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PAWSD: Cupboard bare, subsidy for affordable housing doubtful

By Jim Garrett Staff Writer

During its work session and subsequent regular meeting, conducted on March 16, the board of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) discussed extensively the possibility the district might provide aid to affordable housing.

The board's consensus was that although the need for affordable housing in the community is clear, aid by PAWSD involving essentially a subsidy provided by existing customers to potential new customers would be difficult to justify.

That is especially so in consideration of the district's existing obligations, its responsibility to deal with water loss, and its overall financial picture, described by director Gordon McIver by the wellknown expression, "the cupboard is bare."

Rather than a subsidy, director Paul Hansen suggested the best thing PAWSD could do to help achieve affordable housing was to

And board chair Mike Church added that "fast-track" approvals by PAWSD of water and sewer connections, as well as approvals for other purposes needed from local authorities, would be helpful to developers.

During the meetings last week, the subject of affordable housing was taken up immediately after District Manager Justin Ramsey presented the monthly report on water loss to the board.

Water losses

Continuing losses are a problem

■ See PAWSD A8



Pi Beta Phi sorority alumnae visited the Mardel Gallegos Head Start Center on March 17 to donate 500 new children's books and to read to the students as their 2017 Day of Service family literacy project. Shown here with some of the youngsters are (standing, left to right) Carole Howard and Mary Bailly; and, seated, Lisa Scott and Marilyn Chipps. All of the children were given a book to take home for their personal collections and the rest will remain in the Head Start school library to benefit current

Sorority donates 500 new children's books to Head Start

By Carole Howard Special to The SUN

Local members of the Pi Beta Phi alumnae club visited the Mardel Gallegos Head Start Center in Pagosa Springs on March 17 to donate 500 new children's books and to read to the youngsters as their 2017 Day of Service family literacy project.

The books were won by Lisa Scott in a lottery sponsored jointly by the Pi Beta Phi sorority headquarters in St. Louis and First Book, a nonprofit providing new books to its national network of schools and youth programs. Pagosa's Head Start

was one of 100 recipients across the U.S. selected for this special book distribution.

The Pi Phis dressed in green in honor of St. Patrick's Day and brought green fortune cookies and green smiley face pins for the youngsters.

Every March, Pi Beta Phi collegians and alumnae club members participate in local literacy projects in their communities. Their goal is to encourage literacy skills among children and facilitate families reading to their youngsters at home. Currently there are 204 Pi Beta Phi collegiate chapters in the U.S. and Canada and nearly

■ See Books A8

Teachers ask county, town for funding from marijuana sales tax

By Jim Garrett Staff Writer

Legalization of marijuana "may have contributed to a slight increase in use" among local middle school students, but does not appear to have caused a dramatic upsurge.

So reported Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) teacher Andy Guinn in a presentation to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) at its March 21 work session.

He was joined in the presentation by fellow teachers Janae Ash of the middle school, and Caitlin Snarr of Pagosa Springs Elementary

The presentation discussed the impacts and benefits of legalization, and offered suggestions for local steps to enhance the benefits.

The teachers emphasized that the limitation to only a slight increase of use among students following marijuana legalization appears from evaluation of the available statistics to be attributable to prevention programs in the schools, a key benefit of the legalization.

Prevention programs have been funded by revenues from taxes on marijuana sales, the teachers advised the commissioners. But, they cautioned, the money has been

■ See Teachers A8

Law enforcement looking for community corrections escapee

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Area law enforcement officials are on the lookout for a woman who escaped Hilltop House, a community corrections facility in Durango, on

neck, the notice states.



According to a Notice Terri Lisa Thayn

of Escape from Hilltop House, Terri Lisa Thayn, 36, failed to return to Hilltop House from an approved pass to search for work.

It is believed Thayn may be in the Pagosa Springs area, where she has family, Hilltop House Director John Schmier indicated

in an email to The SUN. Thayn is a Caucasian female described as being 5-foot-4 and 120 pounds with red hair and brown eyes. She has a rose tattoo on her left shoulder and "LOCO" tattooed on the left side of her

Thayn was serving an 18-month sentence for distribution of a controlled substance schedule 1/2.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Thayn is asked to contact local law enforcement. Archuleta County Combined Dispatch can be reached by calling 731-2160 or 911. randi@pagosasun.com

County's unemployment rate increases to 3.8 percent

By Marshall Dunham Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County rose to 3.8 percent in January, with 6,157 people in the labor force and 231 of those claiming unemployment.

In December of 2016, there were 6,171 people in the county's labor force, with 187, or 3 percent, claiming unemployment. The total workforce lost 14 people over the month, while the number of unemployed people was up by 44, causing a .8 percent increase in unemployment.

The employment situation has improved over the previous year, however. In January 2016, there were 5,956 workers in the county, of which 252, or 4.2 percent, were unemployed. January 2017's rate

is down .4 percent by comparison. Looking at January's employment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate for the month at 7.6 percent, while Baca County had the lowest rate at 1.7

percent. According to the survey of ■ See Unemployment A8

households, the unemployment rate for the state decreased onetenth of a percentage point in January to 2.9 percent.

The number of people actively participating in the labor force increased 3,500 to 2,911,900 and total employment increased 5,100 to 2,827,200 causing the number of unemployed to decline 1,600.

In comparison, the national unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point in January to 4.8 percent.

The unemployment rate, labor force, labor force participation, total employment and the number of unemployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

However, nonfarm payroll jobs estimates are based on a survey of business establishments and government agencies, and are intended to measure the number of jobs, not the number of people employed.

The business establishment sur-



Just as spring flowers have started blooming, the recent warm and sunny days look to be coming to an end as a potentially significant weather system moves into the region, bringing cooler weather along with rain and snow Thursday through Friday. Travelers should be ready for winter driving conditions Thursday through Friday if traveling at higher elevations.

Trails projects advance

By Jim Garrett Staff Writer

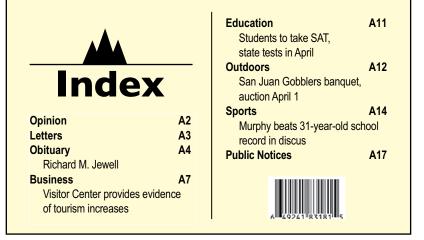
The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved participation by Archuleta County in trails projects with the Town of Pagosa Springs and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) at its regular meeting on Tuesday.

First, the commissioners approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the town governing the construction of the west section of the Town-to-Lakes Trail, running from Pinon Causeway to Aspen Village Drive, uptown.

The IGA includes a new funding commitment by each the county and the town of \$50,000 to help fund the construction. The increase was necessitated by somewhat higher project costs than antici-

The county previously committed \$225,000 to the project, as summarized in the agenda documentation presented to the commissioners prior to the Tuesday

■ See Trails A8



Opinion

EDITORIAL

We get letters

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Evelyn Beatrice Hall.

The Letters to the Editor pages provide a forum of democracy in your weekly newspaper. We provide a place where everyone has the opportunity to speak his or her mind.

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We print a wide range of viewpoints, including ones we don't agree with. We welcome opinions from all sides. The letters page is the readers' space and we try not to impinge upon the public discussion. There is something to letting our readers know what others in the community are saying and thinking.

In this week's letters, Gary Waples expressed his concern over David Blake's frequent and negative letters, just as others have done in the past.

Waples very politely asked The SUN to consider revising our rules and "completely drop all political letters, or at least letters of a negative nature which offends many, is divisive, and basically has no positive value to our community.'

We may or may not agree with David Blake's letters, but we believe in his right to his opinion. Yes, it is annoying to read some viewpoints in the letters, but we have faith in the readers' abilities to recognize writers for who they are.

The SUN strives to run the majority of the letters that we receive. Historically, we've never had a limit on how often we would print letters from an individual.

There have been many times that letters crossed the line. We don't print every letter submitted for publication. The following are just a few of the criticisms received when letters weren't printed:

• "Not understanding a written msge, generally means 'I disagree with what you're saying.' Thus you've attempted to dodge unsuccessfully your obligation of the free press! what was it you said... 'the public has a right to know'..so let them!"

• "OK..OK, it's your paper...but if you are an editor in the true sense of journalism of free speech, you'll consider publishing things that are factual but not complimentary to your political preferences.

• "The Sun printed this and won't print factual criticism of Republicans...shame on any false premise of ethics or editorial honesty!

• "I'm semi hesitant to accuse you of blatant lack of editorial courage &/or political prejudice . Surely I'm wrong...? Well gosh it's only a small town weekly ... it's the way of things where the steeple blocks the view."

Letter writers can be quick to criticize The SUN, but we will defend their right to their opinion. The First Amendment guarantees everyone a right to speak and keeps the government from silencing them.

We asked Professor of Journalism Bill Reader from Ohio University what he thought of Waples' suggestion and he responded, "When the First Amendment was written, the framers were thinking explicitly about letters and essays focused on political issues ... Likewise, dropping 'letters of a negative nature' is absurd: the expression of displeasure with government is pretty much what 'petition for a redress of grievances' is all about. The idea of banning political and/or 'negative' letters is antithetical to the constitutional protections that were created explicitly for the purpose of publishing complaints about government."

We thank Waples for his letter of concern. We have taken another look at our letter's policy and from now on will only print a maximum of two letters per month from any individual.

All letters are subject to editing and letters must be 500 words or less. The deadline for letters is noon on Tuesday (deadline will move up due to holidays). We prefer that letters be emailed to editor@pagosasun.com.

All letters must include the writer's name and include their address,

telephone number and email address. Now you have the rules; send us a letter. Terri Lynn Oldham House

Whaddya Think?

What is your least favorite thing about the end of winter?



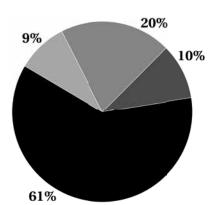
Karla Alonso "Less tourists."



Jayde Beery "No more snow days."



Tyler Evers "The fact that there's another year to come."



Poll results (167 Votes) The ski area closing. — 10 per-

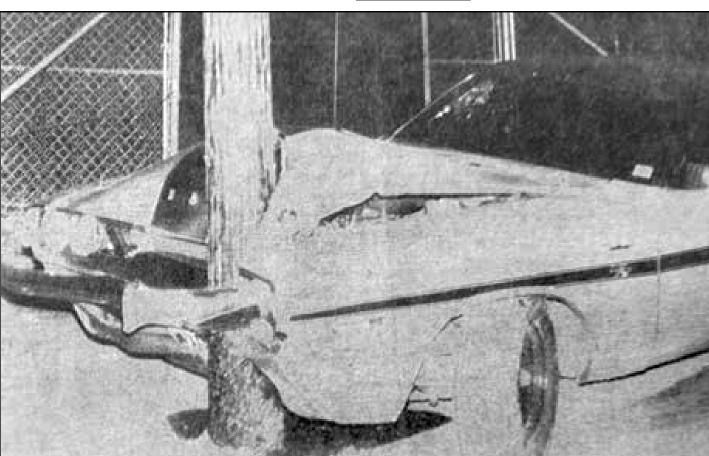
Mud. — 61 percent

Warmer temperatures. — 9 per-

Daylight saving time beginning. — 20 percent

This week online: What's your favorite thing about spring? Vote at www.pagosasun.com

LOOKING BACK



From the Pagosa Springs

WRECKED CAR

 A late model, nearly new automobile, was badly damaged last week when it smashed into a light pole in front of the high school. Ernie Rivas was the driver of the vehicle. He and Joe Lujan sustained minor injuries in the accident and two other passengers were uninjured. Damages were estimated at \$1000.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago
Taken from SUN files of March 18, 1927

Two sisters of Mrs. Mote. who reside at Ames, Iowa. are to be commended for their spirit of cheerful giving. Next week the Juanita school children will be the recipients of many beautiful gifts which these ladies have carefully selected for a little group they have heard much about but have never seen.

The road over Yellowiacket divide is now passable for cars, J.P. Craig of Pagosa Springs having motored over yesterday morning after getting stuck in a snow-

County Assessor O.C. Reed returned Monday from a trip to Durango, where he met in conference with the other assessors of the San Juan Basin relative to stock and other matters of importance pertaining to their offices.

75 years ago
Taken from SUN files of March 27, 1942

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goodman arrived home last Saturday from a several weeks' trip spent in Denver and St. Louis while buying new merchandise for their store here. Mr. Goodman says that indications are that the scarcity of merchandise together with the lack of sufficient capital, will close many stores during the next few months.

Jack, Jacqueline and Billy Eaklor were thrown from their horse on their way home from school Tuesday afternoon. Jack was not hurt at all while Jacqueline sustained an injured hip, and Billy a bruised arm.

Ted Sellman stayed overnight with Mr. and Mrs. West Carlin, going back to the Weminuche Monday. He took John Taylor and Edward Toner home with him for a few days.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 23, 1967

Work is progressing rapidly on the new Conoco Station in the east part of town. The footings are also in for the new library building to be erected near the grade school. Other construction projects are not making any notable progress here in town but a few days of nice weather sure would make a difference.

There are a few camper type tourists coming through these days. It will be a short time before it is warm enough for many of them to make much of a stay here. A few years ago any of these were unheard of at this time of year.

If there is such a thing as typical March weather this area had a taste of it this past week. Sunshine, snow, rain, some wind, warm weather, chilly days, you name it and we have had it.

25 years ago Taken from SUN files of March 26, 1992

The U.S. Forest Service is considering a plan that will, if implemented, expand facilities and amenities at the Chimney Rock Archaeological site west of Pagosa Springs and increase visitor traffic at the site to nearly 10 times the current rate. San Juan National Forest Supervisor Bill Sexton recently recommended a proposed development plan for Chimney Rock, and Regional Forest Supervisor Gary Cargill is now considering the feasibility of funding for the proposed project. Cargill is expected to make a decision by September. About 4,500 visitors per year visit the Anasazi ruins at Chimney Rock, participating in one or two daily tours offered by the Forest Service from May 15 to Sept. 15 each year.

YOUR CALENDAR

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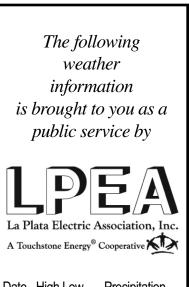
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'Scientific results'

Did you have a reaction like mine to a recent letter in this column about climate change entitled "Scientific results?" Did it occur to you, also, to wonder what motivates such commentators? In the vernacular, where are they coming from?

Are they on to something that is contrary to the conclusion of those best prepared to pass judgment on this issue, those who study climate science? If not so qualified — and no one says they have to be to write a letter to the editor, or to have an opinion — are they at least sufficiently prepared to offer scientifi-



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cally sound conclusions to support their contention about what the climate of Earth will be like in another 10, 50, 100 years or more?

This strikes me as the most glaring example of hubris one can imagine. Ours is a democracy after all, and each of us is entitled to both his own opinion, and the right to express it, however much it may be at odds with what the appropriate methods of scientific investigation

As a retired professor of atmospheric sciences I am alarmed at the fabrications that have been put forth to "substantiate" climate change denial. There can no longer be any doubt that Earth's atmosphere and oceans are warming or more to the point becoming more energetic — and that this has manifold consequences for humankind.

Oh, well ... There is a bright side to this controversy, at least for those of us who live in high places like Colorado. We won't be nearly as hot as those closer to sea level, and renters and buyers here will have a field day.

Dennis M. Driscoll

Disheartened

Dear Editor:

This past Friday evening, we attended the Lenten Fish Fry. I was parallel parked across the street. Whoever was parked in front of me apparently backed up and hit me pretty hard, as this person knocked out some of my front and side panels. Enough damage that I will need to take to the dealership, but not enough to make an insurance claim.

Accidents happen, but I am disappointed that a note indicating a willingness to take responsibility was not left. While there is no way to know for sure, the chances are good the offending party was also at the fish fry. This was not very "Christian," and I am disheartened. Chalyn Fitzgerald

Learn about state

Dear Editor:

Dear people of the great state of Colorado,

Hello, I am a fourth-grade stu-

dent in North Carolina. In fourth grade, we do state reports and I have chosen your state. I am very excited to learn more about the great state of Colorado as I work on my report.

Most of the information that we get for our reports will be from books and websites. We also like to get information from people who live in the state, too. This is why I am writing to you.

I was hoping that you would be willing to send me some items to help me learn more about the best things in your state. It could be things like postcards, maps, pictures, souvenirs, general information, this newspaper article or any other items that would be useful. You can mail items to the address below. I really appreciate your help.

Sincerely, Piper Flemming Mrs. Smith's Class Charlotte Latin School 9502 Providence Road Charlotte, NC 28277

Health care

The best ways to move toward the affordability of health care through insurance of a risk pool

(1) Affordable must mean a premium that's affordable to the individual purchasing the insurance and not what the government dictates as affordable for a person to pay for their own and for someone else's premium.

(2) The free market system must offer plans that do not include some of the health benefits. It is common knowledge that any product that is offered with more benefits costs more. The consumer decides what product benefits they can afford. In the situation of health insurance, some of the benefits that not all people may want or decide they cannot afford are: alcohol and substance abuse, tobacco cessation, mental health for nonbiological conditions, weight loss, chiropractic, acupuncture, brand name drugs, doctor office visits, preventative care, maternity, organ transplants, cancer treatment, aids and other sexually transmitted diseases, \$5,000,000 or unlimited lifetime coverage.

(3) Each state needs to have regulatory authority over the business of health care and health insurance. Each state can determine what is and what is not working in their state and in other states. The voters, not the health care businesses, insurance companies and legislators, in each state can make adjustments to what benefits should be mandatory.

(4) The premium should be treated the same in IRS regulations for all markets (individual, business, etc. ...). For example, the premium should be either a tax deduction or not a tax deduction for all, to make a level playing field.

(5) The Medicare insurance risk pool must stand on its own and not shift any costs to the individual or business insurance risk pools.

Fire response

Dear Editor:

To the men and women of the Pagosa Springs Fire Protection District:

My wife and I wish to thank you again for your strong response to an early morning fire at our vacation home in Pagosa on March 2.

You and your firefighters (many of whom I understand were volunteers) performed professionally and efficiently in limiting the fire to the north portion of the home and the attic, responding within 10 minutes of the 911 call. Your efforts were not made easier by the 5-degrees-below-zero temperatures and the difficulty getting to portions of the fire due to snow.

As much as I feel blessed to have walked away from the fire, I am more grateful that none of the firefighters were injured in battling the fire in our home.

Throughout the fire call, I was kept informed of the progress of the suppression effort and was treated with courtesy and respect, which was much appreciated in the stress of the moment. Clearly your crew attempted to limit collateral damage to furniture and household goods by relocating and covering ■ See Letters A4

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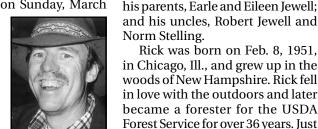
Richard M. Jewell

Richard M. Jewell passed away in his sleep at his home in Pagosa Springs, Colo., on Sunday, March

12, from complications with pneumonia and is finally at peace after over a decade of battling Parkinson's.



wife, Roxane; two children, Caitlyn and John; his



Rick was born on Feb. 8, 1951, in Chicago, Ill., and grew up in the woods of New Hampshire. Rick fell in love with the outdoors and later became a forester for the USDA Forest Service for over 36 years. Just like the John Denver song, "Rocky Mountain High," he moved to Colorado his 27th year and never looked back. Aside from his career, Rick

sister, Barbara, her husband, John,

and nephew Ryan Clavette; as well

as other amazing aunts, uncles and

cousins. He is preceded in death by

enjoyed the outdoors by skiing, camping, running and hiking in the Rocky Mountains. As a sports enthusiast, he enjoyed playing in the adult soccer and hockey leagues in Pagosa Springs and Durango and loved following his children's sports career. Before his illness, Rick was very involved in community service. After retiring, Rick pursued his love of painting and woodworking. He started his small business Lone Tree Lamps; creating lamps and paintings which, like himself, were true, one-of-a-kind, Jewells.

As Rick has chosen cremation, a memorial service will be held in Creede, Colo., on July 15 at 11 a.m., at the Creede Community art student or an art program.

Church. Memorial contributions may be made at any Wells Fargo Bank by simply asking to donate to the Rick Jewell Memorial Fund. Checks made out to Rick Jewell Memorial Fund can be sent directly to Wells Fargo at 50 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Art was one of the greatest joys in Rick's life and helped him to gracefully handle his journey with Parkinson's. It is his and his family's wish for these memorial funds to go toward a scholarship supporting an

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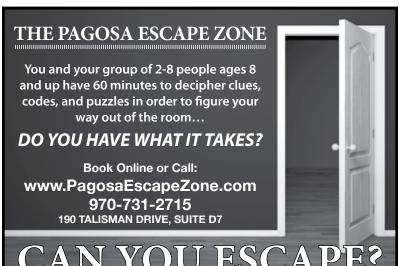
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LEAP offers cash assistance for home heating bills to residents who qualify

By Michele Worthington Special to The SUN

If history repeats itself, Coloradans will see lots of snow this month, which means home heating will continue to be crucial. The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) offers help to those

who are having trouble affording

their home heating bills.

LEAP is a program of the Colorado Department of Human Services that helps eligible Coloradans from November through April with cash assistance for their home heating bills. As of Feb. 28, LEAP had approved more than 64,000 households, and the average benefit was \$344.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Denver and Boulder area receives on average 11.5 inches of snow every March. Colorado Springs' average March snowfall is 8 inches, and many areas in the Rocky Mountains and western part of the state often see significant

snowfall in March, as well. "Even though we're looking forward to spring, we're not yet finished with the cold weather this winter," LEAP Manager Aggie Berens said. "We want to make sure that every Coloradan stays warm this month. LEAP benefits are still available.'

People interested in applying can call (866) 432-8435 to order a 165 percent of the federal poverty

mailed application. Alternatively, applications are available at every county department of social or human services. Applications also can be downloaded from www. colorado.gov/cdhs/leap.

LEAP applicants must be Colorado residents and U.S. citizens or legal aliens. They also need to provide a copy of a valid identification and a completed affidavit to comply with Colorado Revised Statutes regarding documentation of lawful presence.

Applicants also must be responsible for paying heating costs, either directly to a utility company or to a landlord as part of rent. Applicants' income cannot exceed index. Applications are accepted until April 30. People eligible for LEAP may

also qualify for other benefits, like the Crisis Intervention Program, which helps repair or replace the home's primary heating system; or the Weatherization Assistance Program, which improves energy efficiency in homes.

Colorado also offers a rebate of property tax, rent and heat expenses to low-income seniors and disabled persons. Please visit the Colorado Department of Revenue's website at https://www. colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/104PTC.pdf for more information and the rebate application booklet.

Letters

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these items where possible.

Pagosa Springs is fortunate to have a fire department of your caliber to call on when needed. Best wishes to you all.

Sam Sitton

Folded chairs

Dear Editor:

Looking through "things" I saved over the years, I came across a comic strip about Lucy and Charlie Brown, the "Peanuts" stuff.

The conversation went like this: Lucy: "Life, Charlie, is like a deck chair, have you ever been on a cruise ship? Passengers open up these canvas deck chairs so they can sit in the sun ... some people place their chairs facing the rear of the ship so they can see where they have been ... others face their chairs forward ... They want to see where they are going. On the cruise ship of life, Charlie Brown, which way is your chair facing?" Charlie answered, "I've never been able to get one unfolded."

Maybe that is the problem in D.C., most can't get their chairs unfolded.

As always, know you are loved. Patty Tillerson

Act of kindness

Dear Editor:

Speaking for myself and our neighbors we are asking again for

Cascade to go 25 mph which is the speed limit. The speed limit was lowered for a very good reason, it significantly reduces the dust and noise as well as help keep this heavily traveled road in better condition for everyone.

Thank you to the county for grading our road and fixing the many potholes that developed over the winter. Now that the road has been graded the speed of the vehicles has gone from slow, I don't want to damage the car speed, back to 35-45-plus mph.

We are only asking people to go 25 mph on the gravel portion of Buttress and Cascade. We did a test drive and the difference in time driving from Buttress to Trujillo is only 1:09 going 25 mph as opposed to 45 mph. 25 mph and 1:09 really and truly does make a huge difference in the amount of dust and noise.

Buttress and Cascade are very heavily used as a route to Trujillo. It is obvious spring is here as the traffic has increased with people doing projects. We are very happy for the contractors that business is doing well as we see you go by many times a day. All we are asking from everyone who use the road is, if this were my neighborhood how much would I appreciate vehicles going slower so I could enjoy the

everyone who uses Buttress and outside without being in a constant dust cloud. Just one minute of extra time from you will make our neighborhood much more pleasant. For those who do go 25 mph, a huge thank you from the bottoms of our hearts, it is appreciated more than you know.

