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August sales tax revenues show decline

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The sales tax information for August of 2018 has been released, with sales tax collections coming in at about 5.7 percent lower than August of last year.

That 5.7 percent, according to Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton, is about \$59,141 lower than August 2017.

August 2018 was the first month since March 2017 that sales tax revenues did not exceed the prior year's for that month.

The gross amount of the August 2018 sales tax was \$975,397.03. The town's share was \$485,536.52, according to a report issued by Walton on Oct. 15.

According to Walton, on the year-to-date basis, from January through August, revenue was 3.81 percent higher, around \$246,343 higher, than it was in the same time frame last year.

The August report lists the following categories as being up for August of 2018 compared with the

■ See Sales A8

Details of justice facilities ballot issue clarified

By Terri House
Staff Writer

Ballots are arriving in the mail this week and, among other things, Archuleta County voters are being asked to decide on a 1 percent sales tax increase to pay for a new detention center and sheriff's office.

A similar ballot item failed last year by a margin of 127 votes.

SUN staff asked Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton to clarify some details of the ballot language.

According to summary statements mailed out last week, this year's proposal is \$1.05 million less than last year. The new proposal also includes "up to 1000 square feet to secure Archuleta Central Dispatch."

Walton, Archuleta County Administrator Peter Jankowski and Commissioner Ron Maez sat down with SUN staff on Friday, Oct. 12, to discuss Ballot Issue 1A.

Walton explained that because of TABOR, or the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, the county must "pretty significantly overstate" the first full-year dollar revenue. TABOR requires the county to refund any revenue received in excess of what is stated in the text of the ballot issue.

■ See Ballot A8



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Eager readers from Amber Kirkham's first-grade class sit and listen to Pagosa Springs Elementary School Media Specialist Debbie Mackey read a story at the Enchanted Forest Book Fair. The Partners in Education Committee has organized a family night for Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the book fair which will include a homemade meal as well as fun and games for parents and kids alike.

School district reviews curriculum updates

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As year four of Archuleta School District's (ASD) curriculum reset is underway, ASD Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares provided some history behind the reset, the strengths and weaknesses, as well as what is to come in the future.

According to Mijares, the curriculum redesign was implemented before she took the position of assistant superintendent.

"And my understanding is that it was to bring our schools up to 21st century standards," Mijares said. "We kind of think about it as things being reset or re-normed so that kids were expected to achieve higher or more rigorous standards than they had in the past."

In order for ASD to have its teachers meet these new standards, the district had to give the teachers the tools to do so, Mijares added.

This involved collaboration among teachers in school, district or regional groups to create new learning plans, Mijares noted.

New curriculum materials were also purchased as a part of this process, she noted.

■ See Curriculum A8



Photo courtesy Rose Clements/Conservation Legacy/Southwest Conservation Corps

Members of the Southwest Conservation Corps crew use a crosscut saw to clear downed trees on West Fork Trail this summer.

Can-do group partners to tackle trails issue head-on

By Lisa Nelson
Special to The SUN

It takes a village, or rather a town like Pagosa Springs, to pull together the resources needed to help keep trails open on the San Juan National Forest.

In late 2017, a group of concerned trail users got together with the Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest to address what all agree is a crisis situation. The issue: Access to the forest is threatened by the huge number of downed spruce-beetle-killed trees that block forest trails.

This group, representing outfitters and guides, the Pagosa Area Trails Council (PATC) and San Juan Back Country Horsemen (SJBCH), understands that neither the Forest Service nor volunteers

have the workforce capacity to clear all the trails on which trees fall faster than they can be cut out. So, the group organized the Wilderness Trails Forever Campaign, under the administration of the nonprofit PATC, to raise funds to hire help to clear backcountry trails.

In just six months, the campaign raised nearly \$28,000 from a March banquet and auction hosted by the sportsman's advocacy group BigGame Forever. The campaign raised another \$4,600 from a tack sale in May sponsored by the SJBCH and about \$2,000 in online donations. More than 80 businesses, organizations, individuals and anonymous donors contributed to the financial success of the campaign. The majority of donations came from Pagosa Springs, but also included contribu-

■ See Trails A8

Water conservancy board member resigns

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) board of directors has lost another board member, with Stacy Thompson becoming the third person to resign in the past six months.

This also marks the second treasurer the board has lost in that same time period as former treasurer Ray Finney resigned on April 26.

SJWCD Chairman John Porco explained in an email on Oct. 4 that Thompson had abruptly resigned from the board with "no reason given."

In an interview with The SUN on Oct. 4, Thompson confirmed that she did resign from the board, noting that she sent a resignation email to the board on Oct. 2.

Thompson's resignation email states: "SJWCD Board, I appreciate learning so much over the last couple of months. It definitely open my eyes to things I thought I knew about the board and water. I wish everyone well and appreciate the willingness of them to serve for the community. I will no longer be able to participate and hereby give my resignation effective immediately. I wish you all the best."

Porco noted in a follow-up inter-

view also on Oct. 4 that the SJWCD board should ask for an official letter of resignation so they can send it to the courts.

Thompson explained that there was not one specific reason behind her resignation.

"I don't want to create any firestorms around the district," she said, noting that she had other obligations.

"It's just more beneficial for me to put my time and energy into things that really are producing results," Thompson added later. "I enjoyed it. I did learn a lot."

Going into her tenure as a board member, Thompson explained that she looked at the SJWCD in a negative view, but has now learned a lot to the positive side of the SJWCD.

"I think that if more people got involved they would see things that they don't necessarily get to see on a day-to-day basis," Thompson explained, adding that she thinks more people should volunteer.

At the time of the follow-up interview, Porco added that he was not sure as to what the SJWCD would do in replacing Thompson as the board's treasurer.


"We'll have to see. I mean, this came out of the blue, so we hadn't even thought about it. We lost

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Be informed

Those familiar red and white envelopes started arriving in local mailboxes this week. If you are lucky, you have a Blue Book to go with them, and it has all the pages. Not only were some of the books sent to wrong mailing addresses, some were printed with pages missing. If you need a book, check out the article on the front page of Section B in this newspaper.

It seems like there have been plenty of mistakes that have happened around this election, including The SUN's printing of the county's notice to electors advertisement with the party affiliation for the governor candidates switched. They gave the ad to us correctly. We made an error in trying to line up the formatting. Unfortunately, it wasn't caught by county staff when they proofread the ad. Hopefully, those who vote strict party lines know which party their candidate belongs to by now, and if you are like us, and don't vote by party line, then it really doesn't matter anyhow. In any case, the county printed a correction in this issue.

What concerns us most is inaccurate misrepresentations made in print and digital advertisements, TV commercials and posts on social media. It seems like they are everywhere you turn.

One such post was written by a local teacher: "In my 21st year of teaching and I make \$31,300. I've been frozen in pay for over 7."

First-year teachers in Archuleta School District make \$34,500 for 175 days of work. The local district has given raises multiple times in the past seven years. It's unclear what the intentions of the teacher were in making the post. We believe presenting accurate information should be of utmost importance. School districts post salary schedules on their websites. You can check the facts for yourself.

On top of all of the commercials and social media posts, ballot language itself can add to voting confusion.

ASD's mill levy override for \$1.7 million annually doesn't state the number of mills that the levy will increase. We did some homework and checked with the county assessor's office to find out it is the equivalent of 5.94 mills based on 2017 assessed valuations. That number will change as the assessed value changes.

Regarding another confusing ballot issue, SUN staff met with county representatives this week to get a better understanding of Ballot Issue 1A to fund a new jail and sheriff's office. With TABOR restrictions, numbers are often inflated to ensure that governmental entities stay within the law. The information we gleaned from that meeting is presented in an article on the front page of Section A. We hope it helps sort out some of the confusion you may have.

If you don't understand an issue, we encourage you to do some research. The county's ballot summary book and state's ballot information booklet are good places to start. Unfortunately, there were no statements in opposition to local ballot items submitted to provide other viewpoints.

In May, voters approved an increase of 3.783 mills for the Pagosa Fire Protection District. For November's election, we are considering a 1 percent sales tax increase for justice facilities and an estimated increase of 5.94 mills for the school district.

There are a number of open seats up for grabs as Coloradoans will elect a new governor, attorney general, state treasurer and at-large member of the University of Colorado Board of Regents. The secretary of state's race is the only constitutional office with an incumbent. Locally, candidates for county sheriff, county treasurer, county clerk and recorder, county surveyor, county coroner, county assessor and county commissioner for District 3 are on the ballot.

We have 13 statewide ballot measures to consider, many of which involve tax increases.

It's worth it to be informed as you cast your vote to decide which issues you will support and who will get your vote.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

With ballots hitting mailboxes soon, do you plan to vote in the November election?



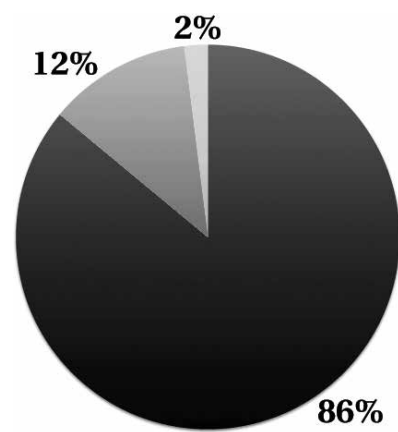
Linda Mozer
"Yes. I wish we had better choices for the jail."



Zoe Brickel
"Absolutely, just stoked to be young voters."



Kim Domingo
"Yes."



Poll results (185 Votes)
Yes. — 86 percent
No. — 12 percent
I have not decided. — 2 percent

This week online: Will the Denver Broncos get better this season?
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LOOKING BACK



From the Oct. 2, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. ACCIDENT SCENE — The motorcycle, left center of photo, smashed into the side of the pickup in the right foreground. The cycle was demolished and the rider was seriously injured. He was headed up hill when the pickup, headed down, made a turn into the Wayside Texaco.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of October 19, 1928

Among the recent shipments of trout fry to waters of Archuleta county from the Durango hatchery are the following: 35 cans of rainbow to San Juan; 60 cans of rainbow and native to Weminuche, Williams, Middle and East forks of Piedra; 40 cans for the Big Navajo; and a truck load for the Big Blanco. These fish were secured through the efforts of the Archuleta County Boosters' Club and Mr. Chas. F. Rumbaugh, Democratic candidate for state representative from this legislative district.

The city coffers were enriched this week to the extent of \$102.50 when a local citizen contributed that amount for alleged indiscretions against the peace and dignity of this bailiwick.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of October 22, 1943

Ration tokens are expected to be ready for use by February. They will be red and blue and each will have a value of one point. They will be used by consumers as change for processed foods and meat-fats ration stamps. The blue tokens will be used with blue ration stamps for buying processed foods; the red tokens with the red stamps for buying foods rationed under the meat-fats program. The ration coins, made of layers of vulcanized fiber, will be slightly larger than a nickel and smaller than a quarter.

The Home Economics class packed and helped to select gifts for 20 gift boxes to be sent by the Junior Red Cross, to children of war-swept countries. The money used was from the service fund.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of October 17, 1968

The new U.S. Forest Service building at the corner of Pagosa and Second is nearing completion. The building, when completed, will be occupied by staffs of the Pagosa and Piedra Ranger districts. The building is now scheduled for occupancy within the next few weeks.

Big game season is upon us and the hills and woods are filled with hunters. It would be very nice indeed if this could again be a season when there are no hunters killed by accidental or careless gunfire. Only through proper care and observance of safety regulations can we have a fatality free season. If you are going to the hills — and many will be — be sure to be very careful with gunfire.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of October 21, 1993

An effort is underway to have a local road improvement district for Pagosa Lakes subdivisions established by the first of December. D.A. White, representing the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, asked the commissioners Tuesday to adopt a resolution that would form a local district "for the purpose of constructing and improving roads." He reminded the commissioners that the road policy they adopted Oct. 12 said the commissioners would evaluate such requests based "on their individual merit and support such requests to the extent allowed by Colorado statute." The improvement district would not be a taxing entity. Its funds would be derived from assessments imposed on property owners whose lots adjoined specific roads designated for improvement or construction.

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AMERICA'S UNDER ATTACK. GOTTA SIGN UP...

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Letters

■ Continued from A3

Amendment 73

Dear Editor:
 Never in my twenty-five years of public education have I seen a more important constitutional amendment that positively supports Colorado public schools than Amendment 73. Currently, Colorado's per-pupil funding of public schools is ranked 39th out of 50 states. If passed, Amendment 73 would raise \$1.6 billion for K-12 public education and bring Colorado back closer to the national average. Amendment 73 is a proposed graduated income tax that only affects Colorado citizens making more than \$150,000 per year in taxable income and giant C corporations. To provide some perspective, roughly 92% of Coloradans make less than \$150,000 per year and their taxes will not increase if 73 passes. In fact, this measure lowers both residential and non-residential property tax. Vote yes on Amendment 73. Vote yes for great public schools and thriving communities. For more information go to www.great-schoolsthivingcommunities.org.
 Chris Hinger

We need a jail

Dear Editor:
 We need a jail now.
 In April 2015 the old jail died when it flooded out. For the last 40 months the Sheriff's office has been operating out of various temporary facilities and prisoners have had to be housed at the La Plata County jail in Durango.

Here are my top four reasons why we need to build a jail and Sheriff's office now.

First, Colorado State Statute 17-26-101 requires it—"There shall be maintained in every county in this state, at the expense of the county, a county jail for the detention, safekeeping, and confinement of persons and prisoners lawfully committed."

Second, building costs are rising about 5-10% per year and anyone who thinks that will stop soon is delusional. We can build the jail we need now for the cost documented in the ballot, or we can wait another year and build a smaller jail for the same dollars or the same jail for more dollars — our choice.

Third, Archuleta County's population is growing, and so is its crime. Over the last six years, from 2012 through 2017, Calls for Service have increased from 5,213 in 2012 to 7,343 in 2015, 7,678 in 2016 and 7,109 in 2017. Average per year and highest year for some selected activities are: arrests (514/562 in 2015), assaults (113/139 in 2016), burglary/theft (190/241 in 2017), child abuse (10/16 in 2017), disturbance/disorderly conduct (264/442 in 2017), harassment (91/112 in 2017), restraining order violation (45/90 in 2017), and shots fired (54/77 in 2015 and 2017). There have been 10 homicides since 2014, seven of them happened in

2017/2018.

Last, but not least, our deputies have been transporting prisoners to and from the jail in Durango (120 miles round trip) up to three times a day, every day, for those 40 months, covering approximately 128,000 miles that would be unnecessary if we had our own jail.

So far we have had one 'close call' when the vehicle directly in front of our detention transport was 'T-boned' as they passed an intersection in Bayfield. Drivers of both vehicles in the accident died at the scene. If our deputies had been 1-2 seconds faster in their drive, they could have been the vehicle T-boned.

How much longer can we expect our luck to hold before the law of averages catches up with our deputies and they are involved in a major accident on this dangerous stretch of highway? How long before we lose a deputy or a prisoner, or both, to a stretch of black ice? And when (not if) that happens, how long before the lawsuit against the county is filed for wrongful death (deputy or prisoner or both)? My (husband, wife, son, daughter — fill in the blank) would not be dead if you had built a jail as required.

We are entering into our fourth winter transporting our prisoners to another county's jail. Will this be the winter that takes its toll on our deputies? We need our own jail.
 Jim Huffman

Guinn Unger

Dear Editor:
 We have a candidate for State Senate, Guinn Unger, who believes in solutions, not slogans. He knows that we have many problems facing SW Colorado that are unique to our area.

For instance, people on the western slope who are buying health insurance on the individual market face premiums many times higher than fellow Coloradans who live on the front range. He proposes that the state require insurance companies to offer insurance to the entire state at the same rate. Because the overwhelming majority of the population lives on the front range, it would mean that their premiums would increase slightly, but ours would decrease significantly. Guinn feels that there are many other things that could be done to rein in health care costs, but most of them require action by the federal government. Until then, Colorado must take whatever action it can to make health care affordable and available to everyone regardless of their preexisting conditions, age or place of residence.

Guinn is also very aware that we live in one of the most beautiful areas of the country. He also knows that we need to balance the enthusiasm for deregulation with common sense rules. We have large deposits of oil, gas and coal that bring jobs and revenue to the western slope. However, an "all of the above" philosophy should not mean "more of the same." We

need to make sure that as we make the essential shift to renewables that the western slope is not left behind by more forward looking states. Renewable energy is already priced below coal generation, and battery storage is close to being competitive. Guinn wants us to be a leader in this industry before we face the prospect of the loss of jobs and depression that we see on the news in other parts of the country. As a member of the LPEA board, he has the knowledge to make this happen.

Guinn was trained as an engineer; he has worked on the space shuttle, has run small businesses, served 28 years in the US Army Reserve. We should be proud to send Guinn Unger to the Colorado Senate from Senate District 6.

Alice Keil

Sheriff, jail

Dear Editor:
 I urge my fellow Democrats to vote for Rich Valdez. I have been to a few meetings with this Sheriff. In the meetings, he is respectful of others. He listens to people. I have talked with 3 people who have been incarcerated in the jail. They all stated that they were treated fairly by the jail staff. I have talked with entry-level employees of the jail. They stated that the jail is a good place to work. He has stated that he does not like to keep people in jail any longer than is absolutely necessary. He does not want to have repeat offenders and supports programs like allowing prisoners to work at jobs during the day, returning to complete their jail time in the evenings. He repeatedly voices concerns for the physical safety of his staff and inmates. In discussions, he efficiently references the multitude of federal and state requirements of the programs he oversees. In addition to what you might imagine are the duties of a sheriff, I have learned that he also is the administrator of a multitude of programs throughout the county. He does all this with an air of friendliness and professionalism. From my perspective, I think he is doing an excellent job.

The voters of Archuleta County should know the following information about the need for a new jail facility:

Most of the jail facility that is downtown, that we drive past, has not been in use for nearly two years. The flooding that occurred ruined the building. It is beyond a sensible repair.

The harsh reality to the voters is that it is now, no longer the difference between fixing the old building or constructing a new facility off Piedra road. This old building needs a new, underground sewer system, a new roof, new inside and outside walls, much of the building will need a complete rewire, new plumbing, heating, air-conditioning and air circulation and a safer reconfiguration of the floor plan. The building is no longer simply a remodel. To say "it's a total gut job"

understates what it would take to make this location an "adequate" facility.

The options for a needed sheriff facility are as follows: a) Continue contracting with La Plata County. This is an unsustainable, and an extremely high cost for the County. b) Rebuild the old facility. This is pretty much a tear down and rebuild. To do right, I suspect it will likely cost as much if not more, as a new building. This new/old building will likely still be lacking in size needs. c) Build a new building (on donated land) in the midtown section of the community.

I volunteered for a committee to review the jail issue, thinking that the county probably could use either a major remodel or a new sheriff facility. On a personal level, I tend to be a spend thrift. I hold on to a nickel tighter than most. After extensive review of the information, I now believe (and recommend to the voters) that the most cost-effective, prudent option is to vote for a new sheriff facility on the donated land.

John Lopez

Think before vote

Dear Editor:
 Some of my fondest memories of Pagosa are out in the woods. Growing up here, my family and I spent many days out enjoying our public lands, both for entertainment and for sustenance through hunting, fishing, and collecting firewood in the winter. This benefit gave me a reverence and awe for our wild spaces and all the fellow organisms that call those places home.

Somewhere around 1995 I was taking Arctic biology with Dr. Jamison over at Fort Lewis. I will always remember the day that Dr. Jamison dove into climate change science. He articulately and concisely told us about how the temperature increases would be minimal at the equator, but have increasing increments toward the North and South Poles, with us, here in Colorado somewhere in between. The poles would melt, leading to sea level rise, and more flooding. Storms would intensify with the increased energy in warm water. As the temperatures warmed, the regions that disease can expand to increases. The thing that really impressed me at the time, though, was that the temperate forests would not be able to evolve quickly enough to keep up with the temperature changes, and whole tracts of forest would die.

