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Voters deny sales tax for justice facilities, approve school district mill levy override

Schaaf, White, Valdez claim victories; special meeting set to discuss 'Irregularities In The Clerk And Recorder Election And Possible Lawsuit' in election of Kristy Archuleta

By **SUN staff**
Staff Writer

The unofficial results of Tuesday's election are in, with a mixed bag of results within Archuleta County.

In addition to choosing a new commissioner and clerk and recorder, voters reelected Sheriff Richard Valdez, voted down the county's request for jail funding and approved additional funding for Archuleta School District 50 Jt. (ASD).

Following are the unofficial election results. The results will remain unofficial while the Archuleta County Elections Office staff works to clear up signature discrepancies and the window for overseas ballots to be returned remains open, with the deadline for both being Nov. 14.

In total, 6,910 Archuleta County ballots were counted on election night, with 9,168 ballots is-

sued — just over a 75 percent voter turnout.

Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder June Madrid reported there are 34 ballots with signature discrepancies that could still be secured, and 59 ballots held out to be counted with overseas ballots coming in.

Following are the unofficial Archuleta County vote totals for local positions and issues.

For more information on how Archuleta County voted in comparison to the state on state issues, see related article.

Archuleta County offices

Only three of the seven county races were contested, with those being for county commissioner for District 3, treasurer and sheriff.

For county commissioner for District 3, voters chose Alvin Schaaf (Republican), with Schaaf receiving 4,750 votes and write-in Elizabeth Dick-

erson receiving 138 votes.

"I can't thank you enough to all of you who voted," Schaaf wrote in a statement to The SUN. I appreciate each and every one of you and I look forward to working hard for you as County Commissioner. I would like to say a big thank you to my campaign team, and I am excited to get started ... Thank you!"

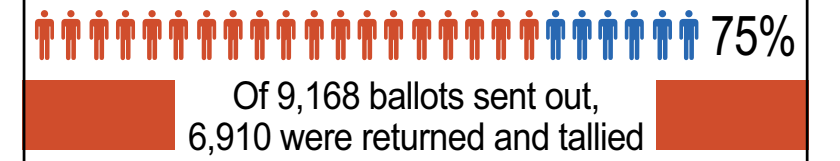
For county sheriff, Richard Valdez (Republican) garnered 4,608 votes to be reelected to his post, while Rob Keating (unaffiliated) tallied 1,093 votes and Cole W. Graham (unaffiliated) earned 575 votes.

Valdez explained that he was humbled by all the support he received.

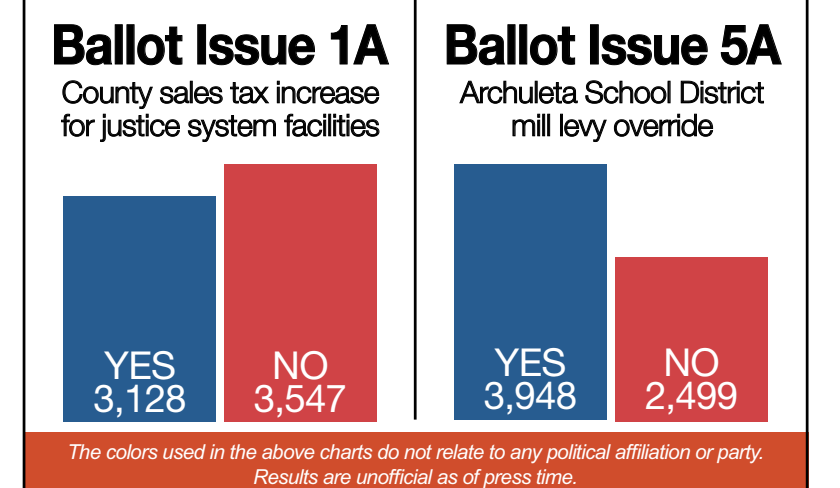
"It's just an awesome experience, and it's super exciting to see the amount of support that came

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2018 ARCHULETA COUNTY MIDTERM ELECTION



Archuleta County commissioner, District 3	
Alvin Schaaf (Republican): 4,750 votes	<div style="width: 75%;"></div>
Write-in Elizabeth Dickerson: 138 votes	<div style="width: 2%;"></div>
Archuleta County treasurer	
Elsa P. White (Republican): 3,952 votes	<div style="width: 56%;"></div>
Debbie Condrey (Democrat): 2,586 votes	<div style="width: 37%;"></div>
Archuleta County sheriff	
Richard Valdez (Republican): 4,608 votes	<div style="width: 67%;"></div>
Rob Keating (unaffiliated): 1,093 votes	<div style="width: 16%;"></div>
Cole W. Graham (unaffiliated): 575 votes	<div style="width: 8%;"></div>



Honoring the price of freedom



Photo courtesy Larry Reed

Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County in late September, following the completion of the first phase of work on the park. The park is slated to ultimately include, among other things, trails, benches, picnic areas, educational/recreational features and a memorial honoring Archuleta County's veterans.

A memorial park in the making

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

Just west of Pagosa Springs sits Archuleta County's newest park, the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County (VMPAC), adorned simply with a flagpole and a parking lot.

The flagpole was the first thing to be installed and is a direct representation of the park's purpose and the mission of the organization behind it: "To develop and maintain a Memorial Park in honor of all past, present and future Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America; to be a place for Veterans, their families and the public to remember, reflect and contemplate the sacrifices of these individuals; and to serve as an educational venue."

Implementing that mission is a little more difficult, but for the organization and its board of directors, it is a goal worth working for.

The board comprises veterans and family of veterans, with membership in

the VMPAC organization open to all.

Current president Karin Daniels is the daughter of a World War II veteran whose death inspired her work with the VMPAC.

"I have been volunteering with this organization since 2015, shortly after my Dad passed away," Daniels wrote in an email to The SUN. "He was a WW2 veteran and was in the 10th Mountain Division — hence my passion for working with these amazing veterans."

Other VMPAC board members include Vice President Jim Stone, Secretary Trista Nauman, Treasurer Jim Van Liere and board members Jim Huffman, Raymond Taylor, Val Valentine, Roy Vega and President Emeritus Dick Fortier.

The organization puts in countless hours each year to raise funds for the design and development of the park, which is anticipated to cost around \$2 million, according to Daniels.

The VMPAC annual golf tournament alone takes thousands of hours of ef-

■ See Memorial A8



Veterans Day events set for Nov. 12, flag retirement ceremony to be held Nov. 14

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

As is tradition in Pagosa Country, several events will honor those who have served our nation for Veterans Day.

Because Veterans Day, Nov. 11, falls on Sunday, events have been scheduled for Monday, Nov. 12, which serves as the official day to observe the holiday.

Veterans breakfast

Kicking off the day's events will be the 18th annual veterans breakfast organized and

■ See Veterans A8

Pagosa man arrested in New Mexico after robbery, fleeing police

By **Avery Martinez**
Staff Writer



Dimuccio

After allegedly robbing a store, stealing a car from a dealership and a collision with a police unit, a Pagosa Springs man was arrested in Farmington, N.M., last Friday.

The man, identified as Cody Dimuccio, 30, of Pagosa Springs, was charged with armed robbery and unlawful taking of a vehicle on Friday, according to a Nov. 2 Farmington Police Department (FPD) Facebook post.

At approximately 10:42 a.m., FPD officers were dispatched to a Family Dollar about an armed robbery, according to the post.

"Through investigation, officers

■ See Arrest A8

Snowpack shows high levels Cautious approach to looking at data urged

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

According to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins sat at 144 percent of median as of Nov. 7.

The NRCS website notes that the medians and averages are calculated for the period from 1981 to 2010.

As of Nov. 7, the South Platte River Basin sat at 205 percent of normal, the highest of the eight

basins recorded.

The Arkansas River Basin was at 201 percent of normal.

The Yampa and White River Basins sat at 180 percent of median, while the Upper Rio Grande Basin posted a total of 156 percent of median.

The Gunnison River Basin was at 146 percent of median while the Laramie and North Platte Basins were at 157 percent of median.

The Upper Colorado River Basin sat at 189 percent of median.

Located within both the local

■ See Snowpack A8

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Sustenance for a veteran's soul

Monday will be the 18th consecutive year for the Pagosa Springs Middle School's eighth-grade class to host a breakfast to honor and thank the veterans of Archuleta County for their service to our country.

Students, parents and teachers prepare and serve breakfast to all the veterans who attend. But it's more than just breakfast that is served. They dish out love, thankfulness and admiration for those who served our country. Everyone who attends the event walks away with a nourished heart and soul.

Back in 2014, breakfast was still being served at the community center when the first Letter to the Editor commending the event was delivered to my desk at The SUN.

There wasn't a dry eye in the newspaper office as the staff passed the letter around to be read. I can't say it better than Jacqui and Russ Widener, so here were their thoughts:

"Wow, what a wonderful celebration of Veterans Day.

"I'd heard about the annual eighth graders' Veterans Day breakfast, but today my husband and I and our two service dogs experienced the incredible feeling of respect, patriotism and celebration of this meaningful holiday.

"My husband is a Vietnam vet and I doubt that he's ever felt so appreciated. When he returned from his tour in Vietnam, there was no debriefing, no celebration, no welcome home. This morning was so, so different from the attitude at the time he returned from the war to his country.

"Thank you, one and all, for all you did today and the days in preparation to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of so many vets who are lucky enough to live here in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. I've lived in many, many big cities and never have I felt such pride in and from our young citizens.

"I cannot get over the maturity, grace, respect and friendliness of these terrific eighth graders and the pride for Mr. White and the now tradition of this breakfast.

"The sophistication of these young people in this small town is wonderful to experience and I hope they can hold on to these precious values all their lives.

"Thank you so very much from the bottom of our hearts."

My dad always looked forward to the annual Veterans Day breakfast.

I would use the excuse of taking photos for the newspaper so that I could watch from the sidelines as Dad shared his scrapbook of Navy memories with youngsters who were eager to hear his stories. I loved to watch his eyes sparkle with happiness as he reminisced with all of the other veterans.

Dad passed away on Father's Day six years ago. A retired lieutenant sent me this email one year on the anniversary of his death:

"I don't forget this day and remember him often on many other days of the year. I want each of you in the Oldham family, especially the young ones, to know how much that he is still respected and missed. You three very much know the rarity of the man — perhaps the young ones who never had the privilege can understand just how much he was beloved by other people such as myself when also hearing about him from others. They have a legacy to honor and protect."

Over the years, the annual veterans breakfast has grown to mean so much to the veterans of our community. Our photo archives of the event document many faces of those who have passed.

Thank you to our eighth-graders for honoring and protecting the legacies of our treasured veterans.

Thank you to our veterans for protecting our precious freedoms.

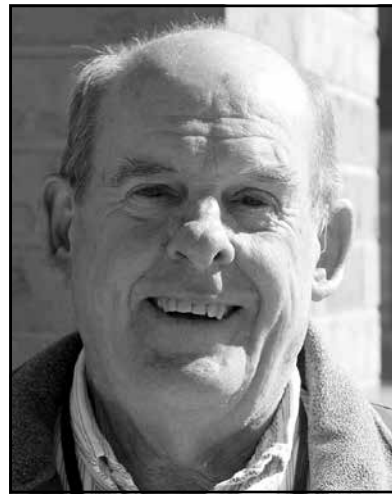
Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

Should the U.S. do away with Daylight Saving Time?



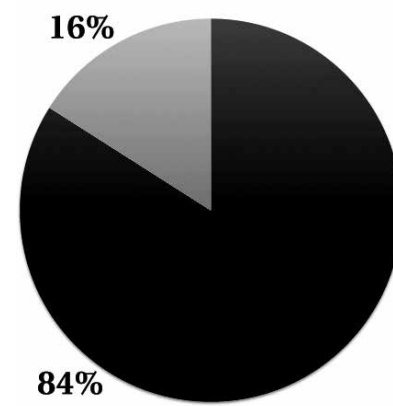
Lorie Griego
"Honestly, I think they should. It's a pain in the butt to switch over."



Josiah Harlan
"Yes. I think it's just a waste of time."



Derek Lamoreaux
"No. I'm already on that program."



Poll results (278 Votes)
Yes — 84 percent
No — 16 percent

This week online: What kind of trail surface do you prefer for multiuse trails in town? Vote at www.pagosasun.com

LOOKING BACK



From the May 29, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES — The local post of the American Legion conducted memorial services at the cemetery on Memorial Day. The post chaplain read a prayer, the flag was raised and then lowered to half mast, and "Taps" were blown for the departed war dead. The legion also placed a flag on the grave of all veterans from all wars.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 9, 1928

An announcement was made Tuesday by officials of the U.S. Land office that an area of approximately 4100 acres of land south of Durango will be open for homesteading within a short time to soldiers, marines and sailors who participated in the World War. Following the 91 days during which time the ex-service men have opportunity to take out a homestead, the land will be open for entry to the public.

The question of constructing the Juanita-Dulce road, of which Commissioner John E. Walker writes in this issue of the Sun, will be discussed at a meeting at the court house tonight by the county board and citizens.

A daughter was born yesterday to Mr. And Mrs. Minas Lister.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 12, 1943

"Ruth's Lunch" is the title of a new cafe that is to be opened at Pagosa Springs Saturday, November 20th, by Mrs. Ruth Miliam. Intentions are to give twenty-four service to the public in this territory at Ruth's Lunch located just west of Dee's Grocery.

The employees of the court house had been shivering around cold radiators for the past week, due to a clogged water pipe in the heating system. The obstruction was found and eliminated Tuesday night and things are warming up there again.

Mr. Ed Bramwell and Mrs. Olen Crowley wish to thank the school children and Mrs. Ford for the nice posters they made for the Chromo School War Chest Benefit dance.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 7, 1968

Building plans, federal monies, and progress on site facilities for the new elementary school building were the main topics for consideration by the School Board at its regular meeting Tuesday night. Plans, as submitted by the architect, for the alterations to the high school were approved. This work will be financed by the recent federal grant of \$45,000. Included in the project will be rest room facilities, boys and girls locker rooms, storage rooms, and office space for athletic activities. The rest rooms are to be constructed just inside the entrance into the high school shop from the corridor. The present shop will be converted into locker and shower rooms for boys and girls with entrances from the gym.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 11, 1993

Lois Hill, postmaster of the Pagosa Springs Post Office, tendered her resignation to the U.S. Postal Service Nov. 1, and left her post Nov. 5. Hill, who oversaw the move to the new postal facility on Hot Springs Boulevard, was with the Postal Service for 18 years. She came to the Pagosa Springs office in April 1990. She said her main reason for leaving the position and the Postal Service is that she is interested in pursuing new career objectives.

The Archuleta County Republican Party announced Tuesday that Roger Candelaria, the party's current county chairman, will fill the District 2 vacancy on the board of county commission created by the Nov. 6 resignation of Alvin Cannady.

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Letters



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Judge results

Dear Editor:
Well, silly season is almost over. We are faced with a critically important decision. Here is how this "conservative/independent/libertarian" sees the options.

Here is what the democrats promise: 1) impeachment of the President, 2) re-establishment of the regulations that kill our booming economy, 3) putting the elitist back in charge and expanding their control over our lives, 4) higher taxes 5) open borders

The republicans promise: 1) more tax cuts, 2) secure borders, 3) fewer useless regulations, 4) giving states more decision making authority, 5) education vouchers for all students, 6) strong military.

I believe most, if not all, remember when Nikita Khrushchev stated they would conquer America without firing a shot by using our education system. This is happening now. Colleges are becoming radically liberal, denying free speech and teaching kids what to think not how to think.

I contend that we are rushing to socialism. Let's look at a few facts. No country has been successful under socialism. The argument put forward by those proponents is always, "it's never been done correctly". What really happens is that elitists, over educated and never been in the working world, are the ones running the show. They do not recognize the effects on the middle class. A perfect example is Obama Care. Effectively rates skyrocketed and the middle class couldn't af-

ford coverage. Who designed this, professors. Basically, coverage was extended to some and the ones paying the bill were eliminated. Look at Venezuela, total chaos and people fleeing. How about welfare, we have virtually enslaved poor people by giving them money instead of creating opportunities. The examples are numerous.

Look at America. How did we become so prosperous? Our citizenry was able to make decisions without government interference. We were able to start businesses, create jobs and pay taxes. And yes, some restraints are necessary. We must protect our water and air. However a mud puddle is not a watery way worthy of regulation.

Let's use some common sense. Our federal government is massively bloated. One great example is federal control over education. All states have education departments. Putting it in farmer's language, why send \$100 to Washington and get back \$50. Makes absolutely no sense to me. How about our state and local communities keep that money, and have programs beneficial for our kids that are designed for their needs. Not all need to go to college.

Let's be candid with each other. Once elected, both parties control their members and play to their base. Therefore, Chuck Schumer, Nancy Pelosi and others will continue to be idiotic over appointments. I mean really, how they acted during the Kavanaugh hearings. Looked and sounded like grade school kids. It's the old saying "I was not picked for a team so I'm taking my ball and going home". Remember, the Republicans were considerate to President Obama's nominations, and virtually all voted yes.

Now, will the Republicans follow their leadership? Most likely. But for me, give me the Republicans. I judge results, not the noise.

Bob Ashworth

Silence

Dear Editor:
Can you believe it, another "loner" act of domestic terrorism; but are they loners? Amazing how all these loners just keep coming out of the woodwork.

Well you know how attorneys are "creative" in their defense of clients ... "Attorneys representing a Kansas man convicted of a 2016 plot to massacre Somali Muslim refugees by bombing a mosque and apartment complex in Garden City, Kan., have asked a federal judge to consider a more lenient sentence, arguing that President Trump's inflammatory rhetoric should be taken into account as the "backdrop" for the case," Washington Post.

So maybe, just maybe these terrorists aren't loners but "patriotic" nut jobs coming out of the woodwork at Trump's behest. Yes, you're right, Donald didn't pull the triggers or plant the bombs ... he just asked directly and indirectly for his fans to rise up and show their hatred.

Somehow I always thought that our nation of immigrants' struggles and civil/military sacrifices toward making our nation and the world a more tolerant and just place somehow ... somehow made Americans a better people. Sadly, I was wrong. Elect an intolerant, vicious demagogue and all the murderous hate

and racism just oozes out. What's even scarier is the silence of the "good people." Are you one of the "good people?"

Dave Blake

Dismayed at editorial

Dear Editor:
I was dismayed to read the Sun's Editorial last week. I found it unhelpful in promoting Democracy and downplayed the importance of voting.

Sure, we are all sick of the tv ads, telephone calls and emails, the constant begging for money and the long election process. However, maybe a few words about the causes of how we got to this point would be more appropriate.

Number one and two on my list are the decisions by the Supreme Court that "Corporations are People" (Buckley vs. Valeo) and that "Money equals Speech" (Citizens United vs Federal Election Commission). Campaign laws have been overturned and unlimited dark money is flooding the campaigns, even from other countries, international corporations and rich oligarchs. Who is benefiting from all this? Corporate Media and the wealthy are who. The revenue brought into the media's coffers is astronomical and Corporate Media, their investors and the politicians in the corporate pockets are the benefactors of such largess. This at the cost of Democracy in America.

Maybe the Sun could have called for campaign finance reform. Ask candidates if that is a priority for them and encourage people to vote for that person. It can be fixed, but it is through the political process that it needs to be done.

As far as the hateful and divisive rhetoric, the Australian Prime Minister referred to Murdoch's Australian media empire (where he is originally from) as the scourge of Australian politics. The same is true of Murdoch's media empire (FOX) in the US and Europe.

Dave Butcher

Nuisance property

Dear Editor:
To all concerned citizens of

Archuleta County,

It seems that illegal collusion between the BOCC and unnamed people are attempting to use the nuisance ordinance to steal private property in Aspen Springs. I personally assisted in cleaning up that property on Bill's Place several years ago. That property was sold and all back taxes have been paid by the current owner. The current owner has been making good progress with rehabilitating the property. As the Pagosa Sun reported on Oct. 25th, Todd Starr and other unnamed persons are attempting to use the police power of the State, to steal this individuals property and finance the operation with Archuleta County public funds. To add insult to injury the Sun has reported Starr's plans include reselling the property at a loss to the County which is a violation of Colorado Revised Statutes.

31-25-105.5. Acquisition of private property by eminent domain by authority for subsequent transfer to private party — restrictions — exceptions — right of civil action — damages — definitions

(1) Except as provided in this subsection (1) or subsection (2) of this section, no private property acquired by eminent domain by an authority pursuant to section 31-25-105 (1)(e) after June 4, 2004, shall be subsequently transferred to a private party

Our current Board of County Commissioners with the aid of their attorney have no qualms about breaking the law to get their way. Many people who live in Aspen Springs do so because that subdivision has no restrictive covenants and restrictions like Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association. They wish to live with a sense of freedom from that burdensome style of bureaucratic communism. There is a group of property owners in Aspen Springs whose identity is being kept secret by Todd Starr and John Shepard who want to force their communistic rules upon their neighbors. It is way past time for the owners and editor of the Pagosa Sun to start telling both sides of important stories in this county. When will freedom and liberty prevail?

Greg Giehl

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The Blotter

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Calls for service over week: 114.

Oct. 15 — First-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, U.S. 151.

Oct. 29 — County warrant, Village Drive.

Oct. 29 — Domestic violence, unlawful sexual contact, false imprisonment, Oak Place.

Oct. 30 — Agency assist, Pagosa Street.

Oct. 30 — Information only, Loma Linda Drive.

Oct. 30 — Violation of restraining order, West Golf Place.

Oct. 30 — Information only, Eagle Drive.

Oct. 30 — Menacing-felony/aggravated/weapon, harassments-insults/taunts/challenges, second-degree criminal trespass, Holly Tree Circle.

Oct. 30 — Third-degree criminal trespass, all other thefts, criminal mischief,

Bill's Place.

Oct. 30 — Theft-motor vehicle parts/accessories from vehicle, Forest Road 622.

Oct. 31 — Warrant arrest, Holly Tree Circle.

Oct. 31 — County warrant, Eaton Drive.

Oct. 31 — Harassment follows in public place, following too closely, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Nov. 1 — Drove vehicle when blood alcohol content 0.10 percent or more, Park Avenue/Pines Drive.

Nov. 1 — County warrant, County Road 600/Handicap Avenue.

Nov. 1 — Failed to display valid registration, no insurance in possession, Country Center Drive.

Nov. 1 — Warrant arrest, Ute Drive.

Nov. 1 — Violation of restraining order, Loma Linda Drive.

Nov. 2 — Domestic violence, criminal invasion of privacy, Fritz and Mabel's Place.

Nov. 2 — Information only, Pinon Causeway.

Nov. 2 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Nov. 2 — Disturbance, Great West Avenue.

Nov. 3 — County warrant, Great West Avenue.

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Nov. 3 — First-degree assault-aggravated/weapon, Buttercup Drive.

Nov. 3 — Obstructing governmental operations, violation of restraining order, disorderly conduct-petty, menacing-felony/aggravated/weapon, harassments-insults/taunts/challenges, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, Great West Avenue.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department
Calls for service over week: 136.

Oct. 30 — Vehicular eluding, Pagosa Street.