> That's all, just reminding everyone that a one minute act of kindness by slowing down just may come back to you in an act of kindness in your life or neighbor-

Beth and Toby Tollefsen, and the residents on Buttress and Cascade

Enough

Dear Editor:

As I'm sure you've noticed by recent negative letters regarding Dave Blake's weekly diatribes, many of your subscribers are getting tired of his constant bashing of the new administration with name calling, innuendo, untruths, half-truths, bla, bla, bla.

He made his displeasure with the results of the election known a long time ago, and that is certainly his right. However, enough is enough, we get it.

Many people on the opposite side of the political spectrum were not happy with Obama's elections, however I don't recall being subjected to weekly letters bashing his administration even

though we all know many people were unhappy with his election. Many times after reading one of his letters, I've thought about responding, but I don't wish to get involved in a public debate in the press.

All of this leads to the following: would you consider revising your rules regarding letters to the editor, to completely drop all political letters, or at least letters of a negative nature which offends many, is divisive, and basically has no positive value to our community.

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Gary Waples



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Hospital Provider Fee: Cut or not?

punctured his eardrum years ago, we rushed him to Mercy Hospital. The doctors' offices were closed, and Durango didn't have the time. He was fine, but we felt lucky we had a doctor and services so close. Not everyone in the six counties of our district is so fortunate.

When it's a matter of sickness and health, the consequences are real. Understandably so, almost nothing in recent years has been more at the forefront of politics than health care. Between the national discussion about the future of the Affordable Care Act and the Colorado conversation about our rural hospitals struggling to make ends meet, people are confused and concerned. People want to know how their family is going to get the services they need and how they are going to afford it.

Here in Colorado, the Hospital Provider Fee has been a key pillar to keeping our hospitals open

ing the health and safety of our residents. Hospitals pay the Hospital Provider Fee based on their occupied beds and outpatient charges. The fee attracts matching funds from the fed-

McLachlan's

eral government — doubling in the process. The money goes right back to the hospitals, helping them cover the costs of uninsured patients and uncompensated care.

The need for this extra federal money goes back, in part, to the 1980s, when an unfunded mandate was handed down to hospitals that required them to provide emergency care to everyone, even if they were uninsured. This policy placed an enormous burden on hospitals.

In addition to this emergency care, hospitals and health care providers in our state annually provide many services that are uncompensated or undercompensated. Between these reimbursement issues and the mandate on emergency care, many rural hospitals simply can't make ends meet without the support from the Hospital Provider

The Hospital Provider Fee, despite being a lifeline for the health of Colorado and our southwest communities, finds itself in the center of a budgetary policy debate. There are two propositions on the table to ease our current budgetary mess. The first is to cut the Hospital Provider Fee revenue in order to help balance the state budget, preventing hundreds of millions of dollars in TABOR refunds at the same time as we're

has saved countless lives; it also having to cut funding from schools.

Considering the lean budgets of our rural hospitals, this is not a good option — it runs the risk of putting many of our local hospitals out of business entirely. A second option, which was discussed hotly in the 2016 session, is to make the fee into a state enterprise, which would formally set the pool of private and federal monies aside from the rest of the state budget. Separating the Hospital Provider Fee from the rest of the budget would allow it to work as it was originally intended, bolstering health care in our rural areas while relieving the budgetary pressure it's currently creating.

In a time when there are few easy answers to the budgetary situation, restructuring this fee is a no-brainer; it's an opportunity to find a solution that will avert dire cuts to hospitals and help ensure access to health care in rural areas of the state. We should take it.

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School choice: Offering students alternatives in education

School choice is a term for K-12 public education options describing a wide array of programs offering students and their families alternatives to those publicly provided schools assigned based on the location of their family

Two popular school choices are charter schools and open enroll-

Charter schools are public schools that are founded by parents, teachers or community members. They provide alternative educational programs that differ from traditional public schools. Colorado charter schools operate by way of a contract (charter) that has been authorized either by a school district or the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI).

An example of school choice in western Colorado offers the Durango School District in southwest Colorado both types of charter schools and multiple

other offerings. Durango has two CSI schools and



able to students across the state. They also have a new elementary school as well as a new public charter school sponsored by the

Superintendent Dan Snowberger is a supporter of school choice. Last November, Durango passed a \$1.7 million mill levy override that would be shared equally with charter school students. Schools under CSI typically



Joyce Rankin **State Board** of Education

do not get a piece of mill levy override money.

Said Snowberger, "The district's actions said loud and clear that it embraces and values each and every one of the students in their public schools."

In Lake County School District (LCSD) in Leadville, parents are taking advantage of open enrollment to select a school that they believe is the best choice for their children. Open enrollment allows students to enroll in schools outside the district for which they are

LCSD includes three schools: West Park Elementary, Lake County Intermediate and the recently upgraded Lake County High School. Lake County also has a charter school, Greater Heights Academy, with 52 students. Even with a physical school upgrade, many parents choose to travel in order to exercise their educational choices. With a total of 911 students living within

the district, 61 Leadville students travel to Buena Vista School District, 32 are enrolled in Summit County School District and 22 students are driven over Vail Pass daily to attend Eagle County School

Parents want to be involved in their child's education and often take advantage of opportunities other than their local neighborhood school. In Durango, it was a fairness issue of distributing tax dollars equally to include charter schools and expanding online choices. In Leadville, it united parents with carpooling and community discussions about what neighboring schools had to offer.

In both cases, parents are taking an active role in selecting the school that best fits their child. Under the new administration, there may be more school choice programs on the horizon — stay

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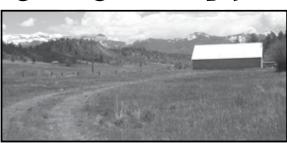
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Public lands infrastructure priorities in the 115th

At some point in the next year, Congress will consider legislation to address the needs of America's infrastructure.

In the Natural Resources Committee, we will be considering the ways that this infrastructure bill could help federal land management agencies restore access to public lands and support sound management practices.

I recently had the opportunity to chair an oversight hearing of the Natural Resources Federal Lands Subcommittee focused on innovative infrastructure ideas for the National Park Service and Forest Service. The Forest Service has a maintenance backlog of about \$6 billion, and the National Park Service's maintenance backlog is almost \$12 billion. With our national debt now over \$20 trillion. we will not be able to rely solely on additional appropriations to fill the backlogs or resolve other problems that both the Forest Service and National Park Service face.

The first step in tackling the massive maintenance backlog

will be for land management agencies to put more resources toward taking care of what they already own, instead of pushing for more land acquisitions. Over the past 10 years, the footprint of the

Rep. Tipton's Report

National Park Service has continued to grow, while the maintenance needs in existing parks have been delayed.

During the Natural Resources Committee hearing, I had a chance to ask Reed Watson, executive director of the Property and Environment Research Center, about the importance of allowing national park and forest managers to retain the user fees they collect in order to address infrastructure needs, as well as set their own entrance fee schedules.

While giving park managers

more flexibility to put user fees towards maintenance projects could be part of the solution. Congress and the Park Service will undoubtedly have to spend several years dedicating more resources toward maintaining and restoring existing park facilities rather than expanding the system.

It will also be critical for Congress to work with land management agencies and local stakeholders to maximize taxpayer dollars and create efficiency within federal

During the hearing I also asked Commissioner Gordon Cruickshank from Valley County, Idaho, about the way his county has worked with the Forest Service to maximize taxpayer dollars on infrastructure projects.

The Forest Service had approached Valley County with \$350,000 to replace two bridges. The county entered into an agreement to replace the two bridges utilizing Forest Service design and engineering and the county's bidding process and county road Cruickshank said that by work-

ing together, Valley County and the Forest Service were able to replace both of the bridges in the infrastructure plan and three additional bridges on the Payette National Forest. Each of the five bridge projects occurred in salmon and steelhead habitat areas, and the collaboration between the local and federal government led to improved infrastructure and the preservation of sensitive habitat.

Collaboration and innovative partnerships will play an important role in making taxpayer dollars go further for federal land management agencies, but we also need to be serious about maintaining and restoring the infrastructure we already have. I think that many people would be surprised to hear that some of our national treasures, like Yellowstone National Park, have hundreds of millions of dollars in deferred maintenance. In order to keep these lands open and accessible to the public, we need to take care of them.



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Thursday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 28

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

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

Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Upper San Juan Health Service District regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center main building conference room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, March 29

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall front conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, April 4

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

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

Lewis St.

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

Wednesday, April 5

Town of Pagosa Springs comprehensive plan meeting regarding Town-to-Lakes Trail. 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center senior dining room, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Sunday, April 9

Pagosa Peak Open School work session and board meeting. 3 p.m. work session, 4 p.m. board meeting, 7 Parelli Way.

Monday, April 10

San Juan Water Conservancy District Board of Directors bimonthly meeting. 7 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

Tuesday, April 11

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

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

Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Pagosa Fire Protection District **Board of Directors meeting and Board of Trustees of the Pagosa** Fire Protection District Firemen's Pension Fund meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station No. 1 training room, 191 North Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, April 12

Public Meetings

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Tuesday, April 18

Archuleta County Board of County

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

Town of Pagosa Springs comprehensive plan meeting public **open house.** 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center senior dining room, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Upper San Juan Library District board meeting. 4 p.m., Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District work session and board meeting.4 p.m. work session, 5:30 p.m. board meeting. PAWSD ad-

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

Tuesday, April 25 **Archuleta County Board of County**

Preservation Board. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall front conference room,

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

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Thursday, April 20

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chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Commissioners and Pagosa Springs Town Council joint work session. 8 a.m. Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

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

Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Foundation regular board meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center main building conference room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Upper San Juan Health Service District regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center main building conference room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Wednesday, April 26

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall front conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

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Life Insurance Policy Locator Tool assists in finding unpaid death benefits

By Vincent Plymell

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI) and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) recently unveiled a national service that helps consumers find unclaimed life insurance benefits.

The NAIC's Life Insurance Policy Locator provides nationwide assistance in finding a deceased person's life insurance policies and \$1 billion in benefits from life insurance policies are unclaimed, according to Consumer Reports.

Using the Life Insurance Policy Locator, consumer requests are encrypted and secured to maintain confidentiality. Participating insurers will compare submitted requests with available policyholder information and report all matches to state insurance departments through the locator. Companies will then contact beneficiaries or

annuities. In the U.S., an estimated their authorized representatives.

These audits found that many insurers made minimal efforts to locate beneficiaries for unpaid death benefits from life insurance policies. As part of the regulatory settlements that have occurred after the audits, each insurer has agreed to conduct more thorough searches for beneficiaries (attempting contact by direct mail, email and telephone, as well as using online search tools), to determine if life insurance benefits are owed

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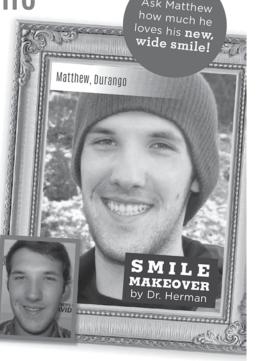
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Visitor Center provides evidence of tourism increases

By Marshall Dunham Staff Writer

It's no doubt that the tourism industry is booming in Pagosa Springs, garnering more and more tourists each year.

Now, empirical evidence of those increases in visitors has been brought to light, using door counters on the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center and lodgers' tax trends.

In an email to The SUN, Pagosa Springs Tourism Director Jennie Green explained how the counters on the door work.

"We have door counters on both of the entrance doors at the Visitor Center. They were added mid February 2015," wrote Green. "Also, the batteries died in the counters for both doors a week apart in September 2016, so we lost two weeks of data there."

She went on to explain that from March to December in 2015, the total visitor count was 79,563.

In 2016, the total visitor count was 85,971, not including the two weeks of data lost in September.

"The monthly count is determined by dividing total traffic in half and subtracting 150 in assumed Chamber [Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce] traffic," wrote Green.

SUN staff interviewed Green to

discuss lodgers' tax trends, as well as the tourism department's recent successes and future plans.

"Lodgers' tax is a fee that's generally paid by the tourists, because the locals aren't staying in hotels," said Green. "It is a tax that was generated to promote tourism. I believe it was passed in November of 2007."

She explained that, per state statute, the lodging tax is 1.9 percent.

Because Pagosa Springs is a home rule municipality, the local voters voted to increase the lodging tax rate to 4.9 percent.

She explained that lodging tax is applied to any property where the stay is less than 30 days, including hotels, vacation rentals and RV sites.

"[2016] was the first calendar year where every single month was the best month on record," Green said. "We've been up every year since 2009, but this is the first year where every single month was the recordbreaking month."

In 2010, Pagosa Springs brought in \$383,919 in lodgers' tax collections

In 2011, the town brought in \$407,214 from lodging tax, an increase of 6.07 percent from the prior year

In 2012, the town garnered \$415,684 from lodging tax, an increase of 2.08 percent from the prior year.

In 2013, the town brought in \$444,602 from lodging tax, an increase of 6.96 percent from the prior

In 2014, the town garnered \$509,458 from lodging tax, an increase of 14.59 percent from the prior year

In 2015, the town brought in \$536,635 from lodging tax, an increase of 5.33 percent from the prior year.

In 2016, the town garnered \$592,156 from lodging tax, an increase of 10.35 percent from the prior year.

"We're having a few good years," said Green. "The thing with Pagosa is that we're a year-round destination. We do have shoulder seasons, but the shoulder seasons have certainly gotten shorter, which is a good thing."

She pointed out that lodging tax is based on the room rate, but that she couldn't imagine rates have increased drastically in the past few years.

The interview then turned to amenities that the Visitor Center and tourism department have added to the town recently, as well as events coming up in the future.

One big amenity added to areas of town include "information kiosks" that have a TV on top, and contain multiple informative brochures about the area and recreational opportunities.

She explained that the information kiosks had been installed in high-traffic areas, such as Chimney Rock National Monument, the airport and the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, just to name a few.

Another big accomplishment for the tourism department in 2016 was being added to the Colorado Historic Hot Springs Loop.

"That was a hugely successful project. We are one of five destinations partnering on that one, and we organized that effort mainly to apply for a marketing matching grant through the Colorado Tourism Office," said Green. "It's given the state an itinerary to sell.

The other areas and towns included in the loop are Glenwood Springs, Ouray, Steamboat Springs and Chaffee County.

She explained that the loop garnered a large amount of media attention, being featured in publications such as The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and National Geographic Traveler.

Green also pointed out that Pagosa Springs was in for a busy summer, especially mid-June, when Pagosa Springs will host or be a part of Ride the Rockies, the Pagosa Folk n' Bluegrass Festival, the 9th Annual Pagosa Car Show and the Bicycle Tour of Colorado.

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2017 Economic Outlook Survey results announced

By Mary Jo Coulehan Special to The SUN

In November and December of 2016, the Pagosa Springs business community was given the opportunity to complete a 2017 Economic

Outlook Survey online.

This survey is offered to economic development groups nationwide. Here is a synopsis of the report; a 1-10 scale equates to a 1-100 score.

While businesses thought that Colorado was a great place to grow a business, growing a business in Pagosa Springs ranked lower (79 state vs. 56 local).

In planning for 2017, 85 percent of the respondents thought they would remain in the state, 36 percent thought they would make a capital investment in their business and would be growing their business and 34 percent thought that they would be hiring more people.

Business respondents overwhelmingly (82 plus) felt that they were savvy in executing their business strategies, had a clear direction for their future, could adapt to changes in the marketplace and had a highly engaged workforce.

Yet, the second most difficult challenge in their business was attracting and retaining top talent and finding more available skilled labor.

finding more available skilled labor.
In addition, the businesses felt
that the region as a whole did not

have a large pool of skilled, educated talent available for hire.

The top challenge businesses felt they faced was the high cost of health care.

On the positive side, and no surprise here, the survey revealed that southwest Colorado offers an unparalleled quality of life, Colorado is a great state to raise a family and is a great state for young professionals.

In the "Comment Section," sev■ See Survey A9

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Teachers

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provided only by the state, and is not assured in the future.

So, they hope the county and the Town of Pagosa Springs will act soon to ensure some of the local share of the revenues will be available to help with prevention efforts in the future.

The teachers told the commissioners the statistics they cited on marijuana use were collected locally by the state of Colorado, through a self-reporting student survey. The three said the data appears to be credible.

According to Guinn, the data shows that, in 2013, "before legalized marijuana really started having impact in our community," 11.1 percent of middle school students

in 2014, the usage rate jumped to 19.3 percent, he said.

But, Guinn continued, that was also the year that prevention programs were first funded.

In 2015, the year following the start of those programs, the reported usage rate by local middle schoolers fell back to 11.9 percent.

Additionally, Guinn noted, responses to the student survey showed that understanding of health risks of marijuana usage also increased that year, after prevention programs began.

Data for 2016 was not provided. Use of marijuana by students is hard for school authorities to prevent, Ash noted; it is mostly in the forms of edibles, which may

reported usage. After legalization, be quite similar in appearance to normal candies that school-age children frequently consume.

The teachers' presentation also

tion, they said, the state imposed two unique taxes on the marijuana 'special" retail sales tax.

percent share of the special sales tax is returned by the state to local governments (divided equally here between the town and county).

summarized the sources of marijuana-related funding that has become available since legalization in Colorado. In conjunction with the legaliza-

industry: a 15 percent excise tax on wholesale sales and a 10 percent The former, the teachers reported, is "not a major factor" providing revenue locally. But a 15

at \$240,000 to \$260,000. **County Administrator Bentley** Henderson acknowledged that affirmative steps have not yet been taken by the county to establish a fund based on that revenue and/ or marijuana business licensing fees that would be available for use by local schools for prevention

> Henderson pointed out that ultimate steps to establish such a fund had been intended by the county at the time it established regulations governing legal marijuana sales within its jurisdiction.

In effect, combined with pre-

existing sales taxes, that means

a 16.9 percent tax is imposed on

retail marijuana sales in Archuleta

County: 11.4 percent for the state,

plus 5.5 percent divided equally

the special 10 percent sales tax,

based on what the teachers de-

scribed as limited figures supplied

by the state, can be estimated at

\$90,000 to \$110,000 in 2016, they

said. Likewise, they estimated the

4 percent local portion of the pre-

existing sales tax revenue resulting

from marijuana sales for last year

The local share of revenue from

between the town and county.

Commissioner Steve Wadley, chairman of the BoCC, agreed with Henderson's description of the county's intent to establish a fund.

But, Wadley noted, to this point the cost incurred for the time of county personnel devoted to handling the questions and responsibilities raised by regulated marijuana sales has exceeded the revenues received.

"We have not recovered nearly our investment," he said.

The teacher's presentation included a summary of Archuleta School District's (ASD) actions to this point that have been funded as a result of the marijuana revenue received by the state, which they said had been made available for use by schools exclusively through

That has included funding to purchase "outdoor learning equipment (bikes, camping gear, etc.),"

which they explained was intended to help kids get involved in recreational activities that could provide potential alternatives to drug use.

In addition, drug-prevention counseling at PSMS and Pagosa Springs High School has been

Also, partial funding for a new roof installed on the building housing the fifth and sixth grades was received.

Ash emphasized, however, that contrary to the impression that many received when the question of marijuana legalization was presented to voters, the measure's approval has not resulted in schools in Colorado becoming "flush with marijuana money.'

While ASD has received grant funds, grants are competitive, and the teachers pointed out in the presentation that many schools around the state have not received any money. And while there has been success obtaining grants locally, they are for a limited period.

Plus, they noted the counseling that has been funded by a grant to this point falls short of the need; there is a single counselor, and a "waiting list" of students seeking help, even though the availability is limited to students 12 or older.

The teachers suggested that it would be appropriate for the town and county jointly to contribute half of the funds received locally from the special retail marijuana sales tax (about \$25,000 each in 2016) to the school district for its

That could help fund prevention programs, and also help provide scholarships for local students. Scholarship funding is in chronically short supply, they noted, and is particularly limited for assistance to good students falling just below the top level of academic achievement who wish to advance their

The teachers also reported that at least Adams and Pueblo counties in Colorado have imposed their own special taxes on the marijuana industry, with the revenues being

devoted to scholarships for local

Wadley observed, however, with the concurrence of Commissioner Michael Whiting, that in Archuleta County the BoCC has viewed the marijuana industry as a local regulatory responsibility rather than revenue source.

This perception, Wadley attributed to the concern that "if we tax it too heavily, we'll tax it back into the black market."

That, Wadley noted, would be accompanied by the risks of violence associated with illegal drug

With regard to the potential allocation for drug prevention and other school purposes of funds received locally from special state marijuana taxes already in effect, Wadley observed that this was a question that the BoCC would need to consider in the context of its annual budgeting process, which will begin for 2018 during summer 2017.

He commented, "We've always felt like we would come to the table once there was some money ... Maybe it's time, maybe it's a year away; that's a discussion to have.'

He added the BoCC understands the schools' need, saying, "We appreciate what you're asking for and we'll give it a fair evaluation."

But, Wadley noted the county has the responsibility to evaluate many locally important needs in deciding how to allocate its scarce financial resources. To exemplify the point, he observed the county was under the pressure "of a building looming over our heads," referring to the planned construction of a new justice center.

Wadley also observed that a request for financial support should also be made to the town. The teachers reported that had already recently been done.

The three added that they expected to propose adoption of a formal resolution seeking funding by the ASD Board of Education, likely at its meeting on April 11.

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meeting in support of the new IGA. County Finance Director Larry Walton told the commissioners the additional money from the county needed for the project will come from 1A funds already appropriated for parks and recreation in its 2017 budget.

In a later interview, Walton said that the term "1A funds" refers to revenue received by the county during the years 2007-2011 that was authorized by a ballot question presented to voters in 2006. The measure authorized funds raised to be used for enumerated purposes, including parks and recreation. The county identifies the funds by the designation 1A, to track their use for the specific purposes.

Walton said the total cost for completion of the west section of the Town-to-Lakes Trail is expected to be about \$784,000. Funding will come from a CDOT grant, the county and the town, plus a contribution of \$45,000 from the PLPOA.

In addition to completing arrangements for funding, the IGA also allocates shared responsibility for implementation of the project between the county and the town. It provides that the trail construction will be managed by the town, and the county will be the fiscal agent.

The commissioners collectively remarked on their support for the Town-to-Lakes Trail as an important asset for the community, and their agreement with providing financial support for construction from 1A funds. The new IGA was unanimously approved.

The BoCC then addressed the proposed award of a contract to UCAL Inc. for construction of two multiuse trails to be located along North Pagosa Boulevard in the Pagosa Lakes community.

One trail, to be constructed of asphalt, will run from Lake Forest Circle to Edgewater Drive, and will connect with an existing asphalt trail alongside North Pagosa Boulevard.

The other, to have a gravel surface, will run alongside North Pagosa Boulevard between Saturn Drive and the northern intersection with Hatcher Circle.

Walton explained to the commissioners that the North Pagosa Boulevard trails were primarily a project of the PLPOA.

He said that the association had arranged for funding from its own resources and a grant from CDOT. However, he explained that for the grant to be issued it was necessary that it be formally accepted by the county and that the county serve as the fiscal agent.

UCAL's total bid for construction of the two trails was \$180,618. The commissioners unanimously approved its acceptance.

PLPOA Manager Allen Roth told The SUN following the vote that the new trails were projects to be undertaken pursuant to the association's Seven Year Master Trails Plan, adopted four years ago.

Last year, he noted, a multiuse trail was constructed by the association along Vista Boulevard pursuant to the plan.

Roth explained that the trails are sited in areas where they are expected to be heavily used for transportation, recreation, health and fitness, and are "very popular with Pagosa Lakes residents.

He said that construction of the two trails along North Pagosa Boulevard is expected to start in May and should be finished by the end of the summer. No traffic disruptions are expected.

Roth also said that the master plan provides for additional trails to be built by PLPOA, but the construction of the two trails this year will exhaust the present CDOT

 $Construction\, of\, additional\, trials$ would likely depend on receipt of an additional grant, he indicated. jim@pagosasun.com

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300 alumnae clubs worldwide. Head Start Director Mardel

Gallegos was able to choose the books she thought best suited to

her students from a wide variety of titles. All of the children were given a book to take home for their personal collections and the rest will remain in the Head Start school

library to benefit current and future students.

Currently, 48 students ages 3 to 5 attend Head Start in Pagosa

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of long standing in the district that are difficult to address because of the relatively great distances covered by its waterlines. Ramsey estimated PAWSD waterlines extend for a total of 290 miles.

Ramsey told the board that district staff has found that there were a large number of fittings installed in the water system in the past that used material inappropriate for underground applications, and are prone to corrosion. Consequently, they develop leaks.