That, for me at the time, was the kicker. The forests die? That seemed incomprehensible and so ... sad ... to me at the time, but the reality of watching it happen is tragic. I learned to ski at Wolf Creek sometime in the late '70's, and have always considered it my stomping ground. All of our public lands, really. Weekend camping at Navajo Lake. Hiking to Buckles or around Williams. Places that I love and want

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Letters

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to continue to be able to share with my loved ones.

On September 28th the news headlines were ablaze with how the newly released National Highway Traffic Safety Administration acknowledged that the planet will warm, on average, seven degrees Fahrenheit by 2100, but we can't fix it so, hey, we don't need to lower vehicle emissions on cars either.

A few days later the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report came out indicating that the ecological impacts that are projected to happen between a 1.5 degree Celsius rise and 2 degree Celsius rise will be catastrophic, and likely irreversible.

Dying trees, Monster storms. Zika outbreaks. Flooding. Chaos. Mayhem.

You think it is expensive to switch to a cleaner energy source? Change the way we produce our food? Just wait til the bill for climate disruption comes due.

Ballots will be to all registered voters this week. Your vote counts. Please be an informed voter.

The current regime on the federal level does not care for our wild lands or our climate when they have the all mighty dollar in front of their faces. All they see is components for sale, and water/air that can haul away their pollutant travesties.

For the sake of our children and grandchildren, think before you vote.

Holly Metzler

Vote Tipton out

Dear Editor:

I am seeing a lot of political commentary that attributes the outcome of the 2016 Presidential election to the desire of the Trump voters to see "change". If that is so, then those voters in our congressional district (Colorado 3rd) should seriously consider voting Scott Tipton out of office. He has voted the same way over and over again since he was elected to Congress in the Tea Party wave of 2010. He voted consistently to repeal or gut the Obamacare legislation without ever proposing an alternative for the thousands of Coloradans who don't have employer-provided health insurance and who can't qualify for private insurance because of a pre-existing condition or lack of affordable options. He has supported his party's refusal to address the issue of the DACA applicants who were brought here as children and are now productive contributors to the American economy. He voted for a tax bill that gave big breaks to the rich — including the provisions that give huge new tax write-offs to developers and landlords like Donald Trump and Jared Kushner — but do very little for the middle-income taxpayers. And he has proudly supported regulatory actions that are damaging our public lands and environment including stepping all over private landowner rights to build oil and gas pipelines. While he isn't personally responsible for the trade tensions that are destabilizing the economy or for the separation of children from their families at the border, he doesn't stand up and stick his neck out to call for better solutions. So voters who want change have a chance to send that message again by voting for one of Scott Tipton's opponents and it doesn't have to be the Democrat.

Johnny Pickett

McLachlan

Dear Editor:

I am writing to highlight several notable accomplishments of our Colorado House 59 Representative, Barbara McLachlan. In her sponsored legislation she has shown a sensible concern for the District's economic health and vitality, as well as exemplifying a nonpartisan concern for good legislation that serves the common welfare. Two examples.

First, HB18 — Manufactured Home Sales Tax Exemption. This is dear to my heart as it impacts affordable housing. This bill, co-sponsored by both Democrats and Republicans, in effect raised the sale tax exemption on mobile homes from 48% to 100%. This helps affordable housing by lowering the threshold for home ownership. Every bit helps when it comes to affordable housing.

Barbara has passed three rural

broadband bills as a prime sponsor on one and a cosponsor on the other two. These bills have increased broadband accessibility in rural communities which makes economic success for small businesses more achievable. An example is the second bill (HB18-1099) — Broadband Deployment Level Playing Field — addressed high-speed broadband internet deployment in rural areas. Pagosa Springs is a sweet place to live. And if we really had available high-speed internet many people could ply their livelihood from Pagosa across the globe. Anything that can facilitate getting high-speed internet is an economic plus. The bill will help expand high-speed internet access in rural Colorado by using more than \$75 million over the next five years for broadband deployment grants in underserved areas. And, again, this was supported across the aisle.

We need to keep such level-headed, bipartisan, and forward-looking legislators like Barbara McLachlan.

Terry Pickett

Vote yes on 5A

Dear Editor:

I attended all of my primary education in the Archuleta School District, and received a Bachelors Degree at CSU in Fort Collins. I could have chosen almost anywhere to pursue a career in civil engineering but I chose to come home to Pagosa. This community defines who I am, from the sulfur smells, to the outdoor lifestyle, to the slower than average pace of life, all the things that make Pagosa

invaluable. I will be forever grateful to all of the teachers and the community that helped provide an idealistic childhood experience.

The people of this community make up the collective fabric that define us. However, our connection to our youth is what will continue to shape Pagosa for generations to come. It's time to double down on our commitment to the children of this community. We must show our support for the underpaid educators that dedicate their lives inspiring, instructing and caring for our most treasured citizens. Join me in demonstrating our devotion to the children and future of Pagosa and vote yes on 5A.

Chris Pitcher

Sheriff Valdez

Dear Editor:

This is Terri Pritchard and I would like to encourage Pagosans to vote for incumbent Sheriff Richard Valdez for Sheriff.

His experience and tremendous amount of education speak volumes, he continues to attend and promote education with the Sheriff's department.

Please re-elect Sheriff Rich Valdez.

Terri Pritchard

Support students

Dear Editor:

I moved to Pagosa Springs 7 years ago because it is a beautiful place with beautiful people. After staying home with my son for a year, I continued my career as a teacher. Moving to Pagosa Springs and becoming a teacher here were the best deci-

sions I have ever made. I now am in my 5th year as the 7th grade social studies teacher at Pagosa Springs Middle School and could not ask for better students, colleagues, or administrative leadership.

Last year I participated in a fellowship where my specialty was school finance. During this time, I learned about the inequity that rural communities in Colorado face, compared with larger, more urban districts. My conclusion is this: our students deserve the same educational opportunities as other students in the state, regardless of where you live. Unfortunately, because of many factors in legislation at the state level this is not the case. Our school district alone has lost over 13 million dollars from the Budget Stabilization Factor since 2010. I am writing about this because in our upcoming election our town of Pagosa Springs has the opportunity to support our students through a Mill Levy Override and voting yes of 5A. Several issues would be addressed, including: full-time kindergarten, school resource officers for enhanced school safety, the recruitment and retention of high quality teachers, and funds allocated for the charter school.

Thank you for your consideration in voting yes on 5A to supporting our district, our schools, and most of all, our most precious investment- our students.

Melissa Shaw

Mill levy override

Dear Editor:

I was lucky enough to find the

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We Need an Affordable Jail... Not a \$44 Million Tax Increase

The proposed Jail and Sheriff's Office is Too Big, and Too Expensive.

The BOCC is proposing a 54-bed jail, but the average number of Archuleta County inmates since 2010 has been **less than 20 per day**. The proposed jail is **twice the size** we need in 2019. The County's planned Sheriff's Office is **three times larger** than the space occupied by Sheriff Pete Gonzalez in 2014 — even though the Sheriff has a smaller staff than in 2010. (*Source: Archuleta County Budget*)

The 1A Sales Tax Increase does not match the proposed Debt.

Ballot Measure 1A allows the County to collect up to **\$2.97 million per year** in additional sales taxes, for up to 15 years. That equals **\$44.55 million** in new tax collections. But the **DEBT** authorized by 1A is only \$25.8 million. **What will the additional \$19 million be used for?** 1A allows the County to spend the money on "sheriff's patrol and transport vehicles, communications and dispatching, courtrooms, district attorney facilities, and related facilities." 1A is essentially a **\$44 million blank check** that can be spent **ONLY** on "Justice System" expenses — but **not** on roads or other essential services.

The Wrong type of Tax

1A would increase the **County sales tax** from 2 percent to 3 percent — a 50% increase. A sales tax unfairly targets those least able to afford higher taxes: our working class families. A new County sales tax harms the Town government, which relies almost entirely on sales tax revenues.

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We can build a jail sized to our current needs, and **add on in the future**, as the community grows. We can upgrade the air quality in the County Courthouse — affordably — and allow the Sheriff and Courts to reoccupy our existing facility.

The County has \$8 million in its savings accounts

The BOCC should be **using the contingency money** they've socked away since 2007, to address our need for jail facilities. An adequate jail can be built for much less than \$44 million.

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Letters

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beautiful community of Pagosa Springs seven years ago and even luckier to move here a year later. I was a college graduate with a degree in elementary education. I had known I wanted to be a teacher since early high school and was excited to start my teaching journey in Pagosa. I was fortunate to be able to start as a substitute in the district and eventually be hired at the elementary school. I've been a first grade teacher since the 2013-14 school year and wouldn't want to be anywhere else. I've seen the elementary school grow and change over the last several years and I couldn't be more proud of the direction we are headed in now.

Even in my short time here in Pagosa, I've seen this town grow quite a bit. We've added a Walmart, stop lights, restaurants, schools, and even new lifts at Wolf Creek. As our beautiful town grows, so does the amount of children that we get the chance to educate and with that comes the need for more staff at all of our schools. Much like the coming and going of tourists and residents, the ebb and flow of staff throughout buildings is something we've all grown accustomed to, however turnover is still difficult. Losing colleagues is always sad and building rapport with a new colleague takes time. I've seen some wonderful staff leave Pagosa because outside opportunities proved better for their financial future. We now have the opportunity to change that in Archuleta School District by voting yes on 5A this fall.

A yes vote on the 5A mill levy override (MLO) would allow the district more funding to use for the retention of quality staff, as well as attracting the next generation of educators. Hopefully, this would allow all who want to live and work here to be able to do that. Everyone who works in, or for, a district is an educator on some level. Whether it be a bus driver, food service worker, counselor, custodian, teacher, or administrator. All of those people touch the lives of the future of not only our community, but our world.

I want to see this district as a place to thrive for all educators and firmly believe that funding from 5A will help in this effort. Please join me in voting yes on 5A.

Caitlin Snarr

Local needs

Dear Editor:

Regardless of how this election "turns out", we need to continue efforts to address our local needs.

Regarding our safety, over the past 30+ years, we have grown from a "one stop-light village" to a "five stop-light town" with the same facilities for law enforcement. My "take" on this is that our growth in population and increased tourism had already brought forth the need for expanded facilities. The "flooded" Court House made them more urgent. As population, grows, needs must be met proportionately. Sales taxes are paid by all — locals and tourists.

Then there is our public Education. Public schools support good values, respect for all and patriotism while educating our young. Our country's many successes are a result of our public education system. Everyone owes a debt to those public school teachers who started them up the ladder towards success many years ago. We need to find the best solutions to meet their needs.

Housing for folks who serve our community is a serious problem. It is a disgrace that most are unable to afford a home or even a place to rent from their monthly income. Something is terribly wrong and we need to find solutions. Increased property taxes for a good purpose should not be met by increasing rent for folks who "serve" this community. Property owners should meet their civic responsibilities without passing on the cost to renters who are vital to the success of our community.

Yes, let's do it with love.

Patty Tillerson

The facts

Dear Editor:

Just The Facts Ma'am ... About The Jail ... Or Not.

On September 28th, the editor of the Pagosa Daily Post, Mr. Bill Hudson, published an editorial entitled "Just The Facts Ma'am ... About The Jail ... Again" concerning the proposed sales tax increase to fund a new jail and Sheriff's Office. In it he simply republished his prior editorial from 2017. It was an artful dodge. Here are some facts not addressed in that editorial.

The current proposal is not the same as that proposed in 2017. The current proposal includes 600-1000

square feet in the Sheriff's Office for the Archuleta County Consolidated Emergency Communications Center (Dispatch). That will make Dispatch secure and be a more efficient use of space within the Sheriff's Office. It is clearly better than the previous proposal.

The County now proposes to borrow over \$1M less than in the 2017 proposal.

The population of Archuleta County grew by 7.77% in 2017. Archuleta County has grown in spurts and seems to be in one now. Student numbers are up and construction in Pagosa Springs is lively. Given the current growth, adding more beds in a new jail would be a smart thing to do. The proposed 54 bed jail is less than 60% larger than the old jail, not "twice the size".

The incompatibility of the many inmate classifications results in a maximum operating capacity of 80% for jails. Reference to an average of 12.1 inmates per day in 2013 is irrelevant. The daily average this month is 28, with a high of 33, which would fill the old jail. That rate has been held artificially low to reduce the cost of transporting prisoners to and housing them in the La Plata County jail. Archuleta County Finance Director, Mr. Larry Walton, estimates that 2015-2018 the taxpayers have spent \$848,000 more on prisoners than if they had been held in an Archuleta County jail.

Simply stated, the current proposal is a better deal with less borrowing. It is unlikely to ever be less expensive. Now is the time to approve the one percent sales tax increase to fund the current proposal for a new jail and Sheriff's Office.

Richard Vihel

Big test

Dear Editor:

It's elementary: Great Teachers Create Great Schools.

And great teachers rarely move to high altitudes with sky high costs of living for bargain basement salaries. If they do, they rarely stay.

Years ago, remote rural schools could pay highly intelligent and highly cultured women very low salaries. Today, if you want to retain your fine teachers and recruit superb teachers without training wheels, you have to pay them.

Our local school district took a wrong turn — nearly a U turn — years ago. The district lost the

focus on great teaching. A sad institutional ADHD prevailed outside the classrooms in some offices and boardrooms. A \$98 million megacampus, a four-day school week, and curriculum gimmicks and turn-around gurus became the focus for too many. "The 7 Habits of Moving Learning Community Cheese Years" is how a teacher friend of mine lampoons this U turn. An exaggeration? Sure. But with enough truth to sting like a hornet.

Our local schools are struggling. Which is a less painful way to say our children are struggling. Test scores have ranged from disappointing to heartbreaking since the U turn.

The present school board seems to have refocused on great teaching (after a state thumb's-down on a mini-megacampus a cynic might add).

Ballot 5A is a bargain compared to the megacampus. The local water district spent half as much on a useless drying greenhouse for human waste for goodness sake.

And Ballot 5A, unlike the megacampus, could actually build great schools — within the existing buildings — if the school board and the community demand the money be spent as promised. The best research shows that replacing the worst 10% of your teachers — and yes there are untalented teachers — with average teachers can start to jumpstart a school.

Replacing the least capable 25% of teachers with superb teachers while retaining your talented teachers will transform a school district.

Will the school board and parents demand the money actually be invested in great teaching?

Honestly, I don't know. Ballot 5A is often marketed as being "for the children". Yet it is really "for the adults" in our community to fulfill the promise of this game-changing investment in retaining and recruiting great teachers.

"Trust, but verify" was the approach of a great American president. Let's trust the school board with making this investment in great teaching, and verify each election year that our schools are hiring and retaining great teachers.

Our community needs great schools today. Great buildings are far less important.

Glenn Walsh



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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Oct. 18

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

Monday, Oct. 22

Archuleta County, District Attorney and San Juan Basin Public Health budget meetings. 8 a.m.,

La Plata County administration building, Durango.

Tuesday, Oct. 23

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

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation regular board meeting. 11 a.m., Cham-

ber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

Joint town/county work session. Noon, Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Pagosa Springs Town Council budget work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 24

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

Monday, Oct. 29

Pagosa Springs Town Council budget work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot

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Bill Esterbrook	Terry Alley	Ron Shaw
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Cynthia Mitchell	David Hamilton	Mike Halverson
Kathy Isberg	Penne Hamilton	Cindy Halverson
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Glenn Cope	Mary Helen Cammack	Mary Kurt-Mason
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Thelma Smith	Carol Ann White	Nancy Drake
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Town council approves purchase of new street sweeper

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs will soon add a new street sweeper to its fleet following a decision by the Pagosa Springs Town Council on Oct. 2.

And, because the town participates in the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Region 5's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, the street sweeper will ultimately cost the town \$48,188.

"The Town's current sweeper is old and has had a lot of maintenance issues," agenda documentation used at the meeting explains.

Projects Manager Scott Lewandowski explained to town council that repurposing the CMAQ funding was the "only real creative solution" staff could come up with to fund the purchase.

The agenda brief further expounds on that, stating, "It should be noted that the CMAQ route of obtaining the street sweeper was the only way that the Town could

afford a new piece of equipment due to budget constraints."

Once that funding was repurposed, the town put the sweeper out to bid in August, with two bids coming back in, both from the same company.

One bid met the specifications required by the town, while the other did not, Lewandowski explained.

The bid for the sweeper that meets the town's specifications, however, came in \$6,100 above the funding identified in the inter-governmental agreement between CDOT and the town.

That, Lewandowski explained to council, meant the town's match would increase to cover that amount, from \$48,188 to \$54,288.

Brad Lattin, streets supervisor, informed council that he had driven a demo model of the truck and had spoken with representatives about the challenges faced with the town's current sweeper and how things have changed on the newer truck, a TYMCO 500X.

Previously in the meeting, Le-

wandowski explained that the sweeper has a high-dump unit, which dumps off the side and is much quicker.

In response to a question from Mayor Don Volger, Lattin said the life of the truck can vary, with previous trucks having a lifespan of five to seven years, but the new truck is expected to last 10 to 15 years.

In response to a later question from council member Matt DeGuise, Lattin explained it would be quieter.

Council member Nicole DeMarco asked how the town would get rid of its current sweeper, with Lewandowski explaining that the town cannot trade it in toward a match due to the CDOT funding, but would try to get some trade-in value "one way or another."

The request to purchase the sweeper at a cost of \$286,100 and be reimbursed by CDOT in the amount of \$231,812 was approved unanimously by the seven-member council.

The CMAQ program is a Federal Highway Administration program to, according to the agenda brief,

"help non-attainment areas to improve air quality through funding transportation projects and programs. One of the main objectives of the program is to reduce dust mitigation by paving roads, providing equipment such as street sweepers, and materials such as mag chloride."

The funding, the agenda brief explains, is only available to three organizations within Region 5, with those being the town of Telluride, Mountain Village and Pagosa Springs.

Funding is distributed by CDOT Region 5 staff every two years based on organizational requests, the brief further explains.

"Over the last year and a half, Town staff has been working with CDOT Region 5 staff to re-allocate a prior CMAQ award for Mesa Drive (Fiscal Year 17,18) and Majestic Drive paving (Fiscal Year 18) projects to purchase a new street sweeper," the document explains.

That request was successful, allowing the town to seek bids for the equipment.

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Obituary

Jennifer Faubion

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Jennifer had a smile as big as the blue skies in Colorado!

You can call me "Jen" or "Jennifer," but if you want to call me "Jenny," make sure you call me "Jenny Kush."



Jennifer lived her life on her own terms. She was kind and generous, as well as strong and silly. Her friends and family adored her. She had an adventurous "can do" spirit and excelled at many professions, including bar tending, graphic art production and the insurance industry. She wanted to do more, and that she did!

In 2014, Jennifer became a licensed massage therapist. With her healing touch and a new profession under her belt, she decided that she wanted to be closer to nature, and she did just that. On Aug. 28, 2015, she left her comforts and her family and friends in Texas and headed for the mountains. She packed up her wife and her life and set out on a new adventure. She settled in Pagosa Springs, Colo.

She loved the San Juan mountains and taking her 4X4 on outings, hiking and snowshoeing. She loved capturing images of bear, deer, foxes, raccoons and the neighbor's dog on her wildlife camera. She was always excited to share her finds — her excitement was contagious.

Chances are if you knew Jen, you know she loved music! She had a strong attachment to disco, mirrored balls and tiny lights. She was from the mindset to "pay it forward" as she helped so many and was a strong defender of those who could not defend themselves.

