has released its 2018 preliminary school ratings and district accountability performance frameworks.

A CDE press release stresses that the ratings that have been released are preliminary and not final.

"Many districts will participate in the state's

request-to-reconsider process before their ratings are finalized. In some cases, districts have additional information that could result in a change to their final rating," the press release explains.

CDE ratings are based on three categories of performance: academic achievement, growth and postsecondary readiness.

For elementary and middle schools, the scores are weighed 60 percent for academic growth and 40 percent for academic achievement.

However, for high schools, scores are weighed

30 percent for academic achievement, 40 percent for academic growth and another 30 percent for postsecondary readiness.

Each school rated by the CDE is assigned a plan.

Schools that are rated performance, improvement, priority improvement or turnaround are all administered a plan by the CDE to implement and, according to the CDE, "For schools, the overall evaluation leads to the type of plan schools will

■ See School A8

County moving forward with emergency cleanup of Aspen Springs property

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Thirteen dogs were removed from a property in Aspen Springs that was "ankle-deep in trash," leading to the county considering an emergency procurement for cleanup of the property.

At the Tuesday work session of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), the removal of the dogs and the next steps to be taken on the property were discussed by the commissioners and county staff. "I think we have a public health emergency out there," BoCC Chair Steve Wadley said.

Throughout the meeting topics ranged from administrative warrants to drugs, dogs and more.

The discussion over the property included Wadley, Interim County Attorney Todd Starr, Interim County Administrator Greg Schulte, Commissioner

Ron Maez, Commissioner Michael Whiting, Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton and comments from members of the public.

Removal of dogs from property

The sheriff's office has dealt with the property multiple times over more than five years.

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office has had approximately 173 calls for service to the property since 2011. In 2017, there were 72 responses to the address for fires, warrants, arrests, theft, animal complaints, trespasses and more, according to Starr.

The resident on the property is Warren Goodman, as written in the court documents, according to Starr.

Since 2011, there have been over 60 complaints just about

■ Cleanup A9

Input sought on pipeline and horizontal drilling project in Fosset Gulch area

By Gretchen Fitzgerald
Special to The SUN

Petrox Resources has proposed developing existing Fruitland coalbed natural gas leases in the Fosset Gulch area.

The project is located on San Juan National Forest, state and private lands within the eastern HD Mountains of Archuleta County.

The proposal includes the construction of an 8.6-mile pipeline, construction of one new gas well pad and the re-drilling of two existing gas wells. Horizontal drilling techniques to drill multiple wells from each pad would be used. This technique reduces the possible surface disturbance compared to drilling individual pads.

The U.S. Forest Service is asking for input during a 30-day scoping period in order to ensure that all issues are identified for consideration in an environmental analysis document.

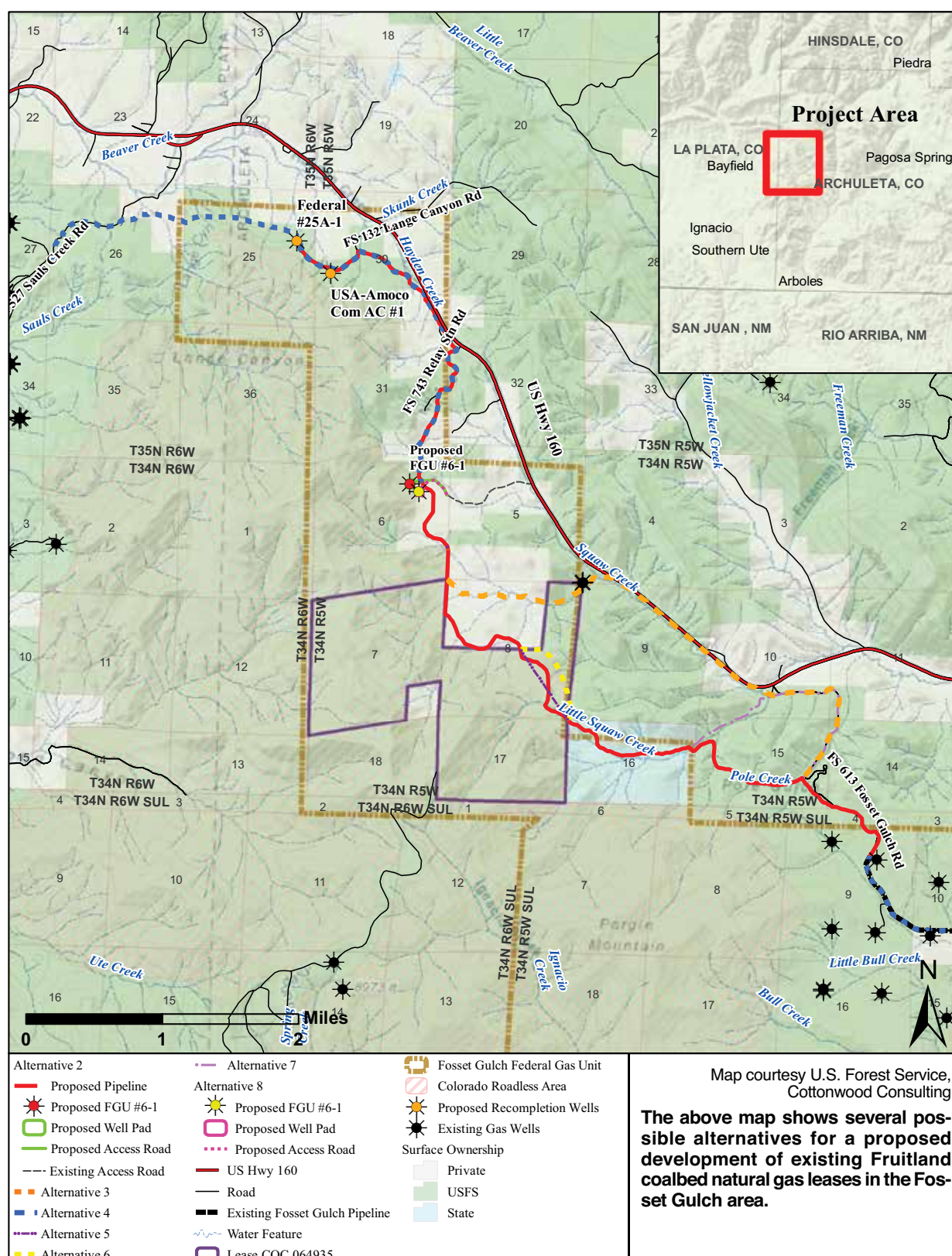
The scoping letter and a map can be found at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53825>.

Input is requested by Friday, Sept. 28. A future public comment period will then be offered to review the draft environmental document.

Written input may be submitted on or before Sept. 28, by:

• U.S. Postal Service: San Juan National Forest Headquarters Office, 15 Burnett Court, Durango,

■ See Drilling A8



Owner of home-based business found in contempt of court

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Mike Selinsky, a local artist, was found in contempt of court on Aug. 17 for continuing to operate a home-based business in violation of a court order.

Prior to that, however, Selinsky filed charges of drugs and gambling against the county attorney.

"The court found Mr. Selinsky was in contempt of court, and that he was, and is, continuing to operate in violation of the court order," Archuleta County Interim Attorney Todd Starr said in an interview on Aug. 27.

Starr explained that the court assessed an additional fine of \$500.

The hearing was held in Durango on Aug. 17 under Archuleta County Court Judge Justin P. Fay. Selinsky was represented by attorney William L. Hubbard.

At the work session of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday morning, Starr mentioned that Selinsky is a talented artist and blacksmith, and that the county did not have a problem with home-based businesses.

■ See Business A8

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

A trooper and a hero

Colorado State Patrol Trooper Scott Fenwick's actions on Monday were nothing less than heroic.

Fenwick was patrolling on Wolf Creek Pass when he noticed a motor home having difficulties with overheated brakes as it descended the west side of the mountain.

With an active CDOT construction zone at the base of the pass, Fenwick's quick thinking and fast action in heroically pursuing the runaway vehicle with his patrol car lights and siren activated to warn nearby construction workers of the imminent danger undoubtedly saved lives that day.

The out-of-control motor home was careening toward a construction zone that was in its path. The construction zone was restricted to just a single lane of traffic.

While the accident is still under investigation, from the facts we currently know, driver Joseph Guarino was unable to stop his motor home even though he successfully navigated "both the upper switchback curve within the active construction zone at the milepost 160 scenic overlook, and the lower switchback curve at milepost 159." The vehicle was weaving and its brakes were smoking as Guarino attempted to control the motor home and maneuver it down the pass.

Thanks to Fenwick's and Guarino's efforts, no construction personnel were injured in the incident and the two individuals who were transported for medical care did not receive life-threatening injuries.

Tragically, Guarino lost his life in the incident.

Master Trooper Doug Wiersma shared his thoughts with The SUN Wednesday morning: "The fact that Scott was able to so quickly identify a vehicle that was having difficulty, and then to both communicate with the driver in transit, and then alert the construction crews with his lights and siren of the approaching danger is pretty remarkable. His awareness of the situation as it was developing and his quick thinking undoubtedly prevented even more tragedy."

We commend Fenwick for his courage, quick thinking and heroism in averting an even bigger disaster and greater loss of life.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

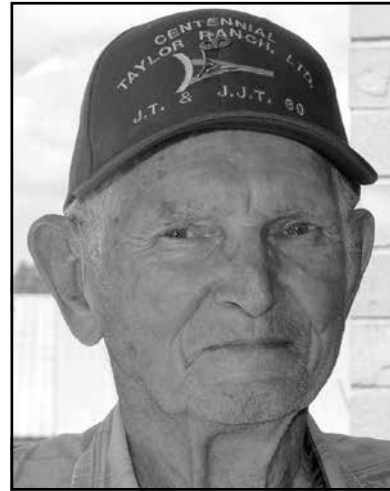
What should be done with the historic Water Works site following the restoration of the original structure?



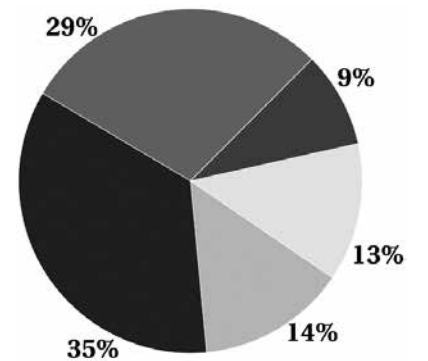
Leon Lucero
"A water park."



Cindy Lucero
"I think a museum is good for me. It's got all of our heritage in it."



John Taylor
"Should be a museum, because there's a museum there already. There's a lot of material that could be spread over."