Oct. 31 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Nov. 2 — Trespass warning, Aspen Village Drive.

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Nov. 2 — Traffic/no insurance, Pagosa Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge D. Brett Van Winkle
Oct. 10 — Todd Pitcher, failed to display turn signals when required, fines and costs — \$112.

Oct. 10 — Caesar Brousseau, driver

operated vehicle without insurance, drove a defective or unsafe vehicle, fines and costs — \$235.

Oct. 10 — Miranda Tjelmeland, careless driving, fines and costs — \$202.

Oct. 11 — Linda Medici, unsafe backing, fines and costs — \$72.

Oct. 11 — Donna Lucarelli, following too closely, fines and costs — \$146.

Oct. 11 — Tiffany White, animal running at large prohibited, 12 months unsupervised probation, restitution — \$1,665.95.

Oct. 24 — Michele White, unreasonable speed 10-19 over prima facie limit, fines and costs — \$197.

Oct. 24 — Susan McClain, unsafe backing, fines and costs — \$72.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
Nov. 1 — Warren Goodman, own dangerous dog-injury/cause death, fines and costs — \$219.50.

Nov. 1 — Warren Goodman, ownership of dangerous dog-bodily injury, fines and costs — \$219.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
No report.

Letters

Continued from A3 Erroneously blamed

Dear Editor:

A November 1 letter "Property tax notification", penned by Eric D. Sutton, began with "Inadequate and disingenuous property tax notification."

Ouch. But my interest was piqued, so I continued reading. Mr. Sutton expressed his frustration at not receiving his tax bill yet charged a stiff penalty when he finally paid it late.

As a former San Diego County real property appraiser, I know how important it is for the public to be informed about their responsibility to pay their taxes. The Assessor and Treasurer have unpopular jobs to do — no one enjoys getting their property valuation, or their property tax bill based on that valuation. It concerns me when our elected officials are erroneously blamed for the trials and tribulations of a citizen. (I'm less concerned when other elected officials are rightfully blamed for trials and tribulations wrought upon their citizens, but I digress.)

It is the property owner's responsibility to pay their property taxes by the date due. The tax bill notification is a courtesy offered by the County Treasurer's office, not a legal requirement. Taxes are due, period. If not paid, a penalty is assessed. Period.

It is the property owner's responsibility to notify the Assessor of a change of mailing address. The Treasurer then receives that information.

I spoke to Samantha Armitstead at the Treasurer's office about Mr. Sutton's letter. She stated that the Treasurer receives many returned tax bills, and, although not required by law, they make an attempt to find the current mailing addresses for those returned.

Ms. Armitstead knows how to make lemonade out of lemons: "My

hope is that people will read Mr. Sutton's letter and realize that they also may have forgotten to notify us of their change of address, and will now do so."

Questions regarding your property tax bill and due date may be directed to the Treasurer's office at 970-264-8325. Valuation questions are the purview of the Assessor.

Cynda Green

Apology extended

Dear Editor:

I want to offer an apology to anyone I may have offended by stating that the last three Sheriffs have run uncontested in the race for the office of Sheriff. I apologize to all that worked hard in the primary elections to get their Candidate to be placed on the general election ballot for the Office of County Sheriff. My purpose was to point out that the county records indicate that the last three Sheriffs won the primary election but were not challenged in the general elections. Therefore it is my conclusion that the choice for that office was decided by the political party who had candidates in the primary election and not the general public voters.

Only one candidate appeared on the ballot over the last 20 years back to 1998, which I was pointing out that not all the voters have had a choice as to whom would fill the position of County Sheriff. Hopefully this clarifies my view for those of you I may have insulted and will accept my apology.

Regarding Experience; The Colorado Revised Statute Title 30 part 5 addresses the requirements and duties of the County Sheriff. Our state leaders set these regulations; no prior law enforcement experience is required to run in a campaign for the Office of County Sheriff, upon election to the Office a requirement

to attend an eighty hour new sheriff training course (scheduled for 12/03/18). It is required to obtain basic peace officer certificate within one year of taking office.

More important the duties of the sheriff are clearly identified per the C.R.S. 30-10-503 thru 30-10-527, some of which are; custodian of the jail, fire warden, transportation of prisoners, preserve peace and command aid, to mention a few. I hope this clears up a few details of the position the County Sheriff

Looking forward to serving;

Rob Keating

To journalists

Dear Editor:

Dear Journalists,

Please come up with a more realistic term than "conspiracy theorist". Paranoid delusions are not theories. They are delusions. Elaborate lies concocted to manipulate public opinion are not theories. They are lies.

Larry Malone

Armistice Day

Dear Editor:

As I prepare to observe Veterans Day, I remind myself to commemorate the original Armistice Day. It is also known as Remembrance Day and, by an act of Congress it is "a day dedicated to the cause of world peace." I will take the traditional two minutes of silence "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" to honor and remember all those who bring an end to war and forge lasting and just peace, especially so since this is the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI.

Terry Pickett

Homelessness

Dear Editor:

We just experienced our first real snow and it crossed my mind

how those that are homeless must be feeling. The homeless are a wide variety of people: single, parents with children, young and old, veterans; all just down on their luck. You can't see many of them, they stay in cars or tents or sometimes out in the elements. As we are comforted by warm fires and a roof over our heads I think it's important to show support for an incredible nonprofit, Justice Ministries, that works here locally to aid these homeless people (justiceministries.com, 970-264-4483)

Starting this weekend and going through the 18th is National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Justice Ministries is putting on a series of events to help those in need. This is their first-ever event so showing community support would be greatly appreciated. There are many ways to donate and be involved: drop of socks, scarves, hats, gloves, jackets, blankets or participate in the week's events. Cash is always good and any donations are deductible. Let your friends know what's happening on your Facebook or Instagram page. Another unknown fact is that resources for lodging for only one night is very limited (we have only one participating hotel, thank you, you know who you are) and is an expense this nonprofit financially supports. Donating a night's lodging via Justice Ministries helps significantly, or if you're a hotel owner, and have not yet done so, give a gift of lower cost rates or donate vacant rooms for free (you can write these off). There are many other ways to get involved, be creative.

Working in the affordable housing world I know this sector of our community faces fear and uncertainty every day. Please get involved in any way you can.

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County's quarterly finance report outlines unanticipated revenue, overspending

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The third-quarter report of Archuleta County's finances revealed unanticipated revenue and overspending in several departments.

Larry Walton, Archuleta County finance director, gave a presentation on the county's third-quarter finances to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) at a regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

Walton explained he wanted to start with some positives.

"These all relate to a series of revenues that the county's received in 2018 that were not anticipated for various reasons," Walton said.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) revenue was higher than budgeted, according to the presentation.

"... our PILT funding, the feds, have really for many years provided this [PILT] money of fairly regular amounts," Walton said.

During the last recession, according to Walton, some supplemental amounts were added to the PILT money on a year-by-year basis.

"They did give the supplemental amount, you might say, in 2018," Walton said.

This, in turn, produced another \$474,204 for the county, according to Walton.

The county also received "an unbudgeted settlement of \$450,000," according to the presentation, which was "related to damage to the Courthouse."

Also, a Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) special disbursement was given to the county, according to the presentation.

This related disbursement came from recently passed Senate Bill 18-001 in the state General Assembly, which gave the county a "special" transportation-related disbursement, according to the presentation.

Walton described SB 18-001 as a "very complicated piece of work" and "hard to digest" when read.

"However, it resulted in a one-off series of disbursements, transportation related, to municipalities and counties in the state of Colorado," Walton said, later adding there was no way "to know if we were going to get that in the budget process."

In total, the county's share was \$346,660, according to the presentation.

Walton explained that HUTF funds go into the Road and Bridge Fund.

Sales tax revenue "is slowing dramatically," according to the presentation; however, "we are still projecting revenues in excess of budget" of 3.4 percent, or \$336,000. "The 3.4 percent that I have projected here really is just taking the amount that we received, nine months, and basically assuming that on average the rest of the year will perform that way," Walton said.

Walton explained some of the "big picture" of sales tax of the last

few years.

"Really, going back a few years to Walmart and to the marijuana initiative, when it passed, the first full-year growth in sales tax after those two things came on line was about 18 percent," Walton said.

Walton explained that steep growth came because of those two "new almost industry categories."

In 2015, sales tax was up 18 percent over 2014, according to Walton, and in 2016, it was 8.9 percent up over 2015.

"So, almost half the growth of the year before it," Walton said. "It was starting to settle down."

In 2017, it went down to 5.4 percent, Walton explained.

In the first quarter the county had a high percentage of growth rate, while the second lower was about one-third of what it was in the first quarter, according to Walton.

"In two months, in the third quarter, it's actually a net drop," Walton said.

The current draft 2019 budget has a projected 2 percent increase for sales tax, according to Walton.

Walton explained that this was still a positive.

The presentation also noted some interest income.

"Investments by the County Treasurer are projected to net revenue about \$350,000 higher than budgeted in 2018," the presentation reads.

"So, that was really in the category of good news. There were some departments that overspent their budget during the first three quarters," Walton said, adding that projections were for overspending by the end of the year.

Walton explained that he wanted to remind everyone of the typical reasons why overspending occurs, and that the reasons for why overspending occurs are not always bad.

Reasons for this came in three types, according to the presentation:

- "Executing activity not originally budgeted, but for which anticipated revenue was received."
- Court security was one such example of unbudgeted activity that was covered by revenue which was unanticipated.

According to the presentation, court security was needed for a second location and was covered by a grant for the additional cost.

"The county treasurer, if she gets more revenue than is expected, she has statutory fees she has to apply," Walton said.

• Reasons "beyond the control of the department supervisors, such

as" equipment breakdowns and costs of material.

• "Choices made by department supervisors" which resulted in overspending in approved budgets.

"Periodically, all these things are going on at the same time," Walton said.

The presentation turned next to overspending "beyond reasonable control of supervisors."

Those items, listed in the presentation, include the sheriff's office detention and investigation, county coroner and human resources costs.

Specifically, in detention, the overspending occurred in payments to La Plata County for inmate housing and the costs are "driven by the number of inmates," according to the presentation.

Walton indicated that was looking to be about \$200,000 over budget by year-end.

He added that the ACSO department itself could be \$250,000 to \$300,000 over budget by year-end.

"That's our most significant issue," Walton said.

In the ACSO investigations overspending, that came from "Wages and Overtime associated with expensive

investigations," according to the presentation.

The county coroner incurred overspending due to autopsy costs, the presentation explains.

Human resources had overspending due to high advertising costs "driven by the large number of vacant positions," according to the presentation.

"We also have some stuff that is within the control of supervisors and there's even some overlap here," Walton said.

Next, the presentation went to overspending within control of the supervisors. The presentation lists two:

- ACSO investigations, for training and various supply costs.
- Walton explained that these costs were "a little more controllable" than the overspending in the wages and overtime of the investigations.
- Human resources for "Placing large, individual advertisements, versus grouped advertisements, etc..."

Walton explained that the ad-

vertisements were not grouped together as "intelligently as they could've" been.

In seven or eight weeks, Walton explained, he would be presenting many budget adjustments as part of the end-of-year process.

"Most of what I'll be presenting to you, as far as budget adjustments, will basically be to provide coverage within the budget for the departments that went over," Walton said.

There are three methods to do this, Walton explained.

According to the presentation, the three methods available are:

- Use of unanticipated revenue.
- Walton added that there were many forms of unanticipated revenue that could be used.
- "Transfer of underspent operational budget from other departments/funds."
- "Deliberate use of appropriated contingency funds."

"In terms of what I think what we're actually going to present, we're probably just going to use savings from underspent budgets first, and that will take care of a big chunk of this stuff," Walton said, adding that those funds could cover nearly a "third of it."

The rest would be covered with unanticipated revenue, according to Walton.

"And more than half of that will just go to the La Plata inmate situation," Walton said.

In the Road and Bridge Fund, there are two sources, sales tax and HUTF, according to the presentation.

"We will use savings from underspent budgets first, and then unanticipated revenues second, to cover over spent budgets," the presentation reads.

Some highlights of the finance department, as listed in the presentation, include work in preparing data for support of Ballot Issue 1A, help in preparing the 2019 dispatch budget and work done in support of capital improvement projects.

"Our budget was a little more complex to put together this year than it has been in some years in the past," Walton said.

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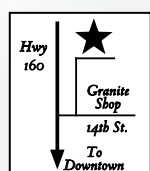
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County approves agreement for school resource officer

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The county commissioners approved an agreement with the school district for the provision of a school resource officer (SRO) on Tuesday.

Linda Reed, the superintendent of schools for the Archuleta School District, described the details of the agreement to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Nov. 5.

The agreement is for the school district to have the services of an SRO and to be a liaison between police, law enforcement and students, according to Reed.

"We live in different times," BoCC Chair Steve Wadley said.

Reed echoed his thoughts. "And, I think the days of assuming schools are safe have long passed," Reed said.

Greg Schulte, a county administration staff member, explained that the intergovernmental agreement was between the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and the school district, and the BoCC, "as stewards of the budget," are a party to the agreement.

Reed also mentioned that an officer had been present in the district since the beginning of the school year.

Reed explained that part of the purpose of adding an SRO was to create a positive relationship.

"And I have to say, thus far, it has been an incredibly powerful and positive relationship," Reed said.

According to the agreement,

both the school district and the county "have a common desire to promote a safe, orderly and secure school environment conducive to learning that will best serve the school community."

An SRO "shall be assigned to work with the administration, faculty, and students of the District..." according to the presentation.

The term of the agreement began on Sept. 4 and lasts until June 1, 2019, unless terminated.

The SRO "shall be an employee of the Sheriff's Office," according to the agreement, and will perform duties "in accordance with the standard operating procedures" of the ACSO, which can be updated from time to time, according to the agreement.

The ACSO will provide the SRO with a vehicle, uniforms, weapons, office needs and other tools needed for police work, according to the agreement.

The school district will provide office space and a computer for the SRO and his "job duties," according to the agreement.

From the recent Build Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant funding, a "secure space" was being provided for an SRO at the entrance to control access. Further, the plan is for this to be placed in all schools in the district, according to Reed.

"... we're still trying to get two other officers in the schools this year," Reed said.

"For the year 2018, ... the District shall pay Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) to the Sheriff's Office to be applied to the SRO's

annual salary, benefits and equipment," the agreement reads.

Reed explained that cost was "half of one officer."

"So, I would say, what we've done is kind of split down the middle," Reed said of costs for the position between the district and the ACSO.

The ACSO "shall pay any remaining amount for the SRO's total annual salary, benefits and equipment," according to the agreement.

The agreement can be renewed annually, according to the agreement.

Some of the duties of the SRO outlined in the agreement include:

- Fostering educational programs and activities that increase knowledge, respect and functions of law enforcement agencies.
 - Attend school activities, like athletic events and concerts.
 - "Participate in school meetings with students, parents, and staff as requested."
 - Provide traffic control if necessary.
 - "Provide physical intervention in safety emergencies involving staff and/or students."
 - Assist and work with other law enforcement agencies on campuses.
 - "Provide visible uniformed presence on the school campuses."
- The SRO is also allowed to "inspect and copy any public record maintained by the District including student directory information, such as yearbooks," according to the agreement.
- However, the SRO and ACSO

may not inspect or copy any confidential records, according to the agreement.

"The SRO will abide by all relevant District policies except to the extent it would create a conflict with the SRO's responsibilities as a law enforcement officer," the agreement reads.

Each month, a report of activities must be made by the SRO to the district superintendent and the ACSO, according to the agreement.

The agreement also explains the SRO will assist the administration and faculty of the school district in developing and executing crisis response plans.

Having an SRO in schools lets students become familiar with the officer and problems can be addressed early, Wadley indicated.

"Some children will be more likely to come forward and disclose abuse at home ... if they feel like they have a sympathetic ear," he said.

Reed gave compliments to both Deputy James Martinez and Master Trooper Doug Wiersma of the Colorado State Patrol for their interactions with students in the district.

Reed added that a first-grade student had asked where Martinez was when he was absent for a day.

Commissioner Ron Maez moved to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the parties for the provision of SROs.

Commissioner Michael Whiting seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. avery@pagosasun.com

San Juan Water Conservancy District: Your water's future direction

By Al Pfister and Bill Hudson
Special to The SUN

As reported in the Oct. 25 printing of The Pagosa Springs SUN, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) is in the process of developing our 2019 budget.

We have developed our proposed 2019 budget to be used to set the framework for activities that we will implement in the accomplishment of our mission.

Our mission is to ensure "water resources are available for beneficial use to those who do provide water (such as the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District) for the community. This may come in the form of consumptive uses like agriculture, municipal, fire protection, and industrial pursuits. This may also mean non-consumptive uses such as recreational, wildlife habitat, and aesthetics."

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must take place in accordance with Colorado water law (prior appropriation doctrine) and should follow direction set forth in the Colorado State Water Plan (Plan).

The Plan was completed in 2015 and is based on three foundational elements: interstate compacts and equitable apportionment decrees (i.e., each of the states are entitled to a certain amount of water as detailed in the respective compacts), Colorado water law and local control. The plan is the result of several years of statewide collaborative efforts and discussions about how the water needs of Colorado residents and downstream users will be met. "It sets forth the measurable objectives, goals and actions by which Colorado will address its projected future water needs and measure its progress — all built on our shared values." As a headwaters state, we need to be actively involved in ensuring our water needs

and rights are met, while also complying with interstate compacts.

The San Juan River and its tributaries contribute water needed to comply with local water rights user's needs, as well as several interstate compacts (Colorado River Compact 1922, Rio Grande River Compact 1938, Upper Colorado River Compact 1948, others).

Admittedly, how all these water rights needs are met is a very complex and confusing scenario under which the SJWCD is charged with accomplishing our mission under state statute. Nonetheless, the water district is responsible for ensuring the conditional water rights owned by the district taxpayers are utilized to meet our shared water needs.

In order for the district to better understand how the district's taxpayers want that to happen, we need your input. Over the past years, the water district has fo-

cused on construction of the San Juan Headwaters Project (formerly known as the Dry Gulch Project) in the accomplishment of providing water resources for all uses within our community.

In an effort to better communicate with our rate payers as to how we can provide the appropriate amounts of water under wet and drought conditions, we are inviting you to a public meeting and hearing on Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at our office at 46 Eaton Drive, Unit 5, to discuss our proposed 2019 budget.

Our main focus with the 2019 budget will be development of a strategic plan that will deal with the challenge of serving the water needs of the majority of Archuleta County, be it through a reservoir project or some other as yet unidentified alternative. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you on Nov. 19. If you would like more information or want to discuss the above-mentioned issues, please contact any board member whose contact info is listed on our website, <http://www.sjwcd.org>, under the "About Us" tab.

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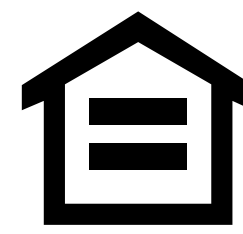
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Changes coming to the sales tax collection requirements

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The SUN

Beginning Dec. 1, the state of Colorado is requiring some changes to tax collection for establishments that sell taxable merchandise out of the county in which they have a "bricks and mortar" facility.

The new rule states that "sales tax must be collected and remitted based on the jurisdiction's tax rate at the point of delivery for the taxable goods when the taxable goods are delivered to a Colorado address outside the retailer's jurisdiction." This includes state, county, self-collecting towns and special districting taxes.

In short, if you ship your taxable product to a home or business outside of Archuleta County, you are now responsible for collecting and reporting taxes differently.

While not always an easy process when slogging through the bureaucracy of governmental agencies, if you have a Colorado Revenue Online account, the process should be a little easier.

This article is not meant to give you the details of what needs to happen, but how you can access the information. First off, go to the Colorado Department of Revenue's website, www.colorado.gov/tax.

Front and center on the home page is the link that takes you to more information about the new tax collection requirements.

Some business ship regularly out of the county but within the state. There is a link on the Colorado.gov/tax website that lists all of the jurisdictions in the state — including towns in Colorado. A jurisdiction is determined by what is being termed "a non-physical site" which means it is not a bricks and mortar facility in the jurisdiction where you are doing business. This includes private home deliveries as well as business address deliveries.

There is a little pre-work to the process. First off, if your business does not have a Colorado Revenue Online account, get one. It is easy, you can apply for it on the state's website. Once online, go to the "I Want to" section of the account and add your nonphysical locations. If you regularly sell goods to a location out of the county, enter that jurisdiction or nonphysical location.

You will need to file a tax report when you have activity to an outside jurisdiction that month. At the beginning, only list the jurisdictions where you know that you will be doing business. You can add other locations as you do business. It doesn't matter if you sell to one or

100 locations out of the county — you will need to list them all.

This process seems a little daunting and initially it might be. The state's website, www.colorado.gov/pacific/tax/sales-tax-changes, is a great resource of information and has a whole section dedicated to questions and answers. If you cannot comply with these changes initially, the state is offering a grace period until March 31, 2019.

There is also a way to send your questions to the Department of Revenue through this site. If you haven't started researching your business' changes to this tax collection system, do so right away and use the resources available to you through the state.

Entrepreneur Meet and Greet Thursday, Nov. 8

A reminder that an Entrepreneur Meet and Greet will take place on Thursday, Nov. 8, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Pagosa Brewing at 118 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Elizabeth Marsh, executive director of SCAPE (Southwest Colorado Accelerator Program for Entrepreneurs), and Mary Jo Coulehan, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, will be on hand to hear your ideas on what kinds of business niches or voids

could be filled in Pagosa Springs. What kinds of businesses/manufacturers would work in Pagosa? What needs to happen to make Pagosa a more business friendly community? How can SCAPE help you grow your business?

If you are new to the community and interested in opening a business, if you would like to grow your business, if you would like to shift from an in-home business to bricks and mortar, if you want feedback on a business idea, if you would like to express your feedback on the business climate in Pagosa Springs, come to the Meet and Greet for Entrepreneurs on Nov. 8.

Membership news

Sign up now for the next Maximizing Your Membership class at the Chamber on Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 9 to 10 a.m. This free breakfast session will help you utilize the benefits that you are entitled to as Chamber member. How can you get more marketing bang for your buck? What kinds of benefits are you just leaving on the table? Interested in joining the Chamber — come and find out how we can help you. Please RSVP to Rick Artis, membership coordinator, so that we can ensure enough breakfast items are available.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Nov. 8

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting. 8 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners budget meeting. 2 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Monday, Nov. 12
Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session and

regular meeting. 4:30 p.m. regular meeting, 6 p.m. work session, 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, Nov. 13

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting. 8:45 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting. 4:30 p.m., Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.
Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

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

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

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

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting and Board of Trustees of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Firemen's Pension Fund regular meeting and public hearing on the proposed 2019 budget. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners budget meeting. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398

Lewis St.

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

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting. 2:45 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

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Election

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out and voted this year," Valdez said. Valdez added that he is excited to move forward and that he loves being Archuleta County's sheriff.

"I'm excited for another four years," he commented.

For county treasurer, voters chose Elsa P. White (Republican) over Debbie Condrey (Democratic), with White recording 3,952 votes and Condrey earning 2,586 votes.