Jennifer was not only a loyal friend that would do anything for you, but she had a huge heart for fur babies and birdie birds. She was stealth in locating eagles and osprey. She loved to sit on her patio with her binoculars or a telescope and hunt down her feathered friends.

She enthusiastically enjoyed the fruits of her labor in her newfound cannabis cultivation. Her attention to detail was amazing; she was always cool under pressure. She dreamed of a life full of love and laughter.

Jennifer spent the end of her life with grace and humor. All the nurses and caretakers at the hospital admired and loved her little sparkle of humor and light. We will miss our sparkle.

Author Maya Angelou once said, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Jennifer made us feel special and that we had value. She is greatly

missed.

Love you, Jennifer!

Jennifer is survived by her wife, Kristy Osborne, of Pagosa Springs; her mother, Debra James, of Ajijic, Mexico; her father, Gary Lon Faubion, and stepmother Gracie Faubion, of South Padre, Texas; and her sister, Jessica LeBlanc, and brother-in-law, Chuck Johnson, of Plano, Texas.

Public Meetings

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Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, Oct. 30

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

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 6 p.m., Tara Community Center, 333 Milton Lane, Arboles.

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

ARCHULETA COUNTY NEEDS A NEW JAIL & SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PREDICTIONS OF EXCESS TAX REVENUE ARE SPECULATION

There is no basis for claims of \$44.55 million in revenue.

The results of the adoption of the ballot question depends on multiple unknowns. No one can know:

- How much revenue will be realized from one percent sales tax increase
- If there will be any excess tax revenue, and if so, how much
- What interest rate will be charged on revenue bonds the County will issue
- What the final construction estimate will be
- The amount of revenue bonds the County will issue
- How much the County will have to pay to retire the bonds

THE COUNTY HAS PLANNED FOR SUCCESS

According to Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton, in order to successfully sell bonds in the face of so many unknowns, the County consulted with its municipal advisors in order to determine what amount of sales tax increase would likely assure a successful bond issue. **The municipal advisors recommended a one percent increase.**

The tax increase must be large enough and long enough to repay the lenders (bondholders), even if there is an economic downturn. The one percent sales tax increase will be an additional one cent tax on a one dollar purchase. The one percent increase will raise the sales tax in the County from 6.9% to 7.9%. **A sales tax is equitable** in that people who spend less money pay less tax and people who spend more money pay more tax.

The ballot question limits additional debt (bonds) to \$19.2 million and maximum

repayment costs of the bonds to \$25.8 million. The ballot language stating \$2.97 million in sales tax revenue in the first year only is actually a maximum amount of revenue that can legally be collected. That is not a statement about what the County will actually collect. No one knows what the actual income will be.

The final construction cost estimates will determine the amount of bonds to be issued by the County and the financial marketplace will determine the cost to repay them.

At this point, there is no way to predict the final cost of the project or the amount of sales tax collected. **However, the county has committed any excess revenues to be directed to justice system capital expenses.** The one percent sales tax increase is the best plan. It makes the County bonds attractive to investors at the minimum cost of taxpayers.

BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

Archuleta County is growing (7.77% in 2017).

The current daily average number of County prisoners is 24, with a recent maximum of 33. These numbers have been held artificially low to minimize the cost of transporting and housing prisoners outside the County.

Jails operate at 80% of capacity due to conflicting prisoner classifications.

The old 34-bed jail is too small. The old Sheriff's Office was too small. **It is unwise to build the minimum when growth is inevitable.**

The size of the proposed 54-bed jail was recommended by Reilly Johnson Architects, the premier Colorado jail designers. **Building the proposed jail and Sheriff's Office is the smart thing to do.**

PROTECT ARCHULETA COUNTY FINANCES

According to Larry Walton, the Archuleta County Finance Director, **at this time \$3.5 million of the County's funds are not restricted. All other county funds are restricted to specific uses.**

That \$3.5 million is insufficient to refurbish the old courthouse and build a new secure jail that meets state and federal guidelines.

VOTE YES ON BALLOT QUESTION 1A

The population of Archuleta County will not get smaller. The cost of construction will not go down. Now is the time to adopt the one-percent increase in sales tax to fund the construction of the new jail and Sheriff's Office.

VOTE YES ON BALLOT QUESTION 1A. IT IS THE AFFORDABLE WAY TO BUILD THE NEW JAIL WE NEED.

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Proposed 2019 county budget looks at failure of jail at polls

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

A conservative draft of the 2019 county budget, one planning for the failure of the jail at the ballot, was presented to the commissioners at a meeting on Oct. 9.

Larry Walton, the Archuleta County finance director, presented the draft budget to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) at a special meeting and described particulars of the proposed budget.

Greg Schulte, who is currently serving as an advisor to the BoCC and the new county administrator, explained that state statute dictates that a proposed budget be presented before Oct. 15.

"Obviously, this year's a little bit different than other years in the fact that we have a ballot measure on Nov. 6, and that will materially affect our budget, one way or the other, depending on the outcome," Schulte said.

Walton began his presentation by explaining some details about the proposed budget.

The presentation was "highly summarized" as the details run "to almost to 190 pages," Walton explained. However, "we carefully selected a lot of information" in the proposed budget.

Walton began with a "recap" of the schedule for the budget.

In the first half of November, budget work sessions with the BoCC will be scheduled, according to the presentation.

On Dec. 12, the 2019 budget will be approved and funds appropriated, and on Dec. 18, the certification of the mill levies will take place, according to the presentation.

"... and whatever adjustments to the '18 budget we would be reviewed and considered at that time," Walton said.

The presentation was divided into two major parts, Walton explained. The first was to look at the forces "driving" the proposed numbers, and the second was looking at summary numbers for 2019.

"But, the things really driving those numbers fall nicely into three major categories," Walton said.

These three categories are: external influences, internal strategic considerations, and statutes and

county policy. "So, we're going to drill into each one of those a little bit," Walton said.

Jail assumptions

Walton explained that in preparation for the draft budget, assumptions had to be made conservatively of "a worst-case scenario" in which the ballot issue failed.

Unrelated county services were constrained in the proposed budget "... in order to create funds for a scaled-down Justice System capital project," according to the presentation.

Next, the effect of that action was looked at, not just on the 2019 budget, but into the future, Walton explained, and then staff tried to build a budget that would be "balanced and sustainable."

Walton explained that in order to "get a feel" for the jail construction, the cost of the jail was set at an assumed cost of \$14 million.

He also added that this was a conservative projection, and that he thinks it is a little high.

In a follow-up interview, Walton explained the \$14 million is a "quick and dirty" estimate of a maximum amount the county could spend to build only a jail, without a sheriff's office attached.

"... but, basically, I'm assuming that the construction was done by someone else," Walton said in the meeting, adding that the county would lease-to-own the building over 20 years.

That would likely be accomplished through a Certificate of Participation, which Walton noted in the follow-up interview is common across the state.

At the meeting, Walton explained that he guessed that the county would be paying around \$850,000 a year.

This is the scenario worked out in this particular budget, according to Walton.

Across the county, requests for additional staff was for 24.5 new full-time equivalent personnel, according to Walton.

"This draft budget reflects no new personnel," the presentation reads.

Further, once the outcome of the ballot is known, adjustments

can be made. Many items were placed on a proposed list and not included in this draft budget, but the proposed list would be considered after the election, Walton added.

However, if the ballot measure were to pass, according to the presentation, "some of the constraints may be lifted, allowing badly needed adjustments."

External influences

"We're not going to be able to consider all the external influences on the budget; there's a lot of them," Walton said.

According to the presentation, external influences include:

- Revenue trends, which Walton explained included revenue streams that support the budget.
- Voter decision on the justice system funding.

In the case of "Voter Decision on Justice System Funding," the presentation notes that "between now" and the adoption of the 2019 budget, "voters will decide whether or not to fund the Detention Facility and Sheriff's Offices."

- The changing costs of goods and services, and "appropriate personnel."

In terms of changing costs of goods and services, the county uses Consumer Price Index (CPI) data to determine "reasonable overall changes in many different costs," according to the presentation.

Currently, prices in 2018 are projected to increase 3.3 percent, according to the presentation.

"The Proposed Budget includes a 4% increase in Personnel Costs," the presentation reads.

The increase is meant to cover cost-of-living adjustments applied equally to all employees, and increased cost of medical insurance, according to Walton.

"The application of the 4% increase to the categories above is not yet decided," the presentation reads.

- Population growth.
- Other, which included, "Changes in Technology (Obsolescence)" and "Opportunities."

The presentation details several of the external influences.

First, Walton discussed revenue trends.

"So, we're going to be looking at just eight of our revenue streams. We have over 130 revenue streams," Walton said, adding these eight were large in amount and big in impact.

The 2019 revenue trends predicted in the presentation included:

- Property tax: no change.
- Sales tax: up 2 percent.
- Solid waste fees and recycle revenue: up 4 percent.
- Payment in lieu of taxes: down 37 percent.
- Highway Users Tax Fund: down 2 percent.
- Specific ownership tax: up 3.5 percent.
- Treasurer's fees: no change.
- Fleet: up 2 percent.

The presentation also notes some information on population growth and how it relates to county personnel.

Other external influences noted by the presentation included technology related and other opportunities.

Pictometry was noted in the presentation for the technology-related category.

Walton explained of pictometry: "Basically, it's high-definition 3-D" photos of various parts of the county that are useful for doing assessment work. Being able to look at photographs as opposed to driving to locations could stretch out the lives of vehicles, delay additional staff and the net effect "will be to reduce cost."

Information technology was also noted, which included "keeping up with changes in hardware, software, etc.," according to the presentation.

Internal strategic considerations

Walton explained that an internal strategic consideration is "something that requires long-term thinking. It takes a long time to solve, it's extremely important to the well-being of government and its ability to perform its services, but it's no easy fix."

The internal strategic consideration is:

- See Budget A12

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By Kristin Morehouse
Special to The SUN

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Charter school discusses items within contract with school district

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Various items pertaining to the contract between the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) and Archuleta School District (ASD) were discussed at a work session of the PPOS Board of Directors on Monday.

The current and future of food service at PPOS, along with a potential partnership with ASD in food service, was introduced by PPOS Board President Ursula Hudson by saying, "Apparently we can't be helped."

However, PPOS School Director James Lewicki noted that he would not say that PPOS could not be helped, but that this was more of a timing issue.

"When I talked to [ASD Superintendent] Linda Reed, the idea is how do we start down the path? So, that could be an eventual outcome," Lewicki said.

ASD is at capacity right now with its food service program and it does not seem realistic this calendar year for PPOS to be a site for ASD, Lewicki explained.

"It's difficult for them to find people to work, let alone expand capacity for us. I think the door is open to have the conversations," Lewicki said.

Those conversations will ultimately lead to an amendment of the original contract because, according to Lewicki, "It was clear, from the beginning, that we didn't want them to be a food authority."

In the interim, PPOS is now

looking at someone who could be a food authority, Lewicki commented.

He noted that Archuleta County has another food entity out there that potentially could be the food authority for PPOS for a period of time, then PPOS and ASD could get into discussions, Lewicki noted.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. is now running the Pagosa Springs Senior Center, and that nonprofit also does meals for seniors, PPOS board member Bill Hudson explained.

"So, you're not actually dealing with the government. But it's a nonprofit and they have a commercial kitchen and they are preparing meals for seniors, I think, most days of the week," Bill Hudson said.

An issue with partnering with Archuleta Seniors Inc. would be that PPOS could not get reimbursed through the state's food program for those meals because they are not a school food authority, PPOS board member Ashley Wilson explained.

"So, essentially, it would be like what we offered last year. I'm not 100 percent sure on that," Wilson said.

Lewicki later commented that he and Reed had attended a training with a Colorado Department of Education (CDE) representative who specializes in food service.

"So, one of the things we had heard early in the spring was we missed the deadline," Lewicki said, noting that the CDE representative told Lewicki to not worry about that and that PPOS should take the time it needs to figure out its food

authority.

"So, I really got a good sense that they're willing to bend over backwards to help us," Lewicki said.

Next fall, PPOS should pursue ASD being its food authority and have conversations with ASD Food Service Director Todd Stevens, he explained.

"It's not this year. And then the other question is, in the meantime, what if it's two or three years out?" Lewicki asked, noting that PPOS has families who qualify for free and reduced lunches.

PPOS, as a potential secondary site, might also require that the school have some equipment, Wilson added later.

"Because some of what we can do and the equipment we need might determine some of that timeline," Wilson said.

The next steps for PPOS is finding out what it needs to do to become a "satellite kitchen" and who is going to be responsible for the staff, Wilson added later.

In addition to those steps, PPOS will also try and sit down with Stevens and find out facility requirements.

"We can't move forward with it right now. We need to re-circle the wagons and figure out a way ahead," PPOS board member Clay Buchner said.

PPOS board member Mark Weiler later raised a question on why exactly PPOS did not want ASD to be its partner in providing lunch.

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Last week, the eighth-grade class traveled to Moab, Utah, to explore Arches National Park. Although their trip was cut short by one day due to weather, the students learned about the history of Arches National Park and what branch of government is in charge of running the national parks. New this year, students studied the physics behind arches and built model arches. Students also applied ratio and proportional thinking to calculate the height of various arches. Prior to leaving, students participated in a fishbowl exercise where students took on different points of view on how to address the uranium tailing environment cleanup and then observed this in action.

Pagosa Peak Open School mission and vision revisions approved by school district

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Pagosa Peak Open School's (PPOS) mission and vision statement revisions were formally approved by the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education during its meeting on Oct. 9.

The mission and vision statements had previously been revised after a June 18 PPOS workshop.

PPOS's new vision statement states, "To create a community of empowered, lifelong learners," while its new mission statement concludes by stating, "by providing a multi-age learning environment designed to foster confidence, high academic achievement, and the joy of learning through original and meaningful work."

PPOS Board President Ursala Hudson explained to the BOE during the meeting that the reason behind the mission and vision being changed in the first place was wanting to make it more concise.

When PPOS's first mission and vision statements were written, the founding members of PPOS liked the ideas that were in both statements, but they did not know how to make them shorter, Hudson explained.

"Since we submitted our charter application and to now, we've had several consultants say, 'Hey, your mission and vision is way too long,'" Hudson said.

Board of Education member Bruce Dryburgh later offered praise on the new mission and vision statements.

"This is one of the best vision and mission statements I've ever seen. It's short, understandable, your kids will know what it says. Good job guys. I really like it," Dryburgh said.

The new mission and vision statements of PPOS were approved unanimously by the BOE.

Contract obligations

According to the contract be-

tween ASD and PPOS, a mission and vision need to be approved by ASD's Board of Education.

Under section six of the contract, which is titled "Educational Program," within subsection 6.1, it states, "The vision set forth in the Application is accepted by the District."

And, under subsection 6.2, the contract notes, "The mission set forth in the Application is accepted by the District."

ASD Superintendent Linda Reed noted in a follow-up interview with The SUN that the approval of PPOS's new mission and vision statements was placed on the Oct. 9 agenda because of that specific clause in the contract.

"They actually came to us and they wanted it on the September agenda, but our agenda was too full, so we asked them to move it to October, so they did and we took care of it," Reed explained.

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public school students in Archuleta County — would be affected by this clause.

"We have several parents that have asked if they can participate in the Pagosa Family School," Ursala Hudson stated.

Ursala Hudson indicated PFS is an initiative through ASD to collect some per-pupil revenue (PPR) for home-schooled students.

"So, if they could get a certain amount of hours of the home-schooling students that need to come every week, then they get like 50 percent of their PPR," Ursala Hudson added.

She continued, "And so a lot of our parents want free child care. And they can't participate because in our contract it says that we're not participating in any district programs."

She noted later that Lewicki and Reed could discuss this issue in further detail.

According to item 6.11 in the contract, under "Extracurricular and Interscholastic Activities," contract language allows for extracurricular and interscholastic activities, Lewicki noted.

Lewicki clarified the discussion topic: If there is available room, could PPOS families sign up for PFS?

Sharing grant money

In addition to the food service and PFS talk, the PPOS board briefly discussed reconciliation and administrative fees.

According to Ursala Hudson, PPOS's accountant, Bart Skidmore, suggested that PPOS ask for its portion or share of all of ASD's grant money.

The only grants that PPOS is currently receiving are for Title 1

and capital construction grants, according to Ursala Hudson and Hammon.

In a follow-up interview with The SUN, Ursala Hudson further explained this topic.

She explained that Skidmore

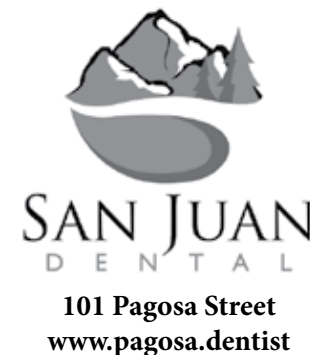
suggested that PPOS ask ASD if it would consider sharing "all the state and federal grants."

According to an email from Skidmore, read by Ursala Hudson, ASD receives many grants.

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County denies BP well pad proposal, again

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted unanimously to deny the proposed BP Cox 3 Well Pad special exemption on Tuesday, after BP requested time to rebut comments from a previous hearing.

Previously, BP had applied for a major oil and gas facility permit for the BP Cox 3 well pad special exemption. The permit would have been used to accommodate another gas well within an existing government section of land that already has several wells.

The well would have been located in Section 14, south of Colo. 151 and east of the county line. There are three existing well pads owned by Southland Royalty Company in the southern half of Section 14 (two of which are close together), and one BP well pad, known as Cox 2, in the northern half.

Up to four well pads can be placed in any government section through an administrative process, while a special exemption is required for any additional wells above that amount.

At an Aug. 7 meeting, the BoCC voted unanimously to deny the exception. For more information on the prior hearing, see the Aug. 9 edition of The SUN.

Todd Starr, the interim county attorney, began by explaining what happened after the hearing on Aug. 7.

"Shortly after that hearing, where the board did in fact make a decision ... I was contacted by an attorney for the applicant who raised a claim of perhaps the county had not followed procedural due process," Starr said.

Starr explained that in this case, the allegation was that BP was not allowed an opportunity to rebut comments made at the previous hearing.

Further, he mentioned that the county disputes the allegation that insufficient process was provided.

"... but with a procedural due process claim, rather than the lawyers making all the money, it's easier just to clean it up," Starr said.

BP and the BoCC agreed "that if we provide them 20 minutes of rebuttal time this afternoon, that will cure the alleged defect," Starr said.

Starr gave some explanation to what was happening, stating, "... what we're doing is we've taken the hearing, it's not a new hearing, it's the same hearing ... your prior decision is moot."

Further, "... if one you decides to make a motion," Starr explained, "I would ask you to state that you have considered all of the evidence from Aug. 7, as well as the evidence that you hear today, and that your decision on the motion that is made is not impacted by the board's prior decision."

Starr explained that BP would start with its rebuttal, then public comment would be had and, finally, BP would be given a chance to respond.

"Again, commissioners, all the evidence, and all of the statements that you heard on Aug. 7 are in the record and are to be a basis, together with what you hear today, for your ultimate decision," Starr said.

BP rebuttal

Carolynne White, land use council for BP America, began by introducing herself to the BoCC. According to the agenda, White is with the law firm Brownstein Hyatt Faber Shreck LLP.

White was not present at the previous hearing concerning the well pad in August.

White also introduced the other members of BP as Miles Venzara, surface land negotiator, and Naomi Azulai, permitting analyst.

White thanked the public and the BoCC for allowing a further opportunity to respond to concerns raised at the last meeting.

Three additional documents, including a letter outlining the things she was presenting, a presentation and three suggested conditions of approval if the BoCC approved the application were added to the record.

"During this response time that has been granted, we intend to respond to the various issues raised at the hearing," White said, adding that the criteria was met.

White began with the permit approval criteria. There were "about 20 potential criteria" that could apply to the application across several sections of the regulation.