Poll results (100 Votes)
 Make it a park — 29 percent
 House a museum or cultural center — 35 percent
 Recreate the Water Works — 14 percent
 Use it for both public and commercial endeavors — 13 percent
 Other — 9 percent

This week online: What is your favorite thing about school being back in session?
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LOOKING BACK



From the May 22, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. JUNIOR OLYMPICS COMPETITORS — Four of the five Pagosa Springs Boxing Club members who competed last weekend at Los Lunas, N.M. are pictured above. Tommy Archuleta (front) won in his division and also brought home the tourney sportsmanship trophy. He now moves on to the regional championships to be held in Albuquerque June 5-7. In the back row, from left, are Russell Martinez, runner-up in his weight class; Pete Archuleta, third in his division; and Ronnie Archuleta who lost his bout but came home with a participation ribbon. Joey Trujillo who placed fourth in his class was not present when the photo was taken.

Be alert: It's back-to-school time

Summer vacation is coming to an end. It's back-to-school time Tuesday.

And with that comes a wake-up call for area drivers: Pay attention. Be alert. Slow down.

You are going to notice a huge change in traffic around Pagosa Country come Tuesday morning. Expect traffic to be heavier in the mornings and afternoons. Watch closely for pedestrians. Always expect the unexpected. Also, be sure to watch for those yellow school buses.

If you have school-aged children, we encourage you to also take the time to remind them about safety while waiting for the bus, crossing the street or walking to school.

A bit of caution could make a huge difference. If it takes you a couple more minutes to get where you are going — it's definitely worth it.

We want everyone to get where they are going safely.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 31, 1928

The Women's Civic Club will meet next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the public library, at which time the members will assist in binding books.

S.H. Dickerson is closing out his stock of groceries at cost, but will maintain a cash meat market at reduced prices. In addition to fresh meats, he will handle butter, eggs and fresh vegetables for cash only.

Beginning Sept. 1st, federal prohibition agents of this district, when actively engaged in patrol duty, will wear uniform caps bearing appropriate insignia, and badges on their coat labels, identifying them as government officers, it has been announced by John F. Vivian, prohibition administrator.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 3, 1943

Pagosa Springs will hold an air raid warning exercise Saturday in accordance with instruction from the Colorado State Defense Council received today. The whistle or siren exercise will start at 12:00 noon with the steady blast of whistle or siren for two minutes. That means that an air raid is probable. After a three minute interval, or at 12:05, the intermittent blast of whistle or siren will be heard. That means the air raiders are overhead and people should take shelter from possible falling bombs. After another three minute interval there will be another two minute steady blast of whistle or siren, which means that the air raiders have gone, but may return. No whistle or siren is blown for "all clear." If the alarm comes at night, the street lights come on to signify an "all clear."

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 29, 1968

An average of about 500 people a day stop at the information booth at the top of Wolf Creek Pass. This information booth is tended by two part-time employees of the Forest Service, Tony Valdez and Jim Cochran. Mr. Valdez says that this average of 500 people a day can be cut in half if it is a rainy or cold day. He estimates that of the 500 people 100 ask for information of one sort or another. The most often asked question is for directions to Mesa Verde. The Silverton train seems to be the second most popular and the Sand Dunes are third. Many people seek the shortest route to Denver and there are also inquiries about this area's camping and fishing. So far this summer the busiest day was the Fourth of July when 700 persons stopped at the booth.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 2, 1993

August 1993 was a very wet month for Archuleta County with 5.36 inches of precipitation measured by Carl Bolt at the U.S. Weather Service monitoring station in Pagosa Springs. There was 3.57 inches of rainfall between Aug. 26 and Aug. 31. Nearly 2.25 inches of rain Aug. 26, 27 and 28 sent runoff rushing into local rivers, pushed waters to the tops of river banks, and prompted a flash flood warning from the Archuleta County Sheriff Department. Bolt who has manned the weather station for 12 years, said he has not recorded a comparable one-day total during that time.

School District 50 joint staff and faculty return to work tomorrow (Friday) in preparation for the first day of classes on Tues., Sept. 7.

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8/22	68	52	R	-	.04"
8/23	74	49	R	-	.07"
8/24	81	43	R	-	.19"
8/25	71	54	-	-	-
8/26	77	46	R	-	.01"
8/27	78	49	-	-	-

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Letters

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Club 20 debate

Dear Editor:
I am very concerned and even angered that Jared Polis has refused to debate Walker Stapleton at the Club 20 annual meeting. Club 20 has hosted political debates for years and never has a gubernatorial candidate snubbed the event. Does Polis not care about issues on the West Slope? Is he a coward? I am sure he has all kinds of excuses, but I don't buy them. And don't give me the line that a debate put

on by the Grand Junction Sentinel will suffice. Jared, if you want to be our Governor, we on the West Slope deserve to know on what principles you stand. Come face us.

J. Paul Brown

In this together

Dear Editor:
My husband Darryl and I moved here in March, after selling our house in Florida, where we were experiencing ever increasing temperatures, traffic, green slime, red tide, rising oceans, and state and local government committed to more and more development.

We chose Pagosa Springs, and have zero regrets. We have met people who are interested in deep conversations about climate, local hot-button issues, and wildlife. We found and joined a photo club, Audubon, and the small UU church. On a much-delayed flight out of Dallas, a young man from this town offered me a ride from Durango Airport, saving a midnight trip for my husband. The bonus? Because we discovered a shared love of solar, he arranged for us to take a tour of his completely sustainable home downtown. We hired a roofing contractor who was a perfectionist and charged so little we were embarrassed, and now our house is more snug and sustainable. We met people who shared the "real" recipe to counteract skunk spray on our dog, and handed over copies of "High Country News." It doesn't matter where we go, we are greeted with a relaxed and welcoming attitude. We have landed in a place where we are at home.

But even here, we have not escaped the powerful forces at work on Earth's climate. Scant rainfall, higher than normal temperatures, and a fire-prone forest with dead pines are our local issues. We are all part of Earth's climate changes. Think of the many wild fires all over the West, salt water intrusions and sea level rise on our coasts, and the sleeping dragon of ice melt and potent methane emissions in the Arctic, along with more weather extremes world-wide. It's all related. We are indeed a global community.

We cannot isolate ourselves.

And because there are enough people here who care, I am happy not only to live here, but also to support "Rise for Climate," a march happening on September 8, 3pm, at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Amphitheater. Kirsten Skeehan, a board member of LaPlata Electric, will be speaking. Don't miss this chance to join the conversation.

Diane Cirksena

McCain: True hero

Dear Editor:
Senator John McCain is a true American Hero ... and don't let anyone ... say otherwise.

Jeff Greer

Not fit for office

Dear Editor:
Our country lost a great hero last week. Regardless of what Donald Trump has said, Senator John McCain was a hero, in war and in peace. His military service is a story of legendary courage, sacrifice, and honor. His service in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate is inspiring. He was able to put country above party in seeking solutions to very real problems like campaign finance reform, immigration reform and a ban on civil and military torture. Although he was twice unsuccessful in being elected president, he was able to have working relationships with our Presidents Reagan through Obama.

Our current president apparently felt threatened by Senator McCain. Trump insulted the Senator at every opportunity, almost until his death. McCain had no problem speaking truth to and about power. This, by the way, is a constitutional responsibility of the legislative branch, even though it is being ignored now.

Donald trump should be ashamed of the way he treated John McCain. McCain was a gentleman. Donald Trump is a strong-arm bully. He is accustomed to getting what he wants through intimidation. That did not work with John McCain. Trump could not do it just as the North Vietnamese could

not. John McCain had principles. Donald Trump does not, nor does he understand or respect those who do.

We have a president who is not fit to hold that office.

Ron Hardeman

Stop Village

Dear Editor:
I am sending this letter to the National Forest Service as advised/encouraged last week by the Weminuche Audubon Society. These letters/comments are due by September 5th when the National Forest Service makes it decision. (See the letter to the editor in last Pagosa Sun for details.)

Those of us who appreciate the beauty of this great state are horrified by this project. From my understanding the Wolf Creek Access Project has already been ruled as unlawful by a federal court, that it would be environmentally catastrophic, the public has vehemently opposed it, yet the proposal still keeps resurfacing by a greedy developer with no conscience about the consequences and impact to nature and those who appreciate nature. It confuses me why this issue still exists.

My husband and I enjoy the many trails near Wolf Creek year round, especially the gorgeous Continental Divide trail. There is such a great solitude and feeling of well-being and harmony with nature. It breaks our hearts what this pillage of Wolf Creek area will do.

We also have a huge concern

■ See Letters A4

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Sports

CROSS-COUNTRY

Pirate harriers start season in encouraging fashion

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Following last week's pre-state meet in Colorado Springs, Pagosa Springs High School cross-country coach Scott Anderson is encouraged and optimistic.

Both Pirate squads participated in the pre-state meet at the Norris Penrose Event Center Aug. 24, with the girls finishing second out of 14 full teams and the boys finishing eighth out of 17 teams.

"This is the first time in a number of years that we, on the girls' side, beat Alamosa," Anderson said. Alamosa finished third.

Megan Greenly, who finished 76th in state competition on the course in 2017 as the Lady Pirates' sole representative, finished 11th overall at the pre-state meet with a time of 22 minutes, nine seconds. A total of 107 runners participated in the girls' event.

Emma Heidelmeier finished in 15th place in 22:29, while Sierra Liverett finished in 16th one second later.

"It was awesome to see those three running together," Anderson pointed out.

Shelby Cronon was the next Lady Pirate across the finish line, coming in 31st in 23:46, while Michelle Saucedo finished 40th in 24:29 and Celia Taylor finished 57th in 25:52.

"Particularly in those conditions, the girls, as a group, I thought ran an excellent, very smart race. They did not get involved, particularly on a hot day, ... you're not going to run for your fastest times, you're basically running for place," Anderson said.

The coach noted that the team started well, around mid-pack or a little behind that, but continued to run themselves into the race.

"By the time they hit the mile mark, most of the pretenders had started moving backwards and our girls continued to run forward," he said, adding, "By the second mile, it was becoming really obvious, at least to me, that they were going to do very well in this meet."

The coach expressed contentment with how the team members were running together early in the season.

"It's a really great group and they're all encouraging towards each other," Anderson said.

The coach then noted another encouraging piece of the puzzle — the performance of Nell Taylor in the junior varsity race.

Nell Taylor would have been running varsity, but was absent for part of the week, so the coach put her in the junior varsity race.

She would have finished among the team's top four varsity runners, and finished second in the junior varsity race.

Things were also promising on the other side of the coin.

"I found a lot of encouraging things," Anderson said of the boys' performances.

The Pirates' top finisher was Nate Lewis, who finished 18th overall out of 120 runners. He ran the course in 18:42.

Pirate Kaleb Buffington finished 21st in 18:49.

"Nate hasn't run pain-free in several years, but ... he's been able to overcome a lot of his previous issues," Anderson said, adding, "Obviously he and Kaleb were running together for much of the race, and they both ran really strong, so that was definitely nice to see."