Ramsey said that the district staff has been replacing the fittings as needed on a case-by-case basis, but that it should be anticipated that failures will be increasingly frequent as the fittings age, and will occur most likely during cold weather, when the stress is higher.

He said there are "probably a thousand of these" in use in the PAWSD system.

Church responded that "we need to start budgeting more aggressively, and get bad materials out of the ground, and replaced

Affordable housing

On the subject of potentially subsidizing affordable housing, Church estimated that a decrease of \$30,000 of PAWSD revenue required an offsetting 1 percent increase of monthly water bills to customers to maintain balanced budgets.

The district has a lot of debt, he added, and not a lot of financial flexibility. And tap-in fees to new customers provide important

Director Jim Smith added the observation that the district's debt service is \$1.7 million annually. And district Business Manager Shellie Peterson pointed out that its total budget is currently about \$9.2 million.

Steve Graham of San Juan Builders LLC, who attended last week's meetings, told the PAWSD board that for the company's planned Foothills Project to develop affordable housing in downtown Pagosa Springs, he was hoping that PAWSD would agree to allow its tap-in fees to be amortized in monthly payments over 10 years, rather than requiring immediate, lump-sum payment.

But Church pointed out that an immediate payment could be financed by buyers who purchased houses in the Foothills development in a 30-year mortgage, and suggested that would actually be more affordable to them than payments over 10 years.

In response to a question from Peterson, Church advised that any developer who inquired of PAWSD staff about the availability of aid for affordable housing such as a reduction of tap-in fees or payment over time should be told that PAWSD has not established a policy on the

He added that any developer with a "compelling proposal" seeking aid to affordable housing from PAWSD should submit it to the board for consideration.

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Unemployment

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vey covers about seven times the number of households surveyed and is therefore considered a more reliable indicator of economic conditions. Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by worksite and the other measuring persons employed and unemployed by household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting results.

In January, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 50,200 with an increase of 42,500 in the private sector and an increase of 7,700 in government.

The largest private-sector job gains were in professional and business services, education and health services, and leisure and hospitality.

Mining and logging and manufacturing declined over the year.

Thursday wouldn't be

Other data that is gathered by the survey of business establishments includes private-sector average

ings and average weekly earnings. In January, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.4 to 33.8 hours and average hourly earnings decreased from \$27.41 to \$26.40.

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Colorado ranks No. 8 among Peace Corps' top volunteer-producing states

By Athena Fleming Special to The SUN

residents.

The Peace Corps announced that Colorado ranks No. 8 among states with the highest number of Peace Corps volunteers per 100,000

There are 209 volunteers from Colorado currently serving worldwide and 7,275 Coloradoans have served in the Peace Corps since the agency's founding in 1961. Boulder is ranked No. 6 among metropolitan areas with 20 currently serving volunteers and 6.3 per capita.

"During my time leading the Peace Corps, I have seen the tremendous impact that volunteers have when they share their unique hometown perspectives with the communities they serve," Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet said. "Volunteers represent our nation's rich diversity by coming from all corners of the U.S. They are able to share our nation's rich cultural heritage with communities around the world, leaving a legacy of peace

and friendship that is timeless." Colorado volunteers are among the more than 225,000 Americans who have served around the world as agriculture, community economic development, education, environment, health and youth in development volunteers since the agency was founded by President John F. Kennedy. The state has ranked among the top volunteerproducing states per capita for the

past four years. Denver native and University of Denver alumna Jennifer Caquelin believes that she made a genuine difference while serving as an English teacher in Micronesia from 2014 to 2016.

"I am still seeing the impact I made on my students. They still message me on Facebook every now and then, and I can see the development in their English," Caquelin said. "Those kids will forever hold a place in my heart. I helped show them how big the world was; although it may seem like a small difference, to them it was life changing."

This year's rankings follow the launch of a refreshed Peace Corps brand platform that embraces a digitally focused communications approach to make the agency more accessible to all audiences across the United States through the platforms they already use. Sweeping reforms in the application and recruitment system ensure that Peace Corps continues to build a volunteer corps of Americans from all walks of life. Applicants will now find a simplified, more personal application process, and can learn more by visiting the Peace Corps website and connecting with a recruiter.

About the Peace Corps

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Water Conservancy District considering option agreement on Dry Gulch land

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors is looking to keep its options open when it comes to the proposed Dry Gulch raw water storage project.

In April, the board is anticipated to consider approving making an offer relating to property the district is interested in purchasing to accommodate the proposed reservoir's pool basin.

That offer is not slated to be for the outright purchase of the property, but is instead an option agreement to keep the option open to purchase it within the next five

The five-year option to purchase property currently owned by the Laverty family would give the district time to advance other parts of the project before committing to

Survey_

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eral common threads appeared. The top three priorities that surfaced from the question, "What must happen for your local economic region to be a great place to start or grow a business?" were: 1. A more business-friendly environment including government leaders working together proactively for healthy economic and cultural growth and streamlining bureaucracy; 2. Affordable housing and increased child care; 3. Better broadband/Internet service.

It is time now to take this survey and put it to good use. In tackling some of the issues mentioned, here are some of the projects that organizations and the government agencies are working on.

The Town of Pagosa Springs has embarked on a six-month planning process revamping its comprehensive plan, which has not been updated since 2006. There have been or are planned public open houses and "subtopic" open houses such as arts and culture, the San Juan River corridor, parks and recreation, and building and planning. Members of the community — no matter where you live in our county — are encouraged to attend and voice their input or go online to www. townofpagosasprings.com and click on the 2017 Comprehensive Plan tab and submit a suggestion.

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) has made a general assessment of broadband coverage in the Pagosa Springs area. It made a presentation at the joint town and county meeting and has been tasked to complete a more in-depth study and to present to the councils some recommendations and associated costs to improve broadband coverage. The plan is to have a presentation by June.

The Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce has started working with the Archuleta School District and its new Proud Partners program to engage students and businesses to work on developing a more savvy workforce and to provide training opportunities.

There are plans in the works to have more of a "Career Day" early in the next school year.

The town is looking at affordable housing options suggested by the Affordable Housing Workgroup.

The Early Childhood Care and Education Workgroup has also completed an assessment of the child care needs in our community and will be presenting some options to both town and county entities for

child care needs improvement. Housing and child care issues are rampant not only locally, but regionally and statewide. It is imperative that citizens get involved to help solve some of the issues. Currently, there is "seed money" to assist individuals looking to create a day care center or home care center. Has anyone taken advantage of that opportunity? The opportunity to obtain some of these funds ends in April.

Community members should weigh in on housing density changes relative to certain building zones.

Businesses can step up to the plate and be willing to work with young adults teaching them business skills and expectations through the Proud Partners program. It takes us to tackle the issues; don't just pawn it off on someone else.

Please contact the Chamber at 264-2360 if you are interested in obtaining more information on any of the topics mentioned or would like to get involved.

purchasing the Laverty land.

The option would come with an initial offer of a \$5,000 consideration, among other specified terms that have not been publicly stated.

At its Feb. 13 meeting — a meeting in which four board members participated via phone and two were present in person — the SJWCD board authorized its attorneys to finalize the option agreement based on the above param-

Much of the discussion on the matter occurred in an executive session immediately prior to the decision, with that decision being to allow the district's attorney to move forward with putting together the option.

It was approved unanimously.

In a separate interview, SJWCD board chair Rod Proffitt explained that the district is looking at acquiring about 23.4 acres total in order for the Laverty family to keep as much property as they could.

But, he said, "We didn't want to get ahead of ourselves."

He noted the district has discussed purchasing the property outright, but there are too many contingencies, including a land exchange with the U.S. Forest Service for additional land to accommodate the basin and potentially asking the district's voters for a mill levy increase

"We didn't want to be buying property that, if everything fell through, we'd be asking them to buy it back," he said.

Another piece of the Dry Gulch puzzle that was discussed at the Feb. 13 meeting and is expected to resurface during the district's April meeting is a contract to update a 2008 environmental baseline report.

According to Adam Poe, a consultant working with the SJWCD on the land exchange with the Forest Service, the district previously prepared an environmental baseline report in 2008, when the district was looking at acquiring a larger portion of national forest land and a much larger reservoir (it was decreased by a court ruling from 35,000 acre feet to 11,000 acre feet).

Poe suggested updating the report and narrowing the focus to the land currently being discussed.

Poe said updating the report would mean, "... if and when the district goes ahead and presents ... the land exchange proposal to the Forest Service for its consideration, when we're talking about the federal parcel, we're talking about the current one on the table, which is 190 acres, and we're characterizing that parcel using updated environmental information — plants, animals, particularly wetlands, and then the other special features so that we can be in the position to really move forward with the full environmental analysis of the exchange when the Forest Service approves the proposal for full consideration in their land exchange process.'

Poe explained that three environmental consulting firms with good track records of working with the Forest Service were contacted Boulder Western Ecological (who exceeded the district's budget for the project), Ecosphere Environmental Services (who did the 2008 report) and Ray Environ-

mental. The district would use a portion of a \$25,000 grant from the Southwest Water Conservation District for the work.

Proffitt noted that all three firms were qualified and that the low bid was \$15,500 from Ray Environmental.

Board member Al Pfister noted that there was some advantage in Ecosphere having completed the previous report, but his fellow board members opted to go for the low bid, noting that the new firm could reference the old report.

With a 5-1 vote with Pfister as the vote against it, the board authorized Proffitt and Poe to negotiate a contract with Ray Environmental.

Later in the meeting the board discussed the possibility of renaming the Dry Gulch project to help separate the project from its former, larger iteration, as well as other areas in Colorado bearing the Dry Gulch name.

Renaming of the project is also anticipated to be on the April

The next SJWCD meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 10 at the district's office, located at 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office March 13 - Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

March 13 - Animals running at large, unlawful ownership of vicious dog, Bonanza Avenue.

March 13 - Obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, County Road 600.

March 13 - Harassment-strikes/ shoves/kicks, criminal mischief, violation of restraining order, seconddegree assault-aggravated assaultweapon, domestic violence, false imprisonment, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service. East Golf Place

March 14 — Harassment-strikes/ shoves/kicks, domestic violence, thirddegree assault-simple assault, Cross Creek Place.

March 15 - Warrant arrest, Cross Creek Place.

March 17 — Violation of restraining order, Hills Circle.

March 17 — Unlawful ownership of vicious dog, Haystack Place.

March 17 - Identity theft-uses identity, computer crime-misdemeanor, theft, Beucler Circle.

March 19 — Harassment-insults/ taunts/challenges, Brook Drive.

March 19 — Drove vehicle without insurance, expired license plates,

March 20 - Harassment-strikes/ shoves/kicks, domestic violence, reckless endangerment, second-degree

assault-aggravated assault-weapon, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, criminal mischief, San Marcial Place.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

March 15 - Criminal mischief, 14th Street.

March 16 — Trespass warning, San Juan Street.

March 17 — Trespass warning, Cornerstone Drive. March 17 - Warrant arrest, Clo-

man Boulevard. March 17 — Trespass warning, Talisman Drive.

March 17 - Court ordered/bond violation, Eagle Drive. March 17 — DUI. Piedra Road.

March 18 — DUI, Navajo Trail Drive. March 18 — Violation/restraining

order, U.S. 84.

March 18 — Information only, San Juan Street.

March 19 - Violation/restraining order, Buttercup Drive.

March 20 — Information only, South 7th Street.

March 20 - Traffic/insurance, U.S. 160.

March 20 - Traffic/insurance, U.S. 160.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson

March 9 — Juvenile, truancy, six months supervised probation, 48 hours community service, 1,500-word essay, fines and costs - \$270 (\$100

suspended). **Archuleta County Court: Judge** Justin P. Fay

March 15 - David C. Brewster, harassment-telephone-threat/obscene, eight hours community service, fines and costs - \$322.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

Public invited to help identify priority trail maintenance work

The Blotter

By Lawrence Lujan

Special to The SUN

The Rocky Mountain Region is inviting the public to help identify trails that will be part of a U.S. Forest Service effort with partners and volunteers to increase the pace of trail maintenance.

Nationwide, the Forest Service will select nine to 15 priority areas among its nine regions where a backlog in trail maintenance contributes to reduced access, potential harm to natural resources or trail users and/or has the potential for increased future deferred maintenance costs.

The Rocky Mountain Region manages more than 19,500 miles of trails enjoyed by millions of users each year. In the Rocky Mountain Region, nearly 13,000 volunteers and partner groups contributed roughly 385,000 hours in maintenance and repairs on National

Reducing energy use and de-

creasing utility bills is something

most of us can get behind. But some

methods are easier than others and

shower, making changes may need

to be a family decision and there

are a number of options out there

by Cary Weiner, energy special-

ist for Colorado State University.

Other energy-saving options can be

found on the CSU Energy website

at http://yourenergy.extension.

After the building superintendent

installed low-flow showerheads in

his apartment, "Seinfeld" fans will

The following article was written

When it comes to the morning

some take a little getting used to.

By Roberta Tolan

SUN Columnist

to choose from.

colostate.edu/.

Forest System trails last year.

"Connecting and working with forest visitors, volunteers and partners is an integral part of forest and grassland stewardship," said Rocky Mountain Regional Forester Brian Ferebee. "Public feedback will determine where volunteers, partners and other innovative programs could be used to accomplish focused trail work, increase trail access, and provide a safer and enjoyable trails experience."

The Rocky Mountain Region has until April 15 to submit at least three regional proposals to the national headquarters. Those proposals will be weighed against proposal submitted by other Forest Service regions.

The trail maintenance effort is outlined in the National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act of 2016 and aims to increase trail maintenance by volunteers and partners by 100 percent by the end of 2021.

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Living with low-flow showerheads

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black market. And that was when

"low-flow" was considered to be 2.5

gallons per minute (gpm), the upper

limit for showerheads on the market

today. Now one can readily find

showerheads using as little as 1.25

gpm. Which begs the question: How

a 1.5 gpm showerhead for Christ-

mas. The Your Energy Colorado low-

flow showerhead calculator said my

family of four should expect to save

about \$25 per year in energy costs

alone, and with the cost of quality

showerheads in that ballpark, I fig-

showerhead, screw in new one)

and I was excited to start saving

energy, water, and money — until

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ured it was a worthwhile ask.

I wanted to take the leap and got

well do these babies really work?

The selected sites will be part of the initial focus that will include a mosaic of areas with known trail maintenance needs that include areas near urban and remote areas, such as wilderness, are of varying sizes and trail lengths, are motorized and nonmotorized, and those that incorporate a varied combination of partner and volunteer

The Forest Service manages more than 158,000 miles of trail - the largest trail system in the nation — providing motorized and nonmotorized trail access across 154 national forests and grasslands. These Forest Service trails are wellloved and highly used with more than 84 million trail visits annually, helping to support mostly rural economies.

approaches and solutions.

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tributed nearly 1.4 million hours a value of about \$31.6 million — in maintenance and repair of nearly 30,000 miles of trails.

However, limited funding compounded by the rising cost of wildfire operations has resulted in less than 25 percent of Forest Service trails meeting all of the agency's standards for safety, quality recreation and economic and environmental sustainability. The remaining trails meet the standards to varying degrees.

To provide ideas and suggestions on potential priority areas and approaches for incorporating increased trail maintenance assistance from partners and volunteers, please visit http://tinyurl. com/mjhw3c6, or contact your local Forest Service office or Regional Trail Program Manager Scott Haas by April 7.

The mission of the U.S. Forest Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. Public lands the Forest Service manages contribute more than \$13 billion to the economy each year through visitor spending.

Those same lands provide 20 percent of the nation's clean water supply, a value estimated at \$7.2 billion per year. The agency also has either a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 80 percent of the 850 million forested acres within the U.S., of which 100 million acres are urban forests where most Americans live.

PSPD warns residents to lock cars, remove valuables

By Marshall Dunham Staff Writer

As the weather gets warmer and winter turns into spring, the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) is warning residents to bring valuables from their cars into their homes and to lock their cars when unattended.

According to PSPD Detective Scott Maxwell, on Feb. 28, a resident in downtown Pagosa Springs had three .17-caliber rifles stolen from his pickup truck over night.

"Don't leave valuables or firearms in your vehicles," said Maxwell. "If you have to, then make sure to lock it, because, with the weather warming up, we have nefarious and otherwise misguided individuals that are going to be wandering around a lot more in the warmer evening hours than we have been."

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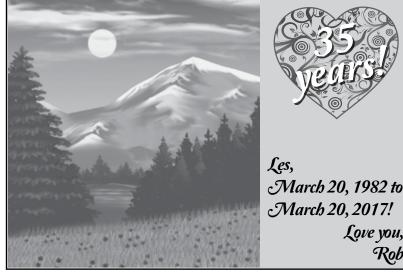
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Education

Students to take SAT, state tests in April

Special to The SUN

On April 11, Colorado's high school juniors will take the SAT as the state's free college-entrance exam for the first time.

Colorado's switch to SAT from the ACT occurred after legislation passed in 2015 that required the state to seek competitive bids for a new 10th-grade exam and aligned 11th-grade college entrance exam.

A committee made up of school and district representatives from across the state selected the SAT because of its alignment to the Colorado Academic Standards and the variety of free test-preparation resources that can be used by all students. Accepted across the nation and by every public college in the state, the SAT measures what students are learning in high school and what they need to know to succeed in college and their careers.

This year's 11th-graders had the opportunity to get ready for the SAT last year when they took the PSAT 10 exam, which replaced the state's Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) tests for 10th-grade students in English

language arts and math

The PSAT 10 provided students with several benefits to help them prepare for this year's SAT. Through a partnership between the College Board, which develops the SAT suite of assessments, and the Khan Academy, students could choose to receive free, personalized SAT study plans tailored to the strengths and weaknesses identified from their PSAT 10 results. The free materials from the Khan Academy include: interactive questions, video lessons and reference articles; thousands of practice questions; six official full-length practice tests; and a mobile app for daily practice.

"The best preparation for the SAT is quality classroom instruction aligned to the standards," said Colorado Education Commissioner Katy Anthes. "The great thing about the SAT is Colorado juniors and their families can take advantage of free opportunities to practice for the college entrance exam so they can do their very best."

Students taking the SAT also will be asked to complete a voluntary student questionnaire that will collect information about the student's grades, interests, intended major and college plans, among other things. Students are not

required to answer this questionnaire, but those who fill it out will have the opportunity to opt in to the College Board's Student Search Service. This service allows participating colleges and nonprofit scholarship organizations to better find specific student groups to share information about the opportunities their organizations provide.

This year, students in 10th grade will take the PSAT 10 on April 11 or 12.

State tests for students grades 3-9

This spring, students in grades 3-9 will take the CMAS tests in English language arts, math, science and social studies. The official three-week testing window is from April 10-28. However, the Colorado Department of Education will allow districts to begin testing online earlier in the content areas of English language arts and math if they cannot complete testing within the allotted time frame due to limitations on the number of computers or other devices needed for testing. The maximum test window for English language arts and math is six weeks, and testing can begin as early as March 13.

Scholarships available for youth leadership retreat

By Roberta Tolan Special to The SUN

Leadership skills are not inherited but are developed over a life-

time of learning and experiences.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is offering a full scholarship weekend to three sophomore or junior high school students who show signs of leadership or the potential

of being strong community leaders. The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is a program to assist high school students in developing leadership skills. The program centers on an intense, professionally led, four-day leadership training retreat.

Rotary District 5470 (covering the southern half of Colorado) holds its retreat weekend of June 16-19 at the Colorado Mountain College Spring Valley Campus located near Glenwood Springs.

Activities at the retreat take participants through a process of assessing their personal leadership characteristics, understanding the

ethics of leadership and setting personal goals. It then teaches leadership interpersonal skills, working effectively with diverse peers in conflict resolution and consensus building as well as organizational planning, and recognizing and working with support networks.

The local Rotary club pays for all of the expenses for the weekend and will transport participants to and from the retreat location.

If you know of a sophomore or junior who has leadership potential

and would like to participate in this unique leadership retreat, please have them contact Cindi Galabota at 903-9860 or cindi.galabota@fswb.com, or Roberta Tolan at 988-1572 or rtolan3@gmail.com to receive an application.

The applications need to be received no later than April 7 and can be sent via email to either of the above RYLA coordinators. Applicants will be interviewed in mid-April and selections made by April 30.

Meet the Retro Metro Kids, Safe Routes To School team

By April Rossetti Special to The SUN

The Archuleta School District's (ASD) Safe Routes To School (SRTS) program, Retro Metro Kids (RMK), is a grant-funded program that aims to create safe, convenient and fun opportunities for children to bicycle and walk to and from schools, elevating the cycling and

walking experience for all.

Meet the team of dedicated individuals running the RMK SRTS

Michele Zeigler SRTS educator (first-grade Bicycle Colorado program)

My name is Michele Zeigler and I am the fitness teacher at Pagosa Springs Elementary School.

I was born and raised in Sacramento, Calif. I received my bachelor's degree in physical education from California State University,

Sacramento, and my teaching degree from Chapman University in Modesto, Calif.

I moved to Pagosa Springs in April 2003 and absolutely love it. I have two wonderful boys, a 13-year-old in the middle school and a 10-year-old in fourth grade at the elementary school. We are a very active family, as I love to run and work out, and both boys play as many sports as they can.

Annie Sewell SRTS coordinator (ASD)

My name is Annie Sewell and this is my third year as the Safe Routes To School (SRTS) coordinator for ASD.

My husband, daughter and I have lived in Pagosa Springs for nine years. Being a runner and cyclist who has a young child, I have always been active in supporting urban trail development in Pagosa Springs.

My position as SRTS coordinator has afforded me many opportunities, not only to provide much-needed safe routes to school education to students, but to be a voice for safe walking and cycling in Pagosa Springs. I am incredibly grateful to the Pagosa Springs Elementary School, Pagosa Springs Middle School and ASD for their proactive approach to providing kids with a variety of opportunities to get outside and be active.

Christy Taylor

SRTS educator (elementary and middle school CATCH after-school programs)

My name is Christy Taylor and I am a second-grade teacher at Pagosa Springs Elementary School.

I am married to Jeremy Taylor and we have three grown children. I recently moved here from California for a higher quality of life. I have taught elementary school for over 20 years, but have experience with children of all ages. Along with teaching second grade, I am teaching SRTS in the middle school and elementary school CATCH programs, tutoring at the elementary school, and coordinating the implementation of recess cart equipment and teacher movement toolboxes for Take 10.

April Rossetti SRTS educator (ASD)

My name is April Rossetti and I am the SRTS educator for the school district and the CATCH after-school program coordinator at Pagosa Springs Elementary School.

I grew up northeast of Boston, Mass., and graduated from Salem State University (Salem, Mass.) with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and American studies.

Since moving to Colorado in 2014, I have been teaching snow-boarding at Wolf Creek, getting my hands in the dirt to learn how to grow food, and working in the school district with grant-funded programs that are geared towards getting kids back outside and fostering healthy lifestyles.

Community news.

The Pagosa Springs SUN

Pagosa Family School announces enrollment for 2017-2018 shared-schooling program

By Jane Parker Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Family School (PFS) is pleased to announce that enrollment is now open for home-school, private school and public school students for the 2017-2018 school year.

PFS is a shared-schooling pro-

gram through the Archuleta School District that offers afternoon enrichment courses in a dynamic environment at no charge for home-school, private school and

For the 2017-2018 school year, we will be offering Spanish, art and choir courses with levels appropriate for both new and continuing

public school students.

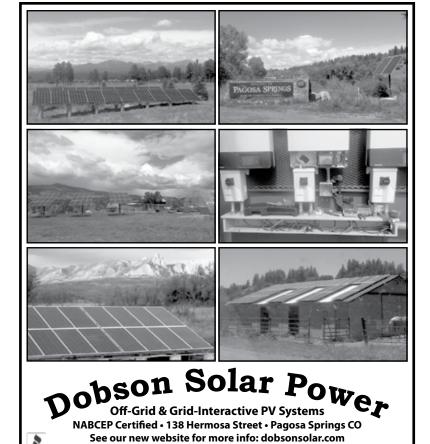
students.

PFS is also pleased to announce that all of our current PFS teachers will be returning for the 2017-2018 school year.

For more information or to enroll, please visit our website at www. family.mypagosaschools.com or contact Jane Parker at jparker@pagosa.k12.co.us or 264-2228, ext. 408.