The criteria pertained to health, safety and welfare, according to White.

"What those criteria do not address is the question of whether or not you like this particular company, or this particular applicant, whether you're for or against oil and gas drilling or any of those other types of considerations," White said.

The question, according to White, was, "Does the application on its face meet the criteria in your code?"

White next went in to the criterion of "need."

White explained that the issue of need was addressed by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) when it granted "what we call Form 2A, which is the form 2 application for permit to drill."

That approval, White explained, was already granted before the application was submitted.

"In that form, the COGCC has essentially already addressed the question of need by determining that the well is appropriate in this location, and that it is needed," White said.

Under the criteria of need, White noted that:

- Use of other wells in the area were not possible as BP did not have rights.
- Engineering and geological limitations dictated this was the best location.
- Rules and obligations require obtaining the minerals through the most "economically feasible and practical way," as failure to do so could potentially create liability.

Other topics covered constraints including sustainability, impact to plant life and visual impact.

White mentioned previous comments that there were already several wells in the area.

"Actually, the fact that there are already several here is an indication that this is a potentially suitable location for additional well pads to be located," she said.

Wildlife and plant life disturbance and impact was another topic White commented on.

White added that BP, if this were granted, would agree to engage in additional consultations with the landowner and determine what the appropriate seed mix would be.

She further added that BP had entered into a wildlife mitigation plan with Colorado Parks and

Wildlife.

Visual impact, lower tanks and use of a lower well were touched on by White.

White mentioned the possibility of using electricity to power the well to lower noise impacts, and color of the tanks could be chosen by the commissioners.

"Dialogue" with nearby property owners, the Swains, was mentioned by White, adding "it was discussed on the record that BP had proposed to provide a budget to plant some additional trees along the property line, as well."

She mentioned that no "formal" documentation was had of the agreement, but that "we have provided" a proposed condition of approval "that BP would agree to comply with."

White closed by adding that BP appreciated the additional time to respond.

Public comment

BoCC Chair Steve Wadley opened the public comment section for those in favor of the well pad first; however, no one came forward.

Wadley then opened public comment against the well pad, limiting comments to three minutes.

Agnes Sanchez spoke, comparing the well pads to a duplex.

"These two wells, even though they're so close together, they're still separate, just like my duplex would be and would be taxed separately," Sanchez said. "So, when they try to say that they're one unit ... they share the same kind of common wall, but they're still as two separate units."

The issue of need caused some concern from the speakers in public comment.

Elaine Nobriga, recalling the Aug. 7 meeting, stated, "Citizens were not allowed to bring up need at all, and yet 20 minutes or 10 minutes of her discussion was about need, so I don't think that's fair."

She added, "We believe four is enough."

Barb Swain, a neighbor to the south of the proposed site, added some clarity about the agreement with BP.

"I do want to state for the record that when my husband and I first spoke with the representative we

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Since 1999, the manual has been a resource on the legal tools available to school administrators and personnel committed to creating a safe learning environment, preventing school-related violence, and taking the information provided by young people and using it appropriately in order to keep them safe. Some of the updated subsections in the new manual include information on search and seizure, the use and possession of medical marijuana on campuses, and cooperation with law enforcement.

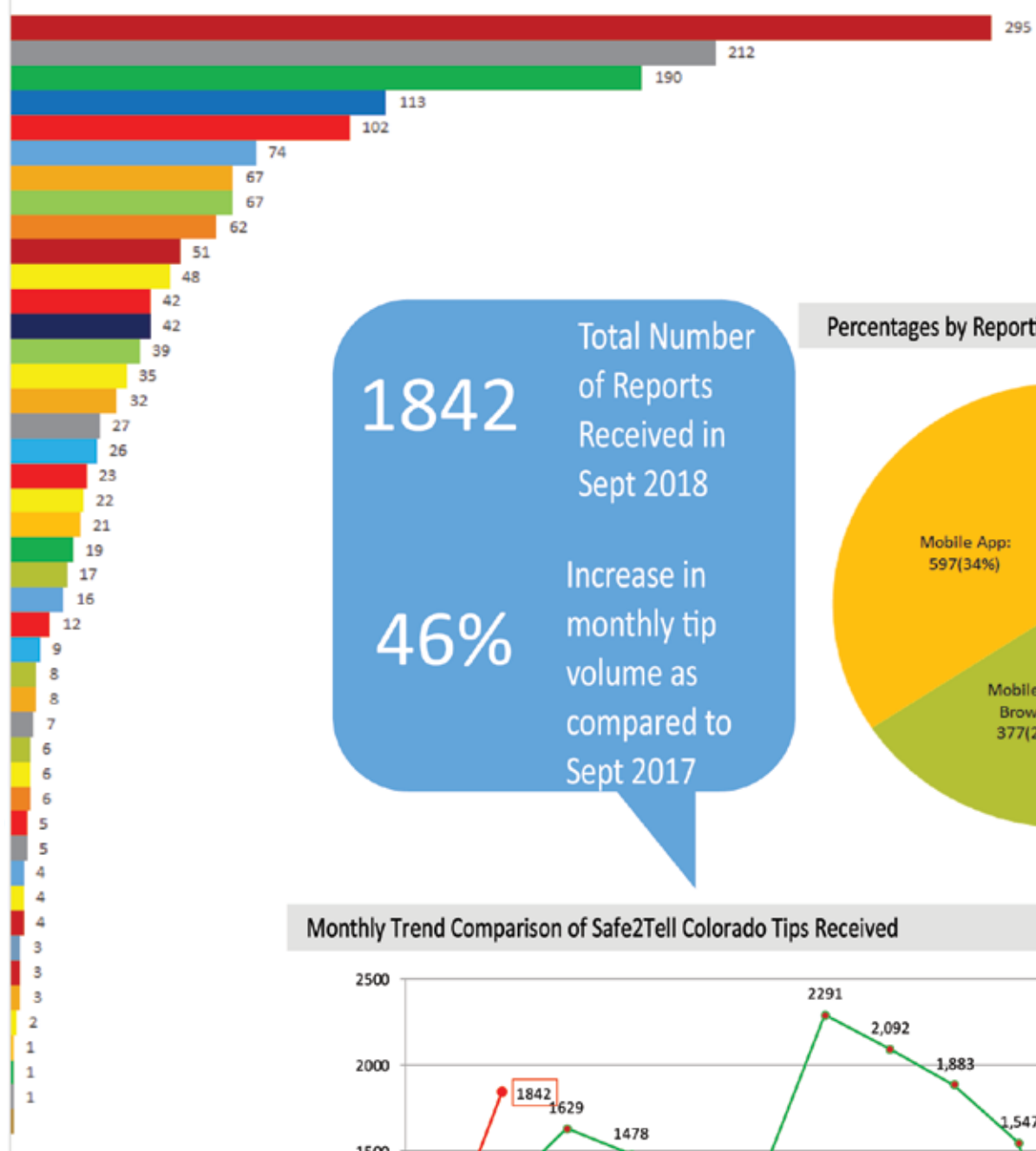
"The numbers alone show the impact the Safe2Tell program has on breaking down the code of silence and empowering students to speak up for themselves and their friends," said Coffman. "In order to protect kids, we cannot operate in silos and information sharing is critically important when taking the necessary holistic approach to keeping young people and schools safe."

Safe2Tell was founded on the idea that prevention and early intervention are key to stopping violence and saving lives. The guiding principles of this safety and prevention initiative model include educating young people and school staff on critical issues; encouraging them to play a role in prevention; and equipping them with a tangible, direct way to report anonymously, while empowering them to make a difference.

A copy of the "Colorado School Violence Prevention: A Legal Manual" can be found at: https://coag.gov/sites/default/files/file-field_paths/final_as_of_october_11_2018.pdf.

Since 2004, Safe2Tell has received over 48,000 calls, Web tips and mobile app reports. The Safe2Tell Data Report from the 2017-2018 school year, and the Data Report so far for the 2018-2019 school year can be found at: <https://www.safe2tell.org/results>.

- Suicide threats
- Drugs
- Bullying
- Cutting
- Depression
- School complaint
- Smoking/tobacco
- Child abuse
- Requesting information
- Threats
- Alcohol
- Sexual misconduct
- Harassment
- Sexual assault
- Welfare check
- Planned school attack
- Sexting
- Assaults
- Fighting
- Guns
- Cyber-bullying
- Misuse of Safe2Tell
- Anger issues
- Knives
- Planned parties
- Theft
- Teasing
- Dating violence
- Eating disorder
- Unsafe driving
- Transportation complaints
- Discrimination
- Weapons (other than knives and guns)
- Transferred to Rocky Mountain Crisis Center
- Gangs
- Crime Stoppers
- Choking game
- Vandalism
- Domestic violence
- Ditching
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- Explosives



1842 Total Number of Reports Received in Sept 2018

46% Increase in monthly tip volume as compared to Sept 2017

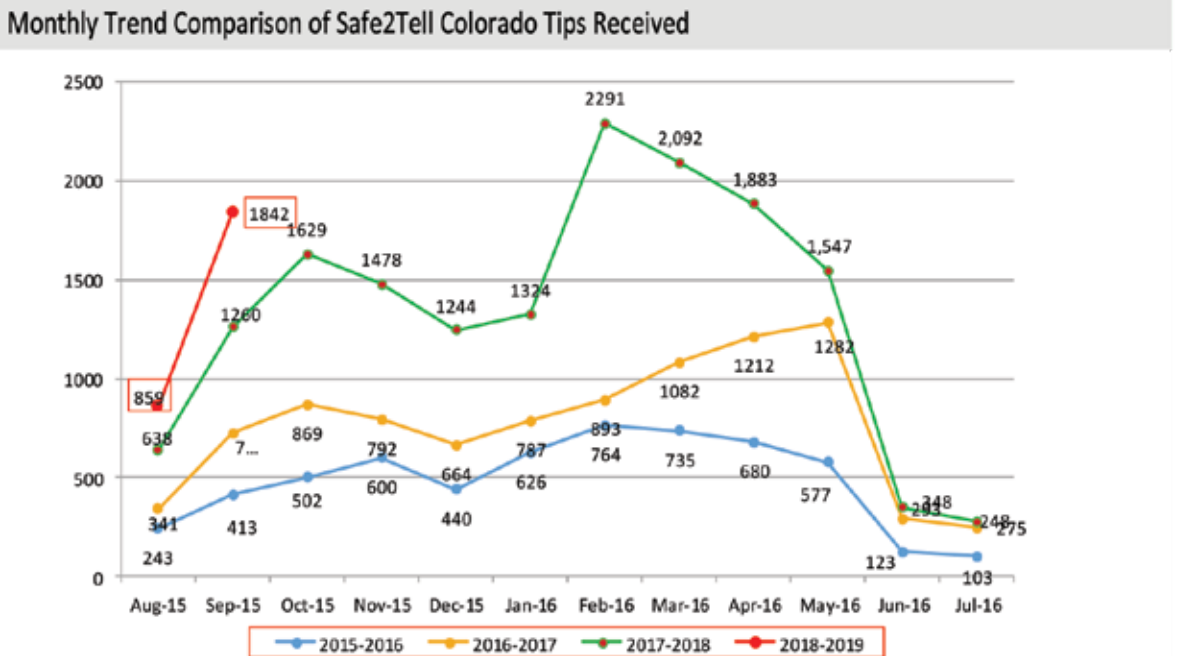
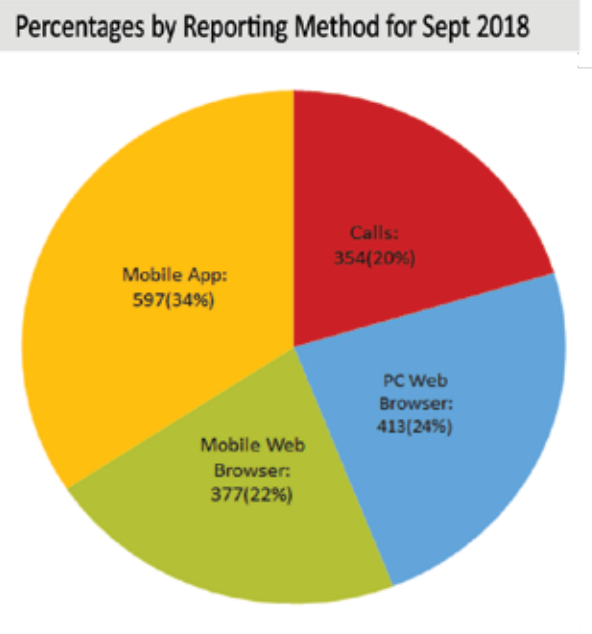


Illustration courtesy Colorado Office of the Attorney General
Colorado Safe2Tell is seeing a record number of tips early in the 2018-2019 school year. The data displayed represents the number of reports received during the month of September. Since 2004, Safe2Tell has received over 48,000 calls, Web tips and mobile app reports. Someone can anonymously report anything that concerns or threatens you, your friends, your family or your community by calling (877) 542-7233.

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Archuleta County Sheriff Election Tracker

The Pagosa Springs SUN has asked each candidate for Archuleta County sheriff to answer the following questions. Candidates and their responses appear in alphabetical order with the answers printed as they were received. They have not been edited.

What would be your first step in addressing issues such as domestic violence and drug abuse in Archuleta County?

Cole Graham: Stopping the flow of hard narcotics such as Meth Amphetamine and Heroin from coming into and going out of the County would greatly reduce crime, violence and traffic accidents. Working closely with the community to teach citizens how to better identify suspicious activity and accurately relay information to the Sheriff's Office or other agencies in order to streamline the investigations process. I believe that if we all work together as a community we can drastically decrease crime, narcotics use and domestic violence. We may not all get along, we may not all agree, but that doesn't mean we can't find a way to work together to make our county shine once again.



Rob Keating: Drug abuse is a nation wide epidemic; although some feel and may think it is minimal here in our sleepy little community, it is not! Domestic violence goes hand and hand with the drug problem in Archuleta County. My first step to address these problems is to send a clear message that no longer will ACSO tolerate the sale and distribution of illegal drugs. As the new Sheriff I will insure that every call regarding suspicious activity and possible sales of drugs is responded to quickly and with urgency. Second I would like to see more help and counseling to individuals who have problems with managing their anger without going through the court system which only promotes the anger and does not address the problem. As servants of the community deputies should help these individuals not by punishment. I will change the attitude currently shown "someone must go to jail."



Richard Valdez: Domestic Violence (DV) is very serious and one of the most common and most dangerous calls that we respond to. We work closely with Rise Above Violence and I sit on the board for Ending Violence Against Women in order to stay apprised of trends and areas for training. The



Sheriff's office will continue to bring training and education for DV and Sexual Assault to deputies and staff. We will arrest perpetrators and work with the district attorney to provide evidence for a successful prosecution. We will continue to work to protect victims and provide for their safety.

Archuleta County's drug problems cross county and state lines and we will continue to collaborate with neighboring counties and Homeland Security to combat the problem. We will continue utilizing our K-9 Team and follow all leads for local enforcement. We are currently working on funding options for additional equipment and manpower.

What ways could the ACSO better serve and have a larger presence in outlying locations of the county, such as the near the county or state lines?

Graham: Number one needs to be increased staffing of trained deputies. We don't currently have enough deputies serving the County to be able to show such a presence. To accommodate this two things need to happen, firstly the County Commissioners have to release more funding for the Sheriff's Office to be able to hire additional deputies. Secondly citizen and/or volunteers could be utilized to expand the eyes of the Sheriff's Office to increase information gathering about crime in the outlying areas

Keating: Archuleta County is a fairly large county in Colorado. Throughout my campaign I have stressed the need to improve response time to calls and that our rural areas need quicker service. There are a number of ways to accomplish this. The simplest would be to have a couple of sub stations, for example in Arboles and Chromo, and man those stations with one deputy during peak times. Those peak times could be calculated through the call data collected over the years by Dispatch. I recognize this will increase cost but with good financial managing cost can be kept to a minimum. As a minimum, placing patrol officers away from the town core during their shifts may cut down the mileage and the time it takes to respond. As to our neighbors to the north we need to maintain and strengthen our cooperation agreements.

Valdez: The simple answer; additional staffing. However, the budget for the Sheriff's department only supports 12 full time Deputies to provide 24/7 service. At times, we may only have one Deputy on duty who is responsible for the entire 1,301 square miles of the County. Sheriff Deputies do conduct routine patrols in the outlying parts of the County, but this is challenging because a majority of the calls from dispatch are directed to the more densely populated areas such as Aspen Springs and Pagosa Lakes. Since 2015, we have increased our volunteer patrol numbers and implemented an electronic building check program in Arboles which requires the deputy to physically be at those specific locations when doing the checks. We are also currently working with a volunteer who is helping find housing

in specific areas, such as Arboles, Chimney Rock, and Chromo for a resident deputy.

What education and/or professional experience do you have that would qualify you to be Archuleta County sheriff?

Graham: First off I would like to say that I am honest to a fault even at my own expense. Honer, Integrity, and Honesty are of the highest importance to me and I believe the people of Archuleta county would agree that these three things are paramount when it comes to entrusting their safety and security to someone. I have been a manager at a local business for a number of years now where it has been my job to lead, teach and guide a large team of people in many different tasks and jobs. It has also been my job to stay on top of company morale in order to keep everyone working smoothly and confidently always leading by example

Keating: My 40 years of experience as project manager and superintendent of multi million dollar commercial projects qualifies me to manage the Sheriff department as Archuleta County Sheriff. Those large projects demanded a great deal of supervision and coordination. My success of monitoring safety, quality control, daily scheduling as well as keeping trades and crews working together in sync with one another (keeping the peace) will serve me well as Sheriff. My success as a manager and business owner speaks volumes on my abilities to work with clients, professionals, department heads and the public. Being able to work with government officials to achieve the necessary needs of the Sheriff's department will be a goal I plan to accomplish. I continue my education with lectures from professors' with renowned universities. I will honor the oath that every police officer must swear to protect and defend the U S Constitution.

Valdez: In 2000, I graduated from the Police Academy at Otero Junior College, with my POST Certification. I have worked for the Pagosa Springs Police Department, Southern Ute Police Department and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. Over the years, I have held the ranks of Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Corporal, Sergeant, Detective, Detective Sargent, Undersheriff, and have been privileged to be the Sheriff of Archuleta County for the last four years.

I have pursued a formal education to enhance my Peace Officer training and experience. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Public Management and a Minor in Information Technology from Colorado State University Global. In (month or year), I received a Masters Certificate in Leadership Development from the University of Notre Dame. I have participated in additional training at the Command Staff Institute, FBI Rocky Mountain Command College, Supervisors Institute and National Sheriffs Institute.

What is the biggest threat facing Archuleta County and what would you do about it?

Graham: High crime rates mostly due to extremely high narcotics

County jail committee's expenditures released

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Expenses of the Citizens for a New Jail committee, formerly an official county committee, are now available, revealing that slightly over \$3,000 of the total budget of \$5,000 was spent as part of the campaign for a new jail.

The committee began as a facility and campaign committee appointed by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and, by August, had been provided a \$5,000 budget from the county's coffers to spend campaigning for a new jail.

According to an email from Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton, all the expenditures occurred before the group was disbanded in September.

The email lists a total of six items charged to the committee's funds totaling \$3,000.60, including items such as banners, an Internet domain, advertisement, food and more.

The beginning of the Citizens for a New Jail group was described by Bentley Henderson, former county administrator, as reported in the July 5 edition of The SUN.

At a BoCC meeting on June 26, Henderson explained that the group had been formed to help the BoCC take a second look at the jail as a ballot item, and this group was a facilities and campaign committee.

