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Enforcement of county nuisance ordinance may include criminal charges

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

An Archuleta County ordinance approved in 2008, and amended in 2009, authorizes steps to eliminate nuisances throughout the unincorporated areas of the county.

A discussion at the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' work session on Tuesday indicated increased enforcement activity may soon be likely under the ordinance.

The commissioners indicated those enforcement steps could include criminal prosecution in serious cases, especially where concerns like "health and safety are involved," in the words of Commissioner Michael Whiting.

An example could include using property as a residence without proper provision for sanitation. That sort of conduct "is not even close" to tolerable, commented Commissioner Ron Maez.

The ordinance states its purpose is "to preserve the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Archuleta County."

To do so, it establishes means for "identifying, abating and compelling removal of [nuisances that] can result in visual blight, attractive nuisances, incompatibility with existing land uses, attraction of disease infested rodents and other vermin, fire and other hazards, depositing of hazardous or toxic substances in unapproved sites, and air, noise and water pollution."

The ordinance includes a definition of "nuisance" specifying continuation for a period of three or more days of various types of activities or conditions.

A partial list of such prohibited activities or conditions includes violations of animal control regulations, presence of animal-related odor, noise or waste, unsanitary or

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Photo courtesy Rebecca Thompson

Pagosa Springs High School Destination Imagination Team Burt celebrates its third-place win last weekend at the state tournament. This qualifies them to travel on to Global Finals May 24-27 in Knoxville, Tenn. The team members include, from left to right, Grace Thompson, Maya Nasralla, Sydney Michelle, Celia Taylor and coach Becky Thompson.

Town outlines special projects

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

As construction season approaches, the Town of Pagosa Springs is undertaking many projects to improve its amenities, trails, parks and roads.

SUN staff sat down with Town Special Projects Manager Scott Lewandowski to discuss these projects and talk about what residents can expect to see in the coming months.

Lewandowski began by explaining that, with the sheer amount of projects the town has planned in the upcoming months, people will need to be patient.

■ See Projects A8



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Earth Day activities culminate with the March for Science, part of the International March for Science. Participants marched from the Ross Aragon Community Center to the geothermal greenhouse dome in Centennial Park on Saturday.

Additional remodeling approved for medical center

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Despite opening its new outpatient wing, the work at Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) is slated to continue through part of June, with the board of directors that oversees the facility approving additional remodeling Tuesday evening.

On the heels of commending PSMC staff on the successful move to the new outpatient wing, the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors approved an additional \$425,000 for remodeling in the existing hospital portion of the medical center.

The remodeling, which will include conversion of the existing meeting room into a larger pharmacy, will move the organization closer to its goal of providing some oncology services.

"The quickest way to bring you back up to speed on remodel two is to have you envision this space as a pharmacy, with hoods that will meet the statutory requirements

in 2018 for positive and negative airflow," said PSMC CEO Brad Cochennet of the room the board was meeting in.

Too, Cochennet explained that three other small rooms in the same corridor that had been made into offices would be returned to being used for storage and sterile linen and other such uses.

Also part of the remodel, the existing pharmacy will be turned into office cubicles for the staff being displaced by the above change.

The old clinic management space will become an informatics and training space, and part of the space currently housing informatics will become part of an expanded supply space.

Cochennet added that the former space for patient registration would become an area for financial counseling.

"So, that's remodel two. We earmarked in the ... source and use report \$425,000. We were told this week it's \$395,000, as an estimate," he continued, adding that while

■ See Medical A8

Town to draft agreement with Airbnb to receive owed taxes

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Thursday, April 20, the Pagosa Springs Town Council voted to draft an agreement with the vacation and home rental service Airbnb in the hopes of collecting the taxes the town is owed.

"The home sharing website Airbnb has reached an agreement with the state of Colorado that will allow the site to collect and remit taxes on behalf of their hosts," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting. "Archuleta County is covered by the state's agreement with Airbnb, but the Town of Pagosa Springs is not, due to [the town being a] home rule municipality."

"This is an interesting item for all of us. I think it merits some background information. The real key part of this story is that short-term vacation rentals ... are becoming more of a factor in our community," said Town Manager Greg Schulte. "The way that our rules on the books are is that ... people that engage in

this should be paying the sales and lodger's tax."

He went on to explain that the majority of the short-term vacation rentals are located in the county as opposed to the town, and that ensuring that the taxes are paid is extremely difficult.

"Part of that reason is because the Internet search engines like Airbnb or VRBO or Homeaway ... are very uncooperative when it comes to trying to get the information to find out who is doing this so that we can try and collect the taxes we're supposed to be getting," said Schulte, adding that town staff has been working with a company called "Host Compliance" that assists municipalities in locating individuals who are skirting sales and lodger's taxes.