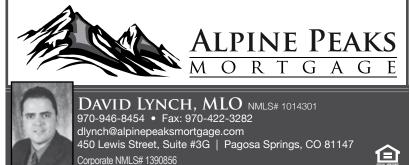
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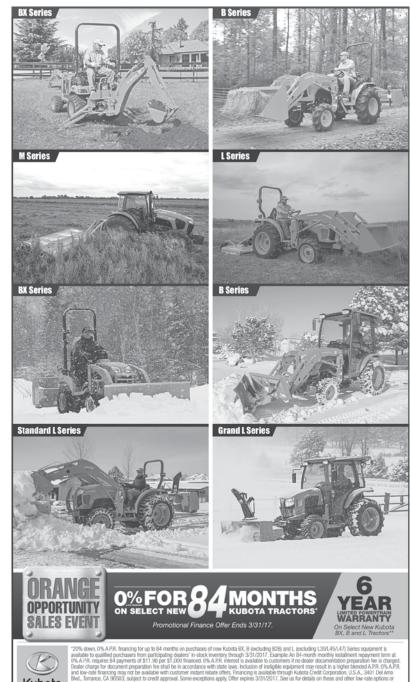
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Outdoors

San Juan Gobblers banquet, auction April 1

By Bob Curvey Special to The SUN

The 20th San Juan Gobblers banquet and auction is just around the corner, on April 1 at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. for a great evening of fun and games, with the auction and dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. We will have games for everyone starting at 3:30 p.m.

plus the start of the silent auction. The live auction will follow dinner.

We have a great package of items again this year for everyone from the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) knives, art work and door items, turkey calls, rifles, show guns and much more. Plus, we have gotten a great array of items and donations from our local community businesses.

Tickets are on sale from com-

403-2644, Ron S. at Mount-N-Man Taxidermy at 264-5509, Bob Curvey at 264-2415, Stacy Wills at 903-5509, Brandi Fassett at 759-8387, and Mike Alley, Steve Lynch and Garrett Hammer.

Also, we are having an earlybird raffle ticket sales until March 26; you can double your raffle tickets during this time.

You can also pay at the door

mittee members: Hank Wills at and buy your raffle tickets on the floor that night (no double deals that night) and we will have a lot of different games for guns, etc.

So, come and have a lot of fun, enjoy a great dinner and you could go home with some great items.

Come support the NWTF and your local chapter, the San Juan Gobblers. Thank you for making our local chapter the top NWTF chapter in the state and for 20 great years.

Why I volunteer at Chimney **Rock National Monument**

By Helen Richardson

Special to The SUN

Retirement. That wonderful time of no more heavy responsibilities, no more rush hour traffic, no more stressed-out brain cells. It also can be a time when you start losing brain cells from underuse. That doesn't happen to Chimney Rock volunteers.

My husband, John, and I are beginning our 19th season as volunteers at the national monument. We cannot imagine a retirement more rewarding than the time we have spent learning and growing while serving as volunteers. During the season, John's primary role is tour guide. He spent several years on CRIA's training committee and served on the board of trustees twice. I have edited CRIA's monthly newsletter for several years and served on several committees. During the season, I happily serve as cabin host.

Both of us have enjoyed being part of the crew manning special programs, from full moon to night sky to the exciting major lunar standstill in 2004-2007. The Life at Chimney Rock program is a mustdo activity for us each summer. We recognize that the challenge of helping CRIA meet its responsibilities is good for us in many ways. Most valuable are the friendships we have formed with fellow volunteers. These are people we care for, and they have earned our deep respect. Every year, there is a crop of new volunteers who bring new experiences, talents and creativity to enrich an already thriving organization.

which those talents can be shared in addition to leading tours, hosting in the visitor cabin or working on the maintenance team. Currently, we have a committee of mostly retired teachers who are developing new materials to enrich the experience of the hundreds of school children who enjoy free tours at Chimney Rock each year.

Another committee is crafting CRIA's two-day annual volunteer training, scheduled for April 21 and 22 at the PLPOA Clubhouse located at 230 Port Ave. CRIA offers a great, in-depth training program to anyone interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers.

Training includes a hearty, free lunch both days, plus an extended orientation tour of the monument led by San Juan National Forest archaeologist and guests from the Jemez and Zuni Pueblos. Training is free and will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Registration is required by April 10 by calling the CRIA office at 731-7133.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest. CRIA relies on tour and program fees, merchandise sales, grants and generous donations from Friends of Chimney Rock in order to preserve this important part of Colorado's history. Public support is vital for continued programming and site preservation. If you are interested in joining the volunteer team or are able to make a donation, please go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

There are many avenues in

Card of Thanks

Proud Partners Program

In case you missed Archuleta School District's announcement in The SUN or Mary Jo Coulehan's article last week, ASD has launched the Proud Partners Program to help our community support student

Proud Partners makes it easier for businesses, organizations and individuals to connect with our schools for volunteer opportunities and it makes it easier for teachers to get needed help. The creation of Proud Partners was a collaborative process involving the school board, district staff and the community.

many local businesses, organiza-

tions and our district. I would like to especially recognize those who helped create Proud Partners by participating in the study group throughout the 2015-2016 school year. Your time, ideas and contribution are greatly appreciated.

Thank you: Mary Cocke, Matt Ford, Jean Garcia, Cindy Galabota, Doug Hershey, Chris Hinger, Bill Hudson, Linda Lattin, Lynne Mc-Crudden, Sean O Donnell, Linda Reed, Dave Richardson, Lee Riley, Katie Vincent and Gina Winther. If I have forgotten anyone, I apologize - my records were destroyed in the Adobe fire.

District board member

DUST2 launches youth cycling team sponsorship drive

By Annie Sewell

Special to The SUN

DUST2, Developing Urban Single Track and Teams, has begun its sponsorship drive to raise funds to start Pagosa Springs' first youth cycling team.

DUST2's team of five highly skilled coaches bring years of combined mountain biking experience and positive youth development and instruction to the table as they prepare to launch the DUST2 youth cycling team preview in August.

This preview is a week-long bike skills camp for youth in fifth through eighth grades designed to generate interest and gauge skill level among participants.

Year one of DUST2's youth cycling team, which will officially start in September, will offer a fiveweek after-school session running through October.

This first session, targeting youth in fifth through eighth grades, will emphasize mountain bike skills, confidence, leadership and independence. The summer program and the five-week after-school session will offer up to 60 youth a chance to participate in this skillbuilding opportunity.

DUST2 will provide full-ride scholarships to 20 percent of students through a competitive application process requiring students to provide references and commit time to trail work. The goal for 2018 is to begin a competitive high school cycling team that will compete in the NICA Colorado league.

Why a youth cycling team? The benefits that cycling as a sport impart, especially when started at a young age, are the best affirmation of a youth cycling team.

In an article titled "Benefits of Youth Cycling Programs," by blogger Melissa Davidson, the most unique and powerful aspect of cycling as a sport is that the success of the team depends on the performance of each and every teammate. There are no positions, no offense or defense, no first, second or third string. In short, there are no



DUST2, Developing Urban Single Track and Teams, is currently raising funds to start a youth cycling team. Pictured are DUST2 Youth Cycling Team coaches, left to right, Katie Vincent, coach; Amanda Gadomski, head coach; Mat Wolford, coach; Janine Emmets, director of teams; and Lauren Wolford, coach.

bench warmers in the sport of cycling because every teammate has the potential to earn points for the team simply by finishing the race.

In addition to its inclusivity, cycling builds self-confidence. Many kids who join a cycling team don't come with a lot of cycling experience. As kids learn bike skills, increase their ability to ride well and receive affirmation from their coaches, they gain confidence that comes from realizing that they can do something new — a confidence that impacts many aspects of their lives. Not only this, but kids who engage in regular physical activity feel better about themselves and others.

Davidson says it best in her blog when she states that, "Mountain biking is not yet a mainstream sport and kids aren't encouraged to go pro. The emphasis of a youth cycling team is the development of confidence, leadership and independence through learning a new skill and working with a team."

But, let's not forget that one of the most important aspects of a

youth cycling team are the coaches. For the most part, coaching a youth cycling team is not a full-time job with benefits. Cycling team coaches generally work a 9-5 job and coach in their spare time. They are required to attend annual trainings and maintain certifications to keep their licenses current in addition to program development, fundraising and public relations. But, most importantly, youth cycling team coaches are driven by their desire to help kids realize their potential, to see future generations succeed and to set the example for the kids they coach.

Janine Emmets, DUST2's director of teams, when asked why she wants to coach a youth cycling team, stated, "I want to inspire kids to love the outdoors, take responsibility and become leaders among their peers."

Probably one of the most attractive aspects of cycling as a sport is that it doesn't end after high school or college. Cycling is, for most of us, a sport that we can still easily engage

in and actually feel good doing it. Years after high school and college, many of us are still able to get on a bike without throwing out our back, irritating that old sports injury or feeling our age. And I think that it is safe to say that most of us would quickly regain that sense of freedom, adventure and pure joy after a couple of pedal strokes on a bike.

Together with the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta School District, DUST2 will continue to work toward the goal of making the sport of mountain biking in Pagosa accessible to every kid, bringing adventure-packed trails to your front door and getting kids on bikes.

DUST2's youth cycling team registration will open May 1. Kids can register for both the August preview and the September five-week session. Scholarship applications will also be available at this time.

To become a sponsor or to learn more about DUST2 and our youth cycling team and coaches, visit www.dustx2.com.

I would like thank everyone who attended the school board's community engagement meeting in March of 2015 and who represented

If you would like to find out more about Proud Partners, visit mypagosaschools.com or contact program coordinator Doug Hershey at dhershey@pagosa.k12.co.us. Brooks Lindner, Archuleta School

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Addiction recovery methods found useful in treating some veterans with PTSD

By Raymond Taylor SUN Columnist

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) can feel like a loosely defined group of symptoms similar to those of grief, fear, anxiety and insecurity — something that happens to someone else, or perhaps a title a professional has placed on typical reactions to traumatic situations

One of the more significant barriers to recognizing the need for help is lack of understanding about the nature and seriousness of PTSD. It is easier for the general public, as well as military personnel, to understand the need to treat a broken arm or open wound, in part because the damage to the body is external and easy to see.

Wounds to the nervous system due to exposure to trauma, while every bit as serious as external wounds, are far less conspicuous and more complex. Also, military personnel are trained to be physically and mentally tough in order to endure the rigors of combat and not dwell on negative emotional states. As a result, it is counterintuitive for veterans to focus on the negative symptoms associated with PTSD, no less be willing to seek out treatment. Finally, the warrior culture of young men and women in the military stigmatizes the idea of seeking help for PTSD, trauma, depression or anxiety as a sign of weakness or failure.

So. the first and most important step to moving forward is recognizing and honoring the validity of PTSD and work toward healing without judgment of yourself.

The first thing people with PTSD should understand is that you are not alone. Cases of traumainduced PTSD among soldiers have been depicted as far back as 2,500 years in Sophocles' drama, "Ajax." Over the last 100 years, PTSD has also been referred to as "battle fatigue" or "shell shock." Although you may feel isolated and as if your symptoms are a sign of weakness or personal failure, for better or for worse, you have honorable company in this struggle, and your physiological reaction to the matic events, and relieves you of

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rienced is not uncommon.

Fortunately, veterans today can receive many types of effective treatment to address this condition. Although the personal struggles are different (although not always, there is a high comorbidity of addiction and PTSD), many addiction therapies have been found to help PTSD patients.

In addition to non-12-step recovery methods like cognitive behavioral therapy and exposure therapies, new approaches to PTSD treatment, like mindfulness, eye movement desensitization and reprocessing, sensory experiencing and sensorimotor therapy show great promise.

For some, tenets of 12-step recovery programs like Alcoholics Anonymous can be helpful as a set of loose guidelines and philosophy toward better living, particularly the psychological reframing of the issue from a failure of self-imposed willpower to an acceptance of new tools and community support. If we think of PTSD as trauma to the nervous system that ruptures the individual's ability to regulate or affect emotions, then the use of drugs or behaviors can be seen as misguided attempts to numb or otherwise discharge this negative emotional state.

The important takeaway, regardless of which form of treatment you choose, is to get the help and support to which you are entitled. Yes, you are strong, you are brave, you are proud, but this is not a "walk it off" or "rub some dirt on it" situation. True courage also lies in looking within, recognizing the need for help and finding the voice to ask for it.

There is anecdotal evidence that suggests dually diagnosed veterans can enjoy better outcomes in treatment centers and recovery communities with significant veteran populations. Veterans report there is a special bond formed among those who have endured combat. This connection also seems to increase levels of trust, understanding and safety for individuals needing to process trau-

community. It is good to know that we are sent out with the backing of

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trauma you've witnessed or expe- the awkward limitations of trying to fully convey the gravity of your situation to a civilian who hasn't shared the experience. Seek out organizations or meet-up groups that cater to veterans, even if they aren't therapy or support-oriented, and find your people.

Also, find a passion, whether it's fitness, the practice of mindfulness, volunteering, connecting with nature, reading, tinkering or art. Start building yourself up by investing time with people and projects that bring you happiness, or at least a distraction.

In terms of treatment, there is a growing awareness in and outside of the military that PTSD is a serious medical condition for which veterans should receive treatment.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has created the National Center for PTSD, specifically designed to provide veterans with services to assess, diagnose and treat PTSD.

You wouldn't think a diabetic was weak for taking insulin, right? The same is true with seeking help for PTSD — it's a real diagnosis with symptoms that can be managed with treatment. Admit to yourself that you need help working through the symptoms of your trauma in order to live a more powerful life, recruit others who can either support you or understand your journey, show your bravery by living authentically and honor your past by easing the trauma to make room for growth.

For more information

The office of the Archuleta County veterans service officer 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 Archuleta County Veterans Service Office, located at the 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.

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Sports

TRACK

Murphy beats 31-year-old school record in discus

By Marshall Dunham Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) track athletes competed in back-to-back meets over the weekend, with one Pirate breaking

a 31-year-old school record. Junior Keena Murphy beat the PSHS girls' discus record on Friday, March 17, at the Center Invita-

The record was previously held by Tonya Hamilton at 125 feet. Murphy beat the record by throwing her disc 128-10.

"Keena has put in a lot of practice throwing disc," wrote coach Connie O'Donnell in nominating Murphy for PSHS's student athlete of the week. "She practices year round and even went to Australia to compete last summer.'

"I was so pleased to hear that Keena Murphy recently beat my old discus record," Hamilton wrote in an email to The SUN. "I've wished for years that someone would take the record, even to the point of volunteering to teach techniques and form on numerous occasions during track season. I'd say 30 years is long enough to hold the record and I'm more than happy to pass the torch on to Keena. Way to go girl! I'm very proud of you."

In an interview, O'Donnell explained that the athletes positions and events are not permanent, and are subject to change for a while as the athletes find their niches.

"I almost think that things are kind of unsettled until the end of April," said O'Donnell.

During the Center Invitational on Friday, March 17, the Pirates did well, with the girls placing second

and the boys placing sixth overall. Results for the Farmington Invitational on Saturday, March 18,

were named to the first team.

were not available at press time Wednesday.

"I thought we had a lot of promising things happen. We had some promising events, we had veterans, juniors and seniors that I thought stood out, and I think we have a lot of potential coming up with freshmen and sophomores," O'Donnell said. "I was really happy with older kids' leadership to the younger ones, taking them to the event and showing them how it's done. I think

proud of them for that." Results for the Pirates at the Center Invitational are as follows:

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In the 100-meter, Lady Pirate Megan Farrah finished third with a time of 13.94 seconds.

"She's a senior, and a three-sport athlete. I get to coach her for two seasons," said O'Donnell. "I feel really blessed to have her, because she's such a great leader. There's a lot of freshman who look up to her. She's a really good role model."

McKayla Miller finished 10th with a time of 14.55.

In the 200-meter, Carly Owen

finished 10th with a time of 30.99. Taylor Lewis placed 16th with a time of 31.77, and Zoee Strohecker finished 18th with a time of 32.39.

In the 400-meter, Lewis placed fourth with a time of 1:09.47, and Owen placed fifth with a time of

"I see a lot of potential for some good 400 runners from our younger kids," O'Donnell said.

In the boys' 400-meter, Colton Castro placed 13th with a time of 59.59, and Josh Keuning placed 15th with a time of 1:01.24.

In the girls' 800-meter, Kori Mogensen placed eighth with a time of 2:55.64, and Shelby Cronon placed 13th with a time of 3:08.10.

For the boys' 800-meter, Nate Lewis took sixth with a time of 2:20.50, and Noah Gorman took 14th with a time of 2:29.75.

In the girls' 1600-meter, Cronon placed sixth with a time of 6:51.35, and Celia Taylor placed seventh with a time of 6:52.16. Katriel Davies placed 11th with a time of 8:40.15.

For the boys' 3,200-meter, Jacob Hughes placed first with a time of 10:33.23.

"He's actually top five in the state with that time right now," O'Donnell said. "He's in really good shape. He's been working hard all winter.

Kaleb Buffington placed eighth with a time of 12:13.44 and Coy Thomas placed 12th with a time of 12:41.43.

In the girls' 100-meter hurdles, Amy Jones finished fourth with a time of 19.78.

In the girl's 300-meter hurdles, Jones finished eighth with a time of 59.36, and Katia Atole finished 15th with a time of 1:21.41.

In the 4x100 meter relay, the girls relay team finished seventh with a time of 59.28, and the boys relay team finished 11th with a time of 52.55.

In the 4x200 meter relay, the girls relay team finished seventh with a time of 2:05.63, and the boys relay team finished 10th with a time of 1:43.41.

In the 4x400 meter relay, the boys relay team finished fourth with a time of 4:03.24.

In the 4x800 meter relay, the boys team finished first with a time of 8:44.25.

The relay team consists of Hughes, Cade Cowan, Ethan Brown and Noah Haarmann.

"They placed first on Friday. That put them in the top five in the state for the 4x800, but they're going to have to fight to keep that," O'Donnell said. "They're going to have to continue improving their time. But I thought it was really cool to start out that way."

In the boys' long jump, Cowan came in first, jumping a distance of 20 feet, 4.75 inches.

"That's a personal best for him," O'Donnell said. "He just keeps getting better, and he's only a sopho-

In the girls' long jump, Lewis placed ninth, jumping 13-2.75.

In the boys' triple jump, Michael Wedemeyer placed 16th, jumping 36-1.5.

O'Donnell explained that, during the meet in Farmington the next day, Wedemeyer placed fifth in the same event.

"To increase that much, especially the next day, is pretty awesome," said O'Donnell.

In the boys' high jump, Cowan placed fourth, jumping a height of 5-6, and Wedemeyer placed 17th, jumping a height of 5-0.

In the girls' high jump, Andie Miller placed fourth, jumping a height of 4-4.

In the girls' shot put, Murphy placed first with a distance of 32-9.5, and Alondra Hernandez placed eighth with a distance of 26-11.

In boys' shot put, Dean Hudran placed 14th with a distance of 33-10.

In the girls' discus, Murphy placed first with a distance of 128-

10, breaking a PSHS record.

"I think she was a little frustrated, because she didn't throw as far the next day, but back-to-back meets are really hard," O'Donnell said. "You can't expect to perform really well one day, and go back and try to double it the next. It's frustrating for some kids. But she did throw really well both days, for both events."

Hernandez placed 10th with a distance of 78-8.

In boys discus, Hudran placed 13th with a distance of 97-8.

The Pirates won't have another track meet until after spring break,

"You have to depend on kids to do a lot on their own during spring break, and you can always tell when you come back who has done that and who hasn't," said O'Donnell. "The kids who know that they need to perform, especially the older kids, they'll do the workouts, and they'll come back ready."

The meet will be the Abel Velasquez Invitational in Ignacio, which is scheduled to start at 9 a.m.

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Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week **Keena Murphy**

Track



Year in school: Junior Favorite subject: Chemistry

Comments from coach Connie O'Donnell: "On Friday, March 18, Keena broke a 31 year old school record in the girls' discus. The old record belonged to Tonya Hamilton and was 125'. Keena threw 128' 10" at the Center Invitational. Keena has put in a lot of practice throwing disc. She practices year round and even went to Australia to

Keena has her own shot and disc, but asked the location of the team shot and discs on Friday morning because she wanted to make sure that they were loaded on the bus for her teammates. She has been a wonderful mentor to her freshman teammate, she is friendly to her competition and to meet officials. She represents Pagosa Springs High School well. She now has her eyes on the shot put record which is 31 years old.

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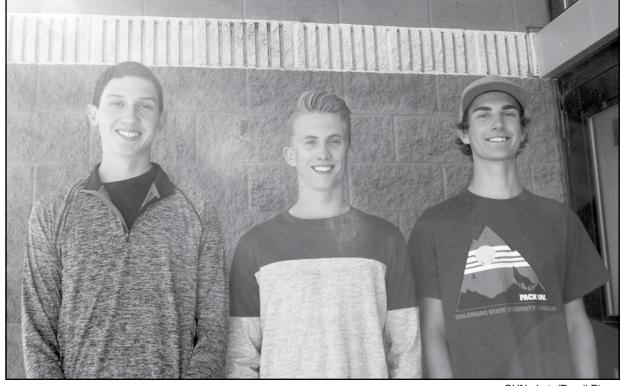
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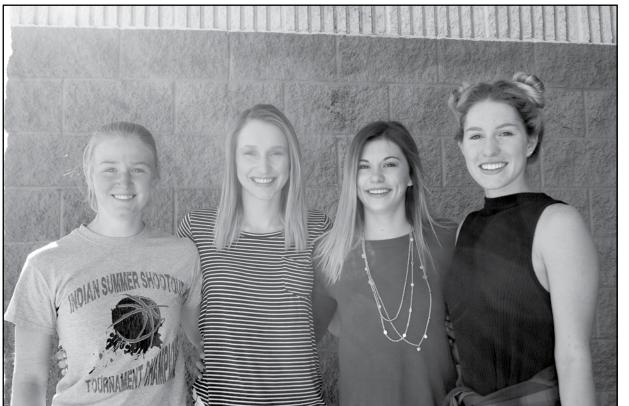
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BASKETBALL



With another season in the books, a trio of Pirates recently received all-conference honors for their work on the court this season. From left, Isaiah Griego and Keaton Laverty were named to the all-conference first team, and Ethan Brown garnered an honorable mention.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

After wrapping up their season in the Great 8 portion of the state tournament, four Lady Pirates garnered allconference honors. From left, Keena Murphy received an honorable mention, Morgan Lewis was co-Player of the Year with Centauri's Ember Canty and received first-team honors, and Devin Wilson and Megan Farrah

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BASEBALL



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Jack Harker slides into second ahead of the throw during Tuesday's 9-5 win over the Sargent Farmers. The Pirates own a 3-1 record so far on the season — the team's strongest start to the season in years.

Pirates off to best start in recent memory

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team is off to its best start in recent memory thanks to a third-place finish at last weekend's Ignacio Tournament and a home win over Sargent Tuesday.

At 4-1, the Pirates have also already doubled last year's win total.

much more than that," coach Jim Fait said, later noting the team is off to its best start in at least 10 years.

Fait said this year's team is dedicated, and possesses a more mature baseball knowledge and a different mentality than he's seen in previous teams, noting, "They're not giving up this year."

Pagosa faced three different

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate Shane Miller pitches to catcher Bryce Raymond during Tuesday afternoon's 9-5 victory over the Sargent Farmers. Miller got the win and struck out seven.

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"Sitting at 4-1, I can't ask for teams in Ignacio, including the 2A Ignacio Bobcats and 3A Buena Vista Demons Friday, March 17, and the 2A Dolores Bears the following day, ending up third out of six teams.

"I was really happy that we got third place in that tournament," Fait said.

Ignacio

Pagosa opened tournament play against the Bobcats Friday in a successful manner, walking away with an 11-8 win.

The win came despite an early 7-0 lead by the Bobcats, with Ignacio breaking out for six runs in the first inning and another in second.

Pagosa's first three runs came around in the bottom of the third inning, but the Bobcats countered with another run in the top of the fourth, taking an 8-3 lead.

"The key to that game was the fifth inning," Fait said, adding that

the team batted around in the fifth. The Pirates' success in the fifth inning came on a series of singles and walks, including a two-run hit by Jack Harker to score Keaton Laverty and Bryce Raymond.

The Pirates went on to add another four runs the following inning, including RBIs by PJ Bailey, Laverty and Raymond.

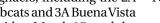
Those four runs allowed the Pirates to end the game with an 11-8 win.

The Pirates scored 11 runs on 11 hits and erred three times in the game, while Ignacio scored eight runs on seven hits and erred once.

Laverty went 3-for-4 with two doubles, three runs scored and four RBIs in the game for the Pirates, and Tanner Evans went 2-for-3 with three runs scored.