Part of the committee's duties included looking at how present designs for a new jail were developed, location selected and to the look at the "back story" of the

Valdez: The biggest threat facing Archuleta County is the lack of a jail/detention facility. Prisoners are being transported to and from La Plata County at an extremely high cost, increased risk to deputies and prisoners and inefficient use of Deputy time. I am hopeful that the citizens will vote in favor of the sales tax increase to build a detention facility. Following the decision made in the general election, I will work with the County Commissioners to develop the plan that the voters mandated: build a new facility or create an alternative. Either way, it will be at least a year before any alternative is available and I will work to ensure the transport of inmates is as cost and time efficient as possible.

What would be the first three things you would do once you took office?

Graham: 1. Seeking a solution for this County's lack of a jail and court facilities. 2. Finding funding for more deputies so we can protect all of the counties citizens not just the core area. 3. forming the Southwest Narcotics Strike Force

Keating: The first thing will be to interview all the staff and find out what their views are on operations as a whole, what things are good and what they think should be changed and corrected. Then complete the evaluation and implement the needed changes. We need a crew that is consistent

■ See Sheriff B2

project, according to Henderson. The committee's role had always been planned to become a campaign committee for the jail, according to Henderson.

Many of the meetings consisted of discussion about purchasing, designing and distributing pamphlets, yard signs, community engagement ideas, banners, website design and volunteer work including a booth at the county fair, talking with groups in the area and writing letters to the editor.

Many of these ideas and events were eventually expenses of the committee, such as food for a barbecue and an Internet domain for a website.

The \$5,000 given to the group was first described in detail in June. In the July 5 edition of The SUN, it was reported that an agreement was made on the total of \$5,000 being given to the campaign fund.

Henderson explained at the June 26 meeting that a cap could be put on the funds allocated to the jail committee to prevent expenses from going above \$5,000.

BoCC Chair Steve Wadley explained that it costs money to win elections, and even a popular candidate has to pay thousands of dollars for a campaign.

Wadley further mentioned that the BoCC was going to set aside money for the election from the county.

The email from Walton listed the following items purchased by the committee and their cost:

- A banner — \$101.
 - An Internet domain for a Web
- See Expenditures B2

Blue Books: Missing pages and books addressed

Special to The SUN

Legislative council staff is responsible for publishing and distributing a voter guide known as the "Blue Book" any time there is a statewide measure on the ballot.

The intention is to provide an understandable and unbiased analysis of each measure to every household containing a registered voter in the state.

In even-numbered years, regional booklets also include recommendations prepared by the state and district commissions on judicial performance on the retention of judges in each geographic area.

This year, legislative council staff mailed more than 2 million copies to seven geographic regions.

Distribution of booklets to households in many counties in western and eastern Colorado were delayed and some booklets were printed and mailed with missing pages. The delay in delivery to rural counties has been addressed. However, voters' help is needed addressing any booklets mailed with missing pages.

Those who wish to receive a new booklet can send their mailing ad-

dress to bluebook.ga@state.co.us or call the office at (303) 866-3521. Booklets are also available at Room 029 in the Capitol building, and the booklet is available online at ColoradoBlueBook.com. In addition, all county clerks have copies available for the public.

Missing pages

A contract printer assists with the production and mailing of the booklets. The missing pages occurred because of an equipment malfunction at the printer which was not detected by the printer's quality assurance process. The particular measures affected by the malfunction were the result of the random application of the particular equipment malfunction and had nothing to do with the content of the measures.

Because the quality assurance process did not identify the error, it is unknown how many booklets were affected or where they were mailed. However, it is believed that the large majority of voters received complete booklets.

Pages in the booklet are num-

■ See Books B2

NOTICE TO ALL ELECTORS ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

A formatting error occurred in last week's notice, which switched the party names for the governor candidates. We regret the error.

The correct information is as follows:

STATE OFFICES

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(Vote for One Pair)

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(Democratic)

(03) Bill Hammons / Eric Bodenstab
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(02) Walker Stapleton / Lang Sias
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(04) Scott Helker / Michele Poague
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Sports

CROSS-COUNTRY



Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Lady Pirates Kylie Keuning, Kat Lee and Carolyn Foster pack together during Friday's Eric Wolf Invitational in Monte Vista. The Lady Pirates took first at the meet.



Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Gabe Heraty strides near a Sargent runner at Friday's Eric Wolf Invitational, hosted by Sargent in Monte Vista. Heraty was the first Pirate across the line, taking 11th overall to help his team to a second-place finish.

Pirates head to regional meet with confidence

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

With the regional cross-country meet tomorrow in Aspen, Pagosa Springs High School coach Scott Anderson is confident in his teams.

That confidence stems in part from the teams' finishes at the Eric Wolf Invitational Friday in Monte Vista.

"It actually was a good day. It was a really good day," Anderson said, adding, "The girls won the meet in a fairly convincing fashion, and the guys were second, which was maybe even a little better than expected."

Helping the Pirate boys to their better-than-expected finish was having most of the harriers back healthy, which helped the team log a second-place finish among the eight full teams present. The team finished behind Gunnison.

"We had, essentially, all the available pieces running in a pretty healthy manner," Anderson explained. "For the past couple weeks we've been talking about waiting for things to come together. Finally, they were able to show that they truly are for real."

Gunnison, a very strong team, will be one of two contenders to win regionals tomorrow, Anderson predicted.

But while the Pirates did not expect to overtake Gunnison in Monte Vista, the meet functioned to give the Pirates an indication of where they fall within the region, thanks in part to finishing ahead of Bayfield.

Anderson predicted that Gunnison and Moffat County will be vying for first place in the 14-team region, with four or five other teams — including the Pirates — vying for the remaining two top spots to qualify for state.

"I feel with that performance that we put ourselves ... ahead of two, if not three, of those other teams," Anderson said of the Monte Vista meet. He added, "They were pretty happy with their performance on the day."

Gabe Heraty led the Pirates at the meet, finishing 11th out of the 87 runners with a time of 18 minutes and 50 seconds.

Anderson recalled that Heraty was running with Kaleb Buffington and Nate Lewis and was feeling good, so he extended a lead from that group.

That action, the coach explained, will serve Heraty well in terms of his confidence level both for regionals and in future years.

"He can now start to search for further mileposts in front of him," Anderson said.

Buffington was the next across the line, finishing 13th in 19:09.

"He continues to get stronger every week," Anderson said. "After having some injuries early in the year, he's continuing to get closer to his potential."

Lewis followed in 17th in 19:20, with Anderson noting Lewis continues to battle a health issue.

"I'm still confident in Nate that we're going to overcome any remaining issues that he's having, and he's going to have a great race next week," Anderson said.

Next was Jack Foster, who finished 18th in 19:21.

"Jack is believing in himself that he can run with our front group, as well," the coach said.

The Pirates' final scoring runner was Cole Cayard, who finished 21st in 19:25.

"This was his best race of the year," Anderson said.

Finishing sixth for the Pirates was David Morehouse, who crossed the line 29th in 20:13. He was followed by Mason Blakemore, who finished two-tenths of a second later to take 30th.

"As a team, we were actually pretty happy with the result," Anderson said, highlighting the team's pack time and gained confidence. He added, "They've always believed in themselves, but it was getting out

there and proving it."

While the lineup for tomorrow's regional action was not yet final as of Monday, Anderson noted the above seven Pirates will be on the line for Pagosa.

For the Lady Pirates, the win at the five-team meet was again evidence of the team's strong ability to pack — something Anderson believes will help at a larger meet like regionals.

"As far as the team went, it was a very strong showing as far as our overall pack," he said, adding that the girls again entered the meet with the goal of moving to the front and controlling the race from there.

Moving to the front right away, according to Anderson, were Megan Greenly and Sierra Liverett.

Unfortunately, a Gunnison runner was able to pull ahead of the pair around halfway through the race.

Anderson recalled that Greenly was able to close in on that runner, but finished about four seconds behind her, taking second out of the 71 runners present.

Greenly ran the course in 21:09. Liverett finished third in 21:30, with the coach noting she ran strong, "as usual."

Emma Heidelmeier took fourth in the race with a time of 21:40. ■ See Cross-country B13

VOLLEYBALL

Lady Pirate volleyball drops fifth straight, looks to rebound against Buena Vista and Monte Vista

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A trip to La Jara was not kind to the No. 52 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team, as their losing streak was extended to five games.

The loss on Saturday was at the hands of a league opponent, the No. 29 Centauri Falcons, in three straight sets.

With the loss, Pagosa now sits at 5-12 overall with a 2-7 record in Intermountain League (IML) play.

Pagosa had previously lost to Centauri in three straight sets on Sept. 18.

During the first set Saturday, the Falcons came out strong, defending their home court and defeating the Lady Pirates 25-12.

Despite a better effort in the second set, Pagosa still could not get back on track, losing 25-18 to Centauri.

The final, game-clinching, set was taken by the Falcons once again by a score of 25-12.

In total, Pagosa recorded 14 total kills, with Elsa Lindner, Patty Black and Taylor Lewis leading the team with three each.

Five other Lady Pirates recorded one kill each.

Lewis stood out defensively as she led the team with a career- and season-high 11 blocks against the Falcons.

Teagan Stretton also had a career night on the defensive side of the ball, adding eight blocks.

River Pitcher led the team in digs with 13, while Chloe Bridges

added six and Lindner had four to contribute to the team's overall total of 32 digs.

"The girls need to improve their serve receive before we will be able to start winning games. We let Centauri have too many runs and we didn't do too great of a job playing catch up," coach Caitlin Forrest wrote in an email to The SUN.

The Lady Pirates did well blocking the ball, Forrest explained, noting Lewis' and Stretton's performances.

She also explained that, unfortunately, "blocking is the least correlated skill to winning."

The battle of the Vistas

Pagosa will have two chances coming up to stop its five-game skid, with the first coming tomorrow as the team hits the road to take on the No. 35 Buena Vista Demons (6-9 overall) with varsity action set for 6 p.m.


The last time the Lady Pirates squared off against the Demons was back on Oct. 29, 2011, and Pagosa lost to Buena Vista in three straight sets.

For the matchup against Buena Vista, finding a way to earn points through kills will be "crucial," according to Forrest.


Due to an earlier schedule cancellation, the Monte Vista Pirates (1-15 overall, 0-7 in IML play) will be back in Pagosa a second time on Oct. 23 for Senior Night.

Varsity action for this matchup is set for 6 p.m.

Pagosa defeated Monte Vista ■ See Volleyball B13




Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week
Sophia Raymond
Cross-country




Favorite subject: Science
Comments from coach Rachael Christiansen: "I would like to nominate Sophia Raymond. Sophia is a phenomenal teammate! During every race she is constantly giving her team praise and pushes them to keep going by remaining positive, no matter the circumstances. After every race we ask our athletes 'What did your team do for you today?' and the girls always respond with, 'Sophia helped me out a lot!' She is a delight to coach and her teammates appreciate her constant support."

■ See Cross-country B13



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Business



Upcoming Chamber and community reminders

By **Mary Jo Coulehan**
Special to The SUN

With the cooler weather indicating the change of seasons, we wanted to remind people to get their calendars out and mark a few "save the dates." The holidays tend to be a busy time of the year, so start planning now.

Chamber board nominations

If you are a business owner or manager, you have the opportunity to get involved in the community by sitting on the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce board.

It is a three-year tenure period with a monthly meeting requirement and volunteering at various events. Your business must be a Chamber member in good standing for one year.

This opportunity allows you to have a stronger voice in the business community. If you are interested in running for the board of directors, visit the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com to download an application form. Email your form to director@pagosachamber.com or drop your interest form off at 105 Hot

Springs Blvd.

Business After Hours

The 2019 Business After Hours Lottery is open until Oct. 31. Interested Chamber businesses can email their request in hosting a Business After Hours to info@pagosachamber.com. We will need the name of the business, the contact person and your first two or three preferences for the months you would like to host the event. Remember that there are no Business After Hours events in January and September and that the gatherings, which are usually held the fourth Wednesday of the month, will be held the third Wednesday of the month in March, November and December, 2019. The Business After Hours for November and December 2018 will be held Nov. 14 and Dec. 13 due to the way the holidays fall this year.

Parade of Stores

This year's annual Parade of Stores shopping extravaganza will be held Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2. Put your local shopping list together and head out on the town for a plethora of shopping specials.

There will be prizes all over

town and many stores will be having special sales and open houses. Keep your dollars local and shop the Parade of Stores weekend.

Holiday Bazaar

The annual Holiday Bazaar has a few changes to its format this year. First off, the event will be held the second weekend of the month, not the first. The event will be held on Nov. 10. The location has also been changed to be held at Pagosa Springs High School. Come out for a day of early holiday shopping.

'Nutcracker the Musical'

This year's holiday musical production by Curtains Up Pagosa will be held at Pagosa Springs High School Nov. 15-18 with Sunday, Nov. 18, being a matinee. Don't miss this holiday tradition — with a twist. Tickets will be on sale at the Chamber of Commerce.

Building Community Through Art

The Pagosa Springs Arts Council will host its first mural project called Building Community Through Art at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Nov. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. Six-inch canvases have

been decorated by local artists and residents in a variety of artistic mediums and will be on display as one big mural.

Display centers leading up to the event include Town Hall and Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Tickets to the event will entitle you to a canvas. Which canvas do you get? Come to the event and find out. Tickets will be on sale at the Chamber.

Pagosa Springs Community Choir

The Community Choir will host its annual free Christmas concert Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2, with the Dec. 2 being a late-afternoon matinee performance. Attending this concert will give you a true appreciation of the musical talent in this community.

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir

The young ladies with the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will entertain you on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. with their holiday concert. The performance will be held at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street, and Perry Schjolen will be the featured soloist.

Learn about Southwest Colorado Opportunity Zones

By **Terry Blair-Burton**
Special to The SUN

A presentation on Opportunity Zones, a new federal program to encourage investment in distressed areas, will be offered on Nov. 7 at the Durango Public Library from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

The presentation will explain how Opportunity Zones and Opportunity Funds work through capital gains tax deferrals, deductions and exclusions. Learn what businesses and projects might be eligible and the impacts to a com-

munity, as well as where the six Opportunity Zones in Southwest Colorado are located.

Jana Persky from the Office of Economic Development and International Trade will be one of the presenters.

Due to limited space, please register for this free event at <https://tinyurl.com/ybx72px>.

You can also contact Region 9 to send you a reservation link at 247-9621.

More information about Opportunity Zones can be found at chooscolorado.com/opportunity-zones.

Pagosa Ranger District front desk services limited during remodel

By **Brandon Caley**
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Ranger District office at 180 Pagosa St. will undertake a remodel from Oct. 29 through March 30, 2019. The Ranger station was built before 1965 and currently houses 24 permanent employees and during the spring, summer and fall months expands with the arrival of 20-30 seasonal employees.

A mobile trailer, to be staged in the visitor parking area on 2nd Street, will serve as the primary contact station for walk-in cus-

tomers seeking forest information, permits and the like.

Christmas tree permits will be available for purchase before the Thanksgiving holiday and fuelwood and other forest product permits will be sold through December. After the Christmas holiday, visitor information services will have reduced hours that will be posted at a later date.

Persons interested in meeting with Forest Service employees should contact them directly to schedule an appointment at 264-2268. We appreciate your patience as we begin this remodeling effort.

Marines to celebrate 243rd birthday

By **Sepp Ramsperger**
Special to The SUN

The 243rd birthday of the United States Marine Corps is approaching.

On Nov. 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress resolved for the formation of two battalions of Marines for and during the war with Great Britain and that they be distinguished by name as "American Marines." On Nov. 28, 1775, Samuel Nicholson of Philadelphia was commissioned as a captain of Marines and established a recruiting station in "Tun Tavern." He is regarded as the first commandant of the Marine Corps.

Since then, as the Marine anthem proclaims, "We have fought in every clime and place where we could take a gun."

To honor Nov. 10, our families and our history, Marines around the world conduct a birthday party.

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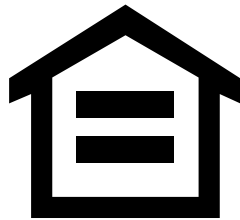
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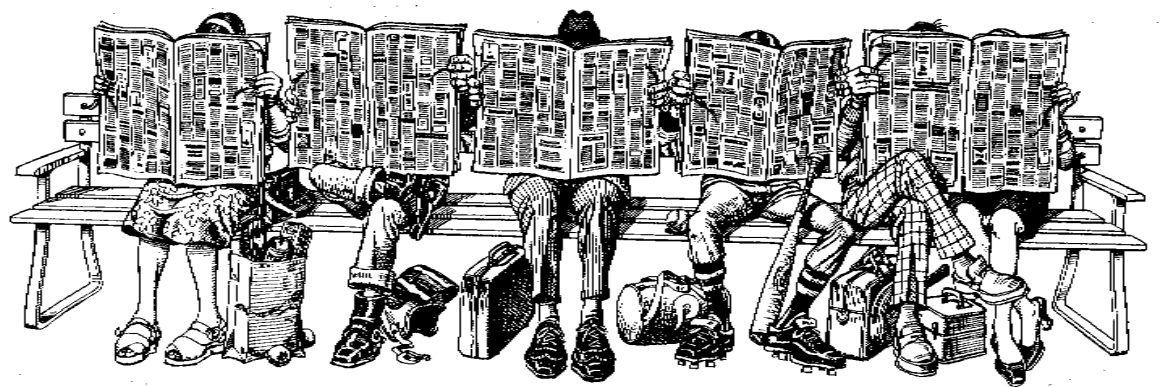
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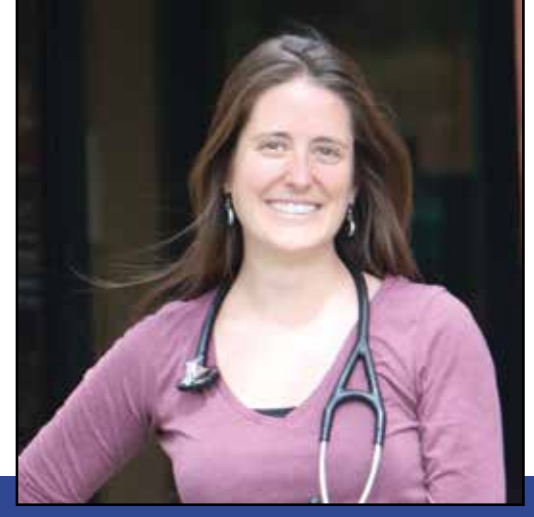
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Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance

Saturday, Oct. 20 • 7 to 11 p.m. • Archuleta County Extension building



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Country Thunder will again provide live music for Saturday's Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance, an annual event hosted by the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs. Proceeds from the event will go toward several community outreach programs.

Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance set for Saturday

By Michelle Peterson
Special to The PREVIEW

This Saturday, Oct. 20, from 7 to 11 p.m., you will want to be at the Archuleta County Extension building for the fourth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance.

Get out your best country outfit because there will be some competition this year. There will be prizes for the Best Dressed Cowboy and the Best Dressed Cowgirl.

But wait, there are even more surprises. There will

be a live auction early in the evening with several very fun and exciting items including spending a day fly-fishing with Gary Morris, country music artist, at his Mountain Spirit Ranch on the Navajo River. This exciting opportunity can be arranged directly with Morris for sometime after July when the river conditions are perfect for fly-fishing.

Other live auction items include a beautiful necklace and earring set and a new black cowboy hat autographed by Clint Black which has been donated

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Last two performances of Thingamajig Theatre's 'box.' this weekend at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

By Carole Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 19, and Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. are your last two chances to view Dennis Elkins' "box." on the Thingamajig Theatre Company stage at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This biographical solo show written and performed by Elkins resulted in a standing ovation and rave reviews by the audience when it opened last weekend. Among the reactions: "Brilliant." "Deeply incisive." "Alternating very funny and hugely sad." "A special treat to see such first-class acting in our little mountain town."