White told The SUN Wednesday that she is ecstatic, thankful and grateful for the support received from the residents, her family and her friends.

"And, I could not have done that without all their support and help and their votes," she said, adding that she is looking forward to her new position.

For county clerk and recorder, Kristy Archuleta (Republican) garnered 5,042 votes.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners scheduled a special meeting for 8 a.m. today, Thursday, with the sole topic being Archuleta's election.

The agenda item is listed "Discussion Regarding Irregularities In The Clerk And Recorder Election And Possible Lawsuit."

The agenda further states, "The BoCC will discuss some irregularities in the election of Kristy Archuleta for the office of County Clerk & Recorder and will decide whether or not to pursue a declaratory judgment in the event she takes office."

Archuleta declined to comment on the matter Wednesday, indicating she needed more information about what is going on.

That meeting will be covered in next Thursday's edition of The SUN.

Natalie Woodruff (Republican) was reelected as assessor with 5,007 votes.

Dean P. Schultz (unaffiliated) was reelected as county surveyor with 4,851 votes.

Brandon L. Bishop (Republican) garnered 5,000 votes to be elected county coroner.

Archuleta County Court Judge Justin P. Fay was also up for retention in the election, with 4,095 voting in favor of Fay's retention and 1,367 against it.

Archuleta County ballot issues

Ballot Issue 1A

Snowpack

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and Upper Rio Grande basins, Wolf Creek Ski summit was 140 percent of the Nov. 7 median and 17 percent of the Nov. 7 peak.

The median peak date is listed by the website as May 3.

However, it looks like no snow is on the horizon according to the National Weather Service (NWS), with no indication of snowy weather through Veterans Day.

The NWS, however, notes that on Wolf Creek Pass, there is a 20 percent "slight chance" of snow on

Archuleta County voters voted down Ballot Issue 1A, which concerned a county sales tax increase for justice system facilities, including a detention center and sheriff's offices.

A total of 3,128 votes were cast in favor of the sales tax increase, but 3,547 votes were cast against it, meaning the issue failed by a margin of 419 votes.

"I'm profoundly disappointed," said Steve Wadley, Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners chair, adding, "This community has a dire need."

Wadley mentioned he had been hoping the jail ballot issue would pass, and that "we're obligated" to provide a jail.

"Now we're going to have to try and find a way to build what we can afford in the most efficient way we can," he said, adding, "And, it's going to be a very big struggle."

Every option needs to be looked at now, Wadley explained.

"The best option is not on the table anymore," he said, explaining, that "we can't wait" and that "we have waited too long already."

Valdez commented that it was a heavy blow to him and his staff.

"We're going to regroup and figure out what the next step is at this point. It's the commissioners responsibility to build the jail, so I'm curious to see what the commissioners decide to do," he said.

For more information on how the county will move forward, see next week's issue of The SUN.

Ballot Issue 5A

Archuleta County voters approved Ballot Issue 5A, however, which concerned increasing property taxes for a seven-year period for funding for ASD.

Votes cast in favor of the property tax increase totaled 3,948, while 2,499 votes were cast against it, meaning it passed with a margin of 1,449 votes.

More specifically, voters approved increasing taxes \$1.7 million annually for a seven-year period (beginning in 2019 and ending after collection year 2025).

That funding will be used to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and staff; fund full-time school resource officers for safety; fund full-day kindergarten; and provide required funding for Pagosa Peak Open School to increase staff salaries, supplement full-day kin-

dergarten and improve school safety.

The increase in funding will come through "a property tax override mill levy to be imposed at a rate sufficient to produce the amount set forth above" and will be in addition to the property taxes that are otherwise levied for the district.

ASD Superintendent Linda Reed explained that the district as a whole is incredibly thankful to the community for the support and for all of the people who worked to make it happen.

"I couldn't be more grateful," she said, adding later that the mill levy override can be seen as a vote of confidence for the future of education in Archuleta County and also an indication that there is a lot to do.

Reed noted she believes the district is on the right track.

"We want to make the people in this community proud of our schools, of our students, of our graduates and the things that we are accomplishing," Reed said.

ASD board member Brooks Lindner explained in an email to The SUN that he was feeling a lot of gratitude about 5A passing.

"I'm grateful that we have a healthy, functional school board. I'm grateful for our staff and teachers who do the hardest job in the world every day," Lindner wrote. "I'm grateful for our administrators and their team for their perspective and hard work leading ASD. I'm grateful for the community for passing 5A."

For how 5A will affect education in ASD, Lindner noted that while money does not solve everything in education, it certainly helps in regard to good teachers.

"We know from research that good teachers matter more to student success than any other factor in education. The funding from 5A will allow ASD to keep good teachers in our district and attract good teachers to it. Our students will benefit from this, and so will our community," Lindner wrote.

Ballot Issue 7A

Archuleta County residents who reside within the boundaries of the Upper Pine River Fire Protection District voted against a mill levy change for that district (11 votes against and four in favor).

Ultimately, however, the issue passed, with 2,892 votes cast in favor of the mill levy change and 2,055 voting against it.

right now, Archuleta noted.

"It's nice to look at and it feels good to see bigger numbers, but they could change drastically, quickly, either up or down," Archuleta said.

Later, Archuleta noted that the specific site that tends to be used for local forecasting for stream flows is the Upper San Juan site.

According to the NRCS data, the Upper San Juan site was at 64 percent of median and 5 percent of the Nov. 7 peak.

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Memorial

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fort, Valentine pointed out.

"Each year the annual golf tournament, presently our number one fundraiser, takes an estimated 2000 hours from a total board effort," he wrote. "The tournament is growing, each year attracting more players and greater community support. It is becoming a means to reach out with community knowledge and involvement for the park."

The golf tournament is one of the many fundraisers the group organizes, with Daniels explaining that each board member "spends a significant amount of time trying to raise awareness and funds to make this project a reality. From procuring flags to presentations of past experiences to creative ideas for fundraising to several hours a month attending meetings, this group does it all."

But, as Vega noted, the effort is and will continue to be worth it.

"For me it is the fact that every community in the nation needs to have a visible, tangible and hallowed place of some kind as a stark reminder for succeeding generations of the service and sacrifice of prior generations as the price of the freedom they enjoy and in turn will defend," he wrote.

"The park will become a gathering place for families, individuals and community to recreate and reflect of freedoms gained and purchased," Valentine wrote, "A place where children and families will build memories, and veterans and their families can pause and return to the past."

A park in the making

The park's development began in earnest in October 2014, when the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association deeded a 6.9-acre parcel of land located off Vista Boulevard to Archuleta County.

The county then granted it to the VMPAC board to be developed as a veterans memorial park and public recreation site.

"After several years of fundraising and a generous grant from Archuleta County, construction

began on the park in June of 2018," Daniels explained. "Phase One included the minimal and essential work necessary to construct a parking area with the hopes that it will physically and visually attract interest to the project as well as provide access to this beautiful area while the park is being developed."

That work was completed in August at an approximate cost of \$110,000, she reported.

"Inasmuch as part of the parking area is finished, it may be used," Van Liere explained. "If used, please remember that this is hallowed ground honoring our past, present and future veterans, and as such should be treated and used with the utmost respect. If desired, flowers may be placed at the base of the flagpole to remember and honor loved ones. Dead and dying flowers will be removed periodically."

The next phase is slated to include the finalization of the park's layout (a preliminary plan was previously developed), which is slated to include a trail plan, placement of picnic areas and benches, expansion of the parking area, restroom facilities, a pavilion, a playground, military exhibits with interpretive signage and educational components, and a central memorial area with placement of personalized memorial bricks.

Then, each of those components will be assigned a phase and will be completed as funding allows, Daniels explained.

Daniels anticipated that the park could be completed in three to five years.

"The order in which the phases will be completed depends on the availability of funds, personnel, time and donated goods," she explained. "For example, building a trail system throughout the park is a relatively low-cost project and has already raised interest from locals. Ultimately, the cost for this park project will be approximately \$2,000,000."

To raise funds, the board has applied for grants, conducted four golf tournaments, sponsored spe-

cial movie showings, organized a special dinner for Gold Star parents and continuously sells memorial bricks to be placed in the memorial section of the park.

In 2017, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners donated \$80,000 to jumpstart construction of the park.

Van Liere commented that several individuals, too numerous to mention, have also donated funds, for which the board is very grateful.

Ultimately, the VMPAC will return to county ownership.

"Once the park is completed," Daniels wrote, "it will become County property and a public park, a true asset for a community lacking in public areas."

How to help

Anyone and everyone is invited to become a part of the park effort, Daniels and Valentine noted.

"Become a member of the VMPAC; support fundraising events; buy a brick to remember a loved one; tell your friends about the community effort to build a Veterans Memorial Park; look for opportunities to contribute by volunteering individually to help build trails, develop the plan, sell bricks and raise funds," wrote Valentine of how individuals can help.

Membership is open to all in the form of a regular membership at a cost of \$25 per year, a charter membership at an initial cost of \$100 and \$25 per year (limited to 100 memberships) and a lifetime membership of \$500.

Charter members receive a certificate and numbered key fob and lifetime memberships automatically become a charter membership and receive the same plus a dog tag and a free 4-inch-by-8-inch brick.

Additionally, donations may be sent to the Veterans Memorial Park, P.O. Box 2642, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

For more on the park, how to become involved and more, visit <http://www.vetsmemorialpark.org>.

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Veterans

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hosted by Pagosa Springs Middle School eighth-graders and other volunteers.

The breakfast serves as both a way to honor the community's veterans and also a way to connect students to history.

The doors will open for the event at 7:30 a.m., with breakfast served until around 10:30 a.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Both veterans residing within Archuleta County and those just visiting are invited to attend.

As part of that event, at 9 a.m., the American Legion Post 108 Honor Guard will demonstrate a military funeral flag fold.

This will take place in lieu of the normal posting of the colors.

Volunteers will be decorating the Community Center gym on

Nov. 11 starting around 2 p.m.

Anyone who would like to help decorate is welcome.

Legion ceremony

Then, at 11 a.m., the Post 108 will host its traditional Veterans Day ceremony.

The ceremony is set for precisely 11 a.m. — the time the armistice ending World War I went into effect on Nov. 11, 1918.

The ceremony, held at the Legion Hall at 287 Hermosa St., will begin with a missing man formation flyover by the San Juan Flying Squadron.

Those anticipated to take to the skies on the day are Vietnam combat veteran Navy fighter pilot Craig Taylor, Michael Arbuthnot, Tim Gallagher, David Peart (all of Pagosa Springs) and possibly Travis

Reese, of Grand Junction.

Legionnaire Hal Lowe will coordinate the ground portion of the ceremony.

Post Auxiliary luncheon

Immediately following the ceremony, the Legion's Post Auxiliary will hold a free, catered lunch for veterans and their spouses in the Legion hall.

Flag retirement

While not a Veterans Day ceremony, the Legion has also announced that on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 3 p.m., there will be a flag retirement and disposal ceremony.

It will take place behind the Legion building and be followed by the regular meeting at 6 p.m.

All are invited to participate and help.

Marines to gather in celebration of 243 years

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 we could take a gun."

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

Arrest

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learned that Dimuccio entered the store and waited for customers to leave before taking an undisclosed amount of money and fleeing the scene," the post reads.

Dimuccio fired one shot while inside the Family Dollar. No one was injured in the incident, according to the post.

Dimuccio, in a 2005 Chevy Impala, was seen leaving the area, according to the post.

"The vehicle was listed as stolen out of Colorado," the post reads.

Then, around noon, a call came in to dispatch from Great Buy Auto Sales about "a male subject, identified as Dimuccio, who had taken a

BMW," according to the post.

"The reporting party followed Dimuccio while on the phone with dispatch," the post reads.

Officers attempted to make a traffic stop once the vehicle was located, according to the post.

However, Dimuccio turned south and "was driving erratically, ignoring officers' attempts to stop him," according to the post.

He continued going south, and during the pursuit, an FPD unit "collided with the suspect vehicle," according to the post.

The officer was uninjured, while Dimuccio was treated for minor injuries on scene.

Dimuccio was taken in for ques-

tioning and was later "charged with armed robbery, two counts of aggravated assault, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, receiving or transferring a stolen motor vehicle, out of state fugitive, felon in possession and aggravated fleeing," according to the post.

Further, he "will also be booked on three outstanding warrants," one from Kentucky, one out of Colorado and one out of San Juan County of New Mexico.

Dimuccio is currently on a no-bond hold, reported Georgette M. Allen, the FPD community relations liaison and public information officer, in an email to The SUN. avery@pagosasun.com



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Archuleta County election results for district, state, and federal issues released

By SUN staff
Staff Writer

Archuleta County's voter turnout bested Colorado as a whole, with just over 75 percent of the county's registered voters casting a ballot in Tuesday's election, compared to 52.61 percent of Colorado's registered voters (as of Wednesday afternoon).

Following are Archuleta County's vote totals on state- and federal-level issues and candidates, as well as a comparison to how the state as a whole voted.

For more information on Archuleta County vote totals and local issues, see the related article on the front page.

For more information on the statewide vote totals, visit: <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/main.html>.

Federal office

For representative to the 116th United States Congress for District 3, Archuleta County voters aligned with the remainder of the district to reelect Republican Scott R. Tipton.

In Archuleta County, 3,826 votes were cast for Tipton, Diane Mitsch Bush (Democratic) garnered 2,619, Mary M. Malarsie (Independent) tallied 231 and Gaylon Kent (Libertarian) garnered 98.

None of the write-in candidates received votes in Archuleta County.

State offices

For governor, Archuleta County favored Walker Stapleton/Lang Sias, while the state as a whole elected Jared Polis/Dianne Primavera.

In Archuleta County, Stapleton received 3,710 votes and Polis received 2,781.

Scott Helker and Michele Poague (Libertarian) received 161 votes, and Bill Hammons and Eric Bodenstab (Unity) received 77 votes.

Archuleta County voters also failed to align with the state as a whole for secretary of state, with Archuleta County favoring incumbent Wayne Williams and the state as a whole voting in Jena Griswold.

In Archuleta County, Williams received 3,739 votes and Griswold garnered 2,676 votes.

Amanda Campbell (American Constitution) tallied 188 votes and Blake Huber (Approval Voting) tallied 39 votes.

That trend continued in the race for state treasurer, with Colorado as a whole electing Democrat Dave Young, though Republican Brian

Watson was favored in Archuleta County.

In Archuleta County, Watson tallied 3,688 votes, Young garnered 2,620 votes and Gerald F. Kilpatrick (American Constitution) tallied 260 votes.

The same was true for attorney general, with Democrat Phil Weiser winning the election, though Archuleta County voters favored Republican George Brauchler.

In Archuleta County, Brauchler tallied 3,768 votes, while Weiser received 2,624 votes and William F. Robinson III (Libertarian) received 225.

For regent of the University of Colorado at large, voters within Colorado as a whole favored Democrat Lesley Smith, while Ken Montero (Republican) was favored locally.

In Archuleta County, Montero received 3,504 votes, Smith tallied 2,466 votes, James K. Treibert (Libertarian) received 248 votes and Christopher E. Otwell (Unity) received 67 votes.

Archuleta County aligned with the rest of the electors in Congressional District 3 for regent of the University of Colorado for congressional District 3, with Republican Glen H. Gallegos winning his bid.

In Archuleta County, Gallegos received 3,509 votes, while Alvin Rivera (Democratic) received 2,418 votes and Michael Stapleton (Libertarian) tallied 344.

Archuleta County voters also agreed with the rest of Colorado Senate District 6 to keep Republican Don Coram in office, with Coram receiving 3,820 votes in Archuleta County. Guinn Unger Jr. (Democratic) received 2,758 votes locally.

For state representative for District 59, Archuleta County voters favored Independent Paul Jones, while the district as a whole reelected Democrat Barbara McLachlan.

In Archuleta County, Jones received 3,361 and McLachlan 2,836 votes.

Retention of justice and judges

Archuleta County voters and voters as a whole agreed on the retention of the following justice and judges: Colorado Supreme Court Justice Richard L. Gabriel; and Colorado Court of Appeals judges John Daniel Dailey, Rebecca Rankin Freyre, Elizabeth L. Harris and David J. Richman.

State ballot questions

Amendment V, regarding amend-

ing the Colorado Constitution to reduce the age qualification for a member of the General Assembly from 25 years to 21 years, failed both locally and at the state level, with 4,396 Archuleta County voters voting against it and 2,177 voting in favor of it.

Amendment W, concerning an amendment to the Colorado Constitution to change the format of the election ballot for judicial retention, was approved at the state level, though 2,879 voters in Archuleta County voted for it, as compared to 3,165 voting against it.

Archuleta County voters agreed with the state as a whole to approve Amendment X, concerning an amendment to the Colorado Constitution to change the industrial hemp definition from a constitutional definition to a statutory definition. In Archuleta County, 3,565 votes were cast for it, compared to 2,571 cast against it.

Local and statewide, voters were also in agreement with Amendment Y, approving an amendment to the Colorado Constitution regarding the drawing of congressional districts. In Archuleta County, 4,332 voters were in favor of the change, while 2,052 were against it.

The same was true for Amendment Z, with local voters and the state as a whole voting to amend the Colorado Constitution regarding the drawing of Colorado Senate and Colorado House of Representatives districts. In Archuleta County, 4,176 voted in favor, while 2,079 voted against it.

Archuleta County was also in agreement with the state as a whole on Amendment A, approving an amendment to the Colorado Constitution to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for crime and thereby in all circumstances. Within Archuleta County, 3,540 votes were cast in favor of the amendment, while 2,858 voted against it.

Archuleta County again agreed with the rest of the state in voting down Amendment 73, which concerned school funding. In Archuleta County, 3,637 votes were cast against the proposed amendment, while 2,792 were cast in favor of it.

Archuleta County disagreed with the state as a whole on Amendment 74, which asked if there should be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution requiring the government to award just compensation

to owners of private property when a government law or regulation reduces the fair market value of the property. At the state level, the measure failed, though it was favored locally. Locally, 3,877 voters were in favor of the amendment, while 2,652 were against it.

Archuleta County and the state as a whole aligned in disapproving Amendment 75, which asked voters to amend the Colorado Constitution in regard to campaign finance. Within Archuleta County, 4,295 votes were cast against the proposal, while 2,021 were in favor of it.

Local and statewide, voters agreed in voting down Proposition 109, which asked if the state debt should be increased \$3.5 billion with a maximum repayment cost of \$5.2 billion to fund specified road and bridge expansion, construction, maintenance and repair projects throughout the state. In Archuleta County, 4,077 voters were against the proposition, while 2,265 were in favor.

The same was true for Proposition 110, which asked if state taxes should be increased and the state debt increased to pay for state and local transportation projects. Within Archuleta County, 4,225 were against the measure, while 2,126 were in favor of the sales tax increase.

Voters approved of Proposition 111 both statewide and in Archuleta County, with that proposition concerning an amendment to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning limitations on payday lenders and reducing allowable charges on payday loans to an annual percentage rate of no more than 36 percent. In Archuleta County, 4,824 votes were cast in favor, while 1,446 were against the proposition.

Proposition 112 failed both within Archuleta County and in the state as a whole. It asked voters to change the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning a statewide minimum distance for new oil and gas development. Within Archuleta County, 3,333 voters were against the proposition, while 3,174 were in favor of it.

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Diversion flows up 2.5 cfs, lake levels increase

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As of Nov. 5, all lake levels have seen changes in terms of their position from full since last week.

According to a press release provided by Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) District Manager Justin Ramsey, Hatcher Lake is 67 inches from full, when last week it was 73 inches from full.

Stevens Lake saw a slight change, with it currently sitting at 135 inches from full, compared to last week's total of 136 inches.

Lake Pagosa also saw a slight change in its levels, with this week's total from full coming in at 28 inches, compared to last week's total of 29.

This week, Village Lake is 12 inches from full and last week it was 15 inches from full.

Rounding out the lake levels we

see Lake Forest is now 7 inches from full, compared to when it was 12 inches from full last week.

In total, 68.8 percent of lake water is available for treatment and delivery, compared to last week's percentage of 67.1 percent.

In his press release, Ramsey explains that a new water year started on Nov. 1, and that the administration of Four Mile Creek has been lifted and PAWSD is now pumping 4.5 cubic feet per second (cfs) into Hatcher Lake.

Diversion flows

This week, diversion flows have seen an increase as well — a cumulative increase of 2.5 cfs, to be exact.

This week, the West Fork diversion flow remains unchanged from last week with a diversion flow of 3 cfs.

The Four Mile diversion flow has

seen the biggest increase, jumping from 0.5 cfs last week to 4.5 cfs this week.

The San Juan diversion, as noted by Ramsey, has no diversion flow as it has been closed for the winter.

Ramsey, however, noted in an email to The SUN that the 1.5 cfs from the detention pond at the San Juan diversion is now being pumped into Lake Forest.

The pond itself is being drained so as to allow PAWSD to make repairs to the pond, Ramsey noted.

Water production

Water production is totaled at 10.01 million gallons this year from Oct. 26 through Nov. 1.

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District attorney discusses race and ethnicity data

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

During a budget presentation to Archuleta and La Plata county commissioners, District Attorney Christian Champagne shared some information from a 2017 study on race and ethnicity in the Sixth Judicial District.

The presentation took place on Oct. 22 in Durango.

"We should all be upset," Champagne said, having stated earlier that the findings of the study caused him to "sigh."

Minorities across the Sixth Judicial District had higher rates of entering the Department of Corrections (DOC) or jail, according to Champagne's presentation.

Further, 23 percent of arrests in the district came from just 6 percent of the population, according to the presentation, which Champagne explained "means mostly Native American."

The Sixth Judicial District Attorney's (DA) Office serves La Plata, Mineral and Archuleta counties and serves close to 70,000 people, according to the presentation.

The DA's office is different than other departments, according to the presentation.

"The district attorney is a state officer serving in a particular judicial district, independent of the county government ...," the presentation reads.

The presentation lists the office's mission statement as serving the district by "prosecuting criminal cases with the highest standards of excellence."

The mission statement also reads that the office is "dedicated to our primary purpose, community safety, by demanding accountability from offenders, protecting and honoring victims, and focusing on prevention of future crime."

Race and ethnicity data

Part of the presentation was on race and ethnicity data for the Sixth Judicial District.

The state legislature recently began mandating the tracking of data in the criminal justice system by race and ethnicity, according to the presentation.

"There was a really interesting study that came out last year about race and ethnicity, and I spent a lot of time unpacking this, because it was lots and lots of data," Champagne said.

The study was "fascinating" and extremely comprehensive, according to Champagne.

Champagne explained that he sighed when he saw the results, telling the commissioners, "You're not going to be happy."

The data was collected at four different points in the judicial system, according to Champagne.

This included collecting arrest, charging, filing and sentencing data, Champagne explained.

Some numbers do not match the DA's, explained Champagne, adding that this is the best data out there.

Further, 2017 was the first year that the study was performed, according to Champagne, and "we're expecting to see this every year."

The total population of the dis-

trict is 69,696 people and, of that number, four main groups make up the population, according to the presentation.

Those four groups are, according to the presentation:

- White, which is 82 percent of the population.

- Hispanic, which represents 12 percent of the population.