Also notching a hit each in the game were Bailey (with an RBI), Liam Doctor, Harker (with two RBIs), Ty Kimsey, Eric Huddleston (a double) and Raymond (with two

"My three, four and five hitters are really starting to hit the ball,"



stolen bases in the game.

Pirates, allowing eight runs (six earned) on seven hits and three walks while striking out four in four innings pitched.

"Dane Kline did a good job,"

Leonard Noriega pitched in relief in the game and recorded the win, striking out three of the seven batters he faced in two innings pitched.

Buena Vista

■ See Baseball A16

That afternoon, the Pirates took on the Demons, but fell to them

The Pirates quickly fell behind the Demons 5-1 in the first, and, by the time the Pirates came up to bat in the third, were down 13-1.

The Pirates scored one that in-

Buena Vista countered with

The Pirates had a total of six

Dane Kline started for the

Fait said.

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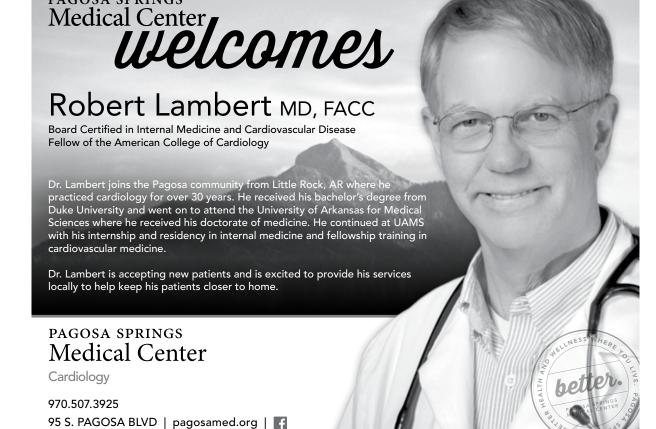


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Soccer

Lady Pirates rebound for win after two tough losses

By Jim Garrett Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School girls' soccer team suffered losses on their home field to strong opponents from the Front Range on Friday, March 17, and Saturday, March 18.

But on Tuesday, March 21, the Lady Pirates rebounded on the pitch at Golden Peaks Stadium with a good win against the visiting 2A Ignacio Bobcats. With the win, the team evened its record at 2-2.

St. Mary's

On Friday, the St. Mary's Pirates visited from Colorado Springs, and took a win 2-1 in overtime.

The outcome displayed the disadvantage of limited early-season practice time due to snow as, with only four previous days outside, the home team had increasing trouble keeping pace with their able opponents as the hard-fought, back-and-forth match progressed.

Even so, Pagosa was able to mount repeated attacks in the opponent's end throughout the match, but found themselves turned back by stubborn defense and stout goal-keeping.

In a pattern followed throughout the contest, as well as the next day against Manitou Springs, Pagosa's attacks were primarily initiated by good work between midfielder Hayley Mitchell and striker Hannah Marnocha, with frequent help from forward Alyssa Lewis and one or more of Morgan Thompson, Kim Armendariz and Jaycee Sweeney.

But the St. Mary defenders challenged effectively before the Pagosa attacks could reach close range, and the opponents' keeper made the saves on the long shots on goal that the attacks generated.

St. Mary's was then usually able promptly to mount counterattacks.

At the other end, however, St. Mary's attackers were also often run down by Pagosa stopper Addie Thompson before shots could be taken, or were pushed wide by Thompson with help from Isabelle Pajak and Marissa Medina, frequently forcing shots from long range that were wide of the goal, or saved by keeper Diana Scott.

But after rebuffing the St. Mary's attacks, Pagosa had difficulty on some occasions effectively clearing the ball fully from their own end.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason later commented that Pagosa sometimes lacked good spacing between its backline defenders and midfielders, especially as the match advanced, producing problems for the team in transitioning from defense to offense.

He identified "as things to improve — team shape [and] moving up and back together," as well as "everybody communicating."

Against St. Mary's on Friday, however, effective tackling by the defenders and strong play by Scott mostly kept the visitors off the scoreboard.

Pagosa tallied first in the match, taking a 1-0 lead about two-thirds of the way through the first half. The Pagosa goal followed an attack mounted by Marnocha with Halle Severs and Alanah Gallegos. The initial charge was blunted by the St. Mary's defense, but a corner kick

was forced. Marnocha took the kick, and following a scrum in front of the St. Mary's goal, the ball came free shot-making. The Lady Pirates played bravely, about 30 yards out. Armendariz then struck a long shot that looped over the packed-in defense, eluded the keeper's reach, and got under the crossbar into the back of the net.

Intense back-and-forth play followed, but Pagosa's efforts to add to the lead did not bear fruit.

St. Mary's retaliated to even the score with about three minutes until the end of the half.

A visitors' midfielder launched a long pass seeking to connect with a teammate deep in the Pagosa end. Addie Thompson rushed back to defend and at the end of a long run forced the attacker wide, leading to a weak shot, missing the goal.

But Pagosa again had difficulty transitioning from defense to attack and was unable to clear the ball out of their end after the ensuing goal kick.

A St. Mary's attacker gained possession, advanced inside the 18-yard box and struck a good shot from the right that skipped by Scott into the

The score was 1-1 at halftime. The second half began with more back-and-forth play, with repeated

attacks and counterattacks. But the visitors began to control more of the flow of the match as Pagosa's fatigue increased while the clock wound down.

Twice in the waning minutes of the half Scott rescued her team with skillful saves.

The second half ended without additional scoring.

By overtime, both teams showed the effects of their tiredness.

For Pagosa, Mitchell, Marnocha and Morgan Thompson continued nevertheless to push the attack, but Pagosa was unable to generate any good scoring opportunities.

Then, after a few minutes of play, St. Mary's initiated an attack deep into Pagosa's end. A goal kick was forced, but defender Addie Thompson injured a leg racing to make the play, and was forced to leave the

The visitors then intercepted Pagosa's clearing attempt again, and a centering pass was sent in front of the goal from the right wing, where the striker put a well-timed, one-touch shot inside the left post, giving St. Mary's a hard-fought, 2-1 win.

For the match, Scott turned in

Marnocha led Pagosa with two shots on goal, and Armendariz and Mitchell had one apiece.

Kurt-Mason named Addie Thompson player of the game in recognition of her unrelenting, strong challenges of the St. Mary's attackers from start to finish.

St. Mary's went on to beat Bayfield the next day, 4-1.

Manitou Springs

On Saturday morning, the Lady Pirates hosted the Manitou Mustangs, also from the Colorado Springs area. The visitors won, 6-0.

Manitou Springs showed outstanding team speed in the match, had numerous \bar{p} layers with strong kicking legs, tackled aggressively and effectively on defense, had very good team organization, and executed its scheme skillfully with strong, accurate passing and dangerous

resisting the visitors' attacks and striving to mount attacks of their own from the first whistle to the last, but couldn't consistently pressure the visitors' defense.

The Mustangs had previously enjoyed two consecutive comfortable wins, besting Woodland Park 8-0, and Bayfield 10-0.

As on the previous day, the Lady Pirates had difficulty effectively transitioning from defense to attack, and as coach Kurt-Mason pointed out, did not always have good spacing in their own end.

The visitors took advantage to intercept clearing attempts, and were able to keep the pressure on the Pagosa defense for the majority of the match.

Effective tackling of opposing attackers by Addie Thompson, Sarah Ross, Medina and other Pagosa defenders, and tough play in the goal by Scott, who made 17 saves and repeatedly dashed off the goal line to intercept the opponent's centering passes, helped keep the Lady Pirates in the game.

Mitchell, Marnocha, Lewis, Morgan Thompson and others worked hard to mount attacks into the Manitou Springs end, but with the Lady Pirates' difficulty in transitioning out of their own end, had relatively few opportunities and seldom were able to find weaknesses in the opponent's

Good scoring opportunities for the Lady Pirates were few, and the home side was credited with only two shots on goal.

Manitou Springs' first score came on a penalty kick less than four minutes into the match, caused by a tackle that was a little too aggressive in the face of the pressure of the visitors' attack in front of the Pagosa goal.

But the Lady Pirates showed no discouragement and continued to fight. Subsequent goals were a product of the visitors' own hard work, combined with their skill. The scores were sprinkled throughout the match, and came on well-executed plays which often gave Scott no chance for a save.

Even in the last minute of the game, though well behind in the score, the Pagosa side showed it was equal to its opponents in heart, with Mitchell and Marnocha persisting to carry an attack down the left side, deep into the opponent's end. The attack was finally thwarted by a save on Marnocha's shot less than 30 seconds from the final whistle.

After the Manitou Springs match, Kurt-Mason praised the Lady Pirates for their effort.

"Our kids never, never gave up," he said, adding the team had even "stepped up our play [today], against even tougher opposition." He predicted the Mustangs would go far this season.

The coach continued, referring to the two tough games, "It was no walk in the park this weekend." But, he said, "adversity is good for our kids."

Kurt-Mason named Mitchell the player of the game, noting her hard work and good passing.

The coach stated, "whenever we had possession she was involved. She is a very coachable player and a wonderful human being."

RECREATION NEWS

Register now for baseball, gymnastics, tee-ball and soccer

By Darren Lewis SUN Columnist

The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for youth baseball for the following divisions: Coach Pitch ages 6-8, Machine Pitch ages 9-10, and Kid Pitch 11-12.

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Practice will start in May and games to begin in

Gymnastics registration ages 3 and up

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Adult soccer

The recreation department is accepting registrations for adult soccer teams through April 21.

The league will be played during the month of May. The team registration fee is \$150 and an early-bird registration through April 15 is \$100.

Adult soccer games will be held during the month of May every Tuesday and Thursday evening.

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kicks a goal despite a diving Ignacio goalie during the first half of Tuesday afternoon's 9-0 victory over

Lady Pirate

Sarah Ross the Bobcats. The goal was one of two back-to-back goals by the sophomore.

Ignacio

The visiting Bobcats fell to the more experienced Lady Pirates on Tuesday afternoon by a score of 9-0.

Pagosa controlled the play throughout and built productive attacks repeatedly on well-executed passing.

Attacks came as well on skillful, aggressive individual rushes to carry the ball through openings in the defense deep into the opponent's end, sometimes completed on hard shots, others on well-aimed crossing passes to teammates in scoring position.

Marnocha and Lewis repeatedly ended attacks by launching shots on the Ignacio goal, Mitchell dominated the play in midfield, and Addie Thompson was an impenetrable wall on defense, and worked to contribute offensively, as well.

Many other Lady Pirates also contributed strongly, including Morgan Thompson, Gallegos and Ross in the attacking end, Isabelle Pajak, Armendariz, and Annabelle Bowles in the midfield, and Marissa Medina and K.C. Yeneza in the defensive end. Scott was not called upon for any

Pagosa goals were tallied by Marnocha (four), Lewis (two), Ross (two), and Gallegos. Marnocha added two

assists, and Lewis one.

for openings.

After the match, Kurt-Mason said the Lady Pirates' spacing was much better against Ignacio than the two prior matches, and added the team had been working on "threedimensional play" in practice, and it showed up in the game, as Pagosa did well moving the ball around looking

He added that the Lady Pirates had also worked on set plays for throw-ins, and the team had used the plays several times in the Ignacio match, to good effect.

The coach said he was pleased in particular that the players had looked to "create opportunities" for each other throughout the game, finding and exploiting openings in

the defense.

In addition, Kurt-Mason was gratified that everyone on the team had the chance to play.

Marnocha was named player of the game, in recognition of her outstanding play, but also her strong leadership and unselfishness in setting up her teammates for scoring chances.

The coach also praised the play of Mitchell, observing, "she was really good too."

Up next

The Lady Pirates' next game will be against Crested Butte, also at home, set for 3:45 p.m. tomorrow. The Titans have a 0-2 record so far this season, with losses to Aspen, 2-0, and Ridgway, 4-3.

After the game against Crested Butte on Friday, Pagosa does not have another match scheduled until April 4, when they will travel to Montezuma-Cortez to take on the Panthers.

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Wolf Creek Ski Area Fun Race results

Special to The SUN

Wolf Creek Ski Area hosted another Fun Race on Saturday,

It was another successful event, the fastest time.

Top speed of 25.9 seconds was awarded to Guy Jackson, of Albuquerque, N.M.

Following are the locals who

placed in the race. In the Boys' 15-17, Levi Cabrera

placed third with a time of 34.27. Daniel Cabrera placed first in the Boys' 18-20 with a time of 28.67.

In the Men's 36-40, Dan Ste-26.52

In the Men's 61-70, Dean Sell placed first with a time of 27.56 and Bozz Burke placed second with a time of 27.56.

Elizabeth Riman placed first with

a time of 31.25 in the Women's 51-60. The next race in the Fun Race Series will be held Saturday, March 25. It's free with purchase of a lift ticket and open to skiers and boarders of all ages and abilities Medals are awarded to the top three racers in each division.

Come on out, join in on the fun and earn your medal at the next

Baseball

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another eight runs in the top of the fourth, which was countered by four from the Pirates, leaving the Pagosa on the wrong end of the 21-6 final

"It was not a good day," Fait said. The Pirates' six runs came around on six hits, with Pagosa recording six errors in the game and leaving five runners on base

The Demons' 21 runs were scored on 16 hits, while they erred

"That was our worst game by far," Fait said, noting it was a rough game for starting pitcher Shane Miller and the team had trouble

Laverty and Raymond each recorded two hits, with Laverty hitting a double and a triple and adding three RBIs and a run scored to the books, and Raymond tallying a double and two RBIs.

Harker contributed a hit, a run and an RBI, with Bailey adding a hit.

Evans scored two runs in the game, and Doctor also scored a

Four Pirates saw time on the mound in the game — Miller, DJ Day, Harker and Noriega. Collectively, they allowed 21 runs (15 earned) on 16 hits and seven walks while striking out three.

Noriega stole a base in the game.

Dolores

With a 1-1 record in Friday's pool play, the Pirates took on the Dolores Bears Saturday in the tour $nament's \ third-place \ game -- \ and$ returned to their winning ways, logging a 6-4 victory.

Pagosa jumped to an early 5-0 lead in the first two innings before allowing four runs in the bottom of

the second inning. "We got off to a good start in that game,"Fait said, with the Pirates having four walks and two hits in the inning. The team, however, left the bases loaded in the inning.

The Pirates added an insurance run in the top of the seventh after four innings of scoreless baseball.

That run came in part due to good base running by Kline, Fait said, explaining that Kline led off the inning with a single, stole second, and advanced to third and

scored on a couple of errors. "He ran the bases well," the coach said. "He's pretty fast."

Pagosa's six runs came on eight hits, with the Pirates committing two errors. Dolores' four runs came on six hits, and the Bears committed three errors.

Laverty was the only Pirate to have two hits on the day, with the junior also notching a run and an

Bailey, Evans (with an RBI), Doctor, Harker, Jesse Laverty (with an RBI) and Raymond each had one hit. Harker scored two runs, and the Pirates' other runs were scored by

The Pirates stole nine bases in the game, led by three from Keaton Laverty and two from Harker. Evans, Doctor, Jesse Laverty and Huddleston stole one base each.

Kline, Evans and Huddleston.

Bailey and Keaton Laverty pitched for the Pirates, allowing four runs (three earned) on six hits and four walks while striking out five.

Sargent

Then, on Tuesday, the team faced off against the 2A Sargent Farmers for the Pirates' home opener.

That, too, was a successful affair for the Pirates, who put a 9-5 victory in the win column.

Sargent took an early lead, scoring two in the top of the first, but Pagosa countered with four runs in the bottom of the second on a series of walks, a hit batter, an RBI triple by Evans, an RBI by Kimsey and an RBI

Sargent added another run in the top of the third, and the score remained 4-3 until the bottom of the fifth, when the Pirates scored three more runs with two hit batters and doubles from Bailey and Evans.

by Huddleston.

After allowing a run by the Farmers in the top of the sixth, Pagosa scored two more in the bottom of that inning, with singles by Huddleston and Harker, who scored on a wild pitch and an error.

The Farmers dug up one more run in the top of the seventh, but it was not enough, and the Pirates reaped the win.

Pagosa's nine runs came around on a total of eight hits, and the Pirates committed two errors. Sargent's five runs came in on eight hits, with the Farmers erring three

"Unfortunately, we continue to leave people on base, and we can't do that when we get into the harder part of our schedule," Fait said, adding that he thought the team's defense would come around in the next week or so as the team gets

more comfortable on the diamond. Miller got seven strike outs in the game and the win.

were not available by press time Wednesday.

Additional stats from the game

Up next

Pagosa will continue to play opponents in different size classifications Friday and Saturday, with

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Baseball

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the Pirates set to play a pair of 4A teams in Colorado Springs — if the weather cooperates.

The Pirates will travel to Colorado Springs Friday for a 4 p.m. game against Sierra High School that afternoon, but with a strong chance of rain in the forecast, the Pirates could end up playing a doubleheader Saturday, against Sierra and Mitchell High School.

The Sierra Stallions are 1-4 on the season, while the Mitchell Marauders are 3-3.

Fait said he will measure success

petitiveness.

"If we play our game and play to the best of our ability, I'm OK if we lose," he said. "I think my kids will do fine, I really do."

mound Friday, followed by Miller

with a higher level class," Fait said, adding the trip would serve to help the Pirates get ready for league play, which begins on April 4.

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APublic Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2017-001

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 6, 2017, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.

Original Grantor(s) William Gregory Pilgrim Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Bank of America, N.A. Date of Deed of Trust March 30, 2010 County of Recording Archuleta

Recording Date of Deed of Trust March 30. 2010 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page

No.) 21002180 Original Principal Amount \$313,222.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$280,678.34

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
LOT 335, LAKE FOREST ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4,

Also known by street and number as: 509 Dutton Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE

PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in

THEREFORE. Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 05/11/2017 at 449 San Juan St, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CEPB), OR BOTH, THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General 1300 Broadway, 10th Floor Denver, Colorado 80203

www.coloradoattornevgeneral.gov Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Iowa City, Iowa 52244 (855) 411-2372

www.consumerfinance.gov DATE: 01/06/2017

Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado

By: /s/ Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar

registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Attorney File # 16CO00630-1

attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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Archuleta County Road and Bridge Department Advertisement for Bid

2017 Aggregate Supply
Notice is hereby given that Archuleta County will accept sealed bids for aggregate supply for 2017. THREE SETS (ONE ORIGINAL AND TWO COMPLETE COPIES OF THE SEALED BID), clearly marked with "2017 Aggregate Supply Bid," along with the name, address and telephone number of the bidder, will be received by Larry Walton, Finance Director, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 30, 2017. As soon as practical after the bid closing time, all bids shall be opened in public and

returned unopened to the bidder.

Bid specifications must be obtained from the Archuleta County Road & Bridge Department, 1122 S. Hwy. 84, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Please refer all questions regarding this bid to Yari Davis, Engineer Technician at (970) 264-8404; fax (970) 264-6815; e-mail yarceneaux@ archuletacounty.org. Answers to all questions, inquiries, or requests for additional information will be issued in the form of Addenda. The County will not be responsible for the authenticity or correctness of oral interpretations of the contract documents or for information obtained in any other manner than through the media of addenda Bidders in their bids shall acknowledge receipt of each Addendum, and each Addendum shall be considered a receipt of any Addendum issued may invalidate a bid as incomplete. Questions must be received no later than the close of business 7 days prior to the Bid Opening. The bid shall be awarded by the Board of County Commissioners. It is the Bidders' responsibility to verify the exact date of the award. Bidders may, but shall not

be required to, attend the award of bid. A bid tab shall be forwarded to all Bidders as soon as practicable thereafter. The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Board, to be in the best interest of Archuleta County.

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Request for Proposals: for Preparation of an Archuleta County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners invites qualified firms to submit proposals to prepare a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. Sealed proposals (marked "Proposal for Archuleta County Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan") will be accepted by Larry Walton, Finance Director, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 until March 28, 2017 at 2:00 PM local time. Firms that wish to submit must register their intent in the full Request for Proposal, No. 4291-17-001. A copy may be obtained from Larry Walton, Finance Director by emailing lwalton@archuletacounty.org, or by calling (970) 264-8556.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING

Gretchen Grotz and Steve Wilkins of Pagosa Springs have applied for the Pagosa in the Pines Unit Two Amendment 2017-01, a replat of Lots 88, 89 & 90, at 59 and 60 Trap Ct., Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN17-044). The Amended Plat will result in two lots, 88Z and 90Z. Comments may be submitted to the Archuleta County

on the weekend not just by wins or losses, but also by the Pirates' com-

Kline is expected to take the

"I just hope we can compete

1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of

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County Commissioners on April 4, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in

the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398

Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING

Jim and Leslie Santee of Pagosa Springs, representing Margaret S. Shipman, Olmstead-Santee Living Trust. and Jerry and Muriel Buckley, have applied for the Lake Pagosa Park Amendment 2017-01, a replat of Lots 39-45. Block 11, at 881, 887 & 907 Cloud Cap Ave., Pagosa

in three lots, 40Z, 42Z and 44Z. Comments may be submitted to the Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on April 4, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be

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United Mini Storage 399 A U.S. Hwy 84 Pagosa Springs, CO. 81147 Sunetha Property Managemen 970-731-4344 Ext. 2 Notice of sale or disposal of contents: Unit: #B11 & B48 -tenant Vic Gillean Date of sale: March 25 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Published March 16 and 23, 2017 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs Phone Number: (970) 264-8160

Attorney for Plaintiff: Daniel L. Fiedler, #47916 PO Box 5633 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 970-317-4779

E-mail: danielfiedler@gmail.com Case Number: 2017CV30023 RONALD BECKMAN

In re: that Parcel of Land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 34 North, Range 3 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian as more fully described herein and containing 0.57 acres more or less and All Known or Unknown Persons Who May Claim an Interest in Said Land

SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint to Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District 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 service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained

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 entered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice

This is an action to guiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:

0.57 acre more or less parcel of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 34 North, Range 3 West, New Mexico

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of March 2017. Daniel L. Fiedler First Publication: March 23, 2017

Last Publication: April 20, 2017

from the clerk of the court.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ON APRIL 4, 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to CRS 30-28-116 that Archuleta County Development Services is proposing amendments to the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations. The proposed changes classify utility distribution lines, including those installed above ground in any zone, as Conforming structures; amending Section 1.3.2.4, adding Section 1.3.2.5 and adding a definition of Electric Power Distribution Line to Section 11.2.1. The specific text proposed to be adopted is available for review at the Archuleta County Planning Department offices or online at www.archuletacounty.co

Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to the Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507 (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty. org prior to the public meeting by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on April 4, 2017, at 1:30 n.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting. Published March 23 and 30, 2017 in The Pagosa

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for a "Conditional Use Permit" for the operation of a "Vacation Rental" to be located at 406 S. 6th Street. The Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission will consider the "Conditional Use Permit" application at a public hearing scheduled on April 11, 2017 at 5:30PM Town Hall located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. Anyone wishing to provide comments should contact the Town Planning Department at 970-264-4151 x 221 or attend the public hearing. Public comments will be accepted at Published March 23, 2017 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

First reading of the following Ordinance will be at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting on April 4, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room located at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. ORDINANCE NO. 18-2017 THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF THE COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF OPEN

IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ARCHULETA /HEREAS, the Board of County Commissione

of the County of Archuleta (Board), pursuant to C.R.S. §30-11-107(1)(a) and 30-15-401, et seg. has the general enabling power to adopt ordinances, resolutions, rules and other regulations as may be necessary for the control or licensing of matters of purely local concern, and to do all acts which may be necessary or expedient to promote the health, and welfare of the citizens of Archuleta

County: and WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §30-15-401(1)(n.5), the Board has specific authority to adopt an ordinance establishing an open burning permit system for the purpose of authorizing and regulating open burning as one of the many methods of safely disposing of slash and to adopt an ordinance banning open fires to a degree and in a manner that the Board deems necessary to reduce the dangers of wildfires within those portions of he unincorporated areas of the County where dangers of forest or grass fires is found to be high; and

County land use and zoning laws, permit applicants and grantees shall be subject to the Archuleta County Land ent Code; and WHEREAS, the Board does not waive its authority to

under Colorado Statute or this ordinance, by way of delegations contained herein; and
WHEREAS, the Board will review this ordinance once

annually, at a regularly scheduled Board meeting, to determine whether authority delegated hereunder is being appropriately administered; and WHEREAS, the Board encourages special districts having fire jurisdiction to provide education to citizens

about the use of fire as a tool: and WHEREAS, C.R.S. §30-15-405, provides that except for dinances calling for special elections or necessary to the immediate preservation of the public health or safety and containing reasons making the same necessary, such ordinances shall not take effect and be in force however, an excepted ordinance shall take effect upon

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Archuleta County is authorized under the provisions of C.R.S. §30-10-512 and C.R.S. §30-10-513, to act as fire warden of the County in case of wild fire, and to assume charge or assist other governmental authorities in controlling or extinguishing

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has appointed a Sheriff's designee to act on his behalf in matters relating to fire prevention and fire control in Archuleta County; and WHEREAS, open fires and open burning can be a prime cause of wild fire in Archuleta County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §32-1-1002(3)(a), et seq. the Chief of each Fire Protection District has authority over the supervision of all fires within the district; and WHEREAS, the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control has established Slash Pile Burning

WHEREAS, the Board finds that competent evidence has been presented indicating that the danger of wild fire in Archuleta County is periodically high, and therefore it is necessary to the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Archuleta County to impose unincorporated areas of Archuleta County;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD

ARCHULETA AS FOLLOWS:

The foregoing findings are incorporated herein Section 2. Title

This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the "Archuleta County Open Fire and Open Burning Restriction Ordinance," and may be cited and referenced

Section 3. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to preserve and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Archuleta County, Colorado, by restricting open fires and open burning in the unincorporated areas of Archuleta County during times of high fire danger and to provide a permitting system that will (1) allow and regulate open and safe burning of slash; (2) inform persons of considerations for the appropriate, safe, and effective use of fire as a tool; and (3) reinforce knowledge of local requirements of homeowner associations, special districts having fire jurisdiction, and county ordinances to increase public awareness and protect the public health Section 4. Authority

This Ordinance is authorized by, inter alia, generally, C.R.S. Part 1 of Article 11 of Title 30, and Part 4 of Article 15 of Title 30, and specifically, Part 4 of Article 15 of Title 30 at § 401(1)(n.5).