Elkins' "box." focuses on the psychological trials in our lives associated with packing and unpacking boxes — literally and figuratively. We follow Elkins through major events in his adult life including his mother's death, his son's overdose, coming out of the closet and leaving academia. It is an intensely moving and intimate portrayal, even comedic at times. The colors red, blue and green play an important role in the show, representing organization, order and compartmentalization as we pack and move from location to location in our lives.

Dance

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by Garry and Cathy Stevenson. In the silent auction, there are more items as well including lift tickets and ski rental certificates, just in time for that fresh snow.

Of course, all these items and adventures, with values adding up to over \$5,000, have been donated by businesses and individuals that support the work that the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs does in our community every day.

Funds raised from this event will be used to support scholarships for our graduating high school students attending college or trade schools as well as providing youth leadership training and supporting incoming and outgoing exchange students. Other efforts to support our students include supplying dictionaries to our elementary schools and teacher mini-grants.

So, make a date with that special dancing partner and come on out to dance to one of the best country dancing bands, Country Thunder. Clay Campbell, Dave Chambers, Dennis Kleckner and Greg Guitar get the whole crowd up and moving and grooving. Great barbecue will be available, as well as a cash bar with all your favorite beverages.

Advance tickets are available from any Noon Rotarian for \$15 per person or two for \$25, or at Exit Realty. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Before coming to Pagosa, the opening section of "box." debuted in a workshop in 2012 in Vancouver, Canada. The full play premiered in February in Savannah, Ga., and was performed in March in Elkins' hometown of Elkhart, Kan. Elkins then took the show to Seattle, Wash., and London, England, in July, and Cape Town, South Africa, in August. After the Pagosa performances, "box." heads

to the United Solo Festival in New York City.

Over the eight years that Thingamajig has brought professional theater to Pagosa Springs, Elkins has impressed both locals and out-of-town visitors with his brilliant acting, keen directing and remarkable versatility. He starred in significant dramas including "Red," "A Picasso" and "A Few Good Men";

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■ continued from previous page played major roles in musicals like “Cabaret,” “Hairspray” and “Sister Act;” and earned laughs in comedies like “Lend Me a Tenor” and “Tuna Christmas.” This summer he directed the musical “Thoroughly Modern Millie.”

During his 25 years in the academic theater arena and five-year tenure as head of the theater department at Fort Lewis College, Elkins mentored young actors by teaching classes and directing his students in several plays including “The Pirates of Penzance” and “Spring Awakening.”

He also made opportunities for Thingamajig director Melissa Firlit and actor Taylor Marrs to perform in Fort Lewis College plays, as well as showcasing the talents of Pagosa’s own Johannah Laverty, well-known in town for her many roles in high school and Curtains Up Pagosa productions.

In addition to being admired in Pagosa and Durango, Elkins has made a name for himself in other major venues including the Colorado Shakespeare Festival, the Utah Shakespearean Festival, the Single Carrot Theatre in Baltimore and the Clarence Brown Company at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He also directed “Comedy of Errors” in 2017 and “The Merry Wives of Windsor” this summer at Albuquerque’s Shakespeare



Photo courtesy Zach Burke

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on the Plaza.

Elkins’ home base currently is the South Harlem area of New York City, where he divides his time between acting, directing, teaching and writing, as well as enjoying the company of other theater people, including Thingamajig alumni Craig Dolezel, Firlit and Dan Morrison, who also live in the Big Apple.

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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.

Mt. Allison Grange to host annual harvest supper

By Larry Corman
Special to The PREVIEW

Mt. Allison Grange, 2622 County Road 329, approximately 12 miles east of Ignacio, is hosting its annual harvest supper on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tickets this year are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children (under 6 free). Like usual, you will not go away hungry. The menu this year includes: ham, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, tossed salad, homemade pies, coffee and punch.

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The Women of St. Patrick's prepare for a huge clothing giveaway this Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon. All new and gently used items are free for the taking. Clothing is available in all sizes, as well as coats, shoes, bedding, accessories and much more. Everything is free. St. Patrick's is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Huge clothing giveaway at St. Patrick's Friday and Saturday

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Patrick's have been collecting gently used clothes, coats, shoes, accessories and bedding since early August. They have filled three storage units with an abundance of items that will be given away, free of charge, this Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon.

"We have more than enough clothes to go around," said event organizer Lynne McCrudden. "We hope that everyone will come and take advantage of the opportunity to stock up on warm winter clothing. We have clothes in all sizes from infants to adults. Some of the items are brand new, while others have plenty of wear left in them. There is no reason for anyone in our county to go without warm clothing this winter."

The giveaway is an annual event that began many years ago in response to teachers reporting that children were coming to school wearing light summer attire in the middle of the cold Pagosa winters.

Women began collecting used clothing to be given away to needy families. Over the years, the event has grown by leaps and bounds, with many generous donations by community members and area businesses.

Upon arrival, guests are given large trash bags in which to put clothes that they wish to take. People come to pick up clothes for themselves as well as for neighbors and friends who cannot attend. There is no limit to the number of bags that can be filled and taken.

All the clothing is carefully sorted and displayed in rooms specific to gender and size. The library area contains men's clothing, which includes shoes, belts, socks, T-shirts, coats, suits, ski wear, sweaters, hats, gloves and more. The front of the parish building includes shoes, purses, scarves, gloves, belts and other sundry accessories. The main parish hall contains women's and youth clothing, sorted into sizes. There is a classroom filled with infant and children's clothing, while another contains bedding supplies.

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Pagosa Bible Church will again host Trunk or Treat

By Rick Artis
Special to The PREVIEW

On Oct. 31, Pagosa Bible Church will once again host Trunk or Treat, a family-friendly, safe alternative to trick or treating. Open to children and adults of all ages, the festivities run from 5 to 8 pm.

This year's expanded activities

will include lots of candy, bounce houses, an outdoor maze, indoor games, a story station and a light meal.

Also expected are classic cars, law enforcement vehicles, fire department and EMT trucks, all on display.

Pagosa Bible Church is located at 209 Harman Park Drive, behind

Wells Fargo Bank.

For your convenience, additional parking will be provided by Ponderosa Lumber with a shuttle bus to the church.

Pastor Dave Stene and the Pagosa Bible Church congregation invite everyone in the community to this free event. For more information, please call the church office 731-3120.

Clothing

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tant ministries we do here at St. Patrick's," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "It is in keeping with Christ's mandate to offer clothing to those who are in need. We know that many, in spite of working several jobs, are struggling to make ends meet. Many parents have children who have outgrown their coats and sweaters from last year. Buying clothes for rapidly growing children can be expensive. This giveaway offers an opportunity to make sure that they and their children are kept warm during the cold winter months."

He added, "We also have many people who live on a fixed income and cannot afford to restock their closets with new clothes. We hope that they will come and pick out some beautiful items to enjoy. There will be no judgments made in terms of who is or is not worthy to receive these free clothes. All are welcome!"

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. next door to Pagosa Springs Medical Center. For more information, call 731-5801.



Photo courtesy Sally Neel

Caesar Ramirez helps set up for the clothing giveaway at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. The giveaway will be this Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon.

Literary Ladies to discuss 'The Memory Keeper's Daughter'

By Marilyn Stroud
Special to The PREVIEW

Join the Literary Ladies as we discuss "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" on Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

Kim Edwards wrote this New York Times Best Paperback Best Seller in 2005. It is a story of a doctor who on a snowy Kentucky night is forced to deliver his wife's twins when she goes into labor with the help of his nurse. The first child is a healthy boy, but his fraternal sister is obviously a Down

syndrome child.

Immediately, he asks his nurse to take the female baby to an institution for mentally handicapped children. Dr. Henry informs his wife that the child died at birth. However, the nurse, Caroline Gill, does not like the institution and decides to keep the baby. Henry is aware of her decision and communicates with Caroline during the child's formative years.

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By Joan Mieritz
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The San Juan Stargazers will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 25, at The Springs Resort.

We will be joined by members of the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA). The public, including mature children, is also invited.

The meeting is from 6 to 8:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., it is time to socialize and enjoy finger foods including chips, dips and Rex’s “world-famous” hummus. You can also bring an appetizer to share. Beverages are available at a cash bar.

At 7 p.m., “The Mystery Of Chaco Canyon,” an acclaimed film, will be shown. It is produced by Anna Sofaer and details the numerous and amazing astronomical alignments at Chaco Canyon made by the ancient people associated with those who lived near here at Chimney Rock over 1,000 years ago.

It is believed by many that similar alignments exist at Chimney Rock, Peterson Ridge and the neighboring communities, but as yet are undiscovered. Some may become noticeable at the time of the next major lunar standstill beginning in approximately four years.

People can come just for the one-hour film at 7 p.m., which will be followed by a brief time for discussion. Everyone is invited for a remarkable evening.

End-of-season celebration

The date has been set for the Stargazers’ end-of-the-season celebration and our seventh anniversary dinner. The gathering will be for members and invited guests only, held at a private home on Friday, Nov. 9, beginning with appetizers at 6 p.m. Drinks will be provided.

All the CRIA members who helped make our Night Sky programs run smoothly are also invited. Everyone should get a personal invitation, but mistakes can happen. If you did not receive your invitation, please call Joan, who will also give directions when



Photo courtesy San Juan Stargazers

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association and San Juan Stargazers will jointly present a film on Oct. 25 at The Springs Resort. The film, “The Mystery of Chaco Canyon,” details the numerous and amazing astronomical alignments at Chaco Canyon made by the ancient people over 1,000 years ago.

you RSVP.

This is not a potluck. A delicious dinner will be served as well as a wonderful dessert provided by CRIA in appreciation of the Stargazers and CRIA workers.

It’s our treat for a successful summer of stargazing with hundreds of Chimney Rock visitors and seven years of being an educational and vibrant club for Pagosa, Durango and the entire San Juan area.

About the Stargazers

The San Juan Stargazers are part of the Astronomical League, which includes clubs from all over the U.S.

We have a website, www.SanJuanStargazers.com, as well as an email address, sjstargazers@gmail.com and a club phone number, 335-8286, to help communicate with the public.

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Book fair running through Oct. 26 at elementary school

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

“Enchanted Forest Book Fair — Let Your Imagination Grow!” will be running through Oct. 26 during school hours in the Pagosa Springs Elementary School library.

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

Partners In Education Committee (PIE) have organized family night to be held Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. A delicious

homemade hearty beef stew and fixings will be served in the cafeteria. For an evening of enchantment, there will be a magic show. Additionally, there will be crafts, guessing games, a fun photo wall and scented pencil sales. Because it's close to Halloween, children are invited to wear costumes. All families are invited to the school for an evening full of fun. Participants can also shop the book fair and enjoy a meal together.

The book fair serves several purposes for the school. First, it's a great way to inspire children to read by introducing new literature and highlighting existing books that kids love. Second, it is an op-

portunity for students and their families to engage in an all-school activity and create camaraderie around education. Finally, it is a fundraiser, as proceeds from book fairs are used for reading and educational improvements that are not funded through the school budget. The past years have been funding alternative seating and SMART-board technology for classrooms.

Community members invited to attend the book fair as shoppers or volunteers as the event is hosted in the school library and staffed by volunteers. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

Community Band fall concert set for Oct. 27

By Kathy Wadenpfohl
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society will present the Community Band in concert on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The concert will be held in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium at 7 p.m. Admission is free to the public.

The Community Band personnel are diverse in their backgrounds. Sitting beside musicians with master's degrees in music will be a high school student or a recent graduate from high school. The band draws from the community of Pagosa Springs. It is a volunteer organization representing all walks of life.

In the Community Band, there are six retired band directors, two current band directors, three professional musicians and one current professional musician.

But, one does not need a music degree to participate. The band also includes a dental hygienist, secretary/bookkeeper, retired law enforcement officers, a graphic designer, a software engineer, a business owner and retail industry employees.

The Community Band is under the direction of Larry Elginer and Malinda Burnett. These two outstanding musicians have se-

lected a wonderful program and the band has rehearsed many hours in preparation of the fall concert.

The Community Band's fall program traditionally consists of standard band repertoire and this concert is full of timeless band literature: Darius Milhaud's "Suite Fancaise," Johannes Hanssen's concert march, "Valdres," and Ralph Vaughn William's classic, "Folk Song Suite." In the more contemporary realm of band literature, the band will perform: Steven Reinecke's "Fate of the Gods," James Curnow's "In the Valley of the Sun" and Samuel Hazo's

"Mountain Thyme."

The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The society is devoted to supporting instrumental music in the Pagosa Springs area. All monies donated at performances are given to students needing support in local private lesson studios and instrumental music programs in this community.

Again, the fall concert admission is free, but the public's donations will be given wisely to deserving instrumental students. Come and support instrumental music in Pagosa Springs.



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Kids from “Nutcracker the Musical” take a break from rehearsals. In front, left to right, are Anika Thomas, Ethan Mazur and Kaeden Thomas. In back, from left to right, are Avonlea Thomas, Connor Thomas and Hudson Mazur.

‘Nutcracker’ slated for performances Nov. 15-18

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Kids, kids and more kids (with some fun-loving adults) is a great way to describe the almost 50 performers cast in Curtains Up Pagosa’s (CUP) winter production of “Nutcracker the Musical,” a Pagosa-style show that combines the beautiful music of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s “Nutcracker Suite” with a clever classic story and lyrics to match.

“Nutcracker” will run one week-end only, Nov. 15-18, in the Pagosa

Springs High School auditorium, CUP’s home stage.

Among the 50 cast members are: Anna, Avonlea Thomas; Andrew, Ethan Mazur; Joseph, Hudson Mazur; David, Miles Roque; Rosamond, Sienna Rose; Jane, Laken Johnson; Sara, Evelyn Rose; Sergeant, Trae Gross; Soldier 1, Cheyenne Todd; Soldier 2, Nina Smith; Soldier 3, Gracelyn Kiker; Peasant Girls 1, 2 and 3, Ella Hemenger, Diana Kelly and Olivia Mazur; Page, Avari Pacheco; King, Stephen Nicholas; queen, Katrina Thomas; Pirlipat, Sydney Mitchell; and ex-

terminator, Emma Ziminsky.

CUP is partnering with the Pagosa Springs Dance Academy, Casey Crow and Dee Pitchon with some of the ballet students from the academy to be featured in several dance numbers in addition to a performance by dance class students.

We are all hard at work most nights in rehearsals to bring Pagosa a most excellent show to start off the holiday season.

For more information, see curtainsuppagosa.org and CUP on Facebook.

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Gus Palma named scholarship recipient

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is happy and excited to announce the next Juliana Ellsmore scholarship recipient, Gus Palma, who has been studying voice with both Sally Neel and Venita Burch in order to continue his dream of a career in the performing arts.

Palma got the acting bug in 2013 when a young actress friend of his, Hayley Hudson, encouraged him to audition for a high school musical, "Little Mermaid." He has

not stopped since, performing in every high school and CUP show since then.

Palma studied at the Santa Fe University of Art and Design in Santa Fe, N.M., and is currently a student at Fort Lewis College in Durango. He was cast in lead roles at both schools as a freshman and sophomore. Most recently, Palma has just returned from a trip to New York City, where he sang at the Birdland Club and also performed at Lincoln Center at the Cabaret Festival.

Palma is honored to have been chosen as one of Juliana's scholars.



Gus Palma

Tuesday hand-drumming classes continue

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at noon.

A mix of full-time and part-time residents and a constant stream of visitors to our community has a revitalizing effect on group music-making in the hand-drumming class. Several participants have been inspired to set up kindred groups in other parts of the coun-

try.

Recently, we had a surprise visit from Melissa Schaefer, a highly gifted musician. Schaefer, who is currently living in Columbia and is conducting an in-depth study of traditional Latin American folk music, graced the class with her mellifluous singing and spirited drumming.

"For me, the class was a welcoming space in which to explore creative expression through rhythm," said Schaefer. "Rather than being a class full of instruction, it is based on an exploratory method of learning in which one

learns about drumming through listening and doing."

She added, "The freestyle group drumming has a meditative quality that allows participants to connect with their innate sense of rhythm and creativity, through listening and responding to the evolving group rhythm."

Schaefer continued, "Even for participants with little or no drumming or musical experience, the class provides a judgement-free space in which to develop a new creative skill. The incorporation of other musical instruments,

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PREDICTIONS OF EXCESS TAX REVENUE ARE SPECULATION

There is no basis for claims of \$44.55 million in revenue.

The results of the adoption of the ballot question depends on multiple unknowns. No one can know:

- How much revenue will be realized from one percent sales tax increase
- If there will be any excess tax revenue, and if so, how much
- What interest rate will be charged on revenue bonds the County will issue
- What the final construction estimate will be
- The amount of revenue bonds the County will issue
- How much the County will have to pay to retire the bonds

THE COUNTY HAS PLANNED FOR SUCCESS

According to **Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton**, in order to successfully sell bonds in the face of so many unknowns, the County consulted with its municipal advisors in order to determine what amount of sales tax increase would likely assure a successful bond issue. **The municipal advisors recommended a one percent increase.**

The tax increase must be large enough and long enough to repay the lenders (bondholders), even if there is an economic downturn. The one percent sales tax increase will be an additional one cent tax on a one dollar purchase. The one percent increase will raise the sales tax in the County from 6.9% to 7.9%. **A sales tax is equitable** in that people who spend less money pay less tax and people who spend more money pay more tax.

The ballot question limits additional debt (bonds) to \$19.2 million and maximum

repayment costs of the bonds to \$25.8 million. The ballot language stating \$2.97 million in sales tax revenue in the first year only is actually a maximum amount of revenue that can legally be collected. That is not a statement about what the County will actually collect. No one knows what the actual income will be.

The final construction cost estimates will determine the amount of bonds to be issued by the County and the financial marketplace will determine the cost to repay them.

At this point, there is no way to predict the final cost of the project or the amount of sales tax collected. **However, the county has committed any excess revenues to be directed to justice system capital expenses.** The one percent sales tax increase is the best plan. It makes the County bonds attractive to investors at the minimum cost of taxpayers.

BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

Archuleta County is growing (7.77% in 2017).

The current daily average number of County prisoners is 24, with a recent maximum of 33. These numbers have been held artificially low to minimize the cost of transporting and housing prisoners outside the County.

Jails operate at 80% of capacity due to conflicting prisoner classifications.

The old 34-bed jail is too small. The old Sheriff's Office was too small. **It is unwise to build the minimum when growth is inevitable.**

The size of the proposed 54-bed jail was recommended by Reilly Johnson Architects, the premier Colorado jail designers. **Building the proposed jail and Sheriff's Office is the smart thing to do.**

PROTECT ARCHULETA COUNTY FINANCES

According to Larry Walton, the Archuleta County Finance Director, **at this time \$3.5 million of the County's funds are not restricted. All other county funds are restricted to specific uses.**

That \$3.5 million is insufficient to refurbish the old courthouse and build a new secure jail that meets state and federal guidelines.

VOTE YES ON BALLOT QUESTION 1A

The population of Archuleta County will not get smaller. The cost of construction will not go down. Now is the time to adopt the one-percent increase in sales tax to fund the construction of the new jail and Sheriff's Office.

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Scholastic Book Fair: Enchanted Forest Book Fair Let Your Imagination Grow. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School library. There is a wide variety of books and price ranges available and there is always a huge supply of bargain items. For more questions or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

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.

Pickleball. Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

Computer Class: Internet Basics. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration is required. Join us for our computer or technology classes. Topics will vary each week. We will practice the essentials of safely navigating the Internet and interpreting search results. 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.

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series: Introduction to Seed Saving. 5 p.m., Sisson Library. Robin Young from the CSU Extension office will be presenting. Seed saving is an opportunity to carry forward the best of your garden's harvest into the next season. Seeds have the software and hardware necessary to evolve in real-time based on information from the environment. Call 264-2209 for more information.