- Other, which makes up 6 percent of the population.

"We're assuming that means mostly Native American in our judicial district," Champagne said, adding that there are other minorities, but "mainly Native American is that 6 percent."

- Black, which makes up less than 1 percent of the population.

Later in the presentation, Champagne gave some further information on the black group.

"The number for African-Americans is really challenging because its population is so low it skews the percentage," Champagne said, adding that was something to keep in mind.

First, the presentation looked at arrest data.

Champagne explained that arrests and summons are "really a function of law enforcement" with some DA involvement.

Later, he explained that these go directly from the officers into the court system.

On a slide titled "Population vs. Arrest data," the total number of arrest and summons percents are listed.

Total arrests and summons, according to the presentation, are:

- White, 61.5 percent of the total arrests/summons.

- Hispanic, 13.2 percent of the total arrests/summons.

- Other, 23.5 percent of the total arrests/summons.

"Other is alarming ... 6 percent of the population, and they're receiving 23 percent of the arrests and summons," Champagne said, adding, "And white people, as a result, are getting the benefit in some ways, because they're only at 61 percent of arrests and summonses, compared to 82 percent of the population."

- Black, 1.8 percent of the total arrests/summons.

On a slide titled "Population vs. Total Filings," the total number of case filings percents are listed.

Champagne described filings that are not arrests or summonses as "It would be like felony charges, like felony complaints."

Total case filings, according to the presentation, are:

- White, 61.1 percent of the total of case filings.

"Again, whites are below their percentage of the population at 61 percent," Champagne said.

- Hispanic, 21 percent of the total case filings.

- Other, 16 percent of the total case filings.

- Black, 1.9 percent of the total case filings.

On a slide titled "County Court Outcome by Ethnicity/Race," the amount of dismissal/not guilty percents are listed, as well as the percent convicted.

"The two categories are: dismissal or not guilty, or a conviction, and it's broken down by race," Champagne said.

At this point, a category of "non-race numbers" was added.

Champagne described the non-race numbers as if looking at "the whole, big-picture system."

The non-race number percentages for court outcome were 41.3 percent dismissal/not guilty and 46.4 percent convicted.

Todd Starr, Archuleta County's interim attorney, asked if the non-race numbers were good numbers.

"The dismissal/not guilty describes the deferred judgment category," Champagne said, "which is what happens with a lot of our cases in county court."

Champagne referred to county court as "the people's court."

He added, "98 percent of the people in the criminal justice system are good people who have done something stupid. They've made a bad decision, they're a knucklehead."

The total number of dismissal/not guilty and convicted cases percentages, according to the presentation, are:

- White, 43.2 percent dismissal/not guilty, 45.9 percent convicted.

"The white people, pretty close to that average," Champagne pointed out.

- Hispanic, 37 percent dismissal/not guilty, 48.1 percent convicted.

"So, that is below the average, they're not getting as good of a deal," Champagne said.

- Other, 39.1 dismissal/not guilty, 45.9 percent convicted.

"The 'other' category is pretty close to the averages," Champagne said.

- Black, 42.9 percent dismissal/not guilty and 50 percent convicted.

"The black category, for African-Americans, is a little high for convicted, but again, those numbers are very small and skew the percentages," Champagne said.

Champagne explained that in county court, "we're hewing pretty close to the averages as far as the outcomes."

On a slide titled, "District Court Outcome by Ethnicity/Race" the total number of dismissal/not guilty cases and convicted cases are listed.

"District court, now you're talking about much more serious offenders," Champagne said, adding that is why the dismissal/not guilty number drops.

These are serious offenders, and are treated more seriously, according to Champagne.

The non-race numbers for district court were listed as 27.6 percent dismissal/not guilty and 55.5 percent for convicted in the presentation.

The totals of those cases, according to the presentation, are:

- White, 26 percent dismissal/not guilty, and 55.5 percent convicted.

- Hispanic, 28.7 percent dismissal, 55.2 percent convicted.

- Other, 28.9 percent dismissal/not guilty and 57.8 percent convicted.

Champagne noted that the white, Hispanic and other categories all were close to the average.

- Black, 44.4 percent dismissal/not guilty and 50 percent convicted.

"The African-American is pretty far out of whack," Champagne said, "with the dismissal/not guilty being much higher."

Champagne mentioned that this category had a total of less than 10 offenders in 2017.

"It's really hard to determine what that means," Champagne said.

Next, came the information on sentences.

"Sentences, now they've been convicted, there's basically five different categories here," Champagne said.

According to a slide titled "6th JD Sentences by Race:"

- Non-race, 34.5 percent deferred judgment, 37.2 percent probation, 16.6 percent DOC/jail, 2 percent community corrections and 9.7 percent fine/Useful Public Service (UPS).

- White, 38.4 percent deferred judgment, 36.1 percent probation, 13 percent DOC/jail, 2 percent community corrections and 10.3 percent

fine/UPS.

- Hispanic, 28.2 percent deferred judgment, 40.7 percent probation, 19.5 percent DOC/jail, 1.4 percent community corrections and 10.2 percent fine/UPS.

- Other, 28 percent deferred judgment, 35.2 percent probation, 27.2 percent DOC/jail, 2.4 percent community corrections and 7.2 percent fine/UPS.

- Black, 9.5 percent deferred judgment, 47.6 probation, 33.3 percent DOC/jail, 4.8 percent community corrections and 4.8 percent fine/UPS.

Champagne went into detail about the deferred judgment category.

Hispanic, black and other "are much lower, which means they're not getting those deferred judgments as often as the averages say that they should," according to Champagne.

Champagne also commented on the DOC/jail percentages.

"The jail and DOC sentence is much higher for Native Americans especially. That's probably the most concerning to me," Champagne said, adding that this sentencing being higher for minorities was one of his "biggest concerns."

"I think it's reflective of a system that sets very specific demands on offenders, that are all based around the sort of dominant racial category's understandings of society, meaning white people," Champagne said.

Further, Champagne wondered if that was reasonable and if everyone should be held to those standards.

"... or, do we adjust, and understand that some people may not have the same cultural understandings that the dominant racial category does, and maybe we need to make adjustments in that way," he said.

Poverty was another concern involved, according to Champagne.

Discussion in the DA's Office over this data was taking place and was one of the things the office would be focusing on, Champagne explained.

He mentioned that the office would be bringing in training for unconscious bias.

"The first place we're starting is identifying it," Champagne said. "Where is it happening in our system?"

Champagne added that the study made him upset, and that "we should all be upset."

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Foundation announces southwest regional platform for Colorado Gives Day

By Tracy Pope
Special to The SUN

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is spearheading a regional effort to increase local participation in Colorado Gives Day.

Colorado Gives is an easy, online initiative for donors to contribute to nonprofits across Colorado. Colorado Gives Day, Dec. 4, is organized by the Community First Foundation, which hosts a year-round, statewide electronic giving platform featuring almost 2,500 Colorado nonprofits (coloradogives.org). Last year on Colorado Gives Day, \$36.6 million was donated statewide, with \$209,665 going to nonprofits in Southwest Colorado.

The Community Foundation has created a regional platform through Colorado Gives (swcogives.org) which hosts 65 participating nonprofits from La Plata, Montezuma, Archuleta and San Juan counties. Collaborative marketing efforts are underway to get word out to potential donors that philanthropy is just a click away, encouraging people to give where they live.

Donors can visit swcogives.org now and schedule their donation for Dec. 4.

"The Community Foundation is pleased to provide leadership on this important boost to philanthropy in our corner of the state," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "Colorado Gives Day has been very successful on the front range, and we are excited to enhance participation in our region. We encourage donors to give where they live, because local philanthropy makes our communities stronger."

This is the second year the Community Foundation has acted as a Regional Champion, seeing nonprofit and donor participation climb by more than 50 percent year over year.

The following Archuleta County nonprofits are participating on the platform and are able to receive online donations: Aspire, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Justice Ministries of Pagosa, Rise Above Violence and Sunlight Adventures Inc.

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LPEA board member to speak at Republican Women's meeting

By Sandy Artzberger
Special to The SUN

As taxpayers and voters, we don't always realize that our opinions and input to La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) are important for future direction of this vital co-op. Our voice can be heard. Therefore, we need to be educated about LPEA's mission and what it means to Pagosa Springs residents to be a member/owner of this co-op.

At the Nov. 13 Archuleta County noon Republican Women's (ACRW) meeting, LPEA board member

Kohler McInnis will give an informative talk about the "LPEA Today and the Future" to provide the knowledgeable foundation for future citizen awareness and possible involvement.

McInnis lives in Durango with his wife, Kathleen; they have three children; the youngest is in high school. He has a background as business owner for 31 years.

ACRW meeting will be from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for "meet and greet" with the speaker. All are welcome.

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Education

Superintendent: Keep our children safe around bus stops

By Linda Reed
Special to The SUN

The message below was issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) regarding how to keep our children safe in and around bus stops.

Please take the time to read and discuss this with your children, family members and others you may know who drive around school bus stops in our community.

We do not want any of our children harmed as they go to or from schools. Our bus drivers work very hard to ensure the safety of our students. Please join us in keeping all of our children safe.

The NHTSA is urging motorists to exercise caution and follow state laws when approaching a school bus or school crossing.

Following a string of recent tragedies in Florida, Indiana, Mississippi, Pennsylvania and Kentucky, NHTSA is calling on the public and media to help educate communities on ways to reduce incidents of stop-arm violations and ensure all students arrive to and from school safely.

Tips for motorists

- Be alert and slow down when driving in neighborhoods with school zones.
- Watch for children walking, playing or assembling near bus stops. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Obey the school bus laws in your state, as well as the flashing light signal systems used on school buses.

- Flashing yellow lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.

- Flashing red lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop arm is withdrawn and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

Tips for caregivers and students

- Arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb. The bus stop is not a place to run or play.

- When the school bus arrives, wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, the door opens and the driver says it's OK before approaching the bus door. Use the handrails to avoid falling.

- Never walk behind a school bus. Walk on a sidewalk or along the side of the street. Cross the street in front of the bus with at least five giant steps (10 feet) between the front of the bus and you. Make eye contact with the bus driver before crossing to make sure the driver can see you.

- If you drop something near the school bus, like a ball or book, tell the bus driver right away. Do not try to pick up the item, because the driver might not be able to see you.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa Springs High School building trades teacher Torry Hessman and Proud Partners coordinator Doug Hershey pose with the family of Terry Smith in front of two of the three work tables purchased with contributions made in memory of Smith. The family was invited to see the tables Saturday, with each table adorned with a plaque that states the table is in memory of Terrence "Terry" Scott Smith, "A humble man who tirelessly gave of himself without asking for anything in return."



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa Valor Academy writing students and teacher Lynelle Wiggers stand in front of the presses at The Pagosa Springs SUN on Nov. 1. The students toured The SUN's facilities and asked questions about newspapers and journalism.

Food protection manager certification class offered

By Terry Schaff
Special to The SUN

Restaurant owners and managers, don't miss this opportunity to take the Food Protection Manager Certification class here at the CSU Extension office in Pagosa Springs on Nov. 14 and 15.

The fee for the two-day class is \$120. This class will fulfill the new Colorado state requirements that will become effective Jan. 1, 2019.

To view all the new requirements, visit Colorado's website at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/food-code-transition>.

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Foundation awards scholarships to children of injured workers

By Liz Johnson
Special to The SUN

The Pinnacol Foundation is currently accepting applications for the 2019-20 school year. The foundation provides scholarships to children whose parents have been injured or killed in work-related accidents, regardless of insurance carrier. The application period opens Nov. 1.

Since its inception in 2000, the Pinnacol Foundation has awarded nearly \$5 million to more than 500 students for college or vocational training. The average scholarship is \$4,500 per year. Funds may be used for four-year, two-year or trade programs at accredited colleges, universities, community colleges and vocational schools in the United States. The Pinnacol Foundation awarded 97 scholarships in 2018.

Andrea Bonilla is among the students receiving a Pinnacol Foundation scholarship this year, after Bonilla's mother was injured in two separate work-related accidents. Bonilla is attending the University of Denver and is pursuing a triple major in psychology, criminology and communications. She was selected by the FBI for its Honors Internship Program and hopes to pursue a career with the agency after she graduates.

"The Pinnacol Foundation scholarship has given me more than just

financial aid," said Bonilla. "It has given me the opportunity to pursue my dreams of attending a prestigious university, to secure a career for my future and stability to support my family."

"It is a privilege to assist these students with the financial aspects of their education and help make their educational goals more attainable," said Edie Sonn, chair of the Pinnacol Foundation Board of Directors. "Each one of them is an inspiration, and we're lucky to be a small part of their future success."

To be eligible for a foundation scholarship, a student must be the natural, adopted or stepchild or full dependent of a worker who was injured or killed in a compensable work-related accident during the course and scope of employment with a Colorado-based employer. The foundation evaluates the severity of injury sustained by each student's parent or guardian, as well as the student's academic achievement, financial need and civic involvement, along with the strength of his or her essay. Students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and be between the ages of 16 and 25 at the time of application.

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Sports

GOLF



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate golfers Jonathon Robel and Nathan Smith, as well as coach Mark Faber, were honored by the Intermountain League (IML recently). Robel was named the IML Player of the Year, Smith garnered all-conference honors and Faber was named the IML Coach of the Year for their work during the fall season.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Last week, SUN staff inadvertently mixed up the captions from the two photos taken at the state championship meet. The SUN regrets this error.

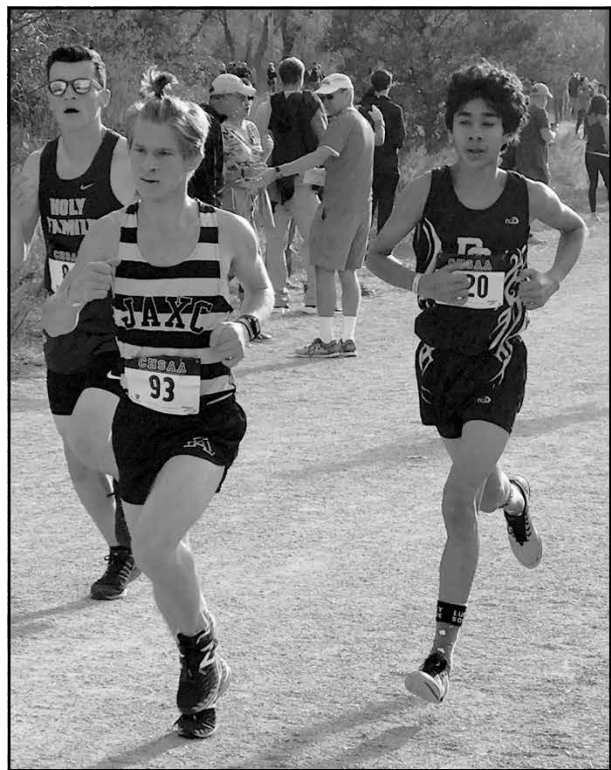



Photo courtesy Tim Taylor

Pirate sophomore Gabe Heraty works to pass multiple runners at the Oct. 27 state meet in Colorado Springs. Heraty set a personal record, finishing 71st, and helped his team to a 16th-place finish.




Photo courtesy Tim Taylor


Pirate freshman Sierra Liverett strides ahead of a pair of Frontier Academy runners at the Oct. 27 state championships in Colorado Springs. Liverett placed 23rd at the event and set a personal record. The Lady Pirates claimed an eighth-place finish at the meet.



Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week
Javier Marinelarena
 Football



Favorite subject: Chemistry
Comments from coach Myron Stretton: "Javier makes himself a better athlete by working extremely hard during the off season, especially in the weight room, and during his sports' seasons. He makes those around him better through a positive attitude and encouraging demeanor. He makes his sports better by modeling hard work, perseverance, and great attitude! Javier is a great example of a Triple Impact Athlete. I am honored to have been able to coach him."



Good work, Pirates!

Public Notices

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 449 San Juan Avenue
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GREEN ACRE PROPERTIES, LLC, a COLORADO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
ANDREW G. FENNEY, THE DONALD C. AND BARBARA J. ZEPF
 FAMILY TRUST, A TRUST FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF CALIFORNIA AND PURSUANT TO DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED, JUNE 10, 1975, AS AMENDED, ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, BETTY DILLER IN HER CAPACITY AS ARCHULETA COUNTY TREASURER AND PUBLIC TRUSTEE, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION,
 Defendants.

Kenneth J. Miller, #32909
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 P.O. Box 1020
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 Telephone: 307-399-6703
 Electronic: kjmillerlaw@hotmail.com
 Case Number: 2018CV30039

TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-25
A RESOLUTION INITIATING ANNEXATION PROCEEDINGS
FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE KNOWN AS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER ANNEXATION AND FINDING THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION NO. 2018-04
TO BE IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 31-12-107, C.R.S.

WHEREAS, a Petition for Annexation No. 2018-04 ("Petition") has been filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Pagosa Springs ("Town") and referred by the Clerk to the Town Council, requesting annexation of certain property to be known as the Early Childhood Center Annexation (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Petition contains the following:

A. An allegation that it is desirable and necessary that the Property be annexed to the Town;

B. An allegation that the Property meets the requirements of Sections 31-12-104 and 31-12-105, C.R.S., and is eligible for annexation in that:

1. Not less than one sixth (1/6th) of the perimeter of the Property is contiguous with the Town, which contiguity may be established by the annexation of one or more parcels in a series.

2. A community of interest exists between the Property and the Town; the Property is urban or will be urbanized in the near future; and the Property is integrated with or is capable of being integrated with the Town.

3. Without the consent of the landowners, no land included within the Property, which is held in identical ownership, whether consisting of one tract or parcel of real estate or two or more contiguous tracts or parcels of real estate:

(a) is divided into separate parts or parcels, unless such tracts or parcels are separated by a dedicated street, road, or other public way; or

(b) comprises 20 acres or more and, together with the buildings and improvements situated thereon, has a valuation for assessment in excess of \$200,000.00 for valorem tax purposes for the year next preceding the proposed annexation.

4. No annexation proceedings have been commenced for the annexation to another municipality of part or all of the Property.

5. The annexation of the Property will not result in the detachment of area from any school district and the attachment of it to another school district.

6. The annexation of the Property will not have the effect of extending the boundary of the Town more than three miles in any direction from any point of the Town's boundary in any one year.

7. If a portion of a platted street or alley is to be annexed, the entire width of said street or alley is included within the Property.

8. Reasonable access shall not be denied to landowners, owners of an easement, or the owners of a franchise, adjoining any platted street or alley annexed by the Town but not bounded on both sides by the Town.

C. An allegation that the signers of the Petition comprise landowners of one hundred percent (100%) of the Property, exclusive of streets and alleys and any land owned by the Town;

D. A request that the Town approve annexation of the Property;

E. The signatures of such landowners;

F. The mailing address of each Petitioner signer;

G. The legal description of the land owned by each Petitioner signer;

H. The date of signing of each signature, which date is not more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of filing of the Petition with the Town Clerk.

I. An affidavit of each circulator of the Petition that each signature is the signature of the person whose name it purports to be;

J. Four copies of an annexation map containing a written legal description of the boundaries of the Property; a map showing the boundary of the Property; a showing of the location of each ownership tract of un-platted land, and the boundaries and the plat numbers of plots or lots and blocks of platted land within the Property, and the boundary of the Town and any other municipality contiguous to the Property.

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town to annex said area to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to initiate annexation proceedings in accordance with law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO, as follows:

(i) The recitals contained above are incorporated as if recited and set forth in full.

(ii) The Petition and the annexation map are in substantial compliance with the requirements of Section 31-12-107(1), C.R.S., and the provisions of the Municipal Annexation Act.

(iii) The Town Council hereby accepts the Petition and initiates annexation proceedings for the Property, situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, as described in the Petition, and incorporated herein by this reference.

(iv) The Notice attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A is adopted as a part of this Resolution. The Notice establishes the date, time and place when a hearing will be held regarding the final passage of an annexation ordinance pertaining to the Property. The Town Clerk is directed to publish a copy of this Resolution and the Notice once a week for four successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the Property, with the first publication at least thirty days prior to the hearing.

(v) A copy of the published Notice, together with a copy of this Resolution and the Petition as filed, shall also be sent by registered mail by the Town Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, the County Attorney and to any special district or school district having territory within the Property at least twenty-five days prior to the date fixed for such hearing.

(vi) A copy of the published Notice, together with copies of the Letter of Intent provided with the Applica-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2019 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION
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A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection, Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm, at SJBPH's administrative office located at 281 Sawyer Drive, Durango, Colorado 81303 and the website on October 30, 2018. Any interested elector within SJBPH's service territory (La Plata County and Archuleta County, CO) may inspect, comment or register objections thereto at any time prior to the adoption of the budget.

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 Estate of Josephine Fletcher, Deceased
 Case No. 18 PR 26
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Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law
 190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of Joan Marie Peterson, Deceased
 Case No. 2018 PR 30057
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of Rodney Ray Scott, Deceased
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
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 Mountain Meadows Property
 Owner's Association, Inc.
 Plaintiff
 v.
 Peter D Emery
 J Anthony Williams
 Mark McCarthy
 Defendants
 Case No.: 2018CV030067
 Attorney for Plaintiff:
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 Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC
 700 South 21st Street
 Fort Smith, AR 72901
 Tel. 479.242.8814
 Email: chris@hjlegal.com
 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):
 J Anthony Williams
 Mark McCarthy
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Mountain Meadows Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Mountain Meadows Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.
 Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.
 Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions:
 Mountain Meadows - Phase Two
 Matter Amount
 Owner Name(s): J Anthony Williams
 Points: 182,000
 Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) Summer Unit Week
 Lien Amount: \$ 7,556.12
 Owner Name(s): Mark McCarthy
 Points: 126,000
 Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) Spring Week
 Lien Amount: \$9,235.56

as said Week is numbered and defined in the Declaration of Interval Ownership for Mountain Meadows recorded under Reception No. 137132, and amendments and supplements thereto, and as identified in Unit Number(s): 7501 through 7509 of Mountain Meadows Townhomes - Phase Two as described and delineated on the Plat captioned "Mountain Meadows Townhomes - Phase Two" filed for record under Reception No. 20209311. Together with a right of ingress and egress over the existing road to Lakeside Drive.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Mountain Meadows Townhomes in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

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 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651
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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED TO THE EVERETT DESCRIBED LAND, LOT OR PREMISES, AND TO THE PERSON IN WHOSE NAME THE SAME WAS TAXED OR SPECIALLY ASSESSED, AND TO ALL PERSONS HAVING INTEREST OF TITLE OF RECORD IN OR TO THE PREMISES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, AND MORE ESPECIALLY TO:
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS LLC.
 MAUCHLY
 IRVINE, CA 92618

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2009, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

Archuleta County
 the following described property situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOTS 216 AND 217, IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, OFFERING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 as reception No. 77868

Account Number: R004521
 Schedule Number: 569525204008
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00874

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessments) taxes assessed thereon by the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado.
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS LLC. for said year 2008.
 That said JAMES S. OR MOLLY B. CRUISE on the 9th day of October 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property.
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to JAMES S. OR MOLLY B. CRUISE
 On the 20th day of March 2019, unless the same has been redeemed.
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
 Witness my hand this 18th day of October 2018
 /s/ Betty A. Diller, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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Karla Wilson
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 Grand Junction, CO 81504
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 Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.
 Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions:
 Phase III of Eagle's Loft
 Matter Amount
 Property Owner: Eleet Holdings LLC
 Building Number: 33
 Lot (Unit) Week(s): 33
 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 34
 In Phase III of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 130203 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on May 30, 1984, under Reception No. 123459, as amended by that First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 13, 1984, Reception No. 124494, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations"). Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Lien Amount: \$7,398.83
 Phase IV of Eagle's Loft
 Matter Amount
 Property Owner: Nancy S Grecian & James L Grecian
 Building Number: 55
 Lot (Unit) Week(s): 55
 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 29
 Lien Amount: \$2,348.34
 Property Owner: Keith Barkas
 Building Number: 44
 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 42
 Lien Amount: \$7,412.38
 Property Owner: Elton Beth Herring & L B Herring
 Building Number: 44
 Lot (Unit) Week(s): 44
 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 39
 Lien Amount: \$7,469.85

In Phase IV of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations"). Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

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PUBLIC HEARING
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Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado
2018 5th Street Improvement Project

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In Phase IV of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations"). Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

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PUBLIC HEARING
 The Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday November 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers to take public comment on the 2019 proposed budget for the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection on the Town website and in the office of the Town Clerk in the Town Hall.
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PUBLIC HEARING
 The Town of Pagosa Springs Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday November 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers to take public comment on the 2019 proposed budget and capital program for the Town of Pagosa Springs. Copies of the proposed budget and the proposed capital projects programs are available for public inspection on the Town website and in the office of the Town Clerk in the Town Hall.
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Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado
2018 5th Street Improvement Project

NOTICE AS TO PROPOSED BUDGET
 Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Upper San Juan Library District for the ensuing year of 2019. That a copy of the proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library at 811 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, where same is open for public inspection. That such proposed budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held at the Ruby Sisson Library on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 4:00 PM. Any interested elector within the Upper San Juan Library District may inspect the budget and file or register any objections thereto at anytime prior to the final adoption of the budget.
 Dated: October 23, 2018
 Upper San Juan Library District
 Meg Wean, Director
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Outdoors



Photo courtesy Zhena

Animals are on the move in Pagosa Country, including the area's elk population. With wildlife on the move, motorists are urged to use extra caution.