Section 5. Interpretation This Ordinance shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to preserve and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Archuleta County, Colorado, by burning responsibly under appropriate parameters, and by documenting open fires and open burning in unincorporated Archuleta County and by establishing an open burn permit system in coordination with the Sheriff's Office and special districts having fire jurisdiction to allow oversight of open burning in order to prevent wild fire in Archuleta County. Section headings and any cross references shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify or affect in any manner the scope, meaning or extent of any provision

Section 6. Application

This Ordinance shall apply throughout unincorporated areas of Archuleta County, including public, private, and state lands

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following shall

"Air Curtain Destructor (also known as Air Curtain **Burners or Air Curtain Incinerators)**": An open burning device that operates by forcefully projecting a curtain of air across an open chamber or pit in which combustion occurs. Devices of this type may be constructed above or below ground and with or without refractory walls and floor. (Air Curtain devices are not conventional controlled air technology such as mass burn, modular

and fluidized bed combustors.)

"Agricultural Burning": Burning of cover vegetation for the purpose of preparing the soil for crop production, weed control, or maintenance of water conveyance structures related to agricultural operations and other agricultural cultivation purposes.

Broadcast Burn": The controlled application of fire to wildland fuels in their natural or modified state over a predetermined area. Broadcast Burns do not include the burning of wildland fuels that have been concentrated in niles by manual or mechanical methods **'Extinguished":** No excessive heat or visible flame,

smoke, or emissions exist. "Fire Restriction Evaluation Guidelines": That set of evaluation criteria currently in use by federal, state, and local fire suppression/management agencies for monitoring fuel moistures, fire danger class, current impacts on suppression resources, current fire cause types, fire weather forecasts, and other indicators of

predicted fire danger. "Fire Restriction and Stages": "Stage 1 Restrictions": Prohibits the following

1. Open fire and open burning, excepting fires and campfires within permanently constructed fire grates charcoal grills and wood burning stoves in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds, or private residences in areas cleared of all flammable materials, other than those exceptions/exemptions as noted in Section 9

2. The sale or use of fireworks "Stage 2 Restrictions": Prohibits the following

1. All open fire and open burning as defined other tha those exceptions/exemptions as noted in Section 9 2. The sale or use of fireworks.

3. Outdoor smoking except within an enclosed vehicle

"Open Burning": Vegetation management that involves the combustion of one or more piles of clean, dry natural vegetative material on an open premises, or on any public street, alley or other land adjacent to such premises. "Open Fire": For the purposes of this Ordinance, oper fires shall be defined as outdoor fire, including, but not limited to. Vegetation Management Burning, campfires warming fires, charcoal grill fires, fires in wood-burning stoves, the use of explosives, outdoor welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame other than in an area cleared of all flammable materials fireworks of all kinds or brands, and the prescribed burning of fence lines or rows, fields, farmlands,

rangelands, wild lands, trash, and debris. partnership, firm, corporation, business or other entity cognized by law.

Prescribed Burning": The controlled application of fire in accordance with a written prescription for wildland fuels under specified environmental conditions while following appropriate precautionary measures that ensure that the fire is confined to a predetermined area to accomplish the planned fire or land-management objectives, in accordance with the Colorado Prescribed Fire Planning and Implementation Policy Guide, issued by the Colorado

"Red Flag Warning": A forecast warning issued by the National Weather Service to inform area firefighting and land use management agencies that conditions are ideal for wildland fire ignition and propagation. "Slash": Woody material less than six inches in diameter consisting of limbs, branches, and stems that are free of dirt. "Slash" does not include tree stumps, roots, or

Division of Fire Prevention and Control.

any other material. "Vegetation Management Burning": Fire that a person starts and that is intentionally used for wildland or forest management, including vegetative, habitat, or fuel management, and yard waste burning consisting of clean dry vegetative material. Vegetation Management Burning Vegetation Management Burning does not include: Burning in the course of agricultural operations.

2. Burning for purpose of maintaining water conveyance structures Smokeless flares or safety flares for the combustion of waste gases.

4. Flares used to indicate danger.5. Emissions from fireplaces, fire pits, chimineas or other wood burning containers that have been approved and used for non-commercial, recreational or aesthetic purposes using clean, dry, untreated wood or charcoal. Cooking fires that are smaller than three feet in meter and less than two feet high that are kindled for the purpose of cooking food using only clean, dry.

untreated wood or charcoal, which are contained by fireplaces, fire pits (free standing and / or above ground) barbeques or other systems approved by the local special district having fire jurisdiction or the Archuleta County

7. Broadcast burns conducted within federal and state delines that have a written prescribed fire plan.

8. The use of explosives. 9. Outdoor welding or operating an acetylene torch with

10. The use of fireworks of all kinds or brands.

Section 8. Unlawful Acts 1. No person shall conduct Vegetation Management Burning within unincorporated areas of Archuleta County, including private and County property, without first having obtained an Open Burning Permit from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, and adhering to the terms of the permit and the requirements established in Section 12. No person shall conduct open burning of items that are prohibited in Vegetation Management Burning at any time in the unincorporated areas of Archuleta County

including private County property.

3. Engaging in activity prohibited when Stage 1 or Stage 2 Restrictions are in effect, other than as excepted or exempted, in the unincorporated areas of Archuleta

County including public, private, state, and applicable Section 9. Exceptions/Exemptions

The following shall not be in violation of Section 8:

1. Commercial or community fireworks displays properly

2. Fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves; indoor fireplaces and wood-burning stoves; and outdoor charcoal grills and wood-burning stoves during Stage 1 Restrictions, providing they are at private residences and in an area cleared of all flammable

materials including dry vegetation.

3. The burning of irrigation ditches in the designated areas is prohibited by this Order EXCEPT for ditches located within, and completely surrounded by, irrigated farmlands where such burning is necessary for crop survival. Prior to such excepted ditch burning, permission must be obtained from the Sheriff by and through the Sheriff's designee

4. Persons with a permit or written authorization from the Sheriff, by and through the Sheriff's designee, specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. Issuance of such permit or written authorization shall be contingent upon concurrence of any special district

5. Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance on an official duty.

6. Any further exemptions to either the meaning of terms or the enforcement of this Ordinance shall be granted only by the Sheriff, by and through the Sheriff's designee, or for exemptions upon or within Archuleta County, by the administering agency, and only if the proposed action is deemed by the Archuleta County Sheriff, through the Sheriff's designee, to be safe and manageable with the

concurrence of any special district having fire jurisdiction. Section 10. Implementation of Fire Restriction Stages
The Archuleta County Sheriff, or his designee shall monitor fire danger conditions and coordinate with Federal, State and local fire agencies to determine the appropriate stage of restrictions. When the established Fire Restriction Evaluation Guidelines contained in the Archuleta County Wildland Fire Annual Operating Plan indicate that enforcement of Section 8, Subsection 3, of this ordinance under Stage 1 Restrictions should be re-instated, or that restrictions should be upgraded to Stage 2 Restrictions, the Archuleta County Sheriff, or his designee shall coordinate notification to the public through a general press release to local radio and print media, as well as posting on the Archuleta County Internet Website and Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Facebook page. Likewise, when conditions indicate a reduction in restrictions from Stage 2 to Stage 1, or the suspension of enforcement of Section 8, Subsection 3 the same notification to the public shall occur.

Section 11. Permit Application Process and Burn

I. Open Burning Permits will only be issued for those fires defined as Vegetation Management Burning.

2. An Open Burning Permit may be revoked at any time if any permit requirements are not complied with. Open Burn Permits are invalid during Stage 1 or Stage 2 Fire Restrictions or during a Red Flag Warning and any fire already ignited under such permit must be extinguished.

3. Open Burning Permits may be purchased at the Pagosa Springs Fire Protection District office located at 191 N. Pagosa Blvd. in Pagosa Springs. Restrictions and specifications regarding Open Burning Requirements including but not limited to the size and location of the slash pile will be provided when the permit is issued. 4. The Archuleta County Combined Dispatch shall keep a log of each notification it receives regarding an intento initiate such open burning of slash and verify that a

nermit has been issued authorizing the burn Section 12. Vegetation Management Burning

Persons with Open Burning Permit shall notify responsible fire agencies, including the Sheriff's Office and any special district having fire jurisdiction on the day of and within one hour before commencing burning. Persons shall notify responsible fire agencies upon completion of the Open Burn. Responsible fire agencies shall be notified via Pagosa Area Dispatch at 2. If an Open Burn is to be conducted by someone other

than the legal owner of the property, written permission for the Open Burn shall be obtained from the legal owner or his/her agent and submitted as part of the 3. Piles may be up to eight feet wide and at least four feet tall, with material no greater than six inches in diameter

and shall be compliant with any criteria established by a special district having fire jurisdiction. . Open Burn Fires shall be constantly and directly attended and observed by a competent person. Appropriate extinguishing equipment shall be available

be in possession of the person attending and observing

the Open Burn at all times during the Open Burn. 5. The Open Burn shall be conducted 50 feet or more from any structures or combustible fence. 6. All fires shall be conducted within the terms of the Open Burning Permit, This does not apply to recreational fires. including bonfires, camp fires, and fires used for cooking.

7. Local special districts having fire jurisdiction may have codes regulations policies or standards that are more

more restrictive or prohibitive provisions apply. 8. Open Burns of Slash piles are allowed only when there are predicted or actual winds of 10 mph or less. All Open Burns of Slash piles conducted above 7.000 feet elevation are required to have three or more inches of snow on the ground around the slash, unless an Air

Curtain Destructor is used. There shall be no Vegetation Management Burning while red flag warning is in effect in the fire weather zone of the designated burn or during Stage 1 or Stage

2 Restrictions. Persons receiving Open Burn permits shall make reasonable efforts to notify owners and occupants of neighboring properties prior to ignition. The County will maintain an online, publicly available list of addresses

for active burn permits. Section 13. Enforcement Agencies/Prosecution

1. This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Sheriff, through his Deputies, including the Sheriff's designee or by the special districts having fire jurisdiction o administering agencies of the state and federal lands located therein, and they shall have authority to order any person to immediately cease any violation of this ordinance. This authority shall include, but not limited to, the right to issue a penalty assessment notice and the right of a Post Certified Deputy to take such person or persons into temporary custody. Any further exception to the enforcement ability of this Ordinance by the administering agency shall be granted only by the administering agency, and only if the proposed action is deemed by the Sheriff of Archuleta County or the state or federal administering agency to be safe or manageable 2. Criminal prosecution may be brought against a violator in accordance with C.R.S. §30-15-402(1) as amended by H.B, 96-1117, and 30-15-410, and under the penalty assessment procedure provided in C.R.S. §16-2-201 The Sheriff's Office is authorized to devise a ticketing system in conformance with C.R.S. §16-2-201.

3. Each violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed Ordinance or of any other federal, state, or local law, order or regulation

4. Any person who violates this Ordinance from the effective date commits a Class 2 Petty Offense under C.R.S. §30-15-402, and, upon conviction or confession of guilt thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than six hundred dollars (\$600.00), or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) during Stage 2 Open Burning Restrictions, for each separate violation plus a surcharge of ten dollars (\$10.00). Fines are to be set by the County Court, unless the violator wishes to confess guilt and, pursuant to the penalty assessment procedure, pay the fine in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or by fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) during Stage 2 Open Burning Restrictions, plus the ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge. Agricultural burning is exempt from this requirement.

5. All fines paid for the violation of this Ordinance shall be in negotiable funds made payable to Archuleta County and submitted to the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 790, Pagosa Springs, CO, 81147 within twenty (20) days of a receipt of a notice of violation. All fines and surcharges for the violation of this Ordinance received by the County shall be remitted to the Archuleta County Treasurer and deposited into the general fund of Section 14. Additional Remedie

The remedies provided in the Ordinance shall be cumulative and in addition to any other federal, state or

local remedies, criminal or civil, which may be available Nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude prosecution under any applicable statute, including, but not limited to, prosecution under C.R.S. §18-4-105, 18-13-109.5, or any applicable local, state or federal statute

ordinance, rule, order, or regulation

Section 15. Safety Clause The Board finds, determines, and declares that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation and protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the

citizens of Archuleta County, Colorado. Should any section, subsection, clause, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect, impair or invalidate the other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given affect without such

Section 17. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions

All former County ordinances, resolutions, rules or regulations, or parts thereof, in conflict with this

Ordinance are hereby repealed. Section 18. Effective Date

In the interest of immediate preservation of public health safety and welfare, this ordinance shall become effective

INTRODUCED AND READ ON FIRST READING ON __ day of April, 2017 and which was published _____, 2016 in full in the Pagosa Springs Sun in Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Colorado.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June Madrid. County Clerk & Recorder Published March 23, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Archuleta County District Court

449 San Juan Street P.O. Box 148

Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 In the Matter of the Determination of Heirs and of Interests in Property, of Forrest B. Miller

Attorney for Petitioner: William F Zimsky Abadie & Schill, PC 555 Rivergate Lane. Ste B4-180 Durango, CO 81301 Phone Number: 970-385-4401 E-mail: bill@abadieschill.con

FAX Number: 970-385-4901

Atty. Reg. #: 25318 Case Number: 2017 PR 30014

PO Box 291445

NOTICE OF NON-APPEARANCE HEARING To All Interested Persons A hearing on PETITION FOR THE DETERMINATION OF HEIRS AND OF INTERESTS IN PROPERTY will be held

at the following date, time and locatio Time: 8:00 a.m. 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Date: May 2, 2017 Address:

The names, addresses, and relationship of all interested persons, including Decedent's spouse, partner in a civil union, children, owners by inheritance, heirs and devisees Address Relationship Sucessor in interest to the mineral interests devised to Mabelle McElvain Miller and J & M Raymond, Ltd. P.O. Box 291445 Kerrville, TX 78029-1445 James M. Raymond TAMACAM, LLC c/o James M. Raymond Sucessor in interest to one-half of the Forrest B. Miller testamentary trust P.O. Box 291445

Kerrville, TX 78029-1445 Charles W. Gay c/o James M. Raymond Sucessor in interest to one-quarter of the P.O. Box 291445 Kerrville, TX 78029-1445 Forrest B. Miller testamentary trust Lorrayn Gay Hacker c/o James M. Raymond Sucessor in interest to one-quarter of the

Kerrville, TX 78029-1445 Lessee of mineral interest now owned by J&M Raymond, Ltd., TAMACAM, LLC, EXOK, Inc. ATTN: Steven A. Muns 6410 B. North Santa Fe Oklahoma City, OK 73116

Township 33 North, Range 3 West, N.M.P.M. N/2SW/4, SW/4SW/4 Section 11: NW/4NW/4 Section 15:

Comprising 400 acres, more or less

Section 28

Township 33 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M. N/2NW/4, N/2SE/4, comprising 210 acres, more or less; N/2SW/4, N/2SE/4, all land West of the Piedra River in the S/2SW/4 comprising 370 acres, more or less N/2SW/4, S/2NW/4, less 18.79 acres for County Road

Section 29: All land West of Piedra River in the SE/4SE/4 (30 acres All land West of Piedra River in the NE/4NE/4, NW/4NE/4, less 11.21 acres Comprising 770 acres, more or less

The Petitioner is seeking an order from the Court vesting the mineral interest described above as follows Name J & M Raymond, Ltd. An undivided 2/3rd interest by succession An undivided 1/6th interest by succession
An undivided 1/12th interest by succession TAMACAM, LLC

his attorney, and the filing fee must be paid on or before the hearing date and time specified above.

The hearing will be limited to objections timely filed and served. If no objections are timely filed and served, ther the Court may enter a decree with a hearing

By: William E. Zimsky, Attorney for Petitioner
Published March 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Combined Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, PO Box 148, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147; Phone Number

ndant(s): Wesley Boney, Rachel Boney, David Britt, Connie C. Chaple, Gigi N. Delk, Tracy R. Delk, Lee E. Enders, Kirk Knight, Sharayan Knight, Lynda A. Lederle, Libbe Lee Lucero, Mary Lou Lucero, Neil E. Salisbury, Diane J. Kelley (N/K/A Diane J. Tudino) and Larry M. Kelley Submitting Attorney: Newbold Chapman & Geyer PC; Keith Newbold; 150 East 9th Street, Suite 400; P.O. Box

This is to advise you that the above-captioned action is pending. A Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure has been $entered\ in\ this\ action\ concerning\ Mortgages\ executed\ by\ the\ Defendants\ for\ the\ benefit\ of\ Wyndham\ Vacation\ Resorts,$ The real property, which is all of the property currently encumbered by the Mortgages described in said Judgment

The Defendants named below are the original grantors of the Mortgages and are in default pursuant to the terms of the Promissory Notes and the Mortgages being foreclosed. The Plaintiff named above is the judgment creditor in this sold; and as of November 11, 2016, the outstanding balance due and owning on such judgment is detailed belo 1. As to Defendant David Britt (Contract #171200249), the property is described as:

recorded March 14, 1989 as Reception No. 161911 and Amendment to Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership recorded February 23, 1990 as Reception No. 169540. with the Mortgage being dated January 14, 2012, and recorded on 3/30/12 at Reception 21202002. The outstanding balance due and owning on such judgment is:

Original Principal: \$4,045.21 Unpaid Principal:

Judgment Total: \$5.127.83 2. As to Defendants Kirk Knight and Sharayan Knight (Contract #170706493), the property is described as Unit Week Number 05, Unit Number 7220, Building Number 010B, in "PTARMIGAN TOWNHOUSES PHASE III" according to and as located on the recorded Map thereof filed for record June 7, 1988 as Reception No. 156202 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership recorded February 18, 1988 as Reception No. 153557, First Amendment to Declaration of Protective Covenants corded November 2, 1988 as Reception No. 159240, Second Amendment to Declaration recorded October 3, 1990

with the Mortgage being dated July 1, 2007, and recorded on 12/10/08 at Reception 20810048. The outstanding balance due and owning on such judgment is: Original Principal: \$12,860.10 Unpaid Principal: \$7,851.47 Original Principal: Interest at 15%: \$498.19 Late Fees \$100.00

s to Defendant Lynda A. Lederle (Contract #170907695), the property is described as: A 154,00035,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Units 7807-7810 in Buildings 4 and 5, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said buildings of Peregrine Townhouses Phase II, as depicted on the Plat recorded at Reception Number 173554, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta Co

\$896.98 Late Fees: \$533.76 \$17,060.12 4. As to Defendant Neil E. Salisbury (Contract #170802078), the property is described as:

Plus Points symbolic of said property interest.
with the Mortgage being dated December 6, 2009, and recorded on 2/16/10 at Reception 21000951. The outstanding

A 405,000/17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Units 7861-7862 in Building 31, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI, as depicted on the Plat recorded at Reception Number 99011974, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, Second Supplemental Declaration recorded July 8, 1999 as Reception No. 99006556 and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado, as referred to and described in Schedule B hereof, which undivided interest has been assigned 405,000 Fairshare Plus Points symbolic of said property interest. with the Mortgage being dated March 31, 2008, and recorded on 6/20/08 at Reception 20804753. The outstanding

Judgment Total: \$17.498.82 The name, address and telephone number of the attorneys representing the owner of the Mortgage being foreclosed is Keith Newbold, Esq., Reg. No. 010629; Newbold Chapman & Geyer PC, 150 East 9th Street, Suite 400, Durango,

NOTICE OF SALE shall offer for public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, at public auction, all the right, title and interest of the

NOTICE OF RIGHTS Said proceeding may result in the loss of property in which you have an interest and may create a personal debt against you. You may wish to seek the advice of your own private attorney concerning your rights in relation to this

to cure may also be extended. SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY, May 3, 2017, AT 10:00 AM BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS TO COVER THEIR HIGHEST BID AT

COMBINED COURT. DATED this 20 day of January, 2017 at Pagosa Springs, Colorado. By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton Tonva Hamilton, Undersheriff,

Archuleta County, Colorado Published in The Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: March 9, 2017

Charles W. Gav. and Lorravn Gav Hacker This Petition concerns the descent or succession of the Decedent's interest in the following property:

Township 32 North, Range 4 West, N.M.P.M. Section 24: SW/4NE/4. SE/4NW/4, NW/4SE/4, Lots 2 and 3; Fractional NE/4SW/4 Comprising 240 acres, more or less.

Forrest B. Miller testamentary trust

Together with any other mineral interest in the State of Colorado that may have been owned by Forrest B. Miller as of the time of his death, whether or not set forth above and/or accurately described above.

Lorrayn Gay Hacker An undivided 1/12th interest by succession
All persons interested persons must appear and object to the petition on or before the hearing date and time specified above. All objections to the petition must be filed in writing with the Court and be served on the petitioner, through

Dated: February 28, 2017 /s/ William E. Zimsky

Plaintiff(s): Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc., a Delaware Corporation

2790; Durango, CO 81302; Phone Number: (970) 247-3091; Fax Number: (970) 247-3100; E-Mail: knewbok newboldchapmanlaw.com; Atty. Reg. No: 010629 Case Number: 2016-CV-30045 SHERIFF'S COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CURE AND RIGHT TO REDEEM

and Decree of Foreclosure, is situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, as recorded in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder of Archuleta County, Colorado, as detailed and described below.

action and the current owner of the evidence of debt (the judgment entered herein) secured by the property being Unit Week Number 04. Condominium Unit Number 7318. Building Number 002C in "PHASE I OF MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUMS", according to and as located on the recorded Map thereof filed for record March 1, 1989 as Reception No. 161539, and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Condominium

Interest at 15%: \$206.70 Late Fees: Attorney Fees

as Reception No. 175327, Second Supplemental Declaration recorded June 7, 1988 as Reception No. 156203 and First Amendment to First, Second and Third Supplementals recorded October 3, 1990 as Reception No. 175326, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County and State of Colorado.

Judgment Total: \$10.547.49 referred to and described in Schedule B hereof, which undivided interest has been assigned 154,000 Fairshare

balance due and owning on such judgment is: Unpaid Principal: Interest at 15%: Costs:

balance due and owning on such judgment is Original Principal: \$14.337.75 \$29.307.05 Unpaid Principal: iterest at 15%: \$1,100.00 Costs: \$677.49 Attorney Fees:

NOTE: THE MORTGAGE BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. Defendants in said property on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at 10:00 A.M., at the Sheriff's Office, 449 San Juan Street

foreclosure proceeding. f the sale date is continued to a later date, the deadline to file a Notice of Intent to Cure by those parties entitled

THE TIME OF SALE. CERTIFIED FUNDS ARE PAYABLE TO THE REGISTRY OF THE ARCHULETA COUNTY

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ARCHULETA COUNTY COLORADO



On April 4, the Pagosa Springs Town Council will discuss improvements to the overlook deck located in the downtown parking area next to U.S. 160.

Town to discuss overlook deck improvements April 4

By Marshall Dunham Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council will discuss what kind of improvements to make to the overlook deck on April 4.

Action on the item had to be postponed at the council's Feb. 16 meeting due to the council being unable to make a decision regarding the improvements.