"As you can imagine, this issue is truly a nationwide issue. Any kind of destination or place is having this problem with short-term rentals," Schulte said, adding that it's become such a problem that several cities have sued companies like Airbnb

■ See Town A8



Photo courtesy Marcia Craig

A pelican pauses on Pinon Lake while passing through Pagosa Springs earlier this month.

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WHADDYA THINK?

Protecting our national monuments

Some national monuments will receive new scrutiny under an executive order executed by President Donald Trump.

Trump signed an executive order yesterday instructing the Department of the Interior to review national monuments created by the Antiquities Act since Jan. 1, 1996, that are greater than 100,000 acres in footprint.

Thankfully, Chimney Rock National Monument (CRNM) does not fit that criteria. CRNM is a driver for economic growth to this region.

Chimney Rock is a place of unparalleled natural beauty sitting on a high mesa at the southern edge of the San Juan Mountains. It has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1970, and was designated as a national monument in 2012. That designation provides protection for the 4,726 acres, preserving hundreds of pre-historic sites that dot the landscape around the twin spires known as Chimney Rock and Companion Rock.

In May of 2016, staff at Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) provided the following: "Since the designation, Chimney Rock National Monument has experienced a 37% increase in visitation in the past 3 years. In 2015 Chimney Rock drew in the largest number of visitors yet, ending the 4 1/2 month season with 11,700 visitors."

According to CRIA, "Chimney Rock is just one example of the strong link between public lands conservation and economic growth. As a new study from Small Business Majority shows, the national monuments designated by President Obama using his authority under the Antiquities Act have generated \$156 million in annual revenue, drive approximately \$58 million in labor income per year, and create more than 1,800 jobs per year, particularly in the outdoor recreation and tourism industries. In fact, tourism to public lands can grow significantly after a monument designation — between 2003 and 2007 alone, some sites saw a 500 percent increase. This new data complements another recent study by Headwaters Economics, which found that communities in the West have \$4,360 higher per capita income for every 100,000 acres of protected public lands."

CRIA acknowledged, "For years the driving force behind the designation of Chimney Rock as a National Monument was tireless work by a diverse group of stakeholders including Native American groups, sportsmen, veterans, conservationists, historic preservationists, local friends groups, small business owners, cultural heritage organizations and archaeologists. We all supported Chimney Rock's monument status, because we saw the value of preserving its cultural heritage and natural beauty, and because we knew that permanent protection would be a shot in the arm for our local economy."

According to Jesse Prentice-Dunn with The Center for Western Priorities, "No president has ever attempted to eliminate an existing national monument and boundary changes have never been challenged in court. Legal experts argue that the president does not have the authority to eliminate national monuments."

Prentice-Dunn wrote in an email to The SUN, "It appears the executive order is part of an assault on America's national monuments and the conservation legacy of the Antiquities Act, signed by Theodore Roosevelt in 1906. Both Democratic and Republican presidents have used the Antiquities Act to protect America's land, water, and history for more than one hundred years."

There is no doubt that the 2012 national monument designation thrust Chimney Rock into the national spotlight and brought visitors to our region.

If CRNM has been this beneficial for Archuleta County, we believe other monuments have been similarly good for other communities and will withstand any scrutiny those monuments receive.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

Do you approve of using magnesium chloride for dust abatement on county roads?



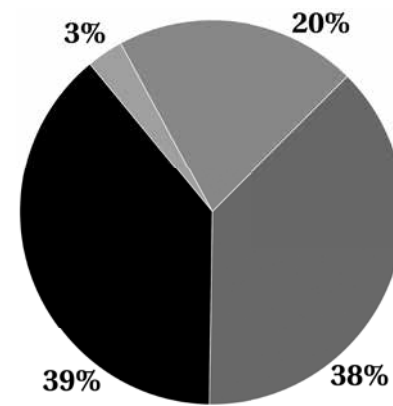
Kathy Chapple
"I don't like putting chemicals into the earth. I'd rather just see watering."



Jeff Bernard
"As long as it's not harmful to the environment, it's a good thing to keep the dust down."



Kathy Lyle
"I don't know much about it, but sometimes it seems a little slick driving on treated roads."



Poll results (209 Votes)
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What is mag chloride? — 20 percent

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LOOKING BACK



From the Feb. 12, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. A ROUGH DAY — Grade school students had a rough day last week when they were given penicillin shots. A high incidence of "strep throat" was reported among grade school students and the shots resulted. This group of little girls have just had their shots and are taking it easy until the shock wears off.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 22, 1927

Homer McKinley, railroad pumper at Pagosa Junction who was so badly injured in a collision last week, continues to improve daily in this city, and plans to return to Pagosa Junction Monday to resume his duties.