Motorists urged to watch for increased wildlife activity at dusk

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

As fall and winter progress, deer will continue to move to lower elevations in search of food and water sources. Motorists are urged to watch for "wildlife on the move."

With daylight savings time over, wildlife movements at dusk will likely conflict with high "rush hour" traffic volume. As we lose hours of sunlight, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) reminds Coloradans to watch carefully for wildlife on our roads. With animals on the move for seasonal mating and migration, it is important to pay close attention to wildlife as

people adjust to darker commutes.

"With the fall time change, it stays darker longer in the morning and gets darker earlier in the evenings," said CPW Area Wildlife Manager Crystal Chick. "People are commuting in less light and increasing their chances for a collision with wildlife. Many of our big game animals are active during these darker hours at dawn and dusk, so we really need people to stay alert when driving, especially in high-risk areas."

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) also advises motorists to be aware, drive with caution and slow down.

"It can be extremely difficult to

see deer and other wildlife along the highway when it's dark out. So, we urge motorists to concentrate on the road," said CDOT Maintenance Superintendent Greg Stacy. "Our CDOT maintenance crews are called out daily to clear the roads of animal carcasses. These animals have been hit by cars or trucks. We see and respond to thousands of wildlife-vehicle collisions throughout the year."

Not only are these collisions dangerous, but the crashes also incur average costs of over \$3,000 in property damage, according to the Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association.

One effective measure which attempts to decrease the amount of wildlife-vehicle collisions in Colorado has been the construction of mitigation structures.

"Many of our highway construction projects now incorporate wildlife mitigation features," explained CDOT Biologist Mark Lawler. "Animal underpasses, overpasses, deer fencing, jump outs and deer guards are structures that can funnel and direct large game and even smaller wildlife to cross from one side of the highway to the other in a safe manner for both motorists and the animals."

Information from the 2017 Roadkill Data Report indicates statewide roadway deer kills showed a decrease of almost 11 percent from 2016 to 2017.

2016: 4,617 deer killed
2017: 4,117 deer killed

Although mitigation structures have been built over and under highways in some areas of the state to help ease the challenge of wildlife crossing the highways, it is up to motorists to always remain attentive to their surroundings and to watch for wildlife on the move.

The following precautions are good advice all year long, but particularly around the change back to

daylight standard time.

- Slow down. Traveling at high speeds increases the danger of a crash. Moderate speeds maintain a driver's reaction time and allow an appropriate response to animals on or near roads.

- Stay alert. Pay close attention to the roadway, particularly while driving between dusk and dawn. This is when deer and other common wildlife are most active and more likely to be crossing roadways.

- Scan ahead. Watch for movement and shining eyes along road-sides. If you see one animal, you should expect it will be accompanied by others.

- Obey traffic signs. Many highways have wildlife warning signs intended to alert motorists of known wildlife movement areas. Though incidents can happen anywhere, transportation authorities attempt to reduce the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions by posting signage and lowering speeds in areas where wildlife are active.

- Give warning. When animals are seen on or near the road, slow down or stop (if no other cars are behind you), honk the horn and/or flash headlights. This warns the animal to avoid the road and alerts other drivers to the potential hazard.

- Always wear seat belts. Unfortunately, not every collision is avoidable, and the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration states that the risk of serious injury and death in a crash is reduced by half when seat belts are worn.

Drivers involved in a wildlife-vehicle collision should report the accident to the Colorado State Patrol by calling "CSP (star key and 277).

Stay informed

For more information about wildlife and our highways, visit the CPW website at www.cpw.state.co.us/.



Photo courtesy C. Sanchez

This leucistic deer was spotted on a private ranch in southwestern Archuleta County over the weekend. Leucism is a partial loss of pigmentation caused by a genetic mutation that can lead to white or patchy colored skin.

CPW offering veterans, active-duty military free park admission Nov. 11

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) will honor all veterans and active-duty members of the U.S. military, military reserve and National Guard on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, with free admission to any of Colorado's 41 state parks.

It's CPW's way of saying "thank you" by giving our veterans and active-duty military a chance to unwind and enjoy the wildlife and wild spaces across the state.

"CPW is proud to offer free

admission to our state parks in honor of Veterans Day to thank our veterans and military members," said CPW Director Bob Broscheid. "We greatly appreciate the selflessness displayed by these men and women through their service."

"Inviting them to enjoy a free day at our state parks with their friends and family is our gesture of appreciation for their sacrifice in protecting our country and the places we in Colorado hold so dear."

Military members or veterans visiting the parks must present

proof of military service at the park gate. Free entry extends to all passengers in the same vehicle with a qualified service member. All other park fees, such as camping or fishing fees, still apply.

Military identification methods include:

- Military ID card.
- Applicable DD Form.
- Veterans Affairs health identification card.

- A current Colorado driver's license or state-issued identification card with the veteran seal printed on it.

Fishing, picnicking, camping, hiking, hunting and wildlife viewing are just some of the activities enjoyed in Colorado's state parks in November. Use the Park Finder to locate a park near you and plan your Veterans Day visit.

To learn more about other military benefits offered by CPW year-round, visit cpw.state.co.us.

Christmas Bird Count 2018: It's the Year of the Bird and we need your help

By Keith Bruno
Special to The SUN

Please join efforts for the longest-running citizen science survey in the world. The Weminuche Audubon Society (WAS) and Audubon Rockies humbly request your support in completion of the 119th Christmas Bird Count (CBC).

Each year, volunteers across the Western Hemisphere head out to participate in this early-winter bird census. The CBC provides critical data on bird population trends, as contributors log what they see and hear within a 15-mile diameter circle, in our case encompassing Pagosa Springs.

Individuals may submit counts from their backyard bird feeders (please make arrangements with the count organizers to contribute) or join a team to traverse one of eight zones within our count circle.

The Pagosa Springs count will take place on Saturday, Dec. 15. Participants are encouraged to attend the wrap-up tally and chili dinner party from 4 to 7 p.m. at the PLPOA Conference Room. In the event of foul weather on Dec. 15, the proposed alternate date for the count is Sunday, Dec. 16.

In order to prepare for the count, Audubon Rockies' Keith Bruno will host a bird identification class, "Winter Birds 101," for three eve-

nings leading up to the count, each from 6 to 7:30 p.m. We'll cover waterfowl on Nov. 28, perching songbirds on Dec. 5 and raptors (plus CBC protocols and review) on Dec. 12. All evening sessions will be held at the Methodist Church on Lewis Street from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

We hope you'll join in on the effort to log birds for this Year of the Bird and contribute to community science.

For more information about the CBC, visit <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count> or check out our website at www.weminucheaudubon.org. To get involved, please contact Keith Bruno at kbruno@audubon.org.

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LEAP launches new online application for Heating Assistance Program

By Jane Dvorak
Special to The SUN

Colorado's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) will kick off the 2018-2019 season with a new online application process for individuals and families needing heating assistance.

Enrollment for the 2018-2019 program started Nov. 1 and continues through April 30.

"With the new online application process, individuals can apply from any device or they can still visit one of our county locations," said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager. "We believe everyone who needs assistance is going to find this is easier, takes less time and overall the whole process is more efficient."

Applications can be accessed through LEAP's website at www.colorado.gov/cdhs/LEAP, which links to the state's CO PEAK system for online application, which consolidates resources in one easy-to-use location.

For program eligibility, candidates must pay home heating costs directly to a utility company or landlord as part of their rent, be

a permanent legal resident of the United States and Colorado or have a legal U.S. citizen in the household. A family household income cannot surpass 165 percent of the federal poverty index.

If approved, LEAP payments are usually made directly to the primary heating vendor and a notice is sent to individuals regarding the benefit amount. Last year, approximately 65,000 applications were approved with assistance averaging \$337 to \$674 across the state.

Other benefits provided by the program include repair or replacement of a home's primary heating system. To determine the monthly income eligibility according to the household size, visit www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/program-eligibility.

LEAP is a federally funded program that helps Coloradans pay a portion of home-heating costs during the winter.

"For those not comfortable with online processes, applications can still be faxed, mailed or delivered to the appropriate county/contractor LEAP office," said Kullen.

Call Heat Help at (866) 432-8435 for more information.



Trick or Treat

Photos courtesy Wanda Candelaria

Hundreds of trick-or-treaters took to the sidewalks and streets of Pagosa Springs on Halloween, with costumes ranging from cute to scary. One Lewis Street resident snapped photos of a few of her visitors during the evening.



San Juan National Forest Christmas tree permits on sale

Special to The SUN

Christmas tree permits, which allow you to cut your own Christmas tree, are now on sale for \$8 at San Juan National Forest offices and selected retail outlets in southwestern Colorado.

A permit allows you to cut one tree up to 20 feet tall for personal use until Dec. 31. Permits come with a brochure and safety tips, information on which species of tree to harvest and the best places to find trees.

The Forest Service is also offering one free permit to fourth-grade students who hold a valid Every Kid in a Park pass or paper voucher downloaded from: www.EveryKidinaPark.gov. The free permit is good only at agency offices and the

participating fourth-grader must be present.

For more information on that program, see related article.

San Juan National Forest permits are now on sale at the Pagosa Ranger District, currently located in a trailer at 180 Pagosa St. (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; sometimes closed for lunch from noon until 1 p.m.).

National Forest roads are not plowed for snow removal and icy or snow-packed conditions may exist. For information on road conditions, go to: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan> or call the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268.

Bureau of Land Management Christmas tree permits are sold separately and are not valid on National Forest service lands.

Free 2018 Christmas tree permits available to Every Kid in a Park pass holders

By Brandon Caley
Special to The SUN

For the third year, the Pagosa Ranger District will issue a free Christmas tree permit for fourth-graders with a 2018-2019 Every Kid in a Park pass while supplies last.

The San Juan National Forest offers the free tree permit as part of the U.S. Forest Service's Every Kid in a Park program. The program is part of an interagency call to action to build the next generation of conservationists.

All fourth-graders (or home-school equivalent and 10 years old) are eligible to receive a fourth-grade Every Kid in a Park pass that allows free access to 2,000-plus federally managed lands and water sites across the country for one full year.

Instructions on how to obtain a pass or voucher and collect a free tree permit

In order for students to receive a free tree permit, they must present a valid paper voucher printed from the Every Kid in a Park website: www.everykidinapark.gov.

1. Visit the website and follow the instructions on the website to obtain the paper voucher.

2. Print out the paper voucher. Electronic copies aren't accepted.

3. Bring paper voucher with you to a permit sale location (district office or the supervisor's office) on the San Juan National Forest to claim the free permit.

Mail-order form is not an option for this program. The fourth-grader and family must present

the voucher in person at an office location. Only one free tree permit is allowed per fourth-grader.

For more information, contact Brandon Caley at 264-2268 or stop by and visit us Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., currently located in a trailer at 180 Pagosa St.

Card of Thanks

Grams

I would like to send out a big thank you to the boys and girls from the middle school, yesterday, who came by on their bikes during class with their teacher and helped Warren clear the front yard of all the leaves. He was out there raking the leaves by himself and they stopped and got off their bikes and said, "Here, let us do that for you," teacher included.

I was speechless. I am amazed at a lot of the young people in this community that offer their help to others. Keep up the kind work that you do. It is never forgotten.

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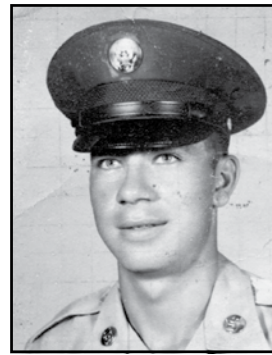
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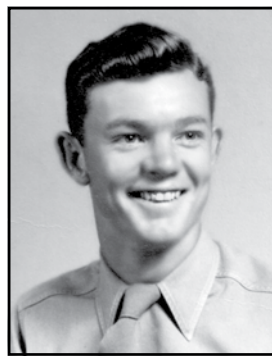
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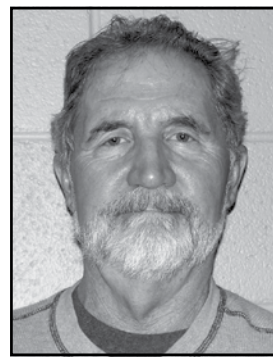
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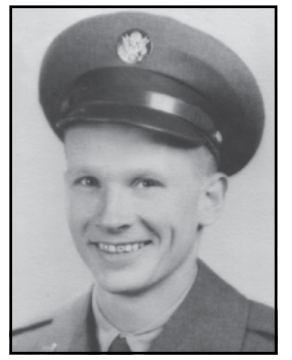
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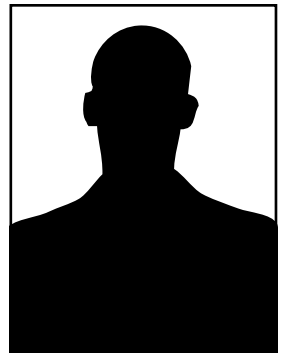
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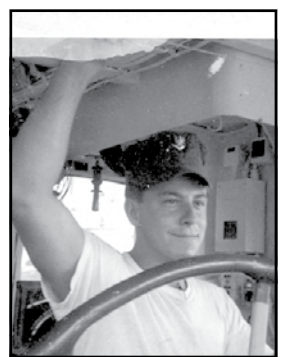
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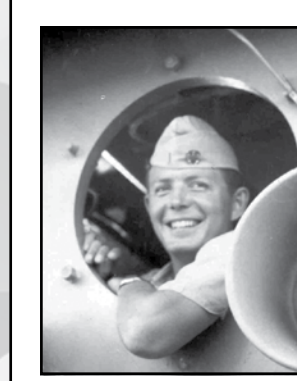
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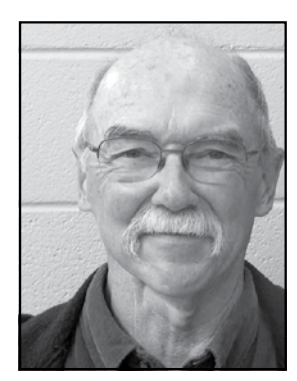
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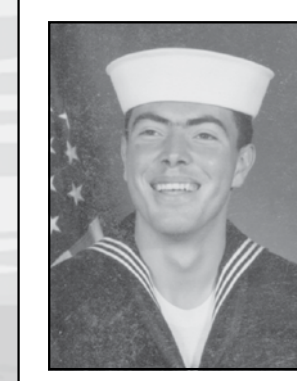
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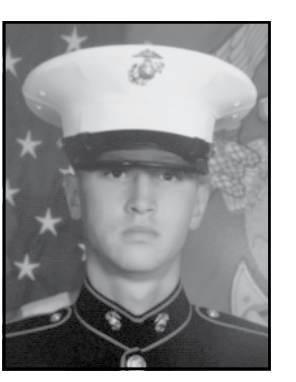
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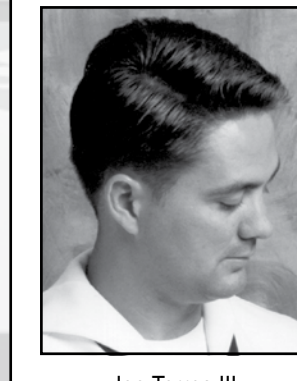
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Local ballet dancers are hard at work preparing for their upcoming performance in “Nutcracker the Musical.” Above are four featured ballet dancers who will perform en pointe in the production. From left to right are Olivia Mazur, Shaelin Bassett, Karaline Bassett and Anika Thomas.

‘Nutcracker the Musical’ to kick off the holiday season beginning Nov. 15

By Casey Crow and Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

The holiday season is not complete without enjoying a timeless classic like “The Nutcracker.”

On Nov. 15, Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) will open its production of a story we all love with a quirky Pagosa-style twist: The musical elaborates on the “Nutcracker” storyline by way of an extended plot and lyrics set to Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s classic compositions.

CUP’s “Nutcracker” is a combination of the well-known story, the music of Tchaikovsky, an original script and lyrics by Debbie Meyer, beautiful classical ballet by local dance students, some fun and funky choreography, and vocals and performance by a cast of almost 50 actors.

The cast ranges in ages from 8 years old to veteran performers in their 60s, coming together for the past 10 weeks to learn about performance, music, dance and each other.

Joining the CUP cast onstage in featured dance numbers are a group of dedicated ballet students. The dancers train in ballet often upward of 10 hours a week under the direction of ballet director Dee Pitchon, or “Miss Dee,” as she is known by her students. Miss Dee is one of Pagosa’s best-kept secrets. She is certified through the prestigious Royal Academy of Dance and has traveled the world as an instructor and choreographer. In addition to ballet, Pitchon previously trained competitive figure skaters, many of whom went on to compete at the Olympic level. Now, she gives her time,

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'Nutcracker'

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talent and heart to her students in and outside of the studio.

Pitchon and her students will present some of the most beloved "Nutcracker" numbers alongside the theatrical cast, such as the "Sugar Plum Fairy," "Waltz of the Flowers" and more. Dancing in featured roles are Anika Thomas as Sugar Plum Fairy, Karaline and Shaelin Bassett in Chinese, Olivia Mazur in the role of The Doll and Alora Pellegrino as Arabian. Also featured throughout the show are Avonlea Thomas, Jessica Parker, Sophie Martinez, Riley Culligan, Annabelle Parker, Kaylee Hensle, Ella Lindberg, Samantha Goudie, Haley Tautfest, Abigail Foss, Summer Goudie, Avari Pacheco and Katrina Thomas.

For your entertainment, dance students will perform holiday-inspired dances at the opening of "Nutcracker" and beginning of Act II. The dancers range from age 3 to 16 and will perform in a variety of styles such as Broadway jazz, modern, hip hop, tap and more.

"Nutcracker" is directed, produced and choreographed by Dale Johnson, with musical direction by Robert Neel. Dale Scrivener lends his extensive background as assistant musical director, while Katrina Thomas has been working hard as assistant director. Anika Thomas is our production assistant.

All proceeds from the show go directly to CUP to provide scholarships to aspiring students of music, theater and dance.

Come out and enjoy this celebration of Tchaikovsky, ballet and musical theater Nov 15-17 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Tickets are \$15 for adults and seniors, \$10 for students and children under 5 are free. It's an event you don't want to miss.

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By Liz Alley
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Here are some clever ways you can help during Pagosa Springs' first annual National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week:

1. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share for the community lunch on Saturday, Nov. 10, to the American Legion Hall at 287 Hermosa St. Please bring by 10:30 a.m.
2. Bring food for our food pantries to the Coyote Hill "Hike to End Hunger and Homelessness." Healthy foods only, please (Our food pantries have an abundance of Hamburger Helper). The hike will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11. Dress for the weather and bring water and good weather-proof hiking shoes. Coyote Hill is

the first parking area to the right off Piedra Road that is past the cattle guard and beginning of San Juan National Forest boundary.

3. Donate good winter socks, all sizes, to the Justice Ministries office at 459 Lewis St. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12, for our Winter Sock Drive. Socks will be distributed year-round.

4. Hot springs passes donations to the Justice Ministries office at 459 Lewis St. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Passes will be provided year-round to our working homeless folks. Passes from any of the hot springs businesses will be greatly appreciated.

5. Snacks donations for those who come to visit our tiny home in the Justice Ministries parking lot on Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. at 459 Lewis St.

6. Visit with those who serve and who come to Loaves and Fishes at the Parish Hall on Lewis Street on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. You will be blessed and you will get a free lunch.

7. Bring healthy food items for our local food pantries to Sage Mobile Eatery at East Side Market (the farmers market location). Sage is graciously providing free cinnamon rolls and a cup of coffee to those who donate on Nov. 16 from 8 to 11 a.m.

8. Bring food donations to La Plata Electric Association's annual "Fill the Bucket" food drive in the City Market parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 17.

9. On Nov. 18 (and every day), please spread the word at your churches, to your friends, families, co-workers and businesses about those in need in Pagosa Springs. We appreciate donations year-round that will help our hungry and homeless neighbors.

10. Justice Ministries of Pagosa is now a nonprofit agency with Southwest Colorado Gives. Please help us with your donations at: <https://www.coloradogives.org/index.php?section=organizations&action=newDonation&fwID=39892>.

Let's show all of Colorado what an amazing town Pagosa Springs is when it comes to helping others.

Cash and non-cash donors will receive a tax donation receipt.

Questions? Call Justice Ministries of Pagosa at 264-4483.

Sarah Platt Decker Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution to meet Nov. 14

By Linda Hobbs
Special to The PREVIEW

The next meeting of the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will be Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 10:30 a.m.

This meeting will be held in the Parish Hall of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

We will be celebrating the upcoming holidays.

Contact Linda Hobbs at (713) 304-2028 for more information.

Gifts

continued from previous page gift list.

The cards offered at the booth on Saturday will be primarily for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but there will be a sampling of other cards as well. Gifts of the Heart cards are currently available for 18 unique special occasions and there are generic "any occasion" cards, as well.