Anderson noted that Lewis and Buffington also split the Alamosa group, which he noted is a nice measure of how the team is doing.

"We expect them to continue to progress."

Trent Buffington followed with a 55th-place finish in 20:24, while Gabe Heraty finished 65th in 20:48.

"Gabe Heraty had a really solid race," Anderson noted.

Mason Blakemore finished 76th in 21:24 and Cole Cayard finished 89th in 22:17.

It was Blakemore's first varsity race, the coach noted, adding that he did well.

Cam Hinger did not finish the race due to an ankle injury. Instead, he was pulled off the course about halfway through the race.

"I pulled him off the course. He was going to finish," Anderson said, explaining that Hinger's ankle injury stems from a broken leg that occurred during last year's wrestling season, and that he had rested prior to the first race. "He was pretty bummed about it, but he's in good spirits."

Anderson said the plan is to be really conservative with Hinger's ankle over the next couple of

■ See Harriers A18

VOLLEYBALL

Lady Pirates fight hard but fall to Durango, Glenwood Springs tourney this weekend

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Despite three very competitive sets on Aug. 25, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team lost its home and season opener to the Durango Demons 3-0.

The Demons did not win any of the three sets over the Pirates by more than three points.

Durango took the first set by a score of 25-23, the second set 26-24 and the final set 25-22.

Teagan Stretton led the team in kills against the Demons with six.

Three other Lady Pirates recorded five kills against the Demons.

Chloe Bridges recorded the lone serving ace for the Lady Pirates.

Elsa Lindner led the team in serves with 16, while Mackenzie Wedemeyer and Bridges added 12 and 11 serves, respectively.

The Lady Pirates recorded 10 attack errors and five serving errors against Durango.

Lindner and Taylor Lewis both led the team in blocks with three apiece, while Brigid Parken added one.

River Pitcher led the team in digs with 14.

Both Stretton and Bridges led the team in assists with 12 each.

The loss drops Pagosa's overall record to 0-1, while the Demons move to 1-0.

Coach Caitlin Forrest noted in an email to The SUN that she was pleased with how the Lady Pirates played against Durango.

"They had a shaky start, but once they got their first game jitters out they played well. They never gave up on each other or the ball, and they fought hard for every single point they earned," Forrest wrote.

Each set could have gone either way, Forrest noted, and the Lady Pirates were gritty until the end.

Forrest also added that while she believes that Pagosa was a good matchup for Durango, she wished the Lady Pirates had capitalized on the Demon's weaknesses more.

"That being said, we went in with a game plan, and I feel that the girls overall executed that plan," Forrest wrote.

Forrest described that, after the game, spirits were high.

"I made it clear to the girls that while we get to set a precedence with the first game, we also have a ton more to grow. The girls have the big picture in mind, and are already excited to put in the work and take on our next opponents at the Glenwood tournament this weekend," Forrest wrote.

Pagosa will now travel to Glenwood Springs High School (GSHS) to take part in the GSHS Demon



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Chloe Bridges shows off her vertical against the Durango Demons on Aug. 25. The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team lost to the Demons in three sets. Bridges, however, finished the game with 12 assists.

Invitational.

The Lady Pirates will take on the 2A Denver Christian Thunder to begin the tournament tomorrow

at 1 p.m.

Then, the Lady Pirates will take on the 4A Littleton Lions later tomorrow at 6 p.m.

On Sept. 1, the Lady Pirates have two "open dates" with opponents and game times to be announced. chris@pagosasun.com



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FOOTBALL

Pirates drop season opener, take on La Junta tomorrow

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team didn't kick off its season the way it hoped, dropping its home opener against the Durango Demons by a score of 34-6 on Aug. 24.

Early in the first quarter, Dawson Marcum got Durango on the scoreboard with a 21-yard touchdown run to give Durango an early 7-0 lead.

The Pirates came right back at the Demons with a 6.5-minute, 13-play drive that led Pagosa into Durango territory.

However, the Demon defense held strong with a goal-line stand to force a Pirate turnover on downs.

Durango made the most of the turnover as Marcum, on the very next play, scored his second touchdown of the game, this one a 99-yarder, to give Durango a 14-0 lead.

Things were not made easier on the Pirates as right at the start of the second quarter, Durango recovered a Pirate fumble.

Just under two minutes later, Marcum struck again, scoring his third touchdown of the night, a 5-yard run this time.

The Demons missed the extra point, but still maintained a 20-0 lead midway through the first half.

After Pagosa was stopped on a fourth-down conversion attempt, Durango struck again with four minutes left in the second quarter.

This time, Demon quarterback Jordan Woolverton found Breyton Jackson for a 56-yard pass and score, putting the Demons up 27-0.

However, as the second quarter wound to a close, the Pirates put together a drive that capped with a 1-yard Paden Bailey touchdown score. Pagosa missed the extra point, making Durango's lead 27-6.

Returning from the break, Durango showed no signs of slowing

down, as Woolverton tossed a 23-yard touchdown pass to Gage Mestas making, and finalizing, Durango's lead at 34-6.

Late in the third quarter, Pagosa was once again stopped on a fourth-and-goal attempt.

Cade Cowan finished three of six pass attempts for a total of 70 yards, with one interception.

Mitch Lewis had two catches for 42 yards and Bailey had one for 28 yards.

Cowan also logged 22 rushes for a total of 147 yards.

Cowan had 16 rushes for 61 yards, while Bailey has 12 rushes for 30 yards and the team's lone touchdown.

Grant Aucoin had five rushes for 16 yards, and Javier Marinelarena had one rush for 7 yards.

Bowen Dejesus rounded out the Pirates' rushing stats with one rush for 3 yards.

The Pirates finished the game against the Demons with 70 passing yards and 264 rushing yards.

The Pirates, including turnover on downs, turned over the ball five times against the Demons.

The loss gives Pagosa an 0-1 record on the season and moves Durango's to 1-0.

Durango will travel to Palisade today to take on the Bulldogs.

With the loss, Pagosa currently sits fourth in the Intermountain League standings for the 2A classification, sitting behind the Salida Spartans, Bayfield Wolverines and Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

"They're a good football team, and we knew that coming in. I thought we played pretty well on offense; we moved the ball well. There's some execution things that we need to improve on, but we moved the ball pretty well," coach Myron Stretton explained.

The final score would not have looked so lopsided if the Pirates could have converted on their goal-



Paden Bailey evades contact during the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team's season opener against the Durango Demons. Pagosa ultimately fell to the Demons 34-6, but Bailey finished with one catch for 28 yards, 12 rushes for 30 yards and the lone score for the Pirates.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

line opportunities, Stretton added. "Defensively, we got a lot of work to do," Stretton said.

The lack of conversion on the goal line by Pagosa was a combination of Durango's defensive play and a lack of execution on Pagosa's side, Stretton explained.

"We didn't necessarily execute very well in those situations, but at the same time, you're not running against air. You've got a good team over there trying to stop you," Stretton explained.

The offensive line of the Pirates played well, according to Stretton.

"That's certainly the most important part in making your offense work and it's probably the most difficult job to do," Stretton said of the

offensive line. Despite the final score of the game, Stretton noted that he found a lot of positives that the team can build on.

"I think there's a lot of positive things that can come from that," Stretton said. "Without a doubt there's a lot of things that we can build on there."

Familiar territory
The Pirates will now set their sights on a familiar opponent — the La Junta Tigers.

Last year, the Pirates lost to the Tigers in the opening round of the 2A state tournament by a score of 34-0.

The Tigers went on to lose in the 2A state championship game to the

Wolverines by a score of 34-7.

So far this year, La Junta sits at 1-0 on the season, coming off of a win against Raton (N.M.) by a score of 47-0.

In preparation for another matchup against La Junta, Stretton realizes that the Tigers are going to be good again.

"It's going to be a challenge, for sure," Stretton noted.

As of the interview on Monday, Stretton noted that the team has not talked about La Junta much.

"Football is a game of a bunch of five- or 10-second battles. And the good thing is, you lose one, you get to do it again five or 10 seconds later," he said.

The Pirates competed hard

against Durango, and Stretton expects the same against La Junta.

"We didn't necessarily play our best game last year in that playoff game," Stretton noted.

Stretton added that he explained to the team that both the Pirates and Tigers are good teams who have lost seniors heading into this season.

"Really, what happened the year before is usually irrelevant. There's obviously things that we're going to do, looking at how they defended us and what they did against us offensively that we're going to try to scheme against," Stretton noted.

Game time for the matchup against the Tigers in La Junta is set for 7 p.m. tomorrow night.

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Four Corners Folk Festival

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The lineup for the 23rd annual Four Corners Folk Festival is slated to feature music ranging from newgrass to Irish trad to rhythmic folk rock, giving festival-goers ample opportunity to dance.

23rd annual Four Corners Folk Festival kicks off Friday

By Crista Munro
Special to The PREVIEW

This year marks the 23rd annual Four Corners Folk Festival in Pagosa Springs, and what a journey

it's been. The festival kicks off on Reservoir Hill on Friday, Aug. 31, at 3 p.m. and ends on Sunday, Sept. 2, around 9 p.m.

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Riff Raff downtown: Brian Kofke, 6 p.m.
Shooters & Shenanigans: Devin Scott, 5 p.m.; Variety Express, 8 p.m.

Saturday
Coyote Moon: Karaoke, 9 p.m.
East Side Market: Open Mic with Steve Rolig, 9 a.m.
La Taqueria: Rewired Blues, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Jack Ellis, 6 p.m.
Shooters & Shenanigans: Brooks-i, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday
Mountain Pizza & Taproom: Tim Sullivan, 7 p.m.

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

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Entertainment at the Four Corners Folk Festival goes beyond the main stage, with crafts for kids offered throughout the weekend, as well as children's performers. Kids 12 and under (accompanied by an adult) are admitted free to the festival.

Festival

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to experience the amazing musical lineup, which this year includes a wealth of talent and variety of musical styles from artists The Dawg Trio (featuring mandolin legend David Grisman, award-winning banjoist Danny Barnes and bassist Samson Grisman), Nahko And Medicine For The People, Sam Bush, Amy Helm, We Banjo 3, The Accidentals, Sam Reider and the Human Hands, Front Country, Jon Stickley Trio, Jacob Jolliff Band, Darling West, The Western Flyers, Bonnie and the Clydes, Tallgrass and Courtney Hartman and Taylor Ashton.

The lineup is a blend of returning artists mixed with lots of new faces, too. Renowned mandolin player (and fiddler) Sam Bush is no stranger to Reservoir Hill, but, incredibly, this will be David Grisman's first time appearing at a FolkWest festival. We Banjo 3 is bringing their high energy Celtic dance music back after completely wowing the audience at the 2017 festival. From newgrass to Irish trad to rhythmic folk rock, the one thing all this year's bands have in common is talent. There are many bands on the lineup that residents of Southwest Colorado wouldn't have an opportunity to see without traveling to a major city.