Because two council members were absent during that meeting, Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger made the decision to postpone the discussion and possible action on the item until all of the council

"During routine maintenance in 2016, the Parks

staff noticed that the Highway 160 Overlook deck was deteriorating due to the lack of drainage at the hot springs 'cone,'" reads agenda documentation used at a prior meeting. "In order to address the deck deterioration, staff have been partnering with the Tourism Board to remedy the situation and explore alternatives for expanding the Overlook deck. Staff went out to bid for a redevelopment plan for the site and Reynolds Ash and Associates was awarded the contract (\$5,000) to conduct soil testing and initial design work."

The documentation goes on to explain that Reynolds Ash and Associates (RAA) returned to the tourism board with three different designs, which

the board then discussed. The tourism board then decided to extend the a roof fixture and was similar to the Yamaguchi Park

"Based on that re-design, the project will be an estimated \$250,000," reads the documentation. "The design proposal features a re-worked hot springs overflow, larger deck space at roughly 2,400 square feet, two permanent roof fixtures with ample sign frontage for both directions on Highway 160, and invokes similar design elements to those of the pedestrian bridges in the river corridor."

The documentation goes on to say that the overlook design fits into the "footprint" of the overlook area and Riverwalk, and doesn't cross into private property boundaries.

"Staff recommends that Council approve the

contract with RAA to fine-tune a design that added design proposal in order for staff to begin the solicitation process for the project," reads the documentation. "Staff wants to be mindful of the fast-approaching construction season and proposes the work to be done after Labor Day. It's our understanding that the work will take one to two months."

> The council will have a meeting today, March 23, but will not discuss the overlook improve-

The two items listed for new business on the March 23 agenda are "West Phase of Town to Pagosa Lakes Trail Grant Administration Agreement," and "First reading of Ordinance 854, Amending the Zoning Map regarding Property Known as the Enclave at Aspen Village, Except Part One."

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Behind the Scenes

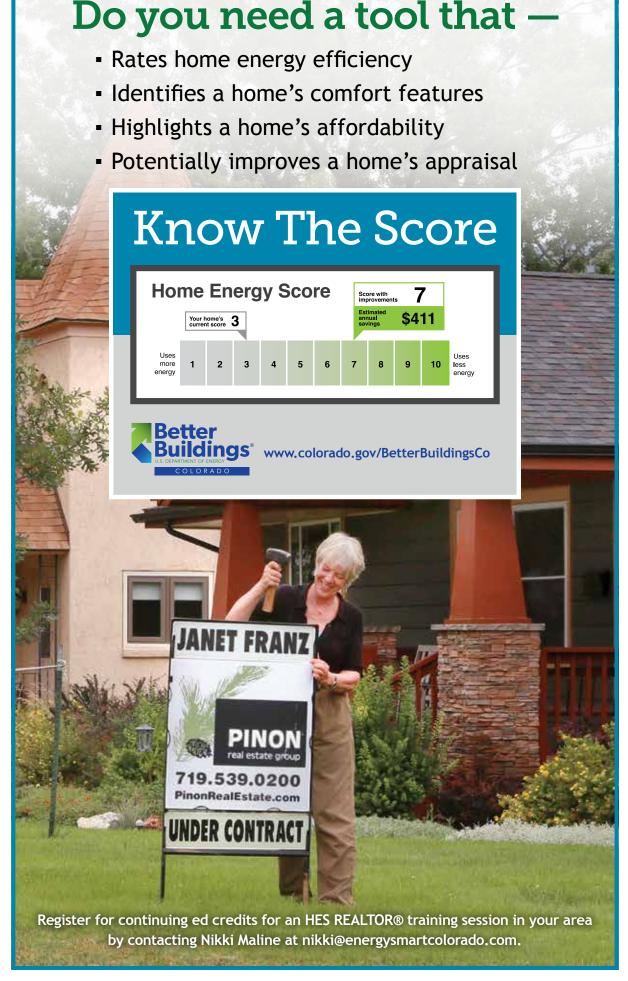
With a production like Pagosa Springs High School's "Mary Poppins," a lot goes on behind the scenes, from directing and technical work to hair and makeup. "Mary Poppins" continues its run tonight at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium, and runs through Saturday.











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'Mary Poppins'

Thursday, March 23, through Saturday, March 25 • 7 p.m. • PSHS auditorium





Photo courtesy Scott Dahler Mary Poppins (Taylor Jones) and Bert (Pitcher Lindner) take Jane (Zoe Geraghty) and Michael (Brayden Shulda) for a "Jolly Holiday" in the park. The Pagosa Springs High School production of "Mary Poppins" will continue its run tonight at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium.



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The Pagosa Springs SUN thanks longtime Pagosa Springs supporter Mrs. Shirley Slesinger Lasswell for the privilege of being the only newspaper in the United States to publish the 'Red Ryder and Little Beaver' comic strip. The ongoing adventures of Red Ryder and Little Beaver which began appearing in the Preview section with the December 26, 1996, edition of the SUN first ran in major daily newspapers across America from December 25, 1938 through December 4, 1963. Drawn by the late Fred Harman, the comic strips are under the registered copyright restrictions of Red Ryder Enterprises, Inc.

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By Fred Harman









Photo courtesy Scott Dahler

The Pagosa Springs High School production of "Mary Poppins" will continue its run tonight at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium, and run through Saturday. Tickets are available at the door.

Catch 'Mary Poppins' flying through town through Saturday

By Becca Postma Special to The PREVIEW

It's not too late to catch the magic of "Mary Poppins" live on stage here in Pagosa Springs. The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Performing Arts Department's production of "Mary Poppins" is in town for three more shows.

This fast-paced and fun-filled show opened on Tuesday, March 21, and will run until Saturday, March 25. The show tackles all three of the traditional "big" challenges of live theater: children, special effects and dogs. Sure, the dog may be a puppet, but the all the rest are the real deal.

As always, it takes an army to

produce a musical of the high caliber and quality that we have grown accustomed to in Pagosa. With a cast of 35 high school students, two junior high apprentices and eight younger children, this is one of the largest casts to take over the stage for a high school show in recent years. Add to that number the 13

■ See 'Poppins' on next page





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Free square dance party April 5

Special to The PREVIEW

The Wild West Squares teaching program invites you to a free community square dance party, "Wild West Spring," from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on April 5 at the PLPOA Clubhouse.

This family-friendly meet and greet event features demonstrations of basic, mainstream and plus dancing of the Wild West Squares, free food and a community "barn" dance for anyone who would like to try very simple and fun square dance activities.

10-week beginning class

Are you interested in an activity that is drug- and alcohol-free and conducted in a smoke-free environment? Where you can make many new friends and at the same time have fun, forget your troubles and get some exercise?

 $Beginning\,April\,12, the\,Wild\,West\,Squares\,will\,hold$

invites newcomers to start learning right away.

The exhilaration of eight people dancing together in quick time for a common purpose is unparalleled. So much in life is serious; modern square dancing is

And, classes are mentally stimulating. People who start modern square dancing soon realize that it's a "thinking person's activity." The interaction with the caller and the other dancers to complete a movement successfully keeps the mind sharp, focused and challenged and it's noncompetitive. Square dancers dance for the excitement of working through the sequences successfully. There are no winners/losers/champions, just people having fun.

In this new dance course, caller Carla Roberts will teach at the basic level so new dancers can quickly master enough calls (or dance steps) to experience

■ See Dance on next page



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'Poppins' **-**

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high school student members of the tech and backstage crew, two students playing in the live pit orchestra, joined by 15 volunteering community musicians, a production staff of six, and numerous parent and community volunteers helping with everything from costumes to tickets to concessions, and the number of total people involved in the production easily tops 100.

And, the numbers don't stop there. "Mary Poppins" is a huge show, in all respects of the word. In act one alone, there are 14 scenes and over 12 musical numbers. Act two comes in barely under the former at 12 scenes, but with just as many songs.

Dan Burch, the production's musical director, teams up with wife Venita Burch, as the show's rehearsal pianist and vocal coach, to keep the music coming. Simultaneously conducting the 15-plusperson orchestra and directing the singers in their cues, Dan Burch keeps the flow of the show moving.

Dressing the 40-plus-person cast for the plethora of musical numbers requires over 200 costumes, all organized by the show's

costumer, Trace Gross. The sets, designed jointly by Director/Choreographer Becca Postma, and the show's construction head, Kurt Laverty, are fairly complex. The rigorous scene order of the production has the intrepid backstage crew, led by PSHS senior Addie Thompson as the stage manager, completing approximately 20 scene changes throughout the show at a surprisingly quick speed for the number of pieces moving. With nearly 15 microphones being shared between the cast of actors, several sound effects and approximately 200 lighting cues, the student tech crew, led by Jesse Laverty as light master, McKenna Moore as sound master and Kyle Garcia as sound crew head, is kept hopping almost as much backstage as the actors are on stage.

Finally, Mary's magical effects are the result of planning, ingenuity, teamwork and some sacrifice of physical comfort on the part of the cast and crew. Any of the three lucky students who take to the air with the help of a specialized fly rig will be the first to tell you that the sacrifice is worth it for the joy of performance and the creation of their art. The flying effects,

presented through a professional rigging company, would not have been possible without the generous donations and support of the Pagosa community. Support of the arts is alive and well in our small town, and phenomenal production that these students have prepared is proof of that.

So, come on out to see the show and support the performing arts and in our community. You won't want to miss this exciting, familyfriendly, supercalifragilistic expialidocious musical.

The show runs three more nights, from Thursday, March 23, through Saturday, March 25, at 7 p.m. at the PSHS auditorium. Tickets are \$10 at the door. We hope to see you there.



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Carla Roberts

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By Brandon Caley Special to The PREVIEW

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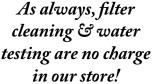


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"A Plastic Ocean" won Best Feature Film at the 2017 Colorado Environmental Film Festival. The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership will show the adventure documentary at the Liberty Theatre at 3 p.m. on April 8.

Fifth annual film festival to benefit Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's educational programming

By Sally High

Special to The PREVIEW

Has it really been five years? The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) began fulfilling its educational purpose by bringing environmental films to Pagosa Springs in 2013, shortly after its incorporation as a 501(c)3 nonprofit. Now the organization is operating its Education Dome, preparing for outdoor landscaping and planning the construction of the Community Garden Dome. The GGP continues to "grow food and community with local energy."

The GGP will again bring a full day of first-run environmental films to Pagosa Springs' Liberty Theatre on April 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Colorado Environmental Film Festival (CEFF) partners with the GGP to bring a caravan of featurelength and short films to southwest Colorado each year.

"A Plastic Ocean" won the 2017 Best Feature Film at the CEFF in Golden earlier this year. The beautifully filmed and impactful adventure documentary is earning numerous "Best" awards at major film festivals in St. Petersburg, Waimea, Sedona and Barbados, as well as in Colorado.

The film follows ocean investigators to 20 locations around the world for four years. It explores the fragile state of our oceans and exposes alarming truths about plastic pollution. Like any good environmental feature, it also reveals working solutions that can make

ntal Film an immediate effect. with the Pagosans can se

Pagosans can see "A Plastic Ocean" at 3 p.m. on April 8.

The GGP and Borde Rio Restaurant will host a special premiere night Friday evening, April 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets to the premiere

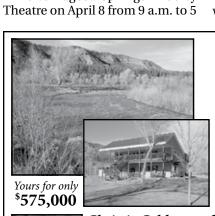
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Tickets on sale for Kentucky Derby Party



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The first Saturday in May is a big day not only at Churchill Downs, but also in Pagosa Country, where the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club hosts its annual Kentucky Derby Party, complete with fancy hats and mint juleps. Tickets for the local event are available now.

Film

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night are \$50 and include a 2017 GGP membership, the exclusive viewing of a film, a full day of Saturday's films and a buffet dinner.

Premiere night supporters will see the feature length "The Memory of Fish" and the very short "The Private Lives of Salmon."

Tickets for the special premiere night and Saturday's mini-film fest are available at www.pagosagreen. org, at the GGP's Education Dome each Tuesday and Saturday midday, at Exit Realty, and at the door of Borde Rio and the Liberty Theatre during the Film Festival.

Tickets to Saturday's lineup are \$10 for GGP members and \$15 for nonmembers. A wristband will allow ticket holders to come and go Saturday.

An annual individual membership is only \$25 at www.pagosagreen.org. Becoming a GGP member means that you become a partner in building the park and receive discounts in all Lifelong Workshops and special events, starting with the 2017 Environmental Film Festival.

The GGP is an educational non-profit building a botanic park in Centennial Park on the Riverwalk. The Town of Pagosa Springs leases the site and geothermal water to the GGP. The first of three greenhouses is operational, educating youth and hosting volunteers and visitors. The Education Dome "borrows" the heat from the geothermal water to grow year-round. Join this dynamic and creative partnership today.



By Lisa Scott

Special to The PREVIEW

Churchill Downs, the world's most legendary racetrack, has conducted thoroughbred racing and presented the famous Kentucky Derby horse race continuously since 1875. The Kentucky Derby takes place on the first Saturday in May every year and draws a crowd of 155,000 people.

The Pagosa Rotary Club will host a Kentucky Derby Party on May 6 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the prestigious Keyah Grande Lodge west of Pagosa Springs on U.S. 160. Kentucky Derby festivities and the race will be simulcast live from Louisville, Ky.

The party starts as it does in Kentucky with a buffet lunch and desserts, sipping on mint juleps and other spirits from the bar, listening to live music and betting on a favorite horse, then cheering them on across the finish line.

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased from any Rotarian, or at Exit Realty or Old West Press. Profits from the Kentucky Derby Party are donated within the community in the form of postsecondary scholarships, food-filled backpacks for youth needing supplemental meals, dictionaries for third-grade students and sponsoring youth leaders to attend leadership camps.

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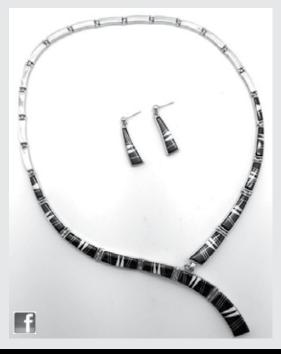
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Bullying can define a life

In our writers group, one of the writers read an article she wrote. It riveted through the group and left us all in shock. I asked the writer if she would give me permission to include it in my column and use her name. She said, "Yes."

'A name'

By Theresa Lussi.

"Stupid"— that's what I was called.

"The stupidest girl in the whole class," spewed from the mouth of an angry classmate who seemed to be an authority, and a very powerful one at that. To a fragile first-grader who had just lost her mother, these words stung deeply, penetrating a soul already wounded and frightened. Those stinging words defined my life from that moment till only recently.

To this day, many years lat-

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



er, I still don't understand what prompted such a harsh invective. However, it doesn't seem to matter so much anymore as it has lost its power. I have come to realize, with the help of the Holy Spirit, these words were a lie from the enemy.

I do wonder though, how differently the direction of my life would have gone had I not believed the lie, accepted the false name that was spoken over me. Or if someone near to me had perceived the hurt and spoken words of truth

and affirmation into that broken spirit. But no one ever knew, as that secret was kept tightly locked and guarded deep inside.

Of course, my parents gave me my real name after godly women who had chosen to follow a path of obedience and service. Daddy had his special name for me — Punkin'. It is a very special term of endearment I still treasure.

So, why did this classmate's dictum have such power and control over me for so many years? Again, I believed the lie.

I am becoming a bit more gentle to that little girl, allowing her to grieve what never could be. She was always so careful not to show her true feelings lest anyone would regard her as self-pitying or looking for sympathy. I am learning now to accept her for who she is and the gifts and talents she possesses. Those had been denied and pushed down into a storehouse of bad memories and lost dreams.

I share this story to remind us all of the incredible worth of every child created in the image and

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CUP announces'Sister Act' auditions

By Dale JohnsonSpecial to The PREVIEW

"Sister Act the Musical" is a feelgood musical comedy based on the hit 1992 film with music by Alan Menken ("Beauty and the Beast"); the show was nominated for a Tony award for Best Musical.

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is thrilled to bring its version of this zany and moving story to the Pagosa stage.

CUP is holding auditions for the community on April 7 from 2 to 8 p.m. in the music room at the high school. All roles are currently open.

Director Dale Johnson is seeking men and women from high school age and up to fill out the cast. Not all roles are for nuns. There are featured roles for men and we encourage everyone to step on out and make this your summer to perform.

Please prepare one verse of a Broadway tune of your choice and don't forget to bring your sheet music; an accompanist will be provided. Reading from script and a group dance will be part of the audition process.

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Sullivan Foundation awards scholarship funds to Pagosa Springs Girls Choir for third year



Photo courtesy Carole Howard

Linda Parker, founder and director of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir, has been given \$800 in scholarship money for her girls from the Sullivan Foundation by singer/songwriter Tim Sullivan.

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■ continued from previous page likeness of their Creator. No child should ever be subjected to bullying of any sort.

Let us remember to never "let any unwholesome speech proceed out of our mouths ..." — Ephesians 4:29; and that we ought to love one another as Christ has loved us, according to John 15:12.

Now I have many new names, bestowed by the One whose name, Jesus, is above all other names. He is the One who is the highest power and authority, and the One who only speaks Truth.

My new names are: Redeemed, Beloved, Chosen one, Holy, Righ-

teous and daughter of the King. These are the names I now bear with a proud humility. They were given to me by the lover of my soul. I have renounced the old name. I need never look back. Praise His name forever!

Final brushstroke: I've known Theresa for 17 years, but never knew the things that plagued her and the burden she carried. It's a reminder to all of us how powerful our words are toward each other and how we need to guard our tongue.

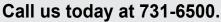
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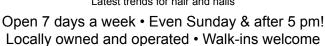
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By Carole Howard

Special to The PREVIEW

The Jim and Elizabeth Sullivan Foundation has awarded the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) \$800 in scholarship funds to pay the tuition of four young singers in the PSGC.

The foundation was created in 2013 by country singer/songwriter Tim Sullivan to honor his parents by providing scholarships for disadvantaged youth with a talent for music, dance or visual art in Archuleta and La Plata counties.

The choir is four years old. Today, it is composed of 19 middle school-aged girls who are being educated in both home-school and public-school settings and are selected by audition, regardless of their ability to pay the annual \$200 tuition.

This is the third year the choir has been honored by a Sullivan Foundation scholarship.

The Sullivan Foundation works closely with independent teachers, school and nonprofit programs that provide music, dance and art education. With their help, the foundation identifies young students who have the talent and work ethic to be in the programs, but don't have the funds for tuition.

Choir founder and director Linda Parker said, "Quality music education has been proven to increase academic potential as well as to provide students with an understanding of compassion and how necessary it is in today's world.

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Speaking through burnt burgers

By Jan Davis Special to The PREVIEW

The sign on the diner door read "open." Our mouths watered and stomachs growled for an old-fashioned cheeseburger. My husband, Mike, parked the car and we walked the short distance to the entrance.

The little café had been recommended to us by a realtor. She said they made the best burgers in town. We were considering a home close to family and had spent the morning looking at homes. Several would work, but none were the perfect fit. We needed time to process everything. A good burger offered a welcomed break and a chance to discuss our options.

Chairs stacked on table tops and few lights on hinted this may not be a good idea. We thought twice about our decision. Still uncertain, we found a booth and waited for a waitress to bring menus.

"We're hungry for a juicy burger; what types of cheese do you have?"

"I'm not sure. This is my first day and I just got here. You're my first

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customers. I haven't learned the menu yet, but I'll go ask the cook."

She disappeared into the small kitchen and returned in a couple of minutes. "Only American." Another hint.

We ordered our burgers medium-rare with a side of sweet potato fries. Other brave souls ventured in and found a place to sit, while we waited. The lone waitress rushed to take orders and fill glasses with water.

We overheard the cook say the owner had left for the day. The cook must never leave the kitchen, because neither he nor the waitress had any idea where the other light switches were located. Customers sat in near darkness. The regulars turned chairs right side up and sat at the tables, as though it were a

common occurrence.

We hoped our meal would make up for the poor management. The two employees did the best they could, but didn't have a clue how to run a restaurant.

With an apologetic smile, the waitress served our food. Instead of medium-rare, the burgers were burnt, charred black. We ate in silence not wanting to add to her stress.

Mike handed our waitress his credit card as she cleared the table. She frowned. "Could you pay with cash? I don't know how to run a credit card." No surprise. All they had was a small bank deposit bag with change in it. We settled our bill and walked out.

The diner sounded great at first, but it turned out to be a horrible idea.

How many times do we have an idea and God drops subtle little hints we choose to ignore? The sign said "open," but by all outward indications the owner should have flipped it. There was nothing invit-

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Sullivan

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We are fortunate that people like Tim and his family see the value in what we do and provide a pathway for us to fulfill our goals."

In addition to their regular rehearsals, the girls receive individual mini-voice lessons from two vocal coaches included in their tuition.

"Because of this individualized instruction, the girls are singing better, more correctly and with much more confidence than before," Parker said. "It has been a great addition to our program."

With educational opportunities being a key component of the girls' choir experience, this year they will travel to Salt Lake City, Utah, to enjoy a Mormon Tabernacle Choir concert and hear an organ recital in Temple Square.

The girls have performed their beautiful music — from memory — at many Pagosa venues including Veterans Day breakfasts, Rotary luncheons, Pagosa Springs Community Choir concerts and their own Christmas and spring concerts

This year's spring concert will be at 7 p.m. on May 9 at the Community United Methodist Church.

Tim Sullivan is well known in Pagosa Springs for his many local performances of his own and other songwriters' country and pop music, often with his band for dancing. He has performed in Carnegie Hall and appeared on stage with many country stars, including Alan Jackson, Willie Nelson, Vince

Gill, Glen Campbell and Tammy Wynette.

"I am lucky because my mother started teaching me voice and piano when I was a very young child," he said. "She encouraged a deep appreciation for music that has been so important to me throughout my life. Through the Sullivan Foundation, we are giving something back to other young-

sters with talent and a willingness to practice."

Funds for Sullivan Foundation scholarships have been raised in four annual cabaret-style benefit concerts where Tim Sullivan and others in his extraordinarily talented musical family, including his mother, come from Oklahoma and New York to perform in Durango. This year's concert is set for Nov. 11.

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UU topic: 'In All Thy Getting, Get Understanding'

By Nancy McDonald Ladd Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend an Internet-streamed program titled "In All Thy Getting, Get Understanding," with the Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd, this Sunday, March 26, for its regular service.

McDonald Ladd, senior minister of River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Bethesda, Md., first gave the presentation at the 2016 National Unitarian Universalist General Assembly. She poses the question of what we hope to get from entering into congregational life or from life's relationships in general.

Perhaps "underneath the consumer's idea of acquisition is a pull to a deeper encounter with the experience, hope, heartbreak and

yearning of others in community" and in life. McDonald Ladd's words weave personal narrative, humor and a forceful edge to challenge us to focus on real fights and conversations, rather than fake fights or conversations.

Real fights and conversations, like creating "a coalition that might yet preach love amid the punitiveness and division of our days," require us to keep showing up. Fake fights over governing bylaws, who is in charge, what color to paint the church bathroom or on what each of us wants to "get" distract us as others struggle against injustice.

She asks us to "be a place of deep encounter where borders are crossed and faiths connect, where real stories and real struggle intersect and understanding arises anew.'

McDonald Ladd reminds us to

"Get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

This program reflects the Unitarian Universalist principles of "Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations" and "The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

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use a burnt burger to get our attention. We left the diner and began to see other obvious signs why this town was not His plan for us. Because of Jesus our steps are

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Personal Growth and Empowerment Life Coaching classes beginning in April

By Traci Bishop PREVIEW Columnist

Personal Growth and Empowerment Life Coaching classes are geared to provide individuals with tools to find the inner power to make changes within. Healing and understanding the core reason for our actions, thoughts and desires.

These classes are open to everyone regardless of gender, religion, ethnicity or political views. The focus is to awaken the true essence of who we are and how to approach the world, living out our lives pursuing our goals with strength and inner knowledge.

Growth and Empowerment Classes will be offered on Fridays from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center starting in April.

Crafting Club

Join us for creativity, crafting and idea sharing the fourth Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center starting in April and running through September.

This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with

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others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

K.I.D.S. (Kickin' it During Summer) Day Camp 2017

Looking for something fun for your child to do this summer? The Town of Pagosa Springs Ross Aragon Community Center Parks and Recreation Department is happy to announce the K.I.D.S. Day Camp is returning.

K.I.D.S. Day Camp is open to children ages 5-12. Each week, participants will experience a day of science/history, a day of exploring, water days and arts/crafts days.