When you choose to include these cards in your gift giving, you

will be helping provide much-needed programming and support for many people who have a wide range of needs. You can enjoy a special feeling when you select some of these cards rather than always relying on commercial offerings.

In addition to purchasing cards on Saturday, you can buy them all year long at the Methodist Church located at 434 Lewis St. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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Russ Hill Bazaar will open for 55th year Monday

By Barb Draper
Special to The PREVIEW

The ever-popular Russ Hill Wreath Bazaar will open for the 55th consecutive year this Monday, Nov. 12, at Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

This is one of the most enjoyable and worthwhile holiday traditions in our community. Each year, thousands of dollars are passed on to local nonprofit groups through the sale of hundreds of beautiful fresh wreaths and centerpieces.

Local greenery and pinecones are being harvested and the scent of our forests will greet customers going through the front door. Both the walk-in and phone order desks will be open weekdays from Nov. 12 through Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the exception of the Thanksgiving closure Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 and 23.

Phone orders can be placed by calling 264-2538. This is the designated number used only for the bazaar. Please do not call the church office with your order.

Two wreath sizes will be available. A standard wreath (approximately 25 inches wide) is \$35. UPS shipping is available for an additional \$20. Shipping dates can be discussed when the order is placed. There is a UPS pickup daily. An extra-large wreath (approximately 40 inches wide) is \$60. Due to their size and weight, extra large wreaths cannot be shipped. Advent wreaths may also be made if an advance order is placed.

Each wreath will be adorned with several pinecones and with a bow that can be chosen from a

variety of colors. There is a wide variety of berries, colored balls and theme decorations that can be selected for custom wreaths. An additional charge will be determined according to the items selected. Everyone is invited back to the workroom to observe the wreath-making process.

A maximum of 500 wreaths will be made this year, so it is wise not to wait until the last minute to place an order. Keep in mind that phone and mail orders come in from across the country. Many "relocated" former residents continue the tradition of having "Pagosa wreaths" for their own homes and for gifts.

There is more to the bazaar than just wreaths. Beautiful one-of-a-kind centerpiece arrangements will also be created. Small arrangements will be priced between \$15 and \$25. Larger ones will range from \$30 to \$40. Both sizes can be

shipped for an additional \$20. You may custom order an arrangement or you may select one from the display of both Thanksgiving and Christmas items that will be available for immediate purchase.

There are so many good reasons to purchase from the Russ Hill Bazaar. Perhaps foremost is the fact that all profits from the sales are distributed within Archuleta County to deserving nonprofit groups. The funds are distributed through a mini grant application process.

You can simplify your gift giving decisions, avoid standing in long post office lines and give gifts that will surely be appreciated by anyone. There is no need to worry about size, color, style, personal likes and dislikes, or duplication of gifts. As for your own wreath, you will not find one made from fresher materials or that will be as long
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Photo courtesy Andy Butler

“Morning Reflections on Walker Lake,” White Cloud Wilderness, Idaho, by Andy Butler. The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will hold its final meeting of the year next week.

Photography Club to meet Wednesday

By Gregg Heid
Special to The Preview

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

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

The Photography Club normally meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room of the Methodist Church; however, this will be our last meeting of the calendar year.

The normal schedule will resume in January.

For our November presentation, we will view and discuss a video lesson by National Geographic photographer Michael Melford, “Four Kinds of Light in Landscapes.” Melford will touch on a few concepts of composition in addition to discussing the effects of various kinds of light on landscape photos. What are your favorite types of light?

Club members are invited to bring up to 10 photographs on a flash drive for sharing with the group. In keeping with this month’s topic, everyone is encouraged to

include at least some images on the topic “all about light” in which the lighting (natural or artificial) is a major player in the photograph.

For more information, please contact our president, Andy Butler, at (512) 581-1470 or visit our website, pagosaspringsphotoclub.org.

Bazaar

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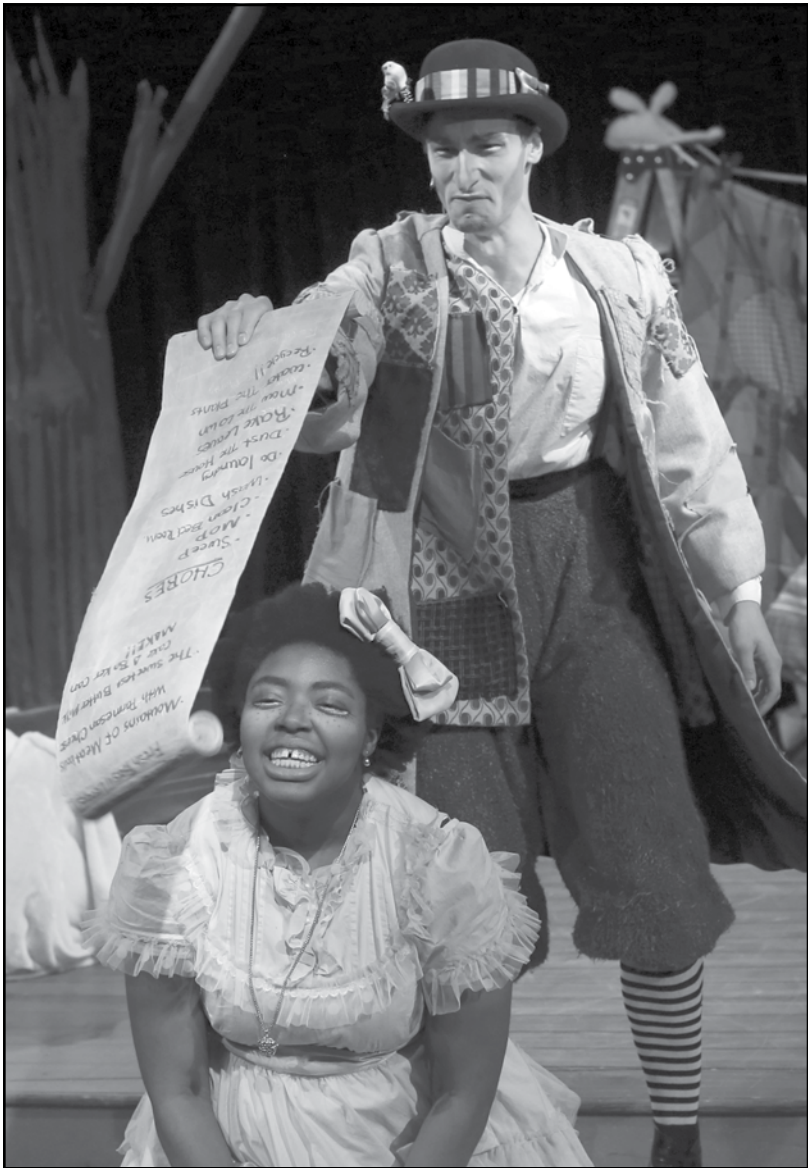


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 “Seeds of Change” has traveled to many different venues including schools and theaters like the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, where it will be performed on Friday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m.

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Creede Repertory Theatre to present ‘Seeds of Change’ at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

By Jenna Jernigan
 Special to The PREVIEW

On Nov. 16, Creede Repertory Theatre is bringing its Young Audience Outreach show to the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The show will take place at 6 p.m. and

is free to the public. This magical show is geared towards students K-6 and is educational while still being captivating for young and young-at-heart audiences alike. Inspired by myth, fairy tale and

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Newest Juliana Ellsmore Scholarship recipient announced

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

It has been an honor for Curtains Up Pagosa to manage the funds raised for the Juliana Ellsmore Scholarship.

Ellsmore was a beautiful, brilliant and talented young woman of 19 who loved music and singing and life. This scholarship was created to honor her memory and spirit, and is awarded to students studying music or vocal performance. Several Pagosa Springs students have already studied with local teachers and instructors under Ellsmore's scholarship.

Our latest recipient of the scholarship for piano studies is Mark Holladay, who began his studies with Martha Burggraaf in 2010. In 2012, Holladay began taking lessons with Venita Burch. Even as a young student, Holladay demonstrated an exceptional talent as a pianist. Holladay has an amazing ability to grasp and master very advanced piano works usually reserved for college-level players.

Holladay has been involved in many of the performing groups at Pagosa Springs High School. He has been involved as the pianist in the jazz group, performed on stage with guitar and vocals in the Americana Project and played percussion in the Pagosa Springs Community Band. He has also become a regular at providing prelude music for the Pagosa Springs Community Choir for the past several Christmas seasons.

Holladay is a junior at Pagosa Springs High School and has plans to possibly go into the engineering or computer science field. He is working on putting together a junior piano recital later this year.



Photo courtesy Venita Burch

Mark Holladay, a junior at Pagosa Springs High School, is the newest Juliana Ellsmore Scholarship recipient.

He is also performing a Jarrod Radnich arrangement of "O Come All Ye Faithful" at the Pagosa Instrumental Music Society's "Heralds of Christmas" this Dec. 16 and 17 at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

We are excited to welcome Holladay into the family of students

benefiting from the Juliana Ellsmore Scholarship Fund.

Theatre

■ continued from previous page Shakespeare's "The Tempest," "Seeds of Change" fosters environmental literacy through the story of an ornery young girl who leaves the isolated Isle of Oro where she grew up and embarks on a journey of self-discovery. This story explores topics in environmental science, deforestation, ocean plastic and habitat loss through wonder and empowerment.

The show is directed by Pagosa Springs favorite Melissa Firlit and is currently on tour to many venues across Colorado, New Mexico and beyond. Celebrating 35 years of bringing excellent bilingual musical theater to schools across the Southwest, Creede Repertory Theatre's Young Audience Outreach Tour (YAOT) is one of the largest providers of educational theater to the rural southwest, serving over

24,000 children in over 60 communities in 2017 alone.

YAOT's mission is to bring high-quality musical theater to young audiences in rural and underserved communities by annually producing an original children's show that tours throughout Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arizona, Utah and Nevada. For our 2018 production, we have expanded into a second tour in order to reach Northwest Kansas and Southern California. After the performance, each child receives an original book that reinforces the play's themes and connects with their school curriculum.

"Seeds of Change" will be at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Friday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. This is a free performance. RSVP by calling 731-SHOW (7469).

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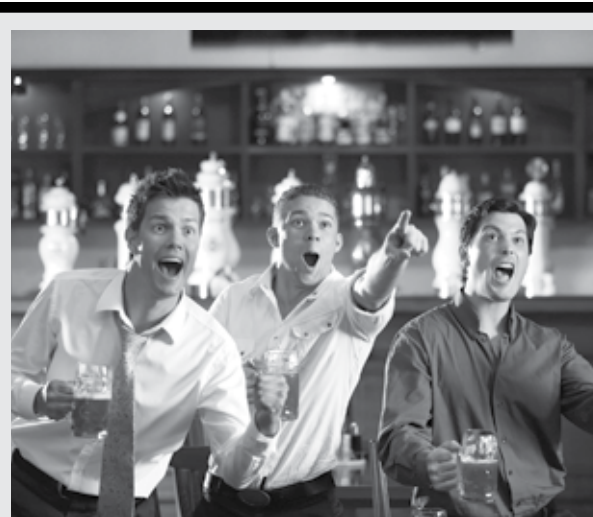
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The Whatchamawhozits camps are always a blast. Kids get the great opportunity to work with theater professionals over the course of the camp. Registration is now open for the Whatchamawhozits Winter Theatre Camp.

Register now for Whatchamawhozits Winter Theatre Camp

By Tess Wisher
Special to The PREVIEW

The Whatchamawhozits Winter Theatre Camp is coming back this December. Over Christmas break, Tyler Price will be directing an original 20-minute play called "Mission Moo Shu" written by the director himself.

The camp will run at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts from Dec. 26-Jan. 4, 2019, with a public performance on Jan. 5, 2019, at 2 p.m. Over those days, kids will get to rehearse the show, play fun theater games, and develop useful skills like public speaking and confidence.

Price, beloved actor of Thingamajig Theatre Company, has directed the Summer Kids Camp productions "Annie" and "Willy Wonka."

"Mission Moo Shu" tells the story of kids whose parents are abducted by aliens from the planet Moo Shu. The aliens leave a note saying that the kids must raise a certain amount of money to save their parents. So, the kids decide to get their friends together to put on a variety show in their garage to raise the money.

The camp is limited to 20 students and will run Dec. 26, 27, 28,

29 and Jan. 2, 3 and 4, 2019, from 1 to 4 p.m. Registration for the camp is \$200 and extremely limited. Students aged 7 to 12 are welcome to register.

If you're interested in signing your child up for this thrilling winter theater camp, email thingamajigbox@gmail.com with the following information: parents' names, child's name and age, parents' phone numbers and email, and child's allergies/medical conditions. Checks can be mailed to Thingamajig Theatre Company, 2313 Eagle Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 with your child's name in the memo field.

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Footprints left behind

I wrote an article for this column a few years ago and had forgotten I wrote it. But, my daughter found it and posted it on my website. When I read the article about the language of art, I traced our footprints, which we had left behind that day in Nevada City, Calif. Floods of memories filled my heart. More than words, there was respect between two artists and three generations.

My family says I am in love with my words; maybe so. All writers are. Some words have a weekly acknowledgment. They were there on the page, we were engaged in the moment and even identified with them. The vestige of those words disappeared into a new idea for the next week's newspaper. Spirit words will remain, but all others will be lost.

Even though I had forgotten the article, my words washed over me in a way that I will never forget. They were bathed in love, discovery and family, and they will have a lasting lifespan for generations to come.

My granddaughter, Tiffany White Dawson, and I spent an afternoon strolling through the streets with cameras and sketch pads in hand. The afternoon was planned: no agenda, no time crunch, only the expectancy of gathering ideas for future art and preserving them with photographs.

I discovered early in the day that two artists were looking differently at things. My granddaughter was looking at lines, details, texture and architectural designs.

I saw subjects, themes and stories. My mind was whirling with excitement at the many sights, people and life that were passing me by. Everything was a story to write and a painting to paint.

My gait was brisk, my mind was noisy and I felt the acceleration moving me forward. I waited for Tiffany and she took her time. As she brought up the slack, my eyes darted around for the next find. She was smelling the roses as she went by diffusing her own sweet aroma. I was smelling success in the day and leaving the heads of flowers bobbing.

I surveyed Tiffany at a short distance away. I noticed how she held her camera 2 inches away from a gnarled tree, clicking shot after shot. She discovered a crack in the sidewalk and a leaf peaking out from under a rock.

She took photos of shadows. I took photos of subjects. As different as we were and still are, we are so alike. Knowing or unknowingly, we allowed each other to be the artist God created us to be. The language of art was like a sweet fragrance between us as I discovered the artist in her that day.

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



She took photos of shadows. I took photos of subjects. As different as we were and still are, we are so alike. Knowing or unknowingly, we allowed each other to be the artist God created us to be.

At that time, she was a teenager and now she is a young married woman. She has continued with her art. Her home looks like it should be on the cover of a home and garden magazine. Will she ever be discovered? She is a very private person who lives out of the depth of her being. She gives honor to everything she touches. She moves quietly among God's beauty, stopping to smell a flower, leaving it on the bush for another day and for someone else to enjoy.

I was always excited about my next idea and the next. I moved fast and gathered the flowers as I went, thinking how they would go into a beautiful vase and I would paint them in a still life.

From the article, I wrote: "I once read, the old are not to judge the young, but the young should be judging the old. That thought will not let me go. It makes me question my own walk as an artist and ones I missed because of my own agenda. Have I handed truth concerning the arts to the young artists? Have I encouraged them, have I given

them the reins and not insisted they look at it my way? Have I taken time to meander the streets with them and let them catch their own vision about who they are and how they discover things?"

Did Tiffany discover her grandmother that day? I don't know. She was busy enjoying life. But there might be a day when she is telling her grandchildren how she walked through the streets of Nevada City with her grandmother and with only a few words, the language of art was between us. And, in those few words volumes were written on our hearts.

My granddaughter posted these words about me in Facebook: "I wanted to take a moment to thank someone who has been a lifelong inspiration to me, Betty Slade. I am so blessed to have an amazing artist as a grandmother. Although we live in different states, she has taught me to paint and showed me how to make a canvas out of anything and everything. Her passion for Jesus and sharing in relationships is truly amazing. She has shown me that it's never too late to learn something new or make a difference.

"I will be forever grateful for all you have shared with me as a fellow artist and a beautiful soul. I love you Grandma."

The final brushstroke: Thank you for indulging me. Yes, her words made my day. The language of art is not confined to words but spoken through beauty. I am now writing, she is still painting, and her canvas encompasses designing movie sets and home décor. Also, she is a wedding planner.

If you wish to read more about the language of art, go to <http://bettyjslade.com/whatif>. Send any comments to betty@bettyjslade.com.

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UUs to glean wisdom from ancient sources in Sunday service

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

About Unitarian Universalism, the Rev. Kathleen Rolenz In her book, "Sources of our Faith," said, "Throughout history, we have moved to the rhythms of mystery and wonder, prophecy, wisdom, teachings from ancient and modern sources and nature herself."

This Sunday, Merlin Wheeler will share teachings from ancient sources as revealed by Raine Eisler in her book "The Chalice and the Blade."

Her book "Eisler" draws on archaeological research to trace the advent and history of warfare in Europe and the Middle East. The author presents considerable evidence to show that Neolithic civilizations dating back to 10,000 or more years before present were organized around what she refers to as a "partnership" model of society. These were societies in which neither men nor women played a dominant role over the other. They were primarily agricultural societies in which the Earth Mother was given a prominent role. And by

extension, it appears that the Earth Goddess was the primary deity, stemming from the obvious connection between women and the bearing of children. While women were respected, even revered, they were not dominant over men. Rather, there was a partnership between them, insuring the care and nurturing of the population.

These societies prospered until about 5,000 years ago, when a series of armed incursions by nomadic tribes from Eastern Europe and northern Asia brought armed conflict. These armed incursions led eventually to a complete reversal of the way these societies were organized. Those who were best equipped to use force (men) became dominant. Women were subjugated and reduced to lesser members of the society. That societal model was reflected in, and reinforced by, the religious practices of the society.

The history of human conflict over the past 7,000 or more years is a direct consequence of this societal transformation. With the passage of time, the human race has become increasingly adept at de-

struction, particularly with regard to nuclear and biological weaponry. The author advances some concepts, which in both the near and long term, can reduce, even reverse, the current prevalence of conflict, war and destruction.

Wheeler has been a member of the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship since moving here in 2006 from New Mexico, where he'd lived for 33 years. He has been an occasional service leader and/or speaker at our fellowship. He currently serves on the Worship Committee. His other interests include whitewater canoeing, hiking and mountain biking. He spends a good deal of time each year in his woodworking shop.

Join us this Sunday. We are a welcoming congregation and we invite everyone to share in our faith community. Usually, the first two Sundays of the month are lay-led and the last two are lead by our pastor, Dean Cerny.

Service begins at 10:30 a.m. and, following that, we invite you to share refreshments and conversation. Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Come in and join us. You are welcome.

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

Luminosity Talks to present 'A Night on Astrology' with Mike Guttmann

By **Veronica Johnson**
Special to The PREVIEW

Did you ever wonder how the planet Neptune affects your life? Curious about what may lie ahead for the year 2019? Our planet Earth? The political scene?

Well-known astrologer Mike Guttmann from Bayfield will share these insights with us on Friday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Pagosa Community of New Thought (in the Momentum Fitness 24/7 building).

To many, Guttmann is also known as one of the best conga drum players here in the southwest. This man of many talents will start with basic western astrology information and how it applies to oneself. One of an astrologer's tools is "The American Ephemeris for the 21st Century, 2000-2050 at Midnight."

Thanks to the great astrologer and astronomer Sir Isaac Newton, "Ephemeris" is a reference book that lays out the accuracy of planetary positions by degree and time. It informs the astrologer that in the future, the planets will be in a certain sign and basically, in a different place. Knowing the effects of the planets in place and time is the road map for life events.

"I had my first astrology reading at the age of 24," shared Guttmann. "At that reading the first words the astrologer said were, 'You could be one of us,' and I said, 'One of whom?' She said an astrologer. To make a long story short, she continued to read my chart and I said, 'How do you know all these things about me, do you know somebody who is close to me?' She said no, that she was reading my blueprint. It really opened my eyes. Astrology has proved to be so accurate that I use it in my everyday life. I have received so much positive feedback from clients; it has proven to me that astrology is the best way for anybody to live."

Join us for an enlightening evening about planets, time in space and higher forces. 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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Sunday Night Unplugged to feature vocalist Dale Scrivener

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

This week, Sunday Night Unplugged, a monthly service of music and meditation, will welcome vocalist Dale Scrivener as the special guest musician.

This quiet, contemplative service is offered the second Sunday evening of every month at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., at 5 p.m. and is open to the public free of charge.

Scrivener is a familiar face to those who enjoy events at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts (PSCA). As a full-time employee of

the theater, he can be found doing almost anything needed to help things run smoothly, from ticket sales to running the lighting and sound boards. His talents seem boundless, particularly when we consider that he is also a very gifted musician and actor.

Scrivener graduated from Mansfield University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in vocal performance. Currently, in addition to his duties at PSCA, he is assisting Curtains Up Pagosa with its upcoming musical "The Nutcracker," scheduled this month in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium for Nov. 15-18. Scrivener

has developed an instrumental score for the pit orchestra and has been the piano accompanist for vocal rehearsals.

Scrivener, who will be accompanied by pianist Sally Neel, will offer his beautiful tenor voice to this month's Sunday Night Unplugged meditations as we celebrate the season of Thanksgiving.

"Dale has generously offered his talents to St. Patrick's on numerous occasions," said the Rev. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "We always look forward to hearing him sing. We are very blessed in our community to have him among us."

New Thought presentation: 'What Do You Truly Want?: A Transformational Journey'

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) welcomes all to attend our presentation of "What Do You Truly Want?: A Transformational Journey," with Margot Gedert on Nov. 11 at 10 a.m.

This session will begin with a meditation, followed by deep inquiry into what you truly want in this lifetime. She will then guide the group in a transformational journey to receive support for this deepest desire.

11-11-11 observance

Following Gedert's presentation, PCNT will hold an observance of this important date.

Karen Aspin writes: "The famous mathematician, Pythagoras said 'All things are number.' Many believe that our spirit guides and angels use numbers to communicate with us. Numerologists

have attributed specific meanings to numbers. The numerological association with the number 1 is that of new beginnings. When the number 1 is doubled, as in 11, it is considered to be a powerful master number that carries the significance of spiritual awakening.

"Perhaps you have repeated experienced seeing a series of 1s. Some believe that this is a communication from divine beings to take notice of what just occurred in your thoughts or environment — and to be aware of whether this was something you want to perpetuate.

"The numerological calculation of the Nov. 11, 2018 date is: 11, 11, 11 (2+1+8) — a rare event that offers a particularly auspicious opportunity. This calculation presents six 1s. The number 6 represents love and harmony. So we have a spectacular gateway date for setting our positive intentions for change."

Please join us at PCNT as we cel-

brate this auspicious opportunity.

Meditation circle

All are invited to join in PCNT's Meditation and Healing Circle each Wednesday at 6 p.m. All levels are welcome.