All the incredible live music will take place on two stages throughout the weekend — the Main Stage and the Late Night Stage, a smaller and more intimate setting that takes place on Friday and Saturday nights

after the main stage sets end. In addition to the musical performances, the family-friendly event will also feature music workshops, arts and crafts vendors, a food court, beer and wine garden, morning yoga sessions, guided walks of Reservoir Hill and lots of picking circles in the campgrounds.

Festival admission is free for children 12 and under (accompanied by an adult) and there will be plenty to do and see in the Four Corners Kids tent. On Friday, kids can enjoy a juggling show at 2 p.m. and upcycled arts and crafts from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday have free crafts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., face painting, juggling shows by Andy the Juggler, balloon animal artistry by Ruby Balloon and a special performance of "Pinkalicious the Musical" from Pagosa Springs' own Thingamajig Theater Company each afternoon at 3 p.m.

The free parking shuttles will start operating on Friday, Aug. 31, at 12:30 p.m. Venue gates open at 1 p.m. Festival-goers may bring their own blankets, tarps or chairs for seating in the meadow, or may claim a spot on one of the 1,100 general admission seats under the tent. Coolers and outside food are allowed; however, alcoholic beverages, glass containers and unsealed beverages may not be brought in. Free filtered water is available in the food court and participants are encouraged to bring their own (empty) refillable

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Special guest artist to join 'One Night Only' Friday

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa's (CUP) 2018 concert series, "One Night Only" continues this Friday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church on South Pagosa Boulevard.

An evening of Broadway favorites and new songs, the show stars Robert Neel, with accompaniment provided by Sally Neel.

We are also excited to announce that special guest artist Johannah Laverty will be appearing, as well. Laverty has been touching our hearts with performances on the Pagosa stage since she was 7 years old and has been featured in every one of our shows and concerts since then.

Laverty has been studying theater and music at Fort Lewis College and most recently spent a year at the prestigious Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center in Waterford, Conn., where she had intensive studies in theater, music, songwriting, directing and dance. While there, Laverty had the opportunity to travel to London, England, as



Photo courtesy Curtains Up Pagosa

Johanna Laverty, veteran Curtains Up Pagosa performing artist, performing at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center, Waterford, Conn. Laverty will join Robert Neel on stage Friday for "One Night Only," which will begin at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

part of her studies.

We are thrilled that she will be performing with CUP while she is back in Pagosa.

Tickets are \$15 at the door, with

proceeds to the Sally Neel College Scholarship Fund. Don't miss this one-night event. We appreciate your support of community theater in our mountain town.

AWANA set to start Sept. 9 at Centerpoint Church

By Jon Duncan
Special to The PREVIEW

The 2018-2019 AWANA Club year kicks off on Sept. 9 at 3:45 p.m. at Centerpoint Church.

AWANA will meet from 3:45 to 6

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AWANA, which stands for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed,"

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Registration will begin at 3:45 p.m. on Sept. 9 at Centerpoint Church, or come spend the evening to see AWANA in action. For more information, call 731-2205 or admin@centerpointpagosa.com, or visit us at 2750 Cornerstone Drive.

Festival

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Lots more information about this year's Four Corners Folk Festival is available at the website,

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'Nutcracker' auditions set for Sept. 6 and 7

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) will be holding auditions for its winter show, "Nutcracker the Musical," on Sept. 6 and 7 at Pagosa Springs High School.

This production will be the first ever collaboration between CUP and the local dance academy run by Casey Crow. We are excited to bring the Nutcracker to our community, Pagosa style.

Auditions for dance academy students only will be held Thursday, Sept. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. with an age breakdown as follows: 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 7-10,

5 to 6 p.m. for ages 11-13, and 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 14 and up.

Regular auditions for performers age 7 and up will be held on Friday, Sept. 7, from 2 to 7 p.m. We are seeking all actors between the ages of 7 and 90 for this musical.

For Friday auditions, please prepare one verse of a Broadway tune of your choosing and bring sheet music; an accompanist is provided. Script readings and a group dance will be part of the audition. We are looking forward to your audition.

Contact CUP's director, Dale Johnson, at 946-1500 or Crow at the dance academy for further information.

Nurture positivity with Tuesday hand-drumming classes

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at noon.

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

St. Patrick's accepting clothing for annual giveaway

By Lynne McCrudden
Special to The PREVIEW

Out with the gently used, in with the new. St. Patrick's Church is accepting your gently used clothing beginning Sept. 1 and continuing every Saturday in September at Airport Storage on Piedra Road.

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The giveaway will be on Oct. 20 from 8 a.m. to noon in our parish hall, so there is still time to do some sorting through your clothes. If you have questions or find that the five Saturdays in September are not going to work for you, please call the church at 731-5801 and we will try and make other arrangements.



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The Pagosa Springs Line Dancers are set to entertain the crowd while the Retro Cats are taking a break from performing at the Community Fall Festival on Sept. 9.

Community Fall Festival entertainment lineup announced

By Roxanne Schick
Special to The PREVIEW

The Community Fall Festival and Raffle will be held on Sunday, Sept. 9, at Town Park from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This is a free event and everyone in the community is welcome. There will be free food, provided by the Knights of Columbus, and a cash bar.

The Retro Cats Band will again donate their time and musical talent. The Pagosa Springs Line Dancers, headed by Beverly Chester, will entertain the crowd while the band is taking a break. Games and face/arm air-brush temporary tattooing will also be part of the event.

Retro Cats band

The Retro Cats, a Pagosa Springs rock band, has performed at numerous local events and fundraisers for the past three years, including the Pagosa Springs Car Show and the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala.

The band includes bass player/vocalist Bruce Wayne, vocalist Greg

Milioto on lead guitar, and vocalist Bill Hudson on keyboards and rhythm guitar. Milioto and Hudson have played and sung together in various local bands over the past decade, including Rockola Deluxe and Honeybone.

The Retro Cats, as the name implies, cut their musical teeth during the '60s and '70s, and happily serve up a mix of classic rock, blues and country for your dancing and listening pleasure. Key musical influences include Eric Clapton, Tom Petty, the Beatles, Chuck Berry, Stevie Ray Vaughn, CCR and Johnny Cash.

Pagosa Springs Line Dancers

The Pagosa Springs Line Dancers are an ever-growing group of men and women who either want to learn or enjoy line dancing. Many of the line dancers have been dancing for the past 11 years.

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manage weight, and strengthen the bones in the legs and hips. It can even lower the risk of coronary heart disease.

The social aspects are obvious: you don't need a partner and you have an opportunity to meet some great people. There are several venues in town where you can practice what you learn in class.

If you are interested in line dancing, the Pagosa Springs Line Dancers dance Monday mornings at the Pagosa Lake Property Owners Association clubhouse. Beginners class is at 9:15 a.m. and advanced class begins at 10:15 a.m. Come and join us.



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Folks from all around Pagosa Springs will be preparing a Christmas concert for all to enjoy this coming Christmas season beginning with the first rehearsal on Sept. 11 in the Pagosa Springs High School music room. All members of the community are encouraged and welcomed to participate.

Pagosa Springs Choral Society rehearsals will begin Sept. 11

By Richard Bolland
Special to The PREVIEW

Sept. 11 marks the initial rehearsal for the 2018 Pagosa Springs Choral Society's community Christmas concert. Pagosans from all around the area will gather in the Pagosa Springs High School music room to begin preparations for this year's Christmas concert series, which will be presented at 7 p.m. on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, and at 4 p.m. on Dec. 2.

Once again, we are pleased to welcome Dan Burch, music director at Pagosa Springs High School, as our director and Venita Burch as our accompanist.

All members of the community are welcome to come and participate in the choir. A \$20 fee will be

assessed each choir member to assist in defraying the cost of music.

Registration for choir participation will begin at 6 p.m. at the high school with rehearsal following from 7 to 8:30 p.m. With the exception of Thanksgiving week, rehearsals will continue every Tuesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. until the concerts.

Musical selections will include "Come, Messiah King," "Christmas Is the Best Time of the Year" and "Behold That Star." A select jazz ensemble will be chosen by audition from the choir membership and will perform two additional selections as part of the concert series.

Members of the community are encouraged to come and sing with the choir with a special invitation going out to those who have pre-

viously sung at these very special Christmas concerts. If you've sung with the choir in the past, but have taken a few years off, perhaps it is time to consider being involved once again. Come and help us to demonstrate to the Pagosa Springs community what real harmony sounds and looks like.

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Pagosa Springs Community Band to begin rehearsals Sept. 10

By Larry Baisdon
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Community Band will begin rehearsing for its fall concert on Monday, Sept. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School band room.

Registration will begin at 6 p.m. and music will be distributed. We request a \$15 registration fee to help with music and operating costs. If that fee presents a problem for any individual, the register clerk can help.

We are looking forward to seeing our returning members and we

hope to see a lot of new musicians.

The Community Band consists of a number of adult musicians and a few selected student players. Our adults range from retired and active music educators to folks who used to be in the band and wanted to start playing again. So, if that clarinet or trombone in your storage room is calling your name, get it out, dust it off and show up at our first rehearsal. We have musicians in our band that have not played for many years and they are having a blast.

Our first three rehearsals will be on Monday nights, Sept. 10, 17 and 24. On Sept. 30, we will go

to Sunday afternoons, including Oct. 7, 14 and 21. There will be a dress rehearsal on Oct. 26. Our fall concert will be presented on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. All Sunday afternoon rehearsals will go from 2 to 4 p.m., and Monday nights will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

So, returning band members, start practicing, and, new prospects, you start practicing, too. Our conductors Larry Elginer and Malinda Burnett will have a terrific program selected for us.

If you have any questions, please call Larry Baisdon at 317-9288.

Pagosa Farmers Market tour Sept. 15 will offer tips on smart shopping and more

By Jennifer Banks
Special to The PREVIEW

On Sept. 15, the Pagosa Farmers Market, in collaboration with Cooking Matters, will conduct a “How to Navigate the Pagosa Springs Farmers Market” tour.

The Farmers Market is held every Saturday through Sept. 15 at 191 Pagosa St. downtown.

The 9:30 a.m. tour is free and open to the public. All tour participants will receive a \$10 market voucher, free market shopping bag, cooking brochure and simple tips on how to shop smarter, use nutrition information to make healthier choices, and cook delicious, afford-

able meals.

SNAP enrollees will learn how to use their benefits to receive Double Up Bucks (doubleup-colorado.org) at the Farmers Market. For every dollar spent (up to \$20), SNAP recipients will receive a matching dollar good for fruits and vegetables. The program helps people bring home healthier foods while supporting local farmers.