K.I.D.S. Day Camp will start on June 5 and run through Aug. 18. It will be offered Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Activities scheduled for each day will start at 9 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m. All children that are registered for the week must be signed

in and dropped off no later than 9 a.m., no exceptions.

Applications for this program will open up on April 3. Program fees are \$85 per child per week, \$25 per child per drop (upon availability) in and there is a onetime application fee of \$15 per child. Multiple child discounts are also available.

This year, there is a daily max of 50 children per day. Weekly registrations will be required. For more information about this program, please call us at the Community Center, 264-4152, ext. 532.

More information

The Community Center hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center is located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. The phone is 264-4152 and email is lgutierrez@pagosasprings.co.gov. Don't forget to look at our website, http://townofpagosasprings.com, for upcoming events at the center or like our Facebook Page: Ross Aragon Community Center Parks and Recreation Department, for updates on current events, activities, recreational programs happening.



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PCNT to present Soul Collage play-shop March 25

By Carla Ryan

Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) is hosting an adult play-shop on Saturday, March 25, with Pam Kircher presenting "An Introduction to Soul Collage" from 1 to 4 p.m.

The play-shop is presented on a love offering basis (suggested \$10 donation). It will be held at the PCNT sanctuary (address below). Bring your sense of adventure, a small pair of scissors, and a journal or tablet paper for recording the experience. It'll be a fun time.

Then, on Sunday, March 26, the Rev. Carla Ryan will complete the March sermon series on the "Prosperity Journey" with the topic "Are We There Yet?" at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Do you remember those family vacations or the long drives for a weekend excursion? The ones that seemed to go on and on and on? Sometimes our lives and challenges can feel that way, too. We may wonder if we'll ever get it or get "there," when everything will run smoothly and be easily managed. Or perhaps you wonder how long you'll be working at a certain job, if you'll ever work out uncomfortable and repeating relationship issues, or how to know when enlighten-

ment finally arrives. Does it?

Ryan will offer clues and suggestions about how to know when we've finally arrived at our intended destinations. It might be a good thing to know.

The PCNT music team, Michael and Dianne Killen, will be back Sunday with their delightful selections and uplifting songs, too. Join us for a church experience filled with positive thinking and joyful living.

PCNT honors all lifestyles, be-

PCNT honors all lifestyles, belief systems, religious paths and people for who they are, children of the Divine. New Thought is a transdenominational philosophy and draws from all the world's major religions to teach universal principles and concepts for a positive, joyful life. Be part of this unique spiritual adventure.

Weekly Sunday gatherings (10:30 a.m.) are held at the PCNT center at 2800 Cornerstone Drive, Unit 3 (across the parking lot from the Sears store).

For information about the church or New Thought in general, attend a Sunday service, email PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 749-9020 or mail to P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052. You can also find us on Facebook or at our website, www. PagosaNewThought.org.



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Tax assistance available, health and wellness event March 29

By Cheryl Wilkinson

PREVIEW Columnist

For the past several years, the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) group out of Durango has come to the Pagosa Springs Senior Center offering free income tax preparation for seniors.

This year, due to lack of adequate volunteers from Tax Help Colorado, out of Denver, the Durango VITA tax volunteers will not be able to assist senior taxpayers in Pagosa Springs.

The schedule is as follows: Seniors only on Mondays (call 382-6445 for an appointment) and all ages on Saturdays (call 335-9776 for an appointment).

The qualifying income level for free assistance is \$54,000.

Next health and wellness event March 29

The Pagosa Senior Center has initiated a new pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors.

The program will include wellness, blood pressure monitoring or allow individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C, of Alpine Medical and Specialty Practices. Zappone has been a nurse practitioner for six years and a longtime resident of Pagosa Springs. She understands the difficulties of obtaining health care in a rural area and how these obstacles

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can be greater for seniors. The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next wellness event will be Wednesday, March 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Medical alert system

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

Please call 264-2167 for more information or to sign up.

Menu

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

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

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

Thursday, March 23 — Beef combination burrito, green chili sauce, eggplant medley, green beans with onions and salad bar.

Friday, March 24 — Grilled salmon chimi with flour tortilla,

mango salsa, chipotle black beans, Mexicali corn and salad bar.

Monday, March 27 — Pork zuppa Toscana, seasoned asparagus and salad bar.

Tuesday, March 28 — Tahitian chicken, brown rice pilaf, broccoli with red pepper, yellow squash medley and salad bar.

Wednesday, March 29 — Pork green enchiladas, charro beans, Mexicali corn and salad bar.

Thursday, March 30 — Honey barbecue chicken, baked beans, coleslaw and salad bar.

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

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Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown with The High Rollers

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Scene ... at the Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown with The High Rollers Friday evening. Our Savior Lutheran School's annual fundraiser offered what every good hoedown should — dance music, good food, a silent auction and a stompin' good time.













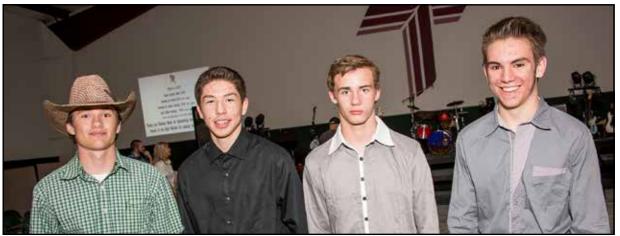














All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, March 23

Computer Help. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Technology help with your computer.

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

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing role-playing game. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry. You can join in any time. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

ACVAP Cooking Class. 6-8 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Vietnamese Cooking with Tess Challis to benefit Archuleta County Victim Assistance. Call 264-1129 to register.

Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center.

Pagosa Springs High School Presents 'Mary Poppins.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for all ages at the door.

San Juan Stargazers. 7 p.m., Visitor Center. We will be studying more of the Hubble images. For more information, call 335-8286, visit www.SanJuanStargazers.com or email sjstargazers@gmail.com.

Friday, March 24

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

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

Senior Book Club. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. This month's title is "The Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. This book can be ordered through interlibrary loan or you can download it on your tablet. Ask at the desk for details or call 264-2209.

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.

Zumba. Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for a special Book Club meeting. Snacks and lively discussion of this month's book, "Accidental Samurai Spy," with it's local author, Mariko Tatsumoto. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Movie. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. What do your pets do when you leave the house? Find out in this crazy adventure where Max and Duke get lost in New York City. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall. Fish, coleslaw, fries, drink and dessert will be served. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors and \$6 for children under 12.

Pagosa Springs High School Presents 'Mary Poppins.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for all ages at the door.

Saturday, March 25

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center.

Meditation and Recorded Dharma

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

Zumba. 10-11 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

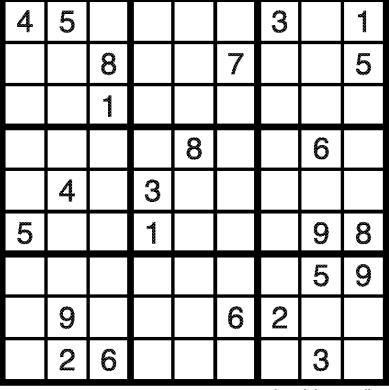
Plant Sale. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Dome, Centennial Park.

Yoga: Laugh and Let Go. 11:30

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a.m.-12:30 p.m., Community Center. This class explores the ancient technique of chi selfmassage followed by a lighter yoga asana practice. Call 264-4152 for more information.

PCNT Presents Soul Collage Play-Shop. 1-4 p.m., PCNT Center, 2800 Cornerstone Drive, Unit 3. An adult play-shop with Pam Kircher presenting "An Introduction to Soul Collage." The play-shop is being presented on a love offering basis. Bring your sense of adventure, a small pair of scissors, and a journal or tablet paper for recording the experience.

Pagosa Springs High School Presents 'Mary Poppins.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for all ages at the door.

Sunday, March 26

Square Dance with the High Country Squares. 2-4 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Mainstream and Plus Squares dancing with Richard Berry calling. Contact Steve at 731-0044 for more information.

Bingo. 6 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, March 27

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

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

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

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

Call 264-0501, ext. 2 to make an appointment.

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

Caregiver Support Group. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association. For more information, call 259-0122.

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

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior center. Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center. Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

Tuesday, March 28

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

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

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

Plant Sale. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Dome, Centennial Park.

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., The Lost Cajun Restaurant. The luncheon is \$12. Please call 946-1895 for your lunch reservation by Monday, March 27, so we can count you in to join us. Everyone is welcome.

Zumba. Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Alaskan Native Storyteller Lily Hope. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join Alaskan native storyteller Lily Hope as she animates some Tlingit stories, shares regalia, song and dance giving parents and kids a multisensory taste of southeast Alaska's Tlingit people. For all ages. Call $264\hbox{-}2209\,for\,more\,information.}$

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m. Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Join us for Xbox Kinect 360 and snacks.

Night Yoga: YoGain. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center. YoGain is a

fast-paced blend of yoga asana and body weight exercises designed to raise your heart rate and increase strength and flexibility. Open to all levels and abilities. Call 264-4152 for more information.

Terrific Tuesdays. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Learn to dance the Argentine tango. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or go to http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa.

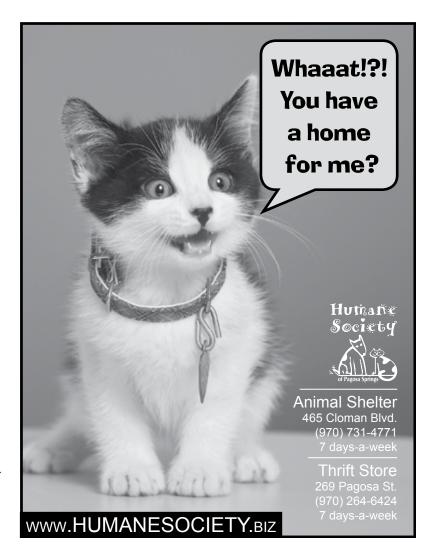
Wednesday, March 29

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

Wellness Clinic. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. With Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

Library Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join Early Literacy Librarian Michael for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Storytime is a great way for kids

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to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. 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.

HELP (Healthy Eating Lifestyle Plan). Noon-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Weigh-in, support and more. Everyone welcome. Call Nancy Strait at 731-3427 for more information.

Movie. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Popcorn and beverages provided.

Coed Volleyball. 1-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Friendly, noncompetitive games open to all

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

Internet I. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to use a Web browser to access the Web and find the information you need. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Paws to Read. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Youngsters from K-5th grades are invited to share their favorite books with Penny and Cassia, therapy dogs who love listening to stories. This is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center. **Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

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

Thursday, March 30

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

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Read with a Ranger Spring-apalooza. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Spring has sprung in the San Juan National Forest. Join Ranger Brandon from the U.S. Forest Service as we celebrate spring with nature-themed books and activities. For kids ages 6-10. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Steampunk Crafts. 4:15-5:45 p.m., Sisson Library. Stop by to make jewelry and knickknacks from gears and whatever else we can finds. For youth in the 5th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center.

Friday, March 31

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

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

LEGO Club Special Edition. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us to build wonderful creations with LEGOs. We've got the LEGOs, just bring your imagination. For you ages 5-12. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Zumba. Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and

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

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Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall. Fish, coleslaw, fries, drink and dessert will be served. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors and \$6 for children under 12.

Saturday, April 1

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center.

Baby Storytime. 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. Twenty minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Toddler Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. A half hour of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Zumba. 10-11 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

Plant Sale. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Dome, Centennial Park.

Yoga: Laugh and Let Go. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Community

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Center. This class explores the ancient technique of chi selfmassage followed by a lighter yoga asana practice. Call 264-4152 for more information.

Sunday, April 2

Bingo. 6 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, April 3

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

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

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

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

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center. Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

Tuesday, April 4

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., Dorothy's Restaurant.

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

Zumba. Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Dr. Kevin Kelly at (505)

699-0824 for more information. Night Yoga: YoGain. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center. YoGain is a

fast-paced blend of yoga asana and body weight exercises designed to raise your heart rate and increase strength and flexibility. Open to all levels and abilities. Call 264-4152 for more information.

Wednesday, April 5

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

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.

HELP (Healthy Eating Lifestyle Plan). Noon-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Weigh-in, support and more. Everyone welcome. Call Nancy Strait at 731-3427 for more information.

Coed Volleyball. 1-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Friendly, noncompetitive games open to all

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

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center. Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

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

Wild West Squares: Wild West Spring. 6-7:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. This family-friendly community barn dance will feature demonstrations of basic, mainstream and plus dancing of the Wild West Squares. This is a free event

for anyone who would like to try very simple and fun square dance activities.

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, April 6

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

Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center.

Friday, April 7

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

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Spring break programs and new Spanish books

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Back by popular demand, Alaskan storyteller Lily Hope will animate stories of the Tlingit people while sharing their songs, dances and culture from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28.

This all-ages fun event is similar to her first show last month, but with an eye towards an older, school-age crowd. This is the first of several special spring break programs aimed at making your library a great place for kids to be when school is out. Please see below for lots more fun spring break activities.

Hope has a strong connection to Pagosa Springs. She is the daughter of the late award-winning Alaska native weaver Clarissa Rizal and Pagosa writer Bill Hudson. Her sister, Ursala Hudson, is a local business owner and is president of the Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors, a volunteer group that will open Pagosa's first tuition-free public charter elementary school next September. She grew up mainly in Alaska and Pagosa. Hope has lived in the Juneau area for the past 15 years with her husband, poet and actor Ishmael Hope, and their four children.

Spanish-language books

Other major news: We have six new Spanish-language books, five with useful how-to and self-help information. "Ingles para el Lugar de Trabajo" will help Hispanics who speak little or no English communicate successfully with interviewers, employers, supervisors and fellow workers in a predominantly English-speaking work environment. "Manual Completo de los Verbose en Ingles/second edition" explains the English verb system for beginning to intermediate learners. "Ingles para Latinos/second edition" is an intermediate program that comes with three CDs. "Voy a Ser Papa" offers facts, tips and advice for first-time dads-to-be. "Mejora Tu Salud de Poquito a Poco" presents advice from Dr. Juan Rivera, chief medical correspondent for Univision, on four illnesses that menace the Hispanic community

Library

and how you can achieve long-term health. "Serafina y la Capa Negra" about a young girl, the daughter of a maintenance man, who helps solve a mystery with the young nephew of the estate.

Teen role-playing

group any time.

Teen book club — special guest

Tomorrow, Friday, March 24, from 2 to 3 p.m., seventh- through 12th-graders will host local author Mariko Tatsumoto, who will talk about her book, "Accidental Samu-

All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, March 24, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for a PG movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to identify the film titles in the media, but you can find them listed on the activities calendars.

Senior book club

Tomorrow, Friday, March 24, Stroud at Bakestroud@aol.com.

gaming

Tuesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the seventh through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii

News

by Robert Beatty is a fiction book

The role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place today, Thursday, March 23, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this

from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the senior book club returns to its original library home to discuss "The Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. For more information about this book-lovers' group, contact Marilyn

Spring Break: teen

Teen gaming happens every ■ See Library on next page TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WITNESS AND SERVICE TO THE LORD Worship Service at 10 a.m. Sunday In the Grey and Red Church located at 246 Harman Park Drive (Located off Hwy 160, take stoplight at Piedra Road, For more information visit www.trinityanglicanchurch.org (970) 759-3845

The Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Indian condiment
- **6** Meadow mother
- 9 Search for water
- 14 Of the ear
- 15 Valuable find
- 16 Bakery lure
- 17 Barrel part
- 18 Lancaster film of 1956, with "The"
- 20 Engine attachment
- 21 River feature
- 22 Spreadsheet unit
- 23 Balkan native
- 25 Bligh's craft
- 27 Kind of column
- 29 Halloween spook
- **31** Family dog, for short
- 32 Formidable
- **37** Mythical strongman
- 39 Quaint lodging
- 40 Fisherman's basket
- 41 It's used in oral exams
- 44 Contents of some bags
- **45** Get to the point?
- **46** Part of MOMA
- 48 Feast's opposite
- **51** Age
- **52** Page (through)
- **53** Barbershop prop
- **56** Farm newborn
- 59 Bent out of shape
- **61** Frock wearer
- **62** About
- 63 Mined find
- 64 Chill-inducing
- 65 Atwitter, with "up"
- 66 Cattle call?
- **67** Tiny

DOWN

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- 1 III-considered
- 2 Aries or Taurus
- **3** Cantankerous
- 4 Watering hole **5** Bass, e.g.
- 6 Wading bird
- 7 Whip mark
- 8 Radiate
- **9** Hoover, for one
- 10 Prophetic
- **11** Roused from slumber
- 12 Troutlike fish
- **13** Type of bird
- 19 Fat cat
- 21 Cowgirl Evans
- 24 Crew member
- 26 Exposed layer of rock
- 27 Bed support
- 28 Walking trail
- 29 Hopeless case
- and peck 33 Onetime phone
- call cost 34 Detested person

- **35** Look of lust **36** Energy
- 38 Clever trick

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- **42** Theater offering
- 43 Fujairah bigwig
- 47 Official edict
- 48 Motion picture 49 Falcon's home
- 50 Settle down, perhaps
- 51 Ty Murray's milieu

by Margie E. Burke

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- **54** Elementary particle
- 55 "Beetle Bailey" character
- 57 Reposed
- 58 Low part of a hand
- **60** Bit
- 61 Handful

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:



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Spring Break: Paws to Read

On Wednesday, March 29, from 4 to 5 p.m., youngsters from kindergarten through the fifth grade are invited to share their favorite books with Penny and Cassia, therapy dogs who love listening to stories, at a Paws to Read session. This is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence.

Spring Break: Read with a Ranger

Next Thursday, March 30, from 1 to 2 p.m., youngsters ages 6-10 are invited to join Pagosa Ranger Brandon from the U.S. Forest Service to celebrate spring with nature-themed books and activities.

Spring Break: Steampunk crafts

Next Thursday, March 30, back by popular demand, is the second free teen program called steampunk crafts from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. for fifth- through 12th-graders. We'll make jewelry and knickknacks out of keys, gears, coins and other odds and ends.

Tech sessions

Rachael is available for Tech Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon and Tech Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. Drop in with your technology questions.

Next Wednesday, March 29, from 4 to 5 p.m., learn how to use a Web browser to access the Web and find the information you need.

Baby storytime

Every Saturday from 9:05 to 9:25 a.m., join Michael for a short session of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little ones. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life.

Please note there will be no storytime this Saturday, March 25.

Toddler storytime

Every Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m., join Michael for 30 minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays with open play afterwards. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life.

Please note there will be no storytime this Saturday, March 25.

Nonfiction

"Half Marathon Training" by Hal Higdon offers advice based on a lifetime of running. "One Part Plant" by Jessica Murnane provides 100 allergy-friendly recipes and tips on eating one plant-based meal a day. "Families on Foot" by Jennifer Pharr Davis and Brew Davis describes urban hikes, backyard treks and national park adventures. "No Barriers" by Erik Weihenmayer tells of a blind man's journey to kayak the Grand Canyon. "Making Life Easy" by Dr. Christiane Northrup outlines how to have a healthy emotional and spiritual life. "The Craving Mind" by Judson Brewer explores how we get hooked on things from cigarettes to smartphones and how we can break bad habits. "Old Home Love" by Andy and Candis Meredith pays tribute to what it means to love and care for an old home today.

DVDs

"King Kong" is the 2005 version of this classic. "Purse-onality" is a comedy video by Anita Renfroe. "Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman" is the complete first season. "The X Files" is the complete second season. "The Walking Dead" is the complete fourth season.

Mysteries and thrillers

"Most Dangerous Place" by James Grippando is a Jack Swyteck thriller inspired by an actual case. "The Prisoner" by Alex Berenson is a John Wells undercover story inside the world of Islamic terrorists. "Bone Box" by Fave Kellerman is a Decker/Lazarus mystery. Tom Clancy Duty and Honor" by Grant Blackwood is a Jack Ryan Jr. thriller. "Dangerous Games" by Danielle Steel is a thriller featuring a TV news journalist. "Rather Be the Devil" by Ian Rankin is a Rankin and Rebus mystery. "Dark Matter" by Blake Crouch is a sci-fi thriller about a man who wakes up to a new life. "The Believer" by Joakim Zander starts with the disappearance of a man rumored to be connected to ISIS. "Universal Harvester" by John Darnielle focuses on mysterious home movie sections inserted into two videos.

Other novels

"Lincoln in the Bardo" by George Saunders begins following the burial of President Lincoln's young son, Willie, in a Georgetown cemetery following his death. "All Our Wrong Todays" by Elan Mastai is an alternate reality story. "Selection Day" by Aravind Adiga follows a young man in Mumbai whose father wants him to become a cricket star like his brother. "The Bear and the Nightingale" by Katherine Arden features a young Russian girl with unusual gifts.

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Quotable quote

"From what we get, we can make a living; from what we give, however, makes a life. Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." — Arthur Ashe (1943-1993), American world No. 1 professional tennis player.

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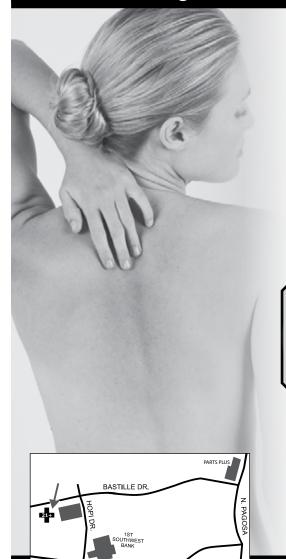
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Todos Son Bienvenidos!

Choosing the route for Wolf Creek Pass

J.E. Maloney, the engineer who conducted the surveys and provided the information that led to the building of Wolf Creek Pass as a replacement for the Elwood Pass route across the south San Juan Mountains. Continuing from



Pagosa's **Past**

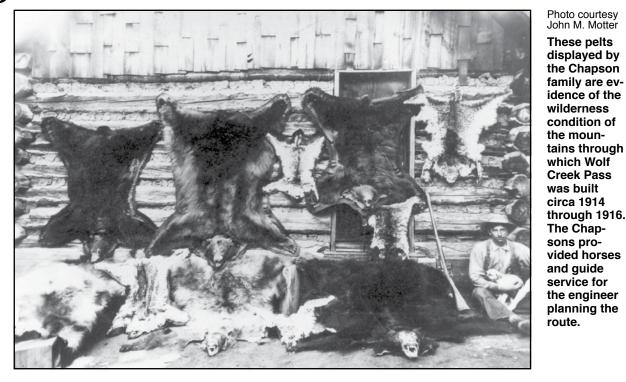
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... Mr. Erhart, State Highway Commissioner, instructed me to meet with the Construction Board of Alamosa, and go over the several $locations \, \bar{proposed} \, with \, them, \, and \,$ after making investigations of the different routes, to decide upon the location of the road before coming back to the office.

"Following these instructions, I went with the Construction Board during the months of June and July, over the surveys that had been made, and in July took a trip from Pagosa Springs up the West Fork of the San Juan River to Elmer Chapson's ranch. Mr. Chapson outfitted us with horses and pack animals, and we made the trip. Mr. Wyman of Silverton, who at that time was supervisor for the State Highway Department, accompanied us.

We started from the West Fork of the San Juan River, climbed the hill to Windy Gap, and from that point we followed the survey line around the base of Treasure Mountain, Mr. Chapson taking his horses and camping outfit over the top of Treasure Mountain, Mr. Wyman and myself made our way around the base of the mountain, and the following night we camped in the vicinity of Silver Pass.

"The following morning we made our way to the top of the Mesa, and joined Mr. Chapson and the outfit. We then proceeded to Silver Pass, thence from Silver Pass to the South Fork of the Rio Grande River. We



1914, camping on Treasure Mountain. We then went down to Box Canyon of the South Fork. Coming back, we left the South Fork and

made this trip the latter part of July,

went over Pass Creek, up the trail to

the headwaters of Wolf Creek Pass on

top of the Divide — from there we intended to go back to Windy Gap,

thence down to the county road on

the West Fork of the San Juan River.

head of Wolf Creek Pass, I asked Mr.

Chapson the name of the creek,

and if there was a trail down we

could travel with horses. He said

there was not: that if we wanted

to go down, we would have to take

the horses around another way.

Mr. Wyman and I left him at that

point in the morning, and started

down Wolf Creek Pass on foot. I

had an aneroid barometer with

me which gave us our approximate

altitudes and by timing ourselves

going down we could make some

approximation as to the fall of the

creek. Climbing up and down the

canyon and over fallen timbers

we reached the West Fork of the

San Juan about 5:30 p.m. Then

we walked to Chapson's house for

"However, upon arriving at the

supper. That evening we met with Pagosa Springs, and discussed the the Construction Committee at

various routes."



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