More information

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

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

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day event set for Nov. 17 in Durango

Special to The PREVIEW

You are not alone. Join a community of suicide loss survivors to find comfort and gain understanding as we share stories of healing and hope on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day is the one day a year when people who are affected by suicide loss gather around the world at events in their local communities for support and resources.

The event features a screening of "A Daughter's Journey," a documentary that follows Sarah,

a young adult, through her story of milestones, family, coping and positive growth after the loss of her father. This year's film shares hope, connection and resilience in the aftermath of a suicide loss.

The event will be held in the Fort Lewis College Noble Hall, Room 130 in Durango.

You can contact Amie Bryant at 946-8004 or arbryant@fortlewis.edu with any questions or visit https://afsp.org/survivor_day/durango-colorado-2.

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Ceiling tiles of doubt, fear and failure

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

I threw up my hands in frustration and looked at the pile of bills. Tears clouded my vision and I shook my head. The kids and I lived from one pay check to another with nothing in the budget for emergencies. Regardless of how I pinched pennies, cut corners and sacrificed simple pleasures, there was never enough. Like my cash flow, help seemed scarce and the burden rested heavy on my shoulders.

As my weariness increased, my prayers vanished somewhere between worn-out carpet and 8-foot ceilings in my small home. Ensnared within the perimeter of reality and what seemed inevitable, my silent pleas bounced around before drifting to the floor.

Aggravated beyond reason, I shouted demands toward heaven. Empty fridge, car in the shop and rent past due worked their way onto my list. I laid my head on top of the bills and accepted the obvious. Exhaustion invited depression to sit at my kitchen table. He squeezed in between fear and desperation.

I expected God to work within the boundaries of my small world. Tunnel vision restricted my line of

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sight and hindered my faith. Discouragement and doubt blocked entrance into His presence. But from God's perspective, endless opportunities waited in the shadows.

I knelt on the worn carpet. "God help me," I pleaded. "I can't do this by myself."

In the stillness of the night, His holy spirit began to penetrate into the depths of my soul. A quiet peace ministered to my weary and troubled mind. I relaxed in His presence.

God reminded me, "I am your Provider, your Source and your Supply."

With the ceiling tiles of doubt, fear and failure removed, I entered into His throne room, where the impossible becomes possible.

Over the next few days, promotion at work brought financial increase. Friends from church stocked my fridge and pantry. The mechanic donated his time and labor.

"And when they could not find by what way they might bring him

in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus." — Luke 5:19 (KJV).

Because of Jesus, my faith begins where logic ends.

I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

It's time to understand depression

By John Lough
Special to The PREVIEW

People commonly say, "I don't know, I'm just a little depressed today."

We all have days when things seem off and we're feeling a little blue. But, in most cases, the sun shines the following day, what was bothering us has disappeared and we're feeling fine again. However, in some cases, those feelings of sadness don't just go away. It's important to be able to recognize what true depression is and to get it treated.

Why does it matter? For starters, untreated depression greatly increases an individual's risk of suicide, and suicide is this nation's 10th leading cause of death and the second leading cause of death among young people ages 15 to 24. Almost half a million people visited U.S. hospitals last year due to self-inflicted harm.

So while it's obvious that serious depression can be a health problem not to be ignored, far too few people recognize depression in themselves, or someone close to them, and seek treatment. That's unfortunate because most serious depression is highly treatable and, unlike a cold or the flu, is not simply going to away on its own.

What is depression? Actually, it can come in several forms, some more serious than others.

Around this time of the year, for

example, many people will experience seasonal depression, those sad or blue feelings that accompany the coming of autumn, shorter days and cooler weather. It's usually a mild form of depression and one that's relatively easy to treat.

Postpartum depression is a common problem for many women after giving birth. They tend to experience stress, sadness, loneliness and exhaustion, especially during the first couple of weeks after the new baby's arrival. Again, it's a form of depression that can be treated.

Clinical depression can be a very serious problem. It's not only feeling sad, but is usually characterized by a lack of energy to do even routine tasks. It can make ordinary life difficult or impossible to live successfully.

Seek help if you, or someone close to you, and especially if that someone is a young person, is experiencing feelings of sadness, worthlessness and loss of interest in normal life and it has been going on for several weeks. A counseling professional can offer a wide range of techniques and tools to help overcome the problems that depression brings, and to help the person return to a happy, productive life.

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Chicanery and the Tierra Amarilla Land Grant

Last week's column featured the beginning of a dissertation on the Tierra Amarilla (TA) Land Grant, which included the southeastern part of Archuleta County we are referring to as the Banded Peaks area.

The title of the book I am using as a source of information for this



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter



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Pagosa Lumber Company Engine No. 70 with a load of logs headed for the mill. Pagosa Lumber Company was owned by Alexander Sullenburger, who started with a mill in Pagosa Junction, later operated a mill along Stollsteimer Creek and finally built a big mill in town where the high school complex now stands. Still later, the Pagosa Lumber Company mill was sold and moved to Dulce, N.M. Sullenburger was active in local politics.

dissertation should give you a clue to where this story is going. The title is "The Tierra Amarilla Land Grant: A History of Chicanery."

At least 277 land grants in what later became New Mexico were issued by the Spanish and Mexican governments. At the time we are talking about, there was no Colorado, no Archuleta County. At that time, the Banded Peaks we are talking about were part of New Mexico. Before we talk specifically about the TA Land Grant, we're going to talk about Hispano settlement of the Northern New Mexico area and describe the two types of land grants then in vogue.

I'm avoiding an in-depth study of the laws concerning land grants. The first type of land grants was conveyed to an individual, with title of the land issued to the individual. The second type of land grant was issued to a multiple number of people, usually from one family with one member of the family as a leader. Each of the group shared equally in ownership.

The chicanery (defined as the use of trickery to achieve political, financial or legal purposes) employed to obtain ownership of the TA Land Grant was the ability of a lawyer named Thomas B. Catron to obtain single ownership of the TA Land Grant when original ownership was meant to be spread equally across a family starting with Manuel Martinez in 1832. The original grant issued by the Mexican government totaled 524,515 acres. Its general location was bounded on the west by a line approximating the path of U.S 84 from Tierra Amarilla to the Navajo River. Its northern boundary approximated the path of the Navajo River eastward from Chromo to the Continental Divide in the Banded Peaks. Its eastern boundary approximated a line starting with the northern

boundary on the Banded Peaks Continental Divide and running due south, where it intersected a line starting from Tierra Amarilla and running due east, the southern boundary line.

Catron was helped by a resident of Los Ojos in the Tierra Amarilla area, a very successful merchant named Thomas D. Burns. Burns also owned thousands of sheep and cattle. Burns is said to have spoken fluid Spanish and was trusted implicitly by the Hispanics living in the area. It is said he granted them credit in his store and in other ways and accepted title of their respective portions of the TA Land Grant as payment on their debts. These Hispanics did not read or understand English and did not understand that the value of their titles vastly exceeded the amount of their debts.

Much could be written about Burns, who was the original found-

er of the Burns National Bank of Durango which ultimately merged with other banks and financial institutions. Suffice it to say for our purposes that Burns sold most of his interests to Catron, who purportedly acquired the TA grant with 42 deeds, but neglected to purchase the interests of most of the original settlers. Then he obtained a court decree granting him ownership of the entire grant without mentioning these recorded deeds, equaling chicanery. Many pages of the land title books in the Archuleta County Courthouse contain Catron's name.

In the communities of the Tierra Amarilla area of New Mexico located a little south of Chama are a number of citizens related to the Martinez family who still say they are the only legal owners of the TA Grant. The issue has been litigated a considerable number of times.

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Countdown to Thanksgiving: thawing and cooking turkey

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

The holidays are coming, and nothing beats the tantalizing aroma and luscious taste of homemade cooking. As Thanksgiving approaches, cooking the traditional turkey dinner gives rise to anxieties and questions.

To help alleviate these anxieties and answer the questions, plan your menu several weeks before the holiday. Shopping early will ease the countdown tension for your Thanksgiving meal.

Ask these questions to help plan your meal: What kind of turkey should I buy? Should I buy a frozen turkey or a fresh one? How do I store my turkey? How many people am I serving?

Consider the size of the bird you are serving. An average per-person serving of turkey is about 1 pound. If you choose to buy a frozen bird, you may do so at any time, but make sure you have adequate storage space in your freezer. If you buy a fresh turkey, be sure you purchase it only one to two days before cooking and have space to store in your refrigerator.

There are essentially two ways to thaw a turkey: in the refrigerator and in cold water. To thaw a turkey in a refrigerator, place frozen bird in original wrapper in the refrigerator (40 degrees F or below). Allow approximately 24 hours per 4 to 5 pounds of turkey. A thawed turkey can remain in the refrigerator for one to two days.

Thawing time in the refrigerator

Size of turkey	Number of days
4-12 pound	1-3 days
12-16 pounds	3-4 days
16-20 pounds	4-5 days
20-24 pounds	5-6 days

If you forget to thaw the turkey or don't have room in the refrigerator for thawing, don't panic. You can

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submerge the turkey in cold water and change the water every 30 minutes. Allow about 30 minutes defrosting time per pound of turkey.

The following times are suggested for thawing turkey in water. Cook immediately after thawing.

Thawing time in cold water

Size of turkey	Hours to defrost
4-12 pounds	2-6 hours
12-pounds	6-8 hours
16-20 pounds	8-10 hours
20-24 pounds	10-12 hours

The day before Thanksgiving, make sure you have all the ingredients you need to prepare your holiday meal. Check to make sure you have all the equipment you will need, including a roasting pan large enough to hold your turkey and a food thermometer.

Cooking time

Size of turkey	Hours to prepare
8-12 pounds	2 3/4 to 3 hours
12-14 pounds	3 to 3 3/4 hours
14-18 pounds	3 3/4 to 4 1/4 hours
18-20 pounds	4 1/4 to 4 1/2 hours
20-24 pounds	4 1/2 to 5 hours

Timetables for turkey roasting (325 degree oven temperature)

Use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature of the turkey. A whole turkey is safe cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees throughout the bird. Check the internal temperature in the innermost part of the thigh and wing and the thickest part of the

breast. All turkey meat, including any that remains pink, is safe to eat as soon as all parts reach at least 165 degrees. When turkey is removed from the oven, let it stand 20 minutes.

To store the leftovers, cut the turkey into small pieces and refrigerate in shallow containers within two hours of cooking. Use leftover turkey within three to four days or freeze. Reheat thoroughly to a temperature of 165 degrees or until hot and steaming.

A few simple steps in planning your holiday meal will not only ease anxieties, but will ensure a delicious and a safe meal for you, your family and your friends. Happy cooking.

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'Plants of the Four Corners Region' talk set for Nov. 13 in Durango

By Travis Ward
Special to The PREVIEW

An informative talk, "Plants of the Four Corners Region," by Arnold Clifford, will be held Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Fort Lewis College, Center for Southwest Studies, Lyceum room.

Clifford is an expert on the flora of the Navajo Nation and surrounding area and an ethnobotanist. He started learning about plants at the age of 9 from his grandmother, who taught him about the holy Navajo plant world.

Western scientific botany is an

extension of that learning process for Clifford. He will lecture on the plants of the San Juan Basin, from low-elevation deserts to the alpine tundra, including the underlying geologic features.

Clifford is a member of the Navajo tribe. He studied geology at Fort Lewis College and is a co-author of the "Flora of the Four Corners Region." He has discovered a multitude of new plant species and has several species named for him, such as *Aliciella cliffordii*.

These botanical discoveries keep the excitement of botany alive for Clifford.

PAGOSA SCENE . . .

BLUES BOX FUNDRAISER

Photos courtesy Jeffrey Haas

Scene ... at Pagosa Peak Open School's Blues Box fundraiser last weekend at the Archuleta County Extension Center. The Prohibition-era, speakeasy-themed event raised just over \$20,500 including both the cash raised and the \$8,200 in in-kind donations that helped throw the party.





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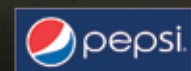
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Thursday, Nov. 8

A Course in Miracles Study Group. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

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

Mountain View Homemakers: Homemakers Day of Thanksgiving. 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. As a result of fundraising events, the club is presenting checks to five local nonprofits. Join us. A potluck lunch will be provided by members. Questions, call Tozi at 731-3360.

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.

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.

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series: 'Trauma-Informed Care.' 5 p.m., Sisson Library. Doty Shepard of Resilient Colorado will present on trauma-informed care. Becoming "trauma informed" means recognizing people often have many different types of trauma in their lives, and they need support and understanding from those around them. Understanding the impact of trauma is an important first step in becoming a compassionate and supportive community. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Friday, Nov. 9

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

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

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

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

Business Training and Consultation. Noon-1:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Robert Blaise, the local Small Business Development Center consultant, will be on hand to help you start, expand or work through any business issues. Interested clients can book a noon-1 p.m. or a 1:30-3 p.m. appointment on the second Friday of every month. If these two sessions are filled, a 3-4:30 p.m. session can be added. Call 264-2360 for more information.

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

Movie. 2-3:30 p.m. Sisson Library. For all ages. Meg meets three supernatural beings who transport her through the universe to rescue her father, who mysteriously disappeared and is being held captive by an evil force. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Luminosity Talks Presents 'A Night on Astrology.' 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Community of New Thought. Did you ever wonder how the planet Neptune affects your life? Well-known astrologer Mike Guttmann from Bayfield will share these insights with us. All are invited.

Saturday, Nov. 10

Holiday Bazaar. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. A fundraiser hosted by the Pagosa Springs Realtors Community Outreach in support of local nonprofit organizations. There will be booths with art and handcrafted items made by lo-

cal and regional artists, a huge bake sale with lots of homemade goodies, and a silent auction with beautiful gift baskets and donated art items available for immediate purchase or bidding. A food concession will be open during the bazaar.

Family Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt guild. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. All levels of quilters are invited to attend. We have exciting events and programs coming up in 2019. This

will be our last open meeting for 2018. Additional information can be found on Facebook or contact us at pagosapiecemakers@gmail.com.

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

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGOs, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Community Potluck. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., American Legion Hall. Please bring a dish to share by 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact Justice Ministries at 264-4483 or email office@justiceminis-

triesofpagosa.org.

243rd Marine Corps Birthday. 6 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Marines, their spouses and especially Navy corpsmen are requested to attend. An informal barbecue, wine and beer, and complimentary birthday cake will be provided. Dress is informal, but uniforms are always welcome. Call Ed Robinson at 731-0718 or Don Macnamee at 731-0306 for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 11

National Hunger and Awareness: Hike to End Hunger and Homelessness. 11 a.m., Coyote Hill. Bring healthy foods for the food pantry. Dress for the weather and bring water and good weather-proof hiking

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High Country Squares. 2-4 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. It's a fun and a wonderful 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 a 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.

Sunday Night Unplugged. 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A monthly service of music and meditation. This month welcomes vocalist Dale Scrivener.

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, Nov. 12

Russ Hill Wreath Bazaar Opens. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. The bazaar will run through Dec. 3. Phone orders can be placed at 264-2538.

National Hunger and Awareness: Winter Sock Drive. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Justice Ministries, 459 Lewis St. Donate good winter socks, all sizes. Socks will be distributed year-round. For more information, contact Justice Ministries at 264-4483 or email office@justiceministriesofpagosa.org.

Eighth-Grade Class Veterans Day Breakfast. 7:30-11 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Doors open at 7:30 a.m.

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

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

Veterans Day Ceremony. 11 a.m., American Legion Post 108. The ceremony will be followed by a catered lunch for veterans in the hall hosted by the auxiliary.

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.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 13

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

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

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

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

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

National Hunger and Awareness: Donate Hot Springs Passes. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Justice Ministries, 459 Lewis St. Passes will be provided year-round to our working homeless folks. Passes from any of the hot springs businesses will be greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Justice Ministries at 264-4483 or email office@justiceministriesofpagosa.org.

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 informa-

tion, call 731-3117.

Archuleta County Republican Women. Noon-1 p.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant. LPEA Board of Directors member Kohler McInnis will address the topic of "LPEA Today and Tomorrow." Doors open at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

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

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

Adult Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to discuss "The Handmaid's Tale," by Margaret Atwood. Stop by and pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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Archuleta County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. 6:30 p.m., Extension Building.

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

Wednesday, Nov. 14

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

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

National Hunger and Awareness: Tiny Home. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Justice Ministries parking lot, 459 Lewis St. Visit our almost-finished tiny home. For more information, contact Justice Ministries at 264-4483 or email office@justiceministriesofpagosa.org.

Sarah Platt Decker Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. 10:30 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. We will be celebrating the upcoming holidays. Contact Linda Hobbs at (713) 304-2028 for more information.

Do It Yourself: Table Runners. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. You'll use paper towels and fabric dye to make customized table runners, a great alternative to expensive store bought runners that get stained from food or beverages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Flag Retirement and Disposal. 3 p.m., American Legion Post 108.

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.

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

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

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

American Legion Post 108. 6 p.m.,

287 Hermosa St. Veterans group meeting.

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

Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. For our November presentation, we will view and discuss a video lesson by National Geographic photographer Michael Melford, "Four Kinds of Light in Landscapes." Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a club meeting. For more information, contact Andy Butler at (512) 581-1470 or visit pagosaspringsphotoclub.org.

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

Thursday, Nov. 15

A Course in Miracles Study Group. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Loaves and Fishes and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will be serving an early Thanksgiving dinner. 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.

Computer Class: Getting Started With Your Computer. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Learn the basics of using a computer and practice using a mouse. No computer experience required. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Lifelong Learning Lecture Series: 'Visualizing an Unseen World: Close-up and Macro Photography.' 5 p.m., Sisson Library.

Andy Butler will give a useful presentation about how photographing the small details of the world around us can reveal many remarkable things. He will discuss equipment, lighting and composition, and other photography techniques.

Mosaic Art Project Reception. 6-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The arts council is selling tickets for \$35, each with a number that will match the number on the back of one of the canvases, which will be announced at the reception. The project will be disassembled and those with tickets will take possession of their art piece that night. There will be food and a cash bar. Tickets must be purchased to obtain a canvas. Visit <https://ps-artsCouncil.org> or email info@ps-artsCouncil.org.

Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Nutcracker the Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. A show for all ages. Tickets will be available at the

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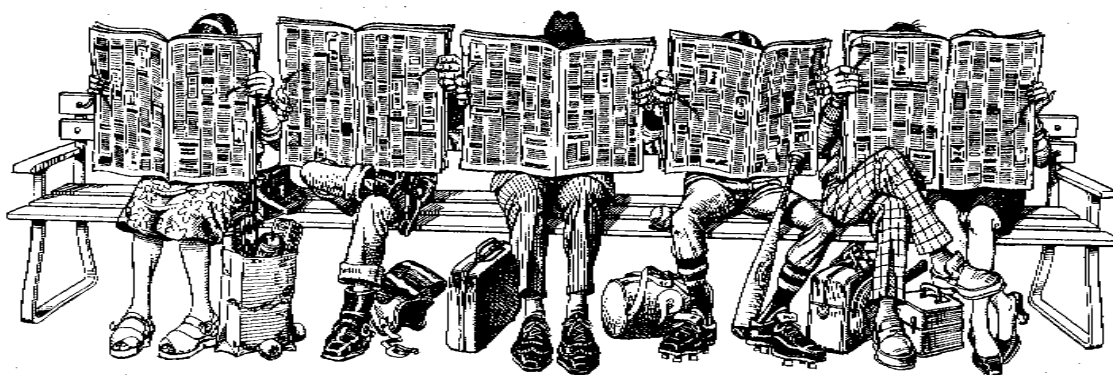


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Friday, Nov. 16

National Hunger and Awareness: Healthy Food Donations. 8-11 a.m., Sage Mobile Eatery, East Side Market. Bring healthy food items for our local food pantries. Sage is graciously providing free cinnamon rolls and a cup of coffee to those who donate. For more information, contact Justice Ministries at 264-4483 or email office@justiceministriesofpagosa.org.

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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.

Creede Repertory Theatre Presents 'Seeds of Change.' 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The Creede Repertory Theatre is bringing its Young Audience Outreach show to Pagosa. The show is free to the public. This magical show is geared towards students K-6 and is educational while still being captivating. An ornery young girl leaves the isolated Isle of Oro where she grew up and embarks on a journey of self-discovery. RSVP by calling 731-SHOW.

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New show added to Community Concert Hall 2019 lineup

By **Indiana Reed**
Special to The PREVIEW

The Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College announces the addition of “The Pump and Dump Show: Parentally Incorrect Tour” to its winter/spring lineup. The adults-only live comedy show will come to the Concert Hall on Feb. 6.

Called “The Original Moms’ Night Out,” “The Pump and Dump Show” is the brainchild of comedians Shayna Ferm and Tracy Tee, who have embraced the mission to spread humor and generosity mom to mom “because we are all just doing the best we can.”

All “beleaguered moms” are invited to the cathartic and raucous evening of all original music, comedy, games, swearing and commiseration.

As Ferm and Tee note, “We

believe parenting is f#@ed up and hilarious. We believe in telling moms that they’re awesome. We believe there’s power in laughter. We’ve created a growing, national ‘night out’ for parents where every kind of mom can be in the same room ... and together they can laugh their C-section scars open.”

View a video clip at: <https://youtu.be/teaWGMlqIMY>.

Tickets (\$20-\$35) are on sale online at www.durangoconcerts.com, by phone at 247-7657 or in person at the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue in downtown Durango. Posted ticket prices include applicable service charges. All sales are final.

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Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

44th annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday

By Peggy Andrews
Special to The PREVIEW

Kick-start the holiday season at the Holiday Bazaar — a Pagosa Springs tradition — being held on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School.

This event is a charity fundraiser, so your shopping dollars stay local and help our community.

The bazaar will have 55 booths of beautiful art and handcrafted items to fill your Christmas list or treat for yourself. Artists and crafters from southern Colorado and New Mexico have been creating their unique items year-round in preparation for this event.

The handcrafted items include holiday décor, fine art, pottery, jewelry, fabric art, metal art, knitted and crocheted items, antler art, quilts, photos, stained glass, wood carvings, soaps, jams, jellies and more.

A popular attraction at the bazaar is the silent auction, which features a wide variety of themed gift baskets created by local realtors and businesses. Also available for auction are items donated by the participating artists and crafters.

Each item will have a “Buy it Now” price so you can make an immediate purchase. Bidding will end at 1 p.m., so be sure to browse the auction tables early.

A huge bake sale is a great tradition at the Holiday Bazaar. Once

again, the bake sale is sponsored by the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir, which will raise funds by selling wonderful homemade cookies, pies, cakes and more. This bake sale always sells out, so come early for best selection.

The Holiday Bazaar is sponsored by the Pagosa Springs Realtors Community Outreach, an initiative of the Pagosa Springs Area Association of Realtors (PSAAR), to raise funds for local charities. All proceeds from the bazaar will be distributed to local nonprofit organizations selected by the PSAAR board.

Admission to this event is free, so come out and enjoy the 2018 Holiday Bazaar. We look forward to seeing you there.