The tour will include stops at a few Farmers Market food growers’ booths. The growers will each give a short, informative talk about their businesses and why they believe in growing and cooking healthy foods.

Everyone is invited to attend the free tour, which will start from the Southwest Organization for Sustainability/Farmers Market information booth.

Cooking Matters, a national program with a regional office located in Durango, helps families learn to shop smarter, use nutrition information to make healthier choices and cook delicious, affordable meals on a budget. Cooking Matters is part of Share Our Strength’s No Kid Hungry campaign. For more information, visit cookingmatters.org.

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Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership will again host Breakfast with Balloons

By Sally High
Special to The PREVIEW

Breakfast with Balloons will be one of the highlights of Pagosa Springs' ColorFest weekend for the third year. Proceeds benefit the continuing operations of Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) park.

Saturday morning, Sept. 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., the GGP will welcome guests to a gourmet breakfast, live music in the amphitheater and the best seat in town to watch the dramatic mass ascension of hot air balloons. The chefs' savory and sweet breakfast selection and GGP's mimosas are not to be missed.

The GGP's Community Garden Dome, Innovation Dome and sculpted Rotary Garden are constructed. Pagosa Springs' Cen-

tenial Park is transformed. Feedback from locals and visitors is abundantly positive, but with the "wows" come questions. What's this one for? What will happen in that one? When will they open?

The Community Garden Dome, south of the San Juan Riverwalk, will be operational first. The conventional soil beds are designed to maximize growing space, but also to be divided evenly among participating community groups. The GGP is seeking a coordinator to organize participants and develop agreements for cooperation in the shared Community Garden space. The initial coordinator(s) will be a volunteer, but GGP is actively pursuing funds to hire the GGP park's first employee.

The Innovation Dome, a controlled environment greenhouse, will be operational in 2019. The

soilless integrated system will grow fish protein as well as plants. Both new greenhouses will retain GGP's educational mission: "Growing food and community with local energy."

The Education Dome hosted over 300 children in the 2017-18 school year. Plans for another busy year of hands-on, standards-based activities are underway.

Visit the GGP online at <http://www.pagosagreen.org>. Ask for more information. Ask to volunteer. We'll contact you. Join our email list so you'll always know what's going on in the GGP's public park. Stroll down the Riverwalk and see the progress for yourself.

Breakfast with Balloons sold out its first two years, so get your tickets now. They're selling fast. Visit <http://pagosagreen.org/breakfast-with-balloons-colorfest-2018/>.

Annual ColorFest Color Run to benefit Rise Above Violence Sept. 15

By Ashley Wilson
Special to The PREVIEW

As the balloons rise over the beautiful San Juan River, you will be running/walking your way around the town/river walk through five color stations.

Join our color station sponsors in support of Rise Above Violence. All proceeds from the color run are used to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our community.

Rise believes everyone has the right to live free from violence and works to end it in our homes and our community. Come support such an amazing and "colorful" cause at this year's ColorFest 5K Color Run/Walk. Call 264-1129 for more information.

The event begins at 8 a.m. at Town Park on Saturday, Sept. 19. Registration opens at 7 a.m., but

to guarantee your event T-shirt, we recommend you register early at <https://2018pagosacolorrun.eventbrite.com>. The route is mostly flat with all paved roads or sidewalks and very few slopes and small inclines. The event is open to all ages and abilities.

Come out for this family-friendly fun run. You can walk, skip, hop or roll your way to the finish line. This un-timed, noncompetitive event is for everyone. From young to the young at heart, you're going to love it. Add some color to your life and come out for a colorful good time.

Don't forget to wear white. The more white you wear, the more we can color you. White shirts, tutus, headbands, bandannas, whatever. And, remember, after you've been colored, plan to attend the bands and brews event (tickets sold separately) to hear live music and for

plenty of brews to tantalize your thirsty after-run taste buds. There will be fantastic food and family activities for all, too.

Rise is the only nonprofit in Archuleta County providing crisis and advocacy services for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

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Enrollment open for 11th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic

By **Jacque Aragon**
Special to The PREVIEW

Enrollment is open for the 11th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic (PAGCC).

The cost to enter is \$10 and all participants in this community event will receive an entry gift. Winners in the meat, vegetarian and overall people's choice categories will receive \$200 each and trophies, while second- and third-place winners receive medals and bragging rights. Registration is first-come, first-served, so don't miss your chance to participate in this event.

Commercial entrants pay \$25 and first place will land them a special award. Commercial entries are also eligible for People's Choice award for first, second and third place.

PAGCC is part of the 13th annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha. The Cha Cha is partnering with the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce this year.

The Cha Cha will be held rain or shine on Sept. 22 at Town Park. This event is free and also features a music concert by New Mexico's Sangre Joven and several races hosted by the Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club (joingecko.org to register), a Mexican beer garden, margarita contest, green chile roasted and for sale, and a kids' corner.

For more information or to enter the cook-off, please call Jacque at 946-7636 or register online at ilovegreenchile.com.



Photo courtesy Jacque Aragon


Enrollment is now open for the 11th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic. The cook-off, part of the Mountain Chile Cha Cha, will take place on Sept. 22.

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409 hotline calls. That is not all. Rise also has a youth violence prevention program. Students in the fifth through 12th grade received classes, presentations and participated in events that discuss bullying prevention, Internet safety and healthy relationships.

Rise makes contact with over 800 students each year. Events like the Color Run, the upcoming Art Above Violence show/auction on Sept. 29, the annual push-up challenge every April and the Pagosa Duathlon every July provide additional funds needed to support these important programs.

Rise operates through the generous support of our community, both through donations as well as volunteers giving their time to answer the hotline or help plan events. If you are interested in helping Rise, call 264-1129 and talk to Ashley. Check out the website at <http://riseaboveviolence.org>.



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Piece by Markus Hughes for the 2017 Art Above Violence event. The event uses a variety of artistic mediums to break this silence and bring healing to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence by transforming their stories into works of art.

Art Above Violence exhibit to showcase Markus Hughes and Diane Davis

By Casey Crow
Special to The PREVIEW

On Sept. 29, local nonprofit Rise Above Violence will host its third annual art exhibit and auction titled Art Above Violence: Voices Rise.

The event seeks to challenge the culture of silence that often surrounds experiences of sexual assault and domestic violence. The show uses a variety of artistic mediums to break this silence and bring healing to survivors by transforming their stories into works of art. Among this year's featured artists are Markus Hughes and Diane Davis.

According to him, Hughes did not choose art, but art chose him. He currently works primarily in oil and acrylic painting, but also works in charcoal, mixed media and more. Ironically, despite the focus on his painting, Hughes did not take a single painting class in his collegiate art studies, nor has he taken one to this day. He enjoys using a variety of tools and draws inspiration from the work of Gustav Klimt, Salvador Dali, Claude Monet

and Edouard Manet. Hughes often uses small strokes and vibrant colors to bring his work to life.

"Art is something I didn't really choose, it chose me, and I feel very blessed and lucky to do what I do. It's not like it comes easy to me. With every single piece, with every single painting, there is an element of frustration, but that's what leads to a great reward. The reward of having done something beautiful that touches people's lives," he said.

The Art Above Violence event is one that Hughes finds particularly moving, which has led him to participate since 2016.

"For me, it's a great inspiration to branch out and do things I wouldn't normally do, and to support the cause," he said.

Last year's piece by Hughes was crafted to reflect feminine power and the balance that exists in both nature and people. The painting portrays a woman with her arm outstretched, reaching to her spirit animal the hawk, while the hawk's spirit is coming out to touch her in return.

Similarly, this year's work draws on themes of feminine power, the

female spirit in nature (Mother Nature), equality and balance.

"I wanted to show off that no matter what — if you've been abused, beaten down — there is still a part of you, a part of everyone, that is very strong. And there is still part of the community that embraces that strength within each person."

Also among the talented artists of Voice Rise is Davis. Davis holds a bachelor's and master's in the arts from Purdue University, where she worked previously as a professor. Davis focused primarily on metal smithing with an emphasis on

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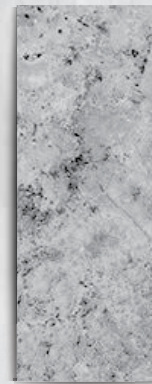


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Feltwork piece by Diane Davis for Art Above Violence. This year's show is set for Sept. 29 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Art

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Now retired to Pagosa since 1999, Davis centers her work on felting, which she loves for the tactile component and water-like images. She works in both wet and dry felting techniques, and uses mostly sheep and alpaca fiber. In addition to enjoying her professional artis-

tic pursuits, Davis teaches felting classes to adults and 4-H students.

By participating in the Art Above Violence show for the second time, Davis aims to celebrate the courage of survivors. She believes that art has the ability to take away some of the pain these individuals have experienced. Her piece from the 2016 show highlighted the strength

and transformation of the survivor. "What I wanted to show was more of the courage and evolution, the way that people have come to deal with or support themselves in

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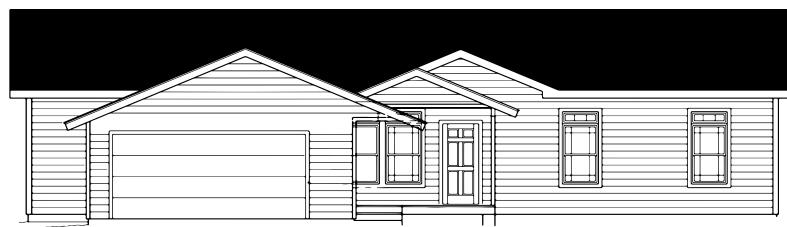
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Art

■ **continued from previous page** the process," she said. "You could read some of the pain that was there, but there was something going beyond that. It's more hopeful."

Given the recent emergence of the Me Too movement, Davis hopes that more people will be willing to attend Voices Rise and embrace survivor stories with compassion.

"It's really easy to be judgmental if you've not had to walk that path. Don't pass judgment, just be compassionate, because I don't think one can totally understand," she explained.

A survivor once expressed to Davis that in such situations you are constantly fluctuating between fight or flight, and in the process it is easy to become lost and confused. For those who have not been in that moment, it can be difficult to understand. Davis explained she thinks it is important for the community to embrace these complex stories with compassion. In doing so, there is potential to break the chain of abuse and silence.

Although the exhibit is based on real challenges faced by members of our community, the ultimate aim is to bring hope and healing through storytelling and artistic expression. Voices Rise celebrates the courage and resiliency of the human spirit, all the while bringing world-class artistry to the Pagosa Springs community.

According to Hughes, "It's a very powerful, very moving event in the sense that there is a lot of inspiration. It's neat to see exactly what inspires the artists and what they do from

that inspiration and what they bring to the show. It's very powerful based on the cause. It's also powerful to see the actual people that have been affected and how the art moves them."