The Pink Party — Cancer Awareness Educational Event. 5:30-7:30 p.m., The Springs Resort EcoLuxe building. The Pagosa Springs Medical Center and The Springs Resort welcome you to

join us for an interesting and educational event for anyone in your family who is facing cancer, celebrating survivorship or interested in more education and information about cancer and healthy living. Guest speakers will include members of our cancer care team: Dr. Bill Jordan, Dr. Brenda Paris, Dr. Roy Tinguely, Dr. Virginia Tjan and Kelly Cesary, ANP-BC. Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided and a cash bar will be available.

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Babysitting Class. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., CSU Extension building. For youth 11-18 years old. Size is limited to 15. Call 264-5931 for more information and to register.

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

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

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

AARP Smart Driver Course. 1-5 p.m., Senior Center. Offered by AARP Driver Safety. AARP membership is not required. The classroom course cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers. To register, visit aarp.org/findacourse.

Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Join us for snacks

and lively discussion of this month's book, "The Nowhere Girls," by Amy Lynn Reed. Stop by to pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

St. Patrick's Clothing Giveaway. 4-6 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. We have received an outpouring from the community of won-

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Saturday, Oct. 20

Babysitting Class: CPR. CSU Extension Building. Call 264-5931 for more information and to register.

St. Patrick's Clothing Giveaway. 8 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. We have received an outpouring from the community of wonderful, gently used clothes. We have clothes in all sizes for men, women, children and babies, plus lots of household linens.

Rosa Cemetery Fall Cleanup. 9 a.m.-noon, Rosa Cemetery, County Road 975. The Carmelitas of St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church are organizing their fall cleanup at the Rosa Cemetery. We encourage anyone with family or friends buried at Rosa Cemetery or anyone wishing to do community service to join us for the fall cleanup. Morning coffee and lunch will be provided. If you can help, please

come with rakes, shovels, Weed-wackers, riding mowers, gloves and hats. For more information, call 883-3330.

Family Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great

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Bird of the Week



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

Crows are among the most common birds in our area and, in fact, most of North America. Flocks, called "murders," can be found wherever there is food, particularly in fields, around dumpsters and along roads. Their shiny black feathers and distinctive "caw, caw" call is unmistakable. Their flight style is a constant flapping that is rarely broken up with glides.

Among the smartest of birds, crows are crafty foragers that sometimes follow adult birds to find where their nests are hidden. Crows also catch fish, eat from outdoor dog dishes and take fruit from trees.

Crows sometimes make and use tools. Examples include captive crows using a cup to carry water over to a bowl of dry mash, and shaping a piece of wood and then sticking it into a hole in a fence post in search of food.

People often confuse crows and common ravens, but there are subtle differences to help with identification. Most obvious is the generally larger size of the raven. The raven has a larger beak and somewhat unkempt feathers. Ravens have a very coarse croaking call and tend to soar more than crows. Ravens' tails are V-shaped in flight.

Finally, ravens are more solitary and are usually seen individually or in pairs, while crows are often seen in larger groups.

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

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Mt. Allison Grange Harvest Supper. 5-7 p.m., 2622 County Road 329. Tickets this year are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children (under 6 free). For more information or directions, call Shirley Engler at 883-2483 or Sharon Nossaman at 769-7789.

Pagosa Mountain Rotary Fund-raiser: The San Juans for San Juan. 5-10 p.m., Shooters and Shenanigans. Live music and sponsorship options will be presented between these hours, along with a few salsa lessons led by instructor Dali Infante beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is to help the children of the Maria Fontaine School in Utuado, Puerto Rico. Door prizes of particular curiosity will be awarded to anyone qualifying to the entrant pool by donating \$100 or more. There will be T-shirts for sale and other sponsoring options. Silent auction items will be offered, as well as a citation by honorary inscription on a plaque that will be mounted at the school.

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Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'box.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. "box." is an autobiographical journey of cleaning house after loved ones die and when those of us who are left must choose what to keep and what to shred. The easy solution is to dump stuff in a box and deal with it later — but, when "later" comes, we still agonize with the leftovers in a comical way. This 70-minute one-man play, performed without intermission, demands ransoming our lives from the boxes tucked away under the bed, back of the closet, down in the basement and up in the attic. For more information and tickets, go to www.pagosacen-

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Rotary Fourth Annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance. 7-11 p.m., Archuleta County Extension building. Music by Country Thunder. Tickets \$25. For more information and tickets, visit www.pagosaspringsrotary.com.

Sunday, Oct 21

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents Youth Playwrights Festival. 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Three local youth playwrights will have the opportunity to have their plays workshopped with a professional team, including professional playwrights. These young Pagosa Springs playwrights will get to experience the world of some of theater's greatest storytellers. For more information, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Luminosity Talks Presents 'Your Conscious Classroom: The Power of Self Reflection.' 1:30 p.m., Pagosa Community of New Thought, 40 N. 15th St. Barbara Rousseau, Ph.D., will share her experience and revelations as an educator.

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

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No

outside food or drink.

Monday, Oct. 22

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

Scholastic Book Fair: Enchanted Forest Book Fair Let Your Imagination Grow. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School library. There is a wide variety of books and price ranges available and there is always a huge supply of bargain items. For more questions or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

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

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

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

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community

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The BOCC is proposing a 54-bed jail, but the average number of Archuleta County inmates since 2010 has been **less than 20 per day**. The proposed jail is **twice the size** we need in 2019. The County's planned Sheriff's Office is **three times larger** than the space occupied by Sheriff Pete Gonzalez in 2014 — even though the Sheriff has a smaller staff than in 2010. *(Source: Archuleta County Budget)*

The 1A Sales Tax Increase does not match the proposed Debt.

Ballot Measure 1A allows the County to collect up to **\$2.97 million per year** in additional sales taxes, for up to 15 years. That equals **\$44.55 million** in new tax collections. But the **DEBT** authorized by 1A is only \$25.8 million. **What will the additional \$19 million be used for?** 1A allows the County to spend the money on “sheriff's patrol and transport vehicles, communications and dispatching, courtrooms, district attorney facilities, and related facilities.” 1A is essentially a **\$44 million blank check** that can be spent **ONLY** on “Justice System” expenses — but **not** on roads or other essential services.

The Wrong type of Tax

1A would increase the **County sales tax** from 2 percent to 3 percent — a 50% increase. A sales tax unfairly targets those least able to afford higher taxes: our working class families. A new County sales tax harms the Town government, which relies almost entirely on sales tax revenues.

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The County has \$8 million in its savings accounts

The BOCC should be **using the contingency money** they've socked away since 2007, to address our need for jail facilities. An adequate jail can be built for much less than \$44 million.

Vote NO on Ballot Measure 1A Ask the Commissioners to Build an Affordable Jail!

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PALS Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 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.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Computer Class: Create Your Own Business Cards. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Learn the tools Microsoft Publisher provides to make and print your own business cards. No graphic design experience required. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Southwest Organization for Sustainability. 3:30 p.m., Visitor Center conference room. Everyone welcome. Call Phyl Daleske at 731-4589 for more information.

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

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

Women's Group. 6-7:30 p.m., Aspire, 602 S. 8th St. A weekly support group for women who have experienced violence. A separate children's group meets at the same time and provides art support for children ages 5-12 years. This resource provides essential support for women and their children as they heal from any sort of abuse or violence in a relationship. Women are welcome to attend any session, and drop-ins are welcome. Call Mara Koch at 946-2255 for more information.

High Country Squares. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. It's a fun and a wonder-

ful time for all. Come a few minutes early, if you can, to say hello and to help set up. Everyone is welcome (locals and visitors). Snacks and refreshments are always available at our mainstream and plus dances. Our nationally recognized caller Jim Park is an absolute treasure to experience. Square dancing is not just healthy, it's beautiful. Join us. We look forward to sharing squares. For additional information, visit www.HighCountrySquares.com, or contact Steve Keil at 731-0044 or Jim Park at 731-9910.

Tuesday, Oct. 23

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

Scholastic Book Fair: Enchanted Forest Book Fair Let Your Imagination Grow. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School library. There is a wide variety of books and price ranges available and there is always a huge supply of bargain items. For more questions or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

Small Business Development QuickBooks Class. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., First Southwest Bank, 249 Navajo Trail Drive. Learn how to set up customers and process payments, how to set up and work with vendors and create reports to help you run your business. The cost of the class is \$70 for the public and \$65 for Chamber members. Contact the SBDC office at 247-7009 or register online at www.sbdcfor-tlewis.org.

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

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

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

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your tech-

nology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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

Pickleball. Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

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

PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 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 East Coast swing. If you like to rock 'n' roll, this dance is for you. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

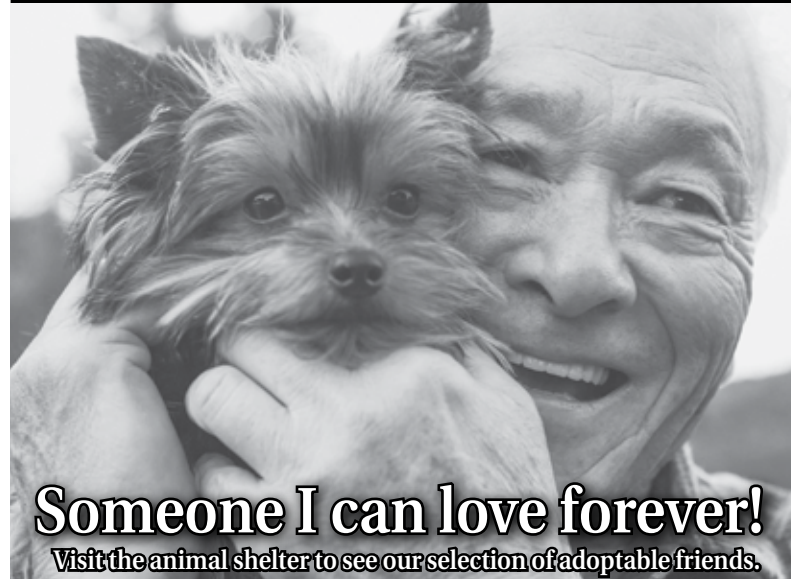
Wednesday, Oct. 24

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

Scholastic Book Fair: Enchanted Forest Book Fair Let Your Imagination Grow. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School library. There is a

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

Falls Prevention: A Matter of Balance Class. 9-11 a.m., Senior Center. This program is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falls. Snacks will be provided. Class size is limited. Call 264-2167 for more information and to register.

Open Play. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. We've got plenty of fun toys, puppets, puzzles and such that will be available for this hour of open play. Socialize, pretend play, and pick up a few books while you are there. Call 264-2209 for further 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.

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

Do It Yourself (DIY): Yarn Pumpkins. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. This is an easy and fun craft for all ages. These 3-D yarn pumpkins are easy to make with some yarn, glue, pipe cleaners and balloons. They make great decorations for any fall occasion. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Spanish Conversation. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. This information meet-up allows you to increase fluency by speaking with other Spanish language learners and speakers. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Jelly Beans After School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. Free to all ages. For information, call

903-8104 or 702-556-5649.
Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Shred-it Event. 4-6 p.m., Hometown Market. Sponsored by CSU Extension office and 4-H. Shredding will be provided by Colorado Document Security. You can bring up to three boxes maximum at a cost of \$5 per box. You can also stay and make sure that your documents are shredded. Just show up; no registration is necessary. If you have any questions, call 264-5931.

Scholastic Book Fair: Enchanted Forest Book Fair — Let Your Imagination Grow! Family Night. 5-7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. The Partners In Education Committee has organized another fun evening. A delicious, nutritious and fun homemade dinner will be served. There will be a magic show from 5:30-6:15 p.m., and there will be many other "enchanted" activities. Children can wear costumes. Call 264-2730 for more information.

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

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, Oct. 25
Scholastic Book Fair: Enchanted Forest Book Fair Let Your Imagination Grow. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School library. There is a wide variety of books and price ranges available and there is

always a huge supply of bargain items. For more questions or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

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.

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Pickleball. Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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.

PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 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.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association and the San Juan Stargazers Present 'The Mystery of Chaco Canyon.' 6 p.m., The Springs Resort. An acclaimed film produced by Anna Sofaer detailing the numerous and amazing astronomical alignments at Chaco Canyon made by the ancient people over 1,000 years ago. The Stargazers will provide chips and various dips and Rex's "world-famous" hummus at 6 p.m. Beverages will be available at the cash bar. The film will begin at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a brief time for discussion.

Friday, Oct. 26

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Commu-

nity Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Scholastic Book Fair: Enchanted Forest Book Fair Let Your Imagination Grow. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School library. There is a wide variety of books and price ranges available and there is always a huge supply of bargain items. For more questions or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

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

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We will discuss "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards. Stop by to pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung

capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

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.

Halloween Lock-In. 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 12-17. Join us for a spooky evening of games, movies and crafts. In order for your child to participate, a permission slip must be filled out and presented with the child upon entry. The lock-in will begin at 5 p.m. Food will be ordered and delivered shortly after 5 p.m. All participants must be in the building by 5 p.m. when the library closes. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

The falling colorful leaves, the fresh snow on the mountains and the crisp morning air are telling signs of the changing season. It's hunting season, but it's also the gathering season. It's in our DNA; we need to stock up for the winter. Hunters fill their freezers with wild game and the gatherers — well, they save seed.

Since the dawn of humans, we have harvested food and saved the seed for survival. It is imperative to our existence, but there are a variety of other reasons to save seeds in your own garden. These reasons include saving money, adaptation, food security, preserving genetic diversity, flavor, and getting more connected with your garden and the environment.

Saving money is always a good idea. A typical package of 50 pepper seeds costs \$3 or more, while transplants can cost \$5 each. By growing food from seeds you have saved, you can significantly reduce the cost of producing healthy food.

Start with a good, known source of seed, even if your initial investment of a few dollars is buying a packet of seed from a reliable source. Then, learn how to save that seed and you will have vigorous and delicious vegetables for years to come. Have you ever found the best-tasting tomato from a seed catalog one year only to discover you can't buy it anywhere the following year? Seed savers don't have this problem. They save the flavor.

Saving vegetable seeds can get exciting when you grow to adapt to your environment. Most commercially available seed has been selected because it performs fairly well across the entire country if given synthetic fertilizers. When you save seed from the best-performing

Extension Viewpoints

Hundreds of excellent plant varieties have been discontinued as big corporations have consolidated the seed industry and focused on more profitable hybrids.

plants grown on your own land and with your unique cultural conditions, you gradually develop varieties that are better adapted to your soil, climate and growing practices.

Seed security and genetic diversity are important to our heritage seeds and plant varieties. Hundreds of excellent plant varieties have been discontinued as big corporations have consolidated the seed industry and focused on more profitable hybrids. If you save your own seed, however, you control the supply. Conversely, a lot of great varieties will never see the fame of a commercial seed catalog. Many of these unique plants only exist in the hands of one or two gardeners. Lend a hand and save some of those seeds that are in danger of disappearing.

When you save seed, you are

understanding and watching for the best of the best growing in your garden. It connects us to our gardens. Every seed holds a connection to the future and the past. From one generation that was passed down to the next, to the rogue tomato plant that you've saved seeds from and will pass on to your children.

The stories of seeds connect us to our history, our culture, our family and our sense of who we are. Seed saving and seed sharing go hand in hand. Share with a neighbor, help a community garden become more self-sufficient, or take a new gardener under your wing and teach them how to save their own seeds.

You can learn more about basic seed saving at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library tonight at 5:30 p.m. See you there.

The 4-H open house will be at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 29 at the Extension office.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the Colorado State University Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 pm. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

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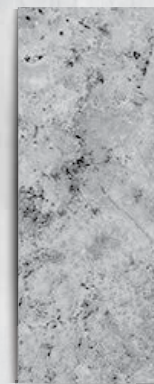


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Rise Above Violence seeking volunteer advocates, training to start Oct. 25

By Darcy Downing
Special to The PREVIEW

“I believe you.” Those three words changed the trajectory of my healing in 1991 and would later become my own slogan as I worked as a counselor with survivors of sexual abuse and severe trauma. I wish my mother had had the same opportunity before the abuse reached me.

As I grew in age, so did the size of the trauma, until the day my stepfather raped me again, only this time getting me pregnant. He whisked me away to an abortion clinic with the only evidence penciled into the margin of my medical record; a referral to a Boulder abortion clinic and the words “positive pregnancy.” My mother never believed me about the sexual abuse.

I often wonder what would have changed if I had had an advocate on my side, so someone could tell me then, “I believe you.” My fear, along with my mother’s, was merited, though, and the threats, the physical violence, the blatant control and reinforced isolation left me, the child who witnessed it all, wide-eyed and asking, “Is there anyone who will believe me?”

Advocacy, at its core, is a response to support a specific cause. I see no better societal cause than the one that is finally making its way to the courts and the headlines of our newspapers. The misrepresentation of justice by keeping a victim silent from the sexual crimes that plague our nation is finally coming to light. How? By telling the story. It is never too late to tell your story.

Rise Above Violence is a local solution to responding to these types of crimes. Did you know that Archuleta County has its own 24-hour crisis hotline? This is the place where you

can become actively involved in making a difference in our community while increasing awareness and support through advocacy.

Rise Above Violence and our crisis advocates are members of the community who volunteer to respond and answer domestic violence and sexual assault crisis calls on scene alongside law enforcement. Our crisis advocates are highly trained by our agency to successfully support victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Crisis advocates are responsible for responding to on-scene crisis calls, are available to respond and answer hotline calls on designated days, follow up with crisis clients within 24 hours, inform Rise Above Violence staff of hotline calls and on scene responses and commit to attending once-a-month volunteer training for continued education.

How it works: Rise Above Violence has a 24-hour hotline that covers seven days a week. The days are broken down into 12-hour shifts. The day shift is from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the night shift is from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Each volunteer selects their shift, including which nights or days they want to cover. Depending upon their personal schedule, our volunteers decide how many shifts they want to take each month. When on call, we ask that you be available to respond to any calls. We do not expect you to put your life on hold and stop your daily activities, just that you remain accessible to respond to a crisis call if and when you are needed. This service is confidential and is a type of safety line extended by Rise Above Violence through our trained advocates.

If you are interested in volunteering as an advocate in Archuleta County, a new series of trainings will begin on Oct. 25. Contact Rise

Above Violence at 264-1129 or email darcy@riseaboveviolence.org for more information. Rise Above Violence is seeking candidates interested in giving back to the community by volunteering their valuable time to make a difference in someone’s life.

If you or someone you know is in a violent relationship, please call our 24/7 hotline at 264-9075 to receive free support and information. A crisis advocate can come to you if you need help finding a place to be safe.

Rise Above Violence is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving over 300 victims each year. It also works to eliminate violence through education for youth and our community. All programs and services are free and confidential, including emergency prevention education and empowerment programs.

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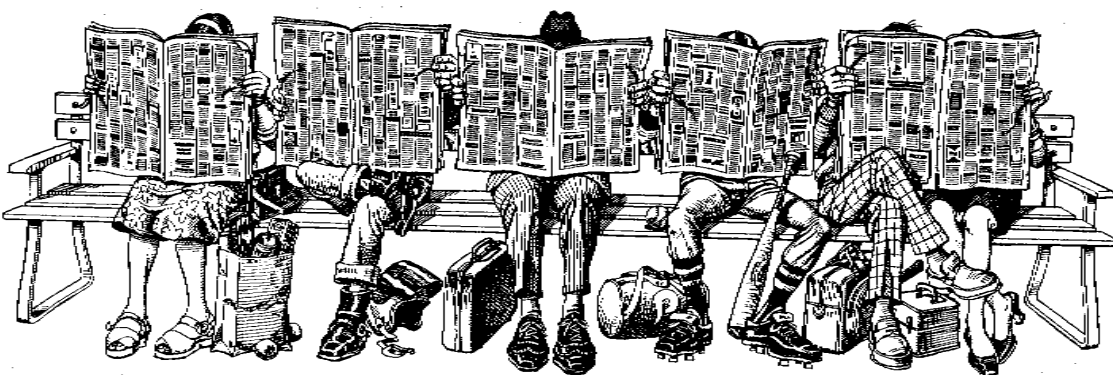
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UU Fellowship to discuss ‘God-talk’

By Dean Cerny
Special to The PREVIEW

As a religious faith organization, Unitarian Universalism has a high percentage of atheists among its membership. Given that atheists are a part of any UU gathering, you might wonder how the subject of God is dealt with in Unitarian Universalist fellowships and congregations. It is an intriguing question.