Remembering an old friend

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Recently I was traveling a long, dusty road when I stopped at a place in the middle of nowhere. The road from our high school in St. Anthony to the one in Salmon where we often competed ran through a long, barren stretch of road. The trip on a school bus was about three hours and seemed to go forever. There was lots of sagebrush with a few mountains to add interest.

About halfway between the two schools was a small town. It was small even by Idaho standards. In fact, it was so small that it consisted of only one house and a café. But as small as it was, it was on the map. Blue Dome, it was called.

Probably the reason it was on the map was because there wasn't anything else for miles around. It was a lone outpost in an area with interesting trails leading up into mountains with intriguing names like Diamond Peak, Copper Mountain and Skull Canyon. But I found my greatest interest in the lives of the old couple that ran the café.

I was a young teenager when I first met them. I was traveling on my first athletic trip. We had a long day of wrestling, then headed home at around 9 at night. It was late when we made it to Blue Dome, but the open signed still showed, so our bus pulled to a stop. As the team members spilled out of the bus and into the café, I looked at the hours that were posted and realized the café was just ready to close. But after we entered, the little old couple worked hard cooking and serving as if they planned to stay open all night.

I didn't have much money, so I sat on a stool at the counter apart from the others and ordered a water.

“Nothing else?” the old man asked.

“I don't have a lot of money,”

I said.

After everyone else was served, he came back over and asked if there was anything else he could do for me.

“Well,” I slowly said, “there is one thing. I'd love to know your story and the story of this place.”

He smiled. “I sometimes get that request from adults, but I think you're the first young person who has ever asked.”

My memory has faded over the years, but I think I remember that his name was John. He told me how he met his wife and how they settled in this out-of-the-way place. He talked about his family and about running the café. When my teammates needed something, John would slip away to serve or to help his wife and then return and continue his stories.

Once everyone else was heading to the bus, I put the little bit of money I had on the counter.

“Water's free,” John said.

“Then take that as a tip for the stories,” I said. “I would come here just for them.”

John smiled and brought his wife over and introduced her to me. She looked as old as John, but to see their eyes sparkle when they looked at each other was more beautiful than any young love.

All the others were on the bus when Coach came in and called me to hurry. I joined the others, and they teased me about my “old friends.” But on the way home, I thought about the wonderful couple I had met.

After that, every sports bus I traveled in on that long road stopped at Blue Dome, and I spent my time visiting with John. On the last one, as everyone hurried out, John stopped me before I left.

“Have you signed our wall?” he asked.

I looked at where he was pointing and saw a wall with hundreds

of names. I shook my head.

He handed me a marker. “You better sign it.”

The team impatiently waited while I signed the wall. And I received the usual teasing, but I didn't care. I liked my old friends. But it was only about a week later when I read the bad news in the paper. The café had burned down and John had died in the fire.

And now, though it has been a long time, sometimes when I travel that road I will stop at Blue Dome. There is nothing left to see but a crumbling old cabin and the café foundation. But there are lots of memories, and I like to take the time to stop and remember an old friend.



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Louisiana super group The Revelers will bring a mix of swamp-pop, Cajun, country, blues and zydeco music to the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College Saturday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. The dance floor will be open.

The Revelers to come to the Community Concert Hall Nov. 17

By Indiana Reed
Special to The PREVIEW

Louisiana super group The Revelers will bring a mix of swamp-pop, Cajun, country, blues and zydeco music to the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College Saturday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. The dance floor will be open.

As a band, The Revelers was birthed by founding members of the Red Stick Ramblers (RSR) and The Pine Leaf Boys, called “unquestionably the two groups at the vanguard of the Louisiana cultural renaissance.”

Longtime fans of RSR may notice the similarity with The Revelers: the powerful singing and songwriting of Chas Justus and Eric Frey, a mix of traditional Cajun and zydeco dance music, some of the swing that was a strong focus of early RSR, the magical rhythm section of Glenn Fields and Frey, and impressive musical virtuosity across the board.

Add to the mix the crooning vocals of Fields and the singing/songwriting of Blake Miller (founding member of the Pine Leaf Boys and unarguably the most prolific French songwriter currently coming out of Louisiana), the tightly arranged section of sax-fiddle-accordion, and

it completes The Revelers’ picture.

The depth of the band has continued to develop from digging deeper into the dance hall traditions of Southwest Louisiana and emerging with an arsenal they call “Louisiana Jukebox Music.” Critics have attempted to categorize the music, but the culture of Southwest Louisiana has evolved in a unique way, and The Revelers embrace the traditional, adding their originality, for a unique sound and cohesive performance.

As individuals, the band members are each in high demand, having performed and recorded with T-Bone Burnett, Natalie Merchant, Linda Ronstadt, Preston Frank, the Duhks, Cedric Watson, Tim O’Brien and more.

Sample The Revelers sound and performance at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fmJUtbJEXc>.

Tickets for The Revelers (\$27/\$37) are available online at www.durangoconcerts.com, by calling 247-7657 or by visiting the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue in downtown Durango. Ticket Office hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. Posted ticket prices include applicable service charges. All sales are final.

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VA study on cholesterol genetics could lead to new treatments for heart disease, diabetes

By Raymond Taylor
PREVIEW Columnist

In the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) drive to help improve lives of veterans through health care discovery and innovation, a team led by VA researchers recently identified three genetic mutations that govern cholesterol levels, which could lead to the development of new drugs to treat cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

Detailed results of the study can be found in the Oct. 1 issue of "Nature Genetics," a scientific journal.

"This is fantastic news, not just for veterans, but for all Americans suffering from these diseases," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "VA researchers have been improving the lives of veterans and all Americans through health care discovery and innovation for decades. Their groundbreaking research has resulted in three Nobel prizes and numerous other national and international honors."

Using data from VA's Million Veteran Program (MVP), the researchers found that three genes — PDE3B, PCSK9 and ANGPTL4 — could be targets for treatment of heart disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm and diabetes, respectively. VA research showed that those with specific mutations to the genes had better cholesterol and triglyceride levels than those without the mutations.

The PDE3B mutation appears to protect against heart disease. A mutation in PCSK9 seems to decrease the risk not only of heart disease, but also abdominal aortic aneurysm — a condition in which the aorta is enlarged, which could lead it to rupture and cause life-threatening bleeding. The ANGPTL4 mutation was linked to lower risk of type 2 diabetes. The research was supported by VA, the National Institutes of Health and Stanford's Department of Medicine.

MVP is a national, voluntary research program funded by VA's Office of Research and Development. MVP partners with veterans receiving care in the Veterans Health Administration to study how genes affect health. As of late September 2018, MVP had enrolled more than 700,000 veterans. It is already one of the world's largest databases of health and genomic information.

The "Nature Genetics" publication is one of the first major papers describing scientific findings from MVP. The publication highlights the power of researchers having access to data from large numbers of individuals.

In this instance, researchers were able to identify several novel genetic factors that affect people's

Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



blood lipid (cholesterol and triglyceride) levels. Such findings may lead to new approaches to diagnose people at risk for cardiovascular disease, as well as identify candidate therapeutic targets.

Veterans Day breakfast

The Veterans Day breakfast will be held on Nov. 12 at the Ross Aragon Community Center. All veterans and family members are urged to attend. You will be glad you did.

Presentation of flag-folding service will be at 9 a.m.; anyone in uniform please join us. This will be followed by a luncheon at the American Legion Post at noon. A short ceremony marking Veterans Day will precede the potluck lunch.

For further information, please contact the Archuleta County Veterans Services Office.

Services available for local veterans

Pine Ridge Extended Care Center is VA-certified, which means there are services available for our local veterans. These services have eligibility requirements and specific programs. For more information, please contact this office or Pine Ridge.

For more information

The office of the Archuleta County veterans service officer (VSO) provides assistance to qualified military veterans, and their families, or a veteran's survivors, in applying to and in obtaining VA program assistance, benefits and claims.

This assistance is provided within the guidelines, policies and procedures established by the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This is a mandated program of the state of Colorado.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Veterans Service Office, located at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The best way to contact me is to set up an appointment, for either at your home or in the office, so I can schedule a specific time in order to answer and assist each veteran in Archuleta County.

The office number is 264-4013, fax number is 264-4014, cell number is 946-3590 and email is raytaylor@archuletacounty.org. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Always leave me a message and phone number to contact you.

Veterans' groups

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

- American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary: first Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

- Veterans for Veterans: Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: Every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Contact Kevin Kelly at (505) 699-0824.

- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: First and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Sharon Carter's office. Contact Charlotte at

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Easy 'green' Thanksgiving ideas

Special to The PREVIEW

Thanksgiving is a holiday to give thanks and share special moments with family and friends. While the original Thanksgiving might have taken place during a time when food was sparse, nowadays Thanksgiving often involves excessive amounts of food, with more food ending up in the garbage than in celebrants' bellies.

And Thanksgiving typically ushers in a period of wastefulness, as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says American households produce roughly 25 percent more trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day than during the rest of the year.

Reducing waste is a worthy goal year-round, but especially so during the holiday season. And accomplishing that goal can be done without sacrificing holiday traditions.

- Use fine china when serving meals. Thanksgiving provides an opportunity to serve meals on fine china and use the silverware that has gone unused instead of disposable plates and utensils. In addition to adding a touch of elegance to meals, reusable china and silverware is less wasteful than paper plates and plastic utensils. Cloth napkins and other table linens are also more eco-friendly than paper napkins.

- Decorate using natural items. Scour the great outdoors for all-natural centerpiece materials or other items that can be turned into wreaths and garlands. Vases filled with pinecones and acorns make for beautiful, inexpensive and festive decorations.

- Shop locally and organically. When shopping for Thanksgiving dinner, choose local produce,

poultry and grains whenever possible. Resist the urge to buy more than you need as well. Skip some of the less-popular dishes that are used only to make the table seem full. Buy a small turkey or think about only serving turkey breasts, which tend to be the most popular cuts of the bird. Use reusable shopping bags to carry items home and reduce waste even further.

- Light candles and reduce energy consumption. During the meal, eat by candlelight and turn off lights in other areas of the home that are not in use. Rather than turning on the television, take the party outdoors and play a game of football on the front lawn.

- Have a local Thanksgiving. Start a new tradition and invite nearby friends and family over for the holiday instead of traveling long distances. According to Use Less Stuff, a resource for eco-conscious men and women, if each family reduced gasoline consumption by one gallon (roughly 20 miles), they could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 1 million tons.

- Send home the leftovers. Send each guest home with some leftovers if you have any. This way the refrigerator isn't left full of items that will end up uneaten. Otherwise, donate uncooked food to a local food bank. Use any scraps of vegetables in a compost pile.

- Don't let recycling fall by the wayside. Remember to recycle all applicable items. Just because it's a holiday doesn't mean recycling habits should be forgotten. Encourage guests to pitch in by clearly marking recycling bins.

Thanksgiving can be less wasteful without detracting from the enjoyment and true meaning of the holiday.

Veterans

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Make an impression?
- 5 Diamond Head's home
- 9 Dog who played Eddie on "Frasier"
- 14 White as a ghost
- 15 Privy to
- 16 Garment worn by Flo and Alice
- 17 Like some tea
- 18 Talk like Daffy
- 19 Argue against
- 20 Wales pooch
- 22 Fix, at the vet's
- 24 Greet the day
- 25 Lady's man
- 27 Thirst quencher
- 29 ___ Day
- 31 Solidly built
- 33 Cold War competition

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- 35 Full of back talk
- 39 Written law
- 40 Nutrition label unit
- 42 Church council
- 43 Wearing black, maybe
- 44 Trustworthy
- 47 Relax, slangily
- 48 Kind of wheel
- 51 Spreadsheet filler
- 53 Orchard fruit
- 54 Leaves home?
- 56 "Same here!"
- 59 Fort Knox bar
- 61 Edit menu option
- 63 Like Jack Sprat's diet
- 64 Do a salon job
- 65 Ruckus
- 66 Fender flaw
- 67 Public figure?
- 68 Can't stand
- 69 Conclusion starter

- 2 Mexican fare
- 3 Religious leader
- 4 Beat around the bush
- 5 Painter's medium
- 6 Spanish cordial
- 7 Home for the sick
- 8 Post-vacation task
- 9 Damage
- 10 Game with a character named "Cavity Sam"
- 11 Elliptical path
- 12 Lush
- 13 Stage direction
- 21 Unwelcome visitor
- 23 Welcome word at a proposal
- 26 "___ does it!"
- 28 Educated
- 29 Physics calculation
- 30 Pretentious, perhaps

- 36 Armed ship of old
- 37 Lodgepole, for one
- 38 Burglar
- 40 Corn holder
- 41 New Year's word
- 43 Ink cartridge color
- 45 Beyond tipsy

- 46 Arrival en masse
- 48 Nutmeg, e.g.
- 49 Mortise's mate
- 50 Colonel's insignia
- 52 Diacritic mark
- 55 Cut and paste
- 57 Zingy taste
- 58 Not duped by
- 60 Take a stab at
- 62 Kind of deposit

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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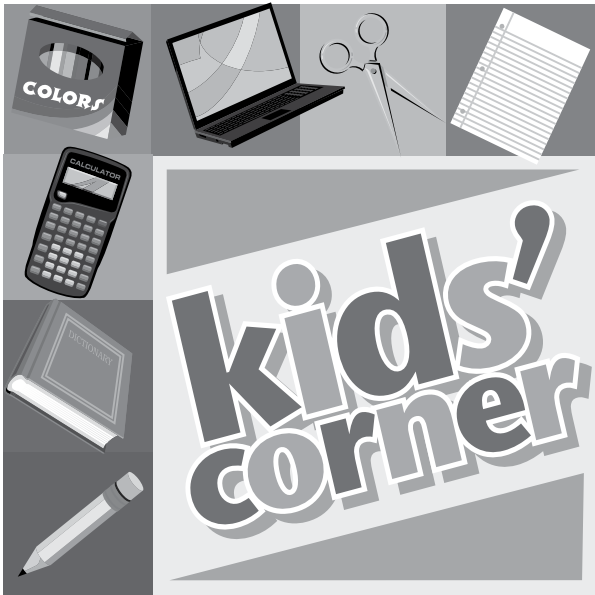
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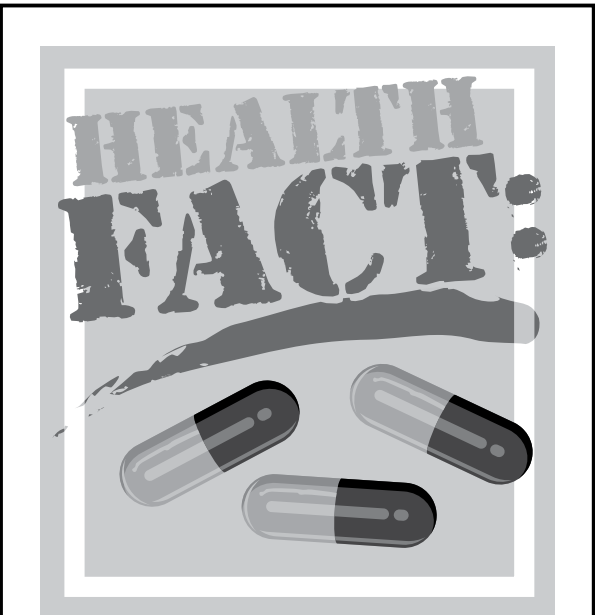


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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER has the following openings: Full-time: Diagnostic Imaging Manager, Oncology Nurse Navigator, ED RN, Clinic RN, Clinic MA/ LPN, Med/ Surg RN, Patient Account Representative, Nutritional Services Worker. PRN or part-time positions: Paramedics, MRI Technologist, X-Ray/ CT Tech, OR Circulator, Ultrasound Tech. Please visit our website at www.pagosamed.org for job descriptions and more information. Resumes and applications must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedical-center.org or faxed to (970)731-2134. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire an Equipment Operator I to work in the Streets Department. CDL or ability to obtain CDL required. Pay starts at \$37,500 annual DOE plus benefits. Information on the position description, application and deadline can be found on the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET. SAN JUAN RIVER VILLAGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the San Juan River Village Metropolitan District for the ensuing year of 2019. A copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of Lisa Quiller, (970)946-8385, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, where the same is open for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Juan River Village Metropolitan District to be held at the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, on December 13, 2018 at 6:30p.m. Any interested elector within the San Juan River Village Metropolitan District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. DATED: November 4, 2018. San Juan River Village Metropolitan District, Cynthia Purcell, District Manager.

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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 dark-eyed junco.

Recent snow at higher elevations has chased this member of the sparrow family from its summer forested habitat into our parks and yards.

Dark-eyed juncos are one of the most abundant songbirds in North America and are year-round residents in our area. They are ground feeders who eat insects in summer and seeds in winter. They also nest on or near the ground in high-elevation forests. At this time of year, juncos often appear along the road and, when flushed, their outer tail feathers display a flash of white as they fly up from the ground. Pinkish bills are another identifying trait. Beyond this, differences in plumage get interesting.

Dark-eyed juncos that can be seen here will belong to one of four distinct races or subspecies. Two of these are gray birds with either a pinkish cast on the side (pink-sided) or a rufous patch on the back (gray-headed). The dark head of the Oregon subspecies gives it a hooded appearance while the slate-colored race is a dark gray with no pinkish cast. Despite these differences in appearance, genetic testing and the ability to interbreed has determined that these birds are more alike than they are different. Long-term scientific studies of juncos have made important contributions to our understanding of how species are formed.

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

Archuleta County Education Center inside garage sale a success, more items available

By Jan Santopietro
Special to The PREVIEW

The Archuleta County Education Center (ACEC) would like to thank those who attended and/or purchased items at the inside garage sale on Nov. 3. Close to \$7,000 has been raised from the sale in support of Pagosa Springs' newest early childhood center targeted to open its doors in the fall of 2019 for toddlers and preschoolers ages 1-5 years old.

There are still items at the Greenhouse that need to find a good home. Items can be purchased, but in the spirit of collaboration, cooperation and support, the ACEC is offering these items free of charge to all Archuleta County nonprofit organizations. Go to www.theacec.com to view the remaining items and then email Jan Santopietro at janet.santo78@gmail.com to schedule an appointment to view/pick up items.

The ACEC knows that it takes a collaborative effort to provide quality early childhood programs, so proceeds from the sale will be added to the funding received from our local governments, grants and matching funds from generous

donors.

Of course, the ACEC gladly accepts monetary donations. Since the ACEC qualifies for the Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit program, donors can claim a tax credit of up to 50 percent of their donation on their Colorado tax form.

Visitors to the sale gained a better understanding of the early childhood project by walking through the old restaurant and studying preliminary floor and site plans that were posted at the entrance.

They asked questions and were excited about the vision, the mission and the effort to increase much-needed early childhood care and education programs in Archuleta County. Others talked about the possibility of employment or volunteer opportunities once the center opened. Real connections and genuine interest in the ACEC's

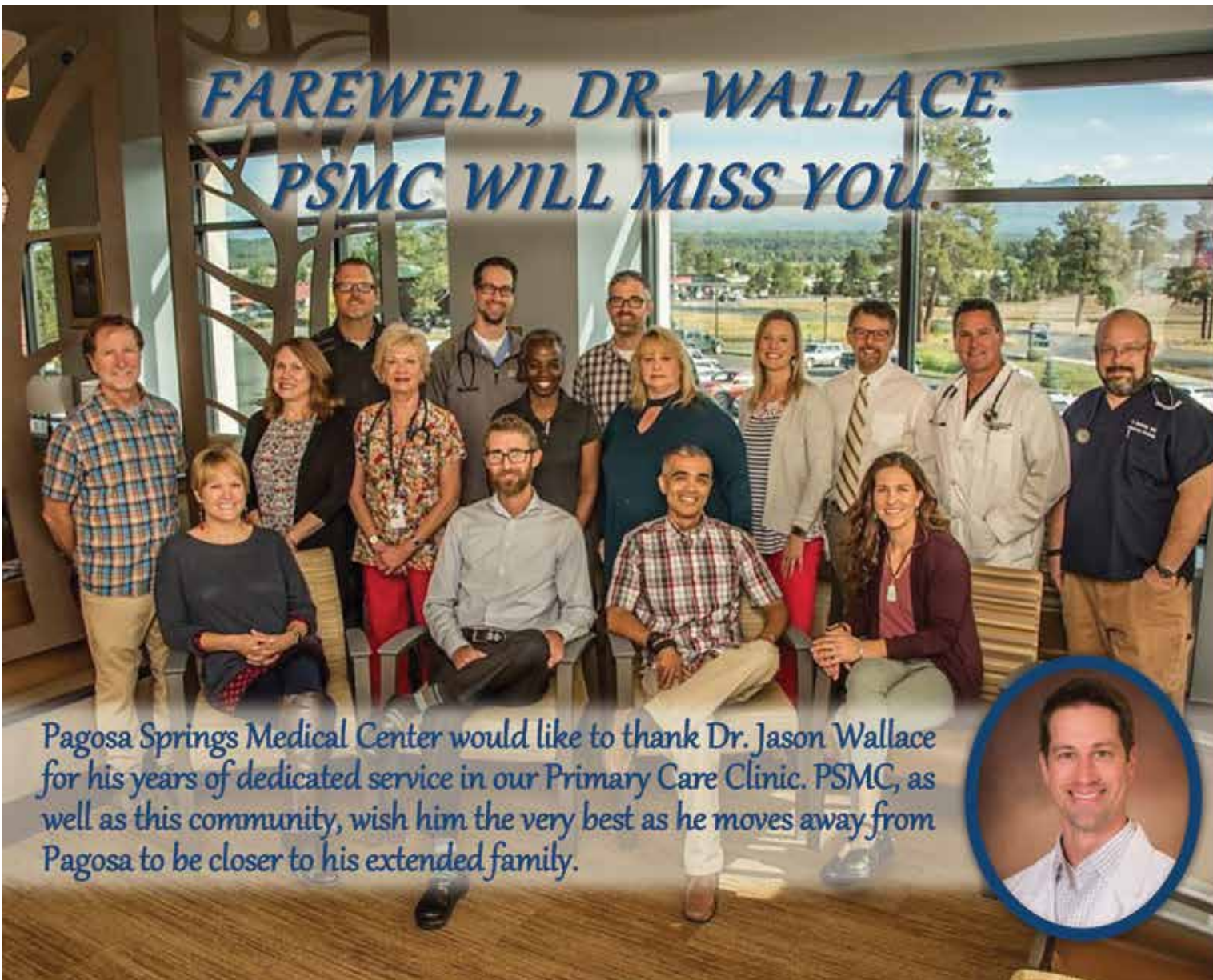
project were apparent. There's nothing like talking with people face to face.

But it didn't stop there. We heard humorous and heartwarming stories from people who spent time at the Greenhouse Restaurant back in the day: working at the restaurant, dining there every Friday night, requesting a specific table to gaze at the plants and sitting at the bar to gaze at the view out the northeast windows.

One gentleman met a woman at the restaurant for a blind date — they married and are still together after 20 years. People loved walking out the door with an item from their past. They loved knowing the building would, once again, be used for something special. Through this experience, the ACEC gained a better understanding of the community and why it is so extraordinary. There's nothing like talking with people face to face.

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