We encourage you to support both the artists and survivors by at-

tending Voices Rise on Sept. 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The evening will include live music, performance art and visual art of all kinds. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$45 for VIP.

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Daughters of the American Revolution meeting set for Sept. 12

By Linda Hobbs
Special to The PREVIEW

The Sarah Platt Decker Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 10:30 at the Community United Methodist Church, 473 Lewis St.

Membership in the DAR is open to any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence.

For more information, contact Linda Hobbs at (713) 304-2028.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company announces upcoming winter season

By Tess Wisher
Special to The PREVIEW

This past Monday, Thingamajig Theatre Company summer season ticket holders gathered at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts for the theater's Wine and Cheese Winter Season Announcement. There, Thingamajig Theatre's Artistic Director, Tim Moore, had the privilege of announcing the winter lineup of shows.

In October, the season will start with the ever-anticipated Thingamajig Playwrights Festival, headlined by Dennis Elkins' original "box" and two completely new plays. "box" is a comical, yet touching autobiographical one-man show that leads us through the journey of cleaning house after parents/children die when we must decide what to keep. Elkins gives voice to the sometimes prickly, yet pleasurable, process of packing and unpacking our prized possessions.

The two new plays in the Thingamajig Playwrights Festival will have the awesome opportunity to incubate with a week-long professional workshop, and you have the opportunity to watch the process happen. Festival passes will include exclusive admittance into select rehearsals for each of the plays so you can watch the works transform from words on a page to actions on the stage.

In the Youth Playwrights Festival, local youth playwrights will also have the opportunity to have their plays workshopped with a professional team, including professional playwrights. These young Pagosa Springs playwrights will get a taste what life of some of the greatest storytellers in theater



Photo courtesy Tess Wisher

Dennis Elkins will return to Thingamajig Theatre Company to perform his solo show "box" this October.

is like.

Along a midnight clear, "A Christmas Carol" comes bounding along in December, just in time to add to Christmas cheer to Pagosa. This Christmas classic adaption, by Elkins, comes as close to the original book by Charles Dickens as you can get. With a majority of the text coming straight from Dickens' pen, Elkins' adaption stays true to the book while highlighting Scrooge's forgotten humanity.

While Christmas ghosts haunt the Thingamajig stage, "Little Women" will grace us for Decem-

ber and January. Based on the 1869 classic written by Louisa May Alcott by the same name, "Little Women" is the ultimate tale of sisterhood told through four sisters living and growing in the Civil War era. This heartwarming musical will have sisters, mothers, brothers and fathers captivated by these young women.

In February, Pagosa Springs legend Karl Isberg is back again with "Cerebrotini: Stirred, But Not Shaken." The same mind behind "Welcome to Siberia, Now go

■ See Season on next page



*Lord -
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Where there is hatred, let me sow *love*.

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Where there is sadness, *joy*.

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to be consoled, as *to console*;

To be understood, as *to understand*;

To be loved, as *to love*.

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Home,” Isberg has an unparalleled comedic pen. “Cerebrotini” will take you on an evening’s romp through the ICU and ask the ever-important question: “Are there cocktails in the afterlife?”

If you’re interested in seeing any of these engaging and inventive pieces of theater, season tickets become available to the public Sept. 1. This winter, there will be two options for season tickets: season tickets and season tickets with festival.

Winter season tickets include tickets to “A Christmas Carol,” “Little Women” and “Cerebrotini: Stirred, But Not Shaken,” admittance to champagne openings at no extra cost, free come-again tickets when you attend openings and bring a friend who pays, invites to our wine and cheese events, discounted tickets, no ticketing fees and the option to reserve your seat.

Winter season tickets with festival include all the perks of the winter season tickets and a Playwrights Festival pass at a discounted price. The Playwrights Festival runs Oct. 12-23 and the festival pass includes admittance to select rehearsals for both plays, final stage readings of both plays, and admittance to Elkins’ “box.”

Come see all that Thingamajig Theatre and the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts has to offer this winter. For more information, visit at pagosacenter.org, call 731-SHOW (7469) or stop by the box office.

Thingamajig Theatre is a professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts producing musicals, comedies and dramas year-round.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week’s Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the turkey vulture.

These large birds are commonly seen in the sky soaring or riding the thermals. While in the sky, they can be identified by their flattened v-shape, a dark brown body with a band of silvery flight feathers and by the feathers at the tips of the wings spread out like fingers. When not in the air, one or more can often be seen perched in a tree with spread wings drying in the sun. This is when the reddish-orange, featherless head is most visible, as it is pulled partly into the neck when in the air.

Turkey vultures are masters of soaring due to their large wings (5 1/2 to 6 feet across) and poor musculature in the wings, making them relatively light for their size. This comes at a cost, as they are weak flyers. You rarely see them flapping their wings.

Turkey vultures feed almost entirely on carrion, which is located by smell (an ability unusual in birds) and by sight. Their featherless heads are easier to clean after being stuck into messy animal carcasses. Without these birds and other scavengers, we would have a lot of dead animals lying around.

For information on local bird-watching events, visit www.weminuche-audubon.org or www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

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Scene ... at "A Bluesy Night in Memphis" raising money to help the Pagosa Springs Humane Society. This year's Auction for the Animals took on a soulful flair with its Memphis theme and featured live saxophone music to serenade event-goers, as well as the events traditional live and silent auctions, dinner and more.





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Preview Calendar

All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, Aug. 30

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 Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Thoroughly Modern Millie.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The winner of six Tony Awards, including Best Musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie" was the 2002 season's most awarded new show on Broadway. Based on the 1967 Academy Award-winning film, "Thoroughly Modern Millie" takes you back to the height of the Jazz Age in New York City, when "moderns," including a flapper named Millie Dillmount, were bobbing their hair, raising their hemlines, entering the workforce and rewriting the rules of love. This high spirited musical romp is a delightful valentine to the long-standing spirit of New York City and the people who seek to discover themselves there. For more information and tickets, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Friday, Aug. 31

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

you don't have one.

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

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

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

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

Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

23rd Annual Four Corners Folk Festival. 3 p.m., Reservoir Hill.

Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'One Night Only.' 7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. An evening of Broadway tunes starring Robert Neel. Tickets at the door, \$15.

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Legally Blonde the Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This fabulous award-winning musical based on the movie follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances, this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal. For more information and tickets, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Saturday, Sept. 1

St. Patrick's Clothing Giveaway

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Blacken, as steak
- 5 URL punctuator
- 10 Flaky rock
- 14 Golfer's goal
- 15 Cold-weather drink
- 16 After awhile
- 17 Boston or Brown
- 19 Cold cuts, e.g.
- 20 Kind of rule
- 21 Scholarship basis
- 22 Betty or Barney
- 24 Epson product
- 26 Sun screen?
- 27 Missile's path
- 28 Fries, maybe
- 29 Belief, in brief
- 32 Overly forceful
- 36 Zoo favorite
- 37 Comrade in arms
- 38 Taradiddle
- 39 The sun, for one
- 40 Bust
- 41 Lowest layer of sky
- 45 Crime lab evidence
- 46 _____ and dine
- 47 Railroad beam
- 48 Making, as a knot
- 50 Tunnel digger
- 54 Type of fever
- 56 Hair line
- 57 "Right you ___!"
- 58 Captured
- 59 She played Ernestine on "Laugh-In"
- 62 "...or ___!"
- 63 Wipe clean
- 64 Swear to
- 65 Meal at boot camp
- 66 Bocelli, for one
- 67 TV component?

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- 1 Easy mark

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- 2 Pay tribute to
- 3 Suspect's out
- 4 Man of the cloth, slangily
- 5 Kind of owl
- 6 Ne'er-do-well
- 7 It has a low pH
- 8 Pub crawler
- 9 Fun farm activity
- 10 Latin dance
- 11 Drunkard
- 12 Shade of black
- 13 Part of A.M.
- 18 Contest effort
- 23 Secondhand
- 25 Team with a goat mascot
- 26 VCR insert
- 28 Shoot from cover
- 30 Rigging support
- 31 ___ mortals
- 32 Full house, e.g.
- 33 Pizazz
- 34 Constant burden
- 35 Word with tag or string
- 39 Abandon
- 41 Jacob, to Esau

- 42 Curly lock
- 43 First-string player
- 44 Spotted steed
- 49 "Holy cow!"
- 50 Approval
- 51 Bisect
- 52 Projecting window

- 53 Category
- 54 Peony part
- 55 Fishing need
- 56 Builder's need
- 60 Boiling blood
- 61 "Welcome" site

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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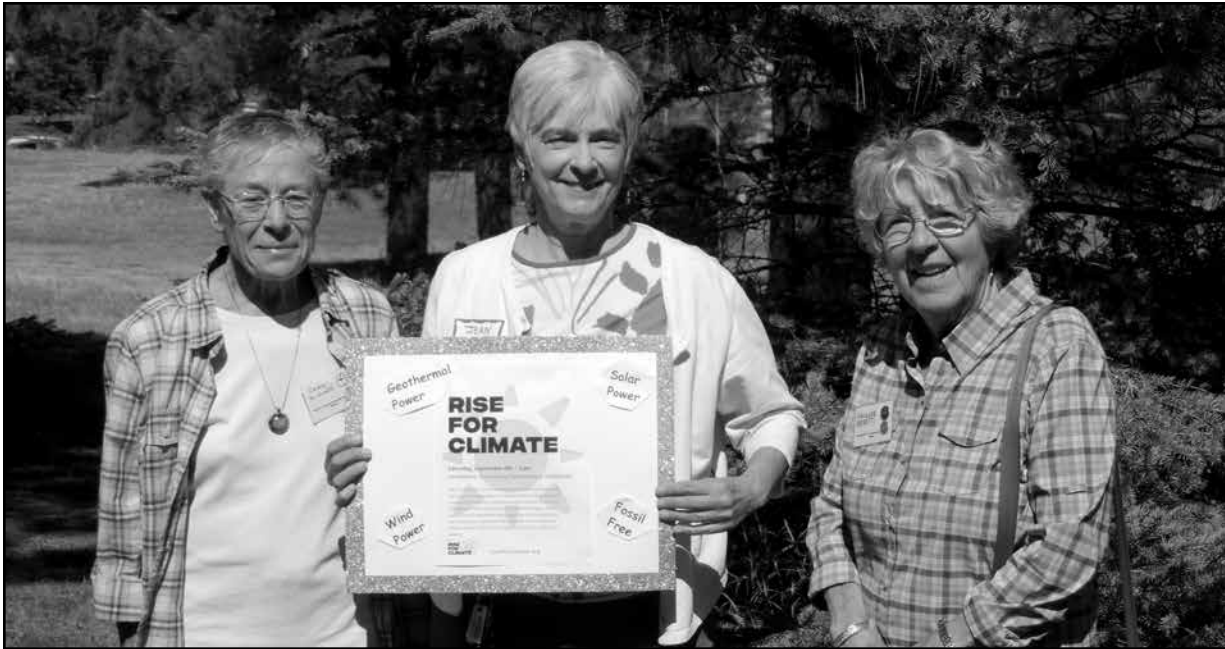


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On Saturday, Sept. 8, at 3 p.m., there will be a Walk and Talk for “Rise for Climate,” an international event about renewable energy, at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Amphitheater. These events precede the international Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco on Sept. 12-14. Its stated goal is to showcase climate action taking place around the world and inspire deeper commitments from each other and from national governments. Shown, left to right, are Cedar McGrath for Weminuche Audubon, Joan Ward for the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and Pauline Benetti for the GGP and the Southwest Organization for Sustainability. Also sponsoring the event is the Archuleta County Democratic Party.