This Sunday, Oct. 21, at 10:30 a.m., our service will attempt to shed some light on the subject of “God-talk.” Borrowing from a multitude of sources including Ju-

daism, Daoism and Buddhism, we will exercise reason and conscience as we seek common ground concerning our ability to speak to, and about, the eternal presence within our lives.

Unitarian Universalism affirms the Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God’s love by loving our neighbors as ourselves. In the same breath, Unitarian Universalists affirm humanist teachings which counsel to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science while warning against idolatries of the mind

■ See UU on next page

God has come to rescue us

By Andrew Packer
Special to The PREVIEW

“Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: ‘Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.’ But Ahaz said, ‘I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.’ And he said, ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.’” — Isaiah 7:10-14.

Isaiah 7:14 is the most well-known Messianic prophecy in all of scripture. In it is contained the magnificent promise that the virgin will conceive and bear a son, Immanuel, “God with us.”

What many people may not be aware of is the context in which this marvelous prophecy is given. This prophecy was given to Ahaz, the wicked king of Judah (see 2 Kings 16:1-4) at a difficult time for Judah. The armies of Syria and Israel threatened Judah because Ahaz would not go to war with them against Assyria. Instead,

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Ahaz asked the king of Assyria for help against his neighbors (1 Kings 16:5-9). So, rather than trust in God, Ahaz is trusting in a pagan king. The great irony of the promise given here is that it is given to an unbelieving king.

Make no mistake, Ahaz is an unbeliever. Ahaz is not being pious by refusing to ask for a sign. He’s being rebellious. He, in fact, is putting the Lord to the test. Who told him to ask for a sign? It was the Lord God Himself. And so Ahaz is given a sign that cannot be fulfilled except by God Himself. The Lord is looking at fulfilling bigger promises than just the rebuilding of the temple and bringing His people back from exile. This sign is the sign that would give His people hope even in the midst of exile. The Messiah, God with us, is coming to rescue them

and us from sin, death and hell — not just an earthly enemy.

Notice, too, that the prophecy is spoken as if it’s already a done deal — as if it has already happened. This happens throughout Isaiah and throughout the Bible. The moment God promises something it is a done deal. He’s given His Word and His Word will not fail or disappoint. What He promises He always accomplishes. Nothing will keep the LORD from fulfilling His Word.

And in the birth of Jesus, that promise is fulfilled. Jesus is God in the flesh. Jesus is Immanuel, God with us. He was born to bear our sin and to be our Savior. His conception by the Holy Spirit and His birth from the Virgin Mary established Him as the universal mediator between God and Man; between heaven and earth. His virgin birth functions as the divine sign of who Jesus is, just as the Resurrection serves as the divine approval of what He did. The virgin birth is also a sign that our own salvation is completely and entirely God’s work and not our own. In Jesus, God has come to rescue us, just as He promised.

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Does it sound like Unitarian Universalists are talking out of both sides of their mouths? Is this “double-talk” or is it really “God-talk”? Curious? If so, join us. But if you do, come with open heart and mind and leave your age-old judgments concerning God-talk behind.

Check out our calendar of events at pagosauu.org. All of these events take place at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza,

drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

If you would like to schedule a private meeting with Pastor Dean Cerny, or for further information, call 731-7900.

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Luminosity Talks to present ‘Your Conscious Classroom’

By **Barbara Rousseau**
Special to The PREVIEW

Barbara Rousseau, Ph.D., will share her experience and revelations as an educator at Luminosity Talks on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 1:30 p.m., at the Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) Church, located in the Momentum 24-7 building, 40 North 15th St.

“My brother, Michael, was one of those genius kids who fell through the educational ‘cracks.’ Creative, witty and happy, his gradual downward spiral into sullen rebelliousness was tragic for me to witness. I felt helpless to rescue him. That growing cloud of low self-esteem followed him to his early death while hang gliding. I knew his early school experiences, like so many others like him, made a lifelong impact. I was angry and frustrated. I decided to become a teacher,” Rousseau said.

Rousseau’s exploration into the maze of educational theories, strategies and curriculum left her with a feeling we were “missing the mark” with kids. What was it? How can teachers reach and inspire students beyond instruction? The answer seemed so close, yet was so elusive.

An unexpected opportunity for a sabbatical emerged at a residential school in the jungles of Thailand. A cohort of English-speaking professionals, not limited to teachers, gathered twice annually to instruct English to the Thai children. In this warm culture of “happy smiles” characterized by a culture that lives within the heart — not

so much the head — all learning concepts effortlessly evaporated. The walls compartmentalizing the mind, body and spirit dissolved. All that was left, she explains, was “infinite consciousness.”

Returning to the United States as a classroom instructor and university student teacher “liaison,” Rousseau explained the experiences in Southeast Asia led to her transformative research: how teachers must first themselves “awaken” in order for their classrooms to change.

She reported that one of her dissertation committee members was stunned: “I attempted to do what you’re planning for your study, Barbara. I couldn’t do it. How can you measure consciousness?”

She replied that consciousness itself cannot be measured. Reframing personal responses to situations lead to a new way of understanding. However, this is a result of self-reflection. Everyone is capable, but it requires a willingness to be open to the unexpected. This is not always comfortable; releasing old concepts and beliefs for a new way of “being” to emerge takes courage.

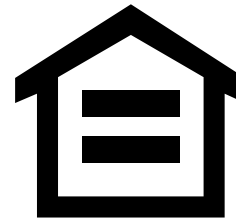
Rousseau is a retired classroom K-12 teacher, ESL certified and has taught multicultural populations. Her credits include language arts, holding advanced degrees in education. She is a lifetime member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the recipient of three scholarships for her dissertation research, “Teacher Transformation.”

Rousseau is a public speaker and published author of inspira-

tional books and articles. She is certified with the Kundalini International Teachers Association as a 30-year legacy instructor.

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

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ANSWER:

Pagosa Community of New Thought topic: ‘Dare to be great’

By **Janie Garms**
Special to The PREVIEW

“We would think it wonderful if we could multiply our talents many times. I have no doubt we can do this.” — Dr. Ernest Homes.

All are welcome to join the Rev. Janet Wyrick to explore the topic “Dare to Be Great” on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 10 a.m. at Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT).

PCNT, a spiritual living center, is establishing community and exploring all paths to the divine to increase peace and empowerment.

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

PCNT holds a meditation and

healing circle every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend. No experience is necessary.

PCNT holds Sunday services each week at 10 a.m. at the Momentum Fitness building, 40 N. 15th St.

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Alfred Black is the man standing on the left side of engine No. 6. Black was involved in several stories from Pagosa's past. I don't know the other men. Old No. 6 is moving mill worker shacks to a new mill location. In those times, when the timber near the mill was cut, the mill was moved to a new stand of ponderosa.

The history of Cumbres Pass

In last week's column, we were on a journey to explore the Banded Peaks area comprising the southeastern corner of Archuleta County.

We climbed into our vehicles and after motoring through Chama, N.M., and pointing out the Cumbres and Toltec Railway depot in Chama, we referenced a couple of worthwhile fishing/camping locations along Colo. 17 as we approached Cumbres Pass. Keep in mind we must pass through Chama and a portion of Rio Arriba County in New Mexico to reach Cumbres Pass.

We open this week's narrative with the history of Cumbres Pass. Cumbres Pass isn't as famous as Wolf Creek Pass; to my knowledge it has never been featured in a song. Cumbres Pass is older than Wolf Creek Pass and Cumbres Pass is the highest pass in the Colorado Rockies with a national highway and a railroad passing through it. Wolf Creek Pass is not in Archuleta County, it is in Mineral County. Cumbres Pass is in Archuleta and Conejos counties, both in Colorado.

Cumbres Pass has been in use since 1871, possibly earlier by trappers and military parties. Wolf Creek Pass was opened for public use in 1916. Before that, Wolf Creek Pass was not used since it is not a natural pass.

Wolf Creek Pass is 10,857 feet above sea level and has an average grade of 6.8 percent, almost dangerously steep for cars and trucks. Cumbres Pass is 10,022 feet above sea level with an average grade of 5.8 percent on the north side and about 4 percent on the south side, not so dangerous. In an average year, Wolf Creek Pass gets more snow than Cumbres Pass.

At this point while comparing



Cumbres Pass with Wolf Creek Pass, I feel compelled to broaden the scope of the story. For our purposes, let's look at what was happening in Pagosa Country and the San Juan Basin circa 1870.

First, gold and silver mining success in the Silverton area on the upper Animas River above Durango and Summitville on the west side of Elwood Pass was attracting a huge influx of would-be mining millionaires and the businesses needed to support the burgeoning mining industry.

Secondly, the Southern Utes were seriously impacted by the influx of non-Utes onto land promised to them in a succession of broken treaties. Fearful of a bloody war between the Utes and their invaders, the U.S. government was negotiating with the Utes, searching for peaceful settlement of the nose-to-nose and gun-to-gun confrontation. In case the peace was violated, the Army was flexing its muscles by marching increasing numbers of troops throughout the area and by building a fort at Pagosa Springs, ergo Fort Lewis.

Thirdly, Gen. Palmer was busily building railroads across Colorado connecting Denver and the eastern commercial centers with the rest of Colorado and New Mexico. He planned to include the San Juan Basin in his railroad empire and had already laid track into the San Luis Valley on the east side of the San Juan Mountains.

A dilemma was shared by

each of these three problems: a good pass across the San Juan Mountains did not exist. Solution: find or make one. Ergo, Cumbres Pass.

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section two

The San Juans for San Juan: Grassroots effort to fund solar installation for a school in Puerto Rico

By Jonathan Dobson
Special to The PREVIEW

A local solar energy installer who visited Puerto Rico two months after Hurricane Maria hit on Sept. 20, 2017, will give presentations about the project he is spearheading, along with Pagosa Mountain Rotary, to help the Maria Fontaine School, an elementary school serving 100-110 children in Utuado, Puerto Rico.

This festive dance and cocktails event, kicking off a fundraising campaign a year in the making, will take place Oct. 20 at Shooters and Shenanigans from 5 to 10 p.m. Live music and sponsorship options will be presented along with a free salsa class led by instructor Dali Infante beginning at 6:30 p.m.

This is a solar installation that will power the entire school in remote western-central Puerto Rico that was particularly devastated and disabled. The school itself served as a shelter during the days of the hurricane.

The people of Puerto Rico were traumatized by Maria. This is a way we can lend a hand. The school is not still without power (grid power was reconnected three months ago), but that power is undependable; basic lighting, teaching equipment and a kitchen where two meals a day are traditionally served to the children are among essentials the school has been at a loss to consistently provide and will struggle to provide for the foreseeable future without help.

A school is the basis of a community. In Puerto Rico, many communities are still in need of a hand and will be for a long time. This is an opportunity to help one of the communities most hurt by the storm.

The invitation to be part of this action is sent out to everyone looking for an extra bit of fun and inspiration

on Saturday night, Oct. 20. The soirée to support this effort, being referred to as “The San Juans for San Juan,” will highlight Puerto Rican history, music and flair.

Among what will be articulated throughout the evening is how this project came about, what the particulars are with relation to the project itself and how you can donate. Door prizes of particular curiosity will be awarded to anyone qualifying for the entrant pool by donating \$100 or more. Silent auction items will be offered, as well as a citation by honorary inscription on a plaque that will be mounted at the school (of which you will also be the recipient of a copy for your donation) if you can help with \$250 or more. The goal is to raise \$25,000. A full accounting of the equipment to be used, how it will be installed, including pictures of the school and an outline of how funds will allocate once the targeted amount is reached, will be presented.

If you are interested in learning some salsa moves and have some time the night of Saturday, Oct. 20, for energetic, fun-infused sounds provided by local act the Derangements and, if perhaps you are interested in experiencing and contributing to the kind of music and spirit by which Puerto Rico is healing, please come by Shooters and Shenanigans on Oct. 20 to introduce yourself and see what we can do together.

Jonathan Dobson and Doug Large both have extensive solar project experience and will facilitate the project, boots on the ground in Puerto Rico. The PSRC has a 501(c)(3) charitable organization status. GoFundMe has a link, <https://www.gofundme.com/the-san-juans-for-san-juan>, for those who wish to donate to the cause.

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Photo courtesy Jonathan Dobson

The Maria Fontaine School, an elementary school in Utuado, Puerto Rico, will be the beneficiary of a Rotary Club fundraiser Saturday evening. This festive dance and cocktails event, kicking off a fundraising campaign a year in the making, will take place Oct. 20 at Shooters and Shenanigans from 5 to 10 p.m. The event will include a presentation on the project, live music, a free salsa dance class, sponsorship options and more.

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Senior Center to host AARP Smart Driver class tomorrow

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

Due to popular demand, the Pagosa Springs Senior Center is hosting a third AARP Smart Driver course on Friday, Oct. 19, from 1 to 5 p.m.

The AARP Smart Driver course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's first and largest refresher course designed specifically for drivers age 50 and older. For more than 35 years, the course has taught 16 million drivers proven safety strategies so they can continue driving safely for as long as possible.

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AARP membership is not required to take the course.

The classroom course costs only \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers.

To register, visit aarp.org/find-acourse. Senior Center staff will be glad to help you register.

Health and wellness

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

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next health and wellness event date is to be announced.

Medical alert system

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



Memberships

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

Menu

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

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$8.50 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

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

Thursday, Oct. 18—Turkey with brown and wild rice soup, baked tomatoes Provencal, green peas, milk, salad bar and strawberry shortcake.

Friday, Oct. 19 — Lemon baked tilapia with mayo Parmesan topping, shredded Brussels sprouts with lime, corn chowder, milk, salad bar and pumpkin muffin.

Monday, Oct. 22 — Beef Philly cheese steak on a hoagie, cream of broccoli soup, apple cider vinegar coleslaw, milk, salad bar and cherry cobbler.

Tuesday, Oct. 23 — Pork and green chili stew, glazed carrots, squash calabacitas, cornbread with butter, milk and salad bar.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 — Turkey potpie, bacon green beans, milk, salad bar and baked apples.

Thursday, Oct. 25 — Crunchy baked catfish with Dijon mustard and/or tartar sauce, sweet potatoes with apples, stir-fried Chinese mustard greens, milk and salad bar.

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

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

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

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- 4 Take a piece from
- 5 Back-up pitcher
- 6 Dispute settler
- 7 Lightheaded
- 8 Up to snuff
- 9 To this point
- 10 Topper made in Ecuador
- 11 Seasons
- 12 One of Seven Deadly Sins
- 13 Dole
- 21 Give praise
- 22 "Wild Bunch" leader
- 24 Chesapeake, e.g.
- 25 Roof overhang
- 26 Cunning and deceit
- 27 Like days of yore
- 29 Ball-park figure
- 30 Headquartered
- 31 Engine unit
- 32 Other side
- 34 Moral decline
- 36 Charged item
- 38 Badger's cousin
- 42 Scottish hero Roy
- 43 Essence
- 47 Soldier's helmet, slangily
- 50 Crippling virus
- 51 Not fresh
- 52 Masticate
- 53 Promo overkill
- 54 Mideast title
- 55 Cosmos star
- 56 Bothers
- 57 Mine entrance
- 58 Strong cleaners
- 60 Slip into

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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KITCHEN ASSISTANT NEEDED! Pagosa Springs Senior Center is hiring a PT kitchen assistant to help with preparation of meals for seniors and youth of our community. Competitive pay, regular M-F hours, and no seasonal slowdowns. Email resumes to jeff@pseniors.org or call (970)264-2167 for more information.

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A.A. PAGOSA SPRINGS GROUP. 234 N. 2nd St./CR 200- Snowball Rd. Sunday 10a.m. (OD); Monday noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (C-BB); Tuesday noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (CM); Wednesday 7:30a.m. (OD), noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (OD); Thursday noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (ON); Friday noon (OD), 7p.m. (OD); Saturday 7:30a.m. (OD), 5:30p.m. (OD). (Last Friday of the month 6p.m. potluck, 7p.m. birthday speaker meeting.) Questions, contact (970)245-9649, aa-westerncolorado.org or aadistrict18.org, or call Ed K. 946-2606 or Val V. 264-2685 or Ellen C. (214)566-5921.

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Senior Center to host AARP Smart Driver class tomorrow

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

Due to popular demand, the Pagosa Springs Senior Center is hosting a third AARP Smart Driver course on Friday, Oct. 19, from 1 to 5 p.m.

The AARP Smart Driver course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's first and largest refresher course designed specifically for drivers age 50 and older. For more than 35 years, the course has taught 16 million drivers proven safety strategies so they can continue driving safely for as long as possible.

Why take the course?

Over nine in 10 course participants report changing at least one key driving behavior for the better as a result what they learned in the course and over eight in 10 participants felt that information they learned in the course has prevented them from being in a crash. Plus, you may be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing the course, so consult your insurance agent for details.

AARP membership is not required to take the course.

The classroom course costs only \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers.

To register, visit aarp.org/find-acourse. Senior Center staff will be glad to help you register.

Health and wellness

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

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next health and wellness event date is to be announced.

Medical alert system

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



Memberships

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

Menu

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

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$8.50 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

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

Thursday, Oct. 18—Turkey with brown and wild rice soup, baked tomatoes Provencal, green peas, milk, salad bar and strawberry shortcake.

Friday, Oct. 19 — Lemon baked tilapia with mayo Parmesan topping, shredded Brussels sprouts with lime, corn chowder, milk, salad bar and pumpkin muffin.

Monday, Oct. 22 — Beef Philly cheese steak on a hoagie, cream of broccoli soup, apple cider vinegar coleslaw, milk, salad bar and cherry cobbler.

Tuesday, Oct. 23 — Pork and green chili stew, glazed carrots, squash calabacitas, cornbread with butter, milk and salad bar.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 — Turkey potpie, bacon green beans, milk, salad bar and baked apples.

Thursday, Oct. 25 — Crunchy baked catfish with Dijon mustard and/or tartar sauce, sweet potatoes with apples, stir-fried Chinese mustard greens, milk and salad bar.

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

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

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Take place
- 6 Kind of game
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- 14 Helpless?
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- 3 Pigeon's place
- 4 Take a piece from
- 5 Back-up pitcher
- 6 Dispute settler
- 7 Lightheaded
- 8 Up to snuff
- 9 To this point
- 10 Topper made in Ecuador
- 11 Seasons
- 12 One of Seven Deadly Sins
- 13 Dole
- 21 Give praise
- 22 "Wild Bunch" leader
- 24 Chesapeake, e.g.
- 25 Roof overhang
- 26 Cunning and deceit
- 27 Like days of yore
- 29 Ball-park figure
- 30 Headquartered
- 31 Engine unit
- 32 Other side
- 34 Moral decline
- 36 Charged item
- 38 Badger's cousin
- 42 Scottish hero Roy
- 43 Essence
- 47 Soldier's helmet, slangily
- 50 Crippling virus
- 51 Not fresh
- 52 Masticate
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- 55 Cosmos star
- 56 Bothers
- 57 Mine entrance
- 58 Strong cleaners
- 60 Slip into

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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