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Drop-off. 9 a.m.-noon, Airport Storage. The church is accepting your gently-used clothing starting today and every Saturday in September. We will be in our front and center storage unit accepting men's, women's, children's and infants' clothes. For more information, call 731-5801.

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. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of

reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

23rd Annual Four Corners Folk Festival. 11 a.m., Reservoir Hill.

Paws to Read. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For those in K-5th grade. Come and share your favorite book with Hondo, a dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Archuleta County Democratic Party Campaign Headquarters Grand Opening. 4-8 p.m., 565 Village Drive, Unit A1. A number

of candidates have been incited to participate. Fingerfoods and beverages will be served. All residents are invited to stop in to see what's going on, discuss issues and obtain campaign materials. Contact Becky Herman at 903-0788 or 264-2171 for more information.

Sunday, Sept. 2

Tara Mandala Open House. 9:30

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a.m., Tara Mandala Retreat Center. We invite the public for a free day of events, including a guided tour of our beautiful retreat center and Tara Temple, a brief introduction to meditation with time for questions and answers and a vegetarian buffet lunch. This is a beautiful time to experience the land. For more information and to register, go to www.bit.ly/openhouse-p.

23rd Annual Four Corners Folk Festival. 11:30 a.m., Reservoir Hill.

Dallas Holm in Concert. 5 p.m., Restoration Fellowship. Doors open an hour before the concert begins. A family-friendly concert of Christian music. A love offering will be received during the concert.

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, Sept. 3

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.

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

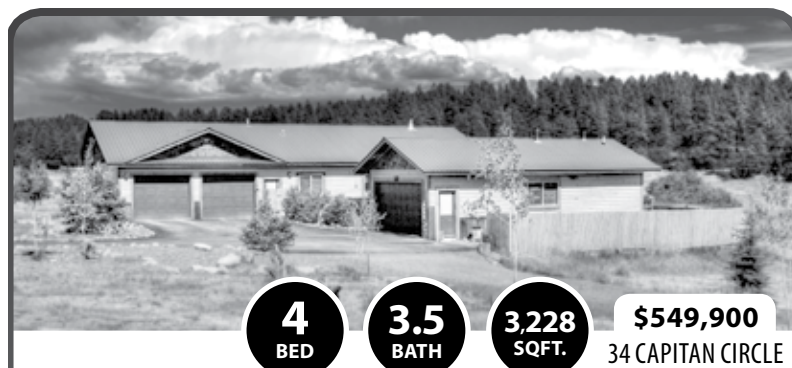
at 731-0044 or Jim Park at 731-9910.

Tuesday, Sept. 4

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

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park

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

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

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

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

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

Men's PTSD 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 Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

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

PALS Adult Education. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. PALS can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial

aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn the cha cha. Have fun with this energetic, flirty dance. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, Sept. 5

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

Course in Miracles Study Group. 9-10:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

Audubon Rockies Volunteer Educator Training. 9 a.m.-noon, Community Center arts and crafts room. This will familiarize attendees with concepts and our approach to hands-on education. No prior experience necessary. For more information, contact Keith Bruno at kbruno@audubon.org.

Open Play. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 5 and under. We've got plenty of fun toys, puppets, puzzles and such that will be available for this hour of open playtime. Socialize, pretend, play and pick up a few books. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Red Hat Meeting. 11:30 a.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

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

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

Role-Playing Game. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing role-playing game. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Spanish Instruction. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us in this basic course to improve your ability to speak and understand Spanish. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship

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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, Sept. 6

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

Audubon Rockies Volunteer Educator Training. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Four Mile Ranch. Working through lessons and hiking the trails. No prior experience necessary. For more information, contact Keith Bruno at kbruno@audubon.org.

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 Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Computer Class: Facebook Basics. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. We will review the essential information you need to know to manage your Facebook account and control your privacy settings. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Curtains Up Pagosa 'Nutcracker the Musical' Auditions. 4-7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Auditions for their winter production of "Nutcracker the Musical." Dance academy students only. Age breakdown as follows: 4-5 p.m., ages 7-10; 5-6 p.m., ages 11-13; 6-7 p.m., ages 14 and up. Contact Dale Johnson at 946-1500 or Casey Crow at the dance academy for further information.

PALS Adult Education. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. PALS can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Community Presentation. 6:30 p.m., 7 Parelli Way. All members of the community are invited. We will reflect on what our students accomplished last year and discuss the philosophy behind our unique school model. We also invite you to tour and sample vegetables from our new school garden.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Presents 'Recent Excavations by the Fort Lewis College Archaeological Field School at the Bowthorpe Site (5MT9399) in Southwest Colorado.' 7 p.m., Springs Resort and Spa Ecoluxe building. The lecture will be given by Charles Riggs. Social hour begins at 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 7

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

Audubon Rockies Volunteer Educator Training. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Four Mile Ranch. Working through lessons and hiking the trails. No prior experience necessary. For more information, contact Keith Bruno at kbruno@audubon.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.

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

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

Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Curtains Up Pagosa 'Nutcracker the Musical' Auditions. 2-7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Regular auditions for performers 7 and up. We are seeking actors between the ages of 7 and 90 for this musical. Contact Dale Johnson at 946-1500 or Casey Crow at the dance academy for further information.

Bridging the Divide: Growing from

the Ashes. 5-8 p.m., Wolf Creek Ski Area. Join local forest and fire experts to learn about wildland fire management, explore the impacts and recovery from West Fork and Million fires, and understand how to protect your home from future fires. Registration is required. Find the full agenda and register at mountainstudies.org/events/bridgingthedivide.

Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies. 7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is timed for when the moon is absent from the sky. Visitors can enjoy the night sky in a truly dark-sky environment and see fainter objects that the moon's light would normally obscure. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

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Eyeball to eyeball with a bear

I was eyeball to eyeball with a black bear at the close of last week's column. Here's what was going on.

I'd been on a hike from a trail leading from an entrance to the South San Juan Wilderness Area to the Rito Navajo River. I'd finished the first part of the walk and was on my way back to the starting point.



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

I'd heard a noise and spotted a black bear tearing the bark off a stump alongside the trail maybe 30 yards. He was so engrossed with the bugs he was ingesting, he hadn't noticed me.

Not wanting to be a part of his breakfast menu, I stopped, steadied my .357 magnum against a bent-over tree trunk, picked up a dead stick and rapped smartly against the tree trunk.

Suddenly the ursine quadruped quit mauling the tree bark, turned toward me and took a few menacing steps closer in order to get a better look at this intruder. I was pretty sure I knew what was on his mind as I looked down at the revolver, acutely aware that I could throw rocks with more accuracy than I could shoot a pistol. You can imagine my relief as he turned in a stiff-legged circle and then slowly disappeared into the surrounding forest.

With "Whew! That was close!" thoughts tickling my brain, I resumed my journey up the trail leading back to the parked pickup. By now my eyes and ears were on high alert. Soon I'd reached the sizable beaver pond I'd passed on my



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

Dr. Mary Winter Fisher was known to be an animal lover. Her pet bear, Pickles, is shown in this photo.

way in. The splashing of a water bird near the opposite shore captured my attention. What kind of bird was it?

Overcome by curiosity, I stopped and slipped the binoculars in front of my eyes. Before I could focus on the bird, a blur streaked across the lenses and I dropped them to get a better, bare-eyed look at what was going on. What was going on was the biggest brown bear I ever saw was racing down the other bank. Soon he reached the end of the pond and without hesitation circled around in my direction. Then his hulking presence armed with five lethal claws on every foot and a mouth full of teeth disappeared behind a row of bushes not more than 10 yards from where I was standing. I could not take this fast-approaching threat lightly.

Out came the .357, this time braced against the side of a standing

aspens. I focused on the row of brush that blocked my view, determined to pull the trigger as soon as my assailant appeared. I knew I had to take a head shot because, even if I hit the heart dead center, he'd still reach me before he bled to death.

A deadly silence gripped the forest as I waited. No birds singing, no squirrels scolding, no sounds in the bushes — nada. Then over the tops of the bushes a head appeared slowly looking this way and then that way, searching. "I'm ready," I told myself. The head disappeared and I waited and waited and waited, engulfed in the deadly silence. Finally, with gun still in hand because I had heard that bears sometimes follow people, I marched up the trail homeward, singing in my best baritone, "Nearer My to Thee." I never saw that bear again.

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UUs to consider the role of religion in relation to politics

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

Unitarian Universalists (UUs) are a strange lot, according to some. Many UUs (not all) are perfectly comfortable spending Sunday morning considering the issues that threaten our democracy and call that church. Actually, this strange behavior stems from a core belief that our purpose should be to improve the lives of people in the here and now rather than be concerned with the hereafter.

This Sunday morning, Joan Ward will read a sermon by the Rev. Greg Ward. Borrowing the title from the book by Jim Wallis, "Why the Right Get It Wrong and the Left Just Don't Get It," Greg Ward provided this sermon for the UU Community Church of Santa Monica, Calif., last December. Its content in part describes our broken system, whether it's the health care industry, the oil industry or a dozen others.

He said: "A system we are part of. And there is the great tragedy ... because we don't seem to be cognizant of where we are in the brokenness all around us. And yet our understanding of the role we play will help determine whether millions of people enjoy a healthy democracy or suffer from capitalistic exploitation."

He then discusses Wallis' views on the role of religion in relation to politics: "He concedes that there is as much bad religion as there is bad politics in this country. But the best response to bad religion, he contends, is not secularism but, in fact, better religion. Because if you want better politics, you won't get there

without better religion standing up and demanding accountability."

This sermon won this year's Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Social Witness Sermon award. Greg Ward presented it at the UUA General Assembly this past June for the UUA Commission on Social Witness.

Greg Ward serves as the senior developmental minister of the UU Community Church of Santa Monica, Calif. He often says "Community Organizing is the future of religion," which is in part what today's sermon is about.

Joan Ward is a member of the Steering Committee of the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship extends and invitation to all to attend our service — whether you seek community, encouragement to spiritual growth, freedom to seek truth where ever it resides or simply a quite interlude of reflection.

We are a welcoming congregation and invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all. Service begins at 10:30 a.m. and, following that, we invite you to share refreshments and conversation.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Come in and join us. You are welcome.

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

'Never Knowing Need: A Spiritual Experience' to be discussed at Pagosa Community of New Thought

By **Janie Garms**
Special to The PREVIEW

"I identify myself with abundance and health. There is no fear, no insecurity, no sense of lack. I identify with all necessary to make my life complete. I am filled with peace and confidence" — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

Please join the Rev. Janet Wyrick at Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) on Sunday, Sept. 2, at 10 a.m. to explore the topic "Never Knowing Need: A Spiritual Experience." All are welcome to attend.

PCNT is also excited to announce our weekly meditation and healing circle, which will be held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Momentum Fitness building. All are welcome to attend and no experience is necessary.

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ANSWER:

Catch Dallas Holm in concert Sept. 2

By Jason Rose
Special to The PREVIEW

This Labor Day weekend, come and enjoy the music of Dallas Holm in concert.

The Grammy-nominated and Dove award-winning artist will be offering a family-friendly concert at 6 p.m. Sunday evening, Sept. 2.

The event is sponsored by Grace in Pagosa and will be held at Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive.

Holm has earned his influence in today's Christian music throughout more than 30 years of writing, singing and ministry in some 3,000 concerts in every state in the USA, as well as many countries abroad. His 37 recordings have garnered gold records, multiple Dove awards, Grammy nominations, No. 1 songs and countless accolades. During his travels, Holm also speaks and teaches what God has taught him in his journey.

The doors will open an hour before the concert begins. Admission is free. A love offering will be received during the concert with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the artists.

Invite your friends and neighbors for this free concert in what will be an entertaining and inspirational evening. Call Grace in Pagosa at 731-6200 with any questions.

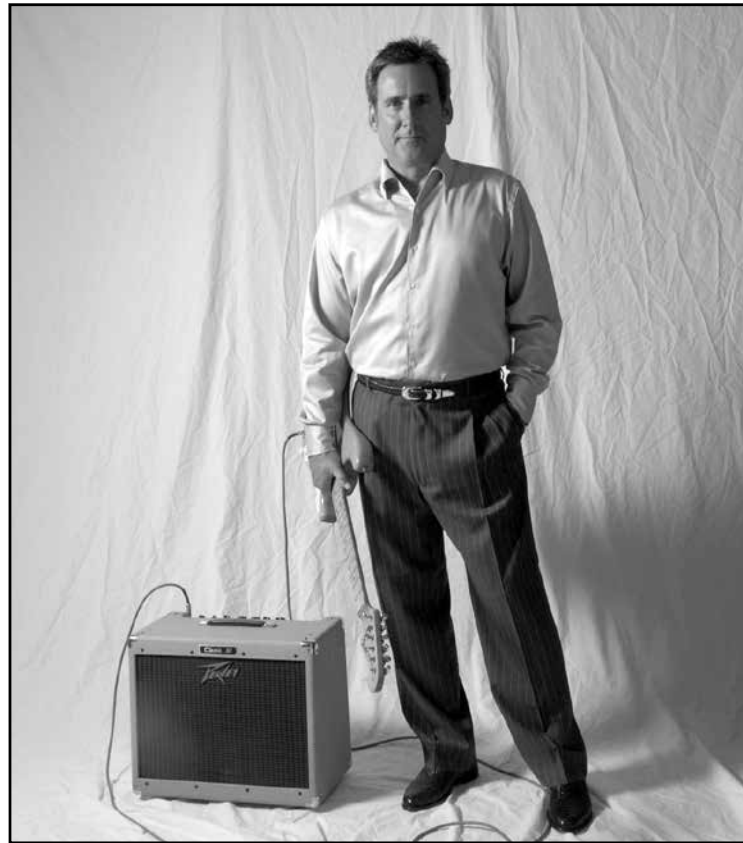


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The Grammy-nominated and Dove award-winning artist Dallas Holm will be offering a family-friendly concert at 6 p.m. Sunday evening, Sept. 2 at Restoration Fellowship Church. The concert is sponsored by Grace in Pagosa.



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Sacred Cloths of the Passion coming to Pagosa Springs

By Roxanne Schick
Special to The PREVIEW

On Saturday, Sept. 15, and Sunday, Sept. 16, a presentation exhibit on the Sacred Cloths of the Passion will be held at Pope John Paul Catholic Church, 353 South Pagosa Blvd.

Among those items on display will be the Shroud of Turin (Jesus' burial shroud), the Sudarium of Oviedo (covering of Jesus' head on the cross) and the tunic of Argenteuil (Jesus' seamless garment).

The passion exhibit will be Saturday, Sept. 15, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 16, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Live presentations will take place after Saturday 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday 9 a.m. Mass at JP II.

This is a rare opportunity, so don't miss your chance to examine these items. Richard Bernatchez will answer questions regarding: How was the shroud image formed? Does the Man of the Shroud match scripture? Physical proof of Jesus' Passion, Death and

Resurrection and explain scientific links among these three cloths from Jesus' Passion.

Bernatchez, a Catholic who resides in the Archdiocese of Denver, runs an apostolate that brings exhibits on Eucharistic Miracles and Sacred Cloths of Passion to parishes around the country.

The primary goals of Bernatchez's apostolate are to increase devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to improve participation in Eucharistic Adoration. Numerous parishes have experienced a growth of the faith of their parishioners.

Father Jeff Wilborn of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Denver stated that Bernatchez's presentation on Eucharistic Miracles was excellent and very edifying for those parishioners who attended it.

Father Andre Mahanna, a Maronite Catholic priest in the Denver metro area, stated that Bernatchez is a great and wonderful soul; a good apostle, obedient to the Church's teaching, very devout and in good standing.

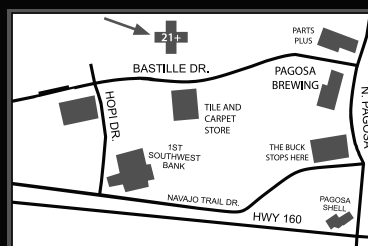
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- To hold people arrested on warrants pending transfer or extradition
- To house people sentenced on misdemeanors, including work release
- To hold people who have violated the terms of their probation
- To provide a place for mental health and addiction treatment for prisoners
- To provide a place for religious counseling for prisoners
- To provide a place for families to visit prisoners

WHY NOT USE THE OLD JAIL?

- Old jail is too small (34 beds) (28 prisoner classifications – not all beds usable).
- Limited space for expansion of jail cells and adjacent land too expensive (\$650,000).
- Building damaged by shifting foundation and flooding.
- Repairing and upgrading is too expensive and not a long term solution.

WHY BUILD THE PROPOSED NEW JAIL?

- New jail and Sheriff's Office sized by the leading Colorado jail architectural firm.
- The County can save money by ending prisoner transport. Estimated to be more than \$848,000 (2015-2018).
- Ending prisoner transport will reduce County liability for injury to Deputies and prisoners.
- Archuleta County is estimated to grow 50 – 85% by 2025.
- The new Sheriff's Office will have space for dispatch.
- The building site for the new jail in Harman Park will be donated.

WHY IS A NEW JAIL SO EXPENSIVE?

- Jail construction is massive and expensive, \$435.00 - \$460.00 per square foot.
- The jail must comply with State and Federal health and safety requirements.
- Construction costs have risen rapidly and will continue to climb.
- Estimated cost of construction is figured very conservatively in order to provide for cost overruns.
- Financing costs are figured very conservatively in order to protect against economic fluctuations.

HOW WILL THE COUNTY PAY FOR THE NEW JAIL AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE?

- The County will sell bonds secured by a 1% sales tax increase.
- The sales tax increase will be in force for a limited specified term.
- The sales tax increase will be imposed by a ballot measure.
- A sales tax spreads the burden equitably.
- A substantial amount of the sales tax will be paid by Archuleta County visitors.

CAN WE AFFORD IT?

- For each one dollar you spend the additional sales tax will be one cent.
- The amount to be borrowed is estimated to be \$850,000 less than at the last election.
- It is a better project for less money than at the last election.
- If we don't act now it will only get more expensive.
- If sales tax approved, County will apply for grants.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Vote yes for sales tax increase.
- Urge your family and friends to vote yes.
- [Visit our Facebook page, "Citizens for new Archuleta County Jail," for more information, and share it with your friends and ask them to share it with their friends.](#)

★ VOTE YES FOR A NEW JAIL ★

The old jail flooded in April 2015, prisoners were transported to La Plata County Jail, the Sheriff's Office relocated to the Emergency Operations Center and the District Court relocated to Durango. Since then it has been apparent to all of us that Archuleta County needs a functioning jail, Sheriff's Office building and court room. Colorado law requires them.

Due to numerous prisoner housing classifications, there is inadequate room in the old jail. The old building is too small, has unstable foundations and extensive damage from flooding. Due to prisoner monitoring requirements, the old jail can only be expanded into the heart of the building and then only into a small area. Shifting foundations have damaged the plumbing. The flooding caused damage to the electrical system of the old building. Repair of existing area, needed mechanical upgrades, fire suppression/monitoring and required improvements were estimated by Reilly Johnson Architects and SGM Engineers to cost approximately \$5,700,000.00 and would extend the useful life of the building by

only ten years. This figure does not include cost of stabilizing the foundations, expanding the old jail, remodeling the interior of the building, and fixing the continuing plumbing problems. If all the necessary work is done, the County would have a very expensive repaired structure inside a compromised building. The cost of making the old jail building functional is too high.

The size of the proposed new jail and Sheriff's Office has been recommended by Reilly Johnson Architects, the leading jail architects in Colorado. Archuleta County is growing rapidly and is projected to grow as much as 85% by 2025. The proposed 54 bed jail and Sheriff's Office is sized to accommodate some future growth. To build a facility just big enough to operate today would be penny wise but dollar foolish. The proposed facility will be better than the last proposal in that it will also include secure space for Dispatch. By restructuring the financing, the County will be able to proceed with the project but borrow \$850,000.00 less than the previous proposal.

In short, the proposed new jail and Sheriff's Office will be a better project but require less debt. The cost of construction will only increase in the future, now is the time to act.

The County will finance the new jail and Sheriff's Office by selling bonds secured by a 1% sales tax increase. A sales tax spreads the burden equitably. People who spend less money pay less tax while people who spend more money pay more tax. Much of the sales tax will be collected from people who do not reside in the County.

The County has set aside substantial reserves to go toward court facilities. That reduces the amount to be borrowed to complete the necessary justice system buildings.

A "YES" vote for an increased sales tax to fund construction of a new jail will benefit everyone in Archuleta County.

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