All applications for caretaker of the Women's Civic Club restroom and information bureau during the coming tourist season should be presented to the club not later than the next regular monthly business meeting, which will be held at the home of Mrs. David Hersch on Wednesday, April 27th.

Whitney Newton the first of the week received his new Fordson tractor, equipped with plow and disk, from the Pagosa Springs Motor Co., and will use the same extensively on his ranches in Archuleta county.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 1, 1942

Mrs. C.O. Dunagan, county production chairman, announces that the Red Cross Room in the courthouse will be open from 2:00 to 4:30 o'clock on the Thursday afternoons. Mrs. Welch Hyler, assisted by Miss Wynona Hill will be in charge of the knitting, and knitters are requested to do their share in making sweaters, wristlets, mufflers and helmets. Fifty more pounds of yarn have just been received. Mrs. Ray McMains will be in charge of the sewing, and material will arrive soon for making 80 women's cotton blouses.

Frances Perkins won the 7th and 8th grade spelling contest Saturday, which was held at the Pagosa schoolhouse. She will compete in the state contest, which will be held May 8, in Denver.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 27, 1967

A drive was started this week to raise funds for the construction of a new Methodist Church in Pagosa Springs. The present church, one of the oldest buildings in the community, is to be torn down as will be the present parsonage and the house south of it. The new church will be built in stages with an ultimate total cost of more than \$100,000.00. The first stage will consist of the sanctuary, or church proper, and it will be built in the area where the parsonage and the residence formerly owned by George Moore are located. These buildings are to be sold, either to be moved or to be torn down. When the sanctuary of the new church is completed the old church will be torn down to make room for additional building and a large parking area.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 30, 1992

Established safety procedures and improved customer services are in force at the county airport despite termination of the lease contract with former fixed base operation concessionaire, Pagosa Springs Aviation, the county commissioners were assured Tuesday. Bob Black, Archuleta County Airport Authority chairman, also told the commissioners that FliteCraft Aviation, the private company providing refueling services, has presented proof of valid insurance policies that cover its operations. Rather than pursue another non-competitive lease agreement, Black said the County Airport Authority is considering a fee structure that would allow private enterprises to provide services that formerly were the exclusive business of the fixed base operator.

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Letters

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Coincidences

Dear Editor:
Surely it's a coincidence (do you believe in coincidences) that the Secret Service is tightening security around both "our" WH's (DC and Fla.), Donald's armada the carrier Vinson group sailed the "wrong" way, States rights are trashed as "Dreamers" are deported, a raucous Hillary demeaning & joyous dinner party was had in the WH by Donald, Ted Nugent, Ms. Palin & Kid Rock, Spicey's nerve gas comments forgot about the holocaust

(ooops), Trump Care 2.0 trashes his voters ... tch ... tch but fair dinkum, Banks are howling with joy at the possibility of big profits in redoing the global financial crisis of 2008, DOW believes their letter to Republican leaders to ignore the deadly findings by scientists on their pesticides will be followed, Trump Family businesses' profits are...up plus the Russian's are still buying his condo's ... but his tax returns' ... nope, Nato's obsolete ... now good but the EU is still bad?, Florida realtors may have to declare flood risk as an imminent concern to buyers while the EPA was told to drop their webpage mentioning climate change, surely we can't overlook that impressive gray sweeping haired EXXON climate change denier "Tillerman" reading the riot act to Iran while telling State Department employee's not to look him in the eye ... but ... but there's good news, loquacious Jared who claimed the North Korean dictator was "unqualified" to be ... dictator is now in charge of everything for Donald, China said thanks for all the trade in Asia by canceling TPP and for that is our so-so maybe we'll think about it ally but only if Donald sweeten's the "deal", another of FOX's biggie's -O'Reilly rec'd \$25M to walk and the tax on Mexican goods to pay for Donald's wall maybe only 20 percent (too bad for Walmart buyers but does that include my future Chevy?).
Ex-House Speaker Sam Rayburn: "Any jackass can kick down a barn but it takes a good carpenter to build one." Latest poll — most of Trump supporters are solid on Donald ... lot to be said for loyalty but not much for their ability to add ... 2+2= hmmm ... has to be a coincidence.

Dave Blake

Oil and gas

Dear Editor:
Back in January the Republicans in the House of Representatives, including Congressman Scott Tipton, voted to eliminate an Obama administration rule often referred to as the "Methane Rule." This rule was created to require gas production companies to take responsibility for

stopping the release of gas into the atmosphere due to faulty equipment and gas "flare offs" that has made the four corners the methane hot spot of the country. It seems the gas industry's main concern is that any regulatory restrictions will lower profits. They say the rule is not needed because it is in the industry's best interest to eliminate gas waste anyway. Makes sense right? Then today I read an article by Durangoan Wayne Warmack (High Country News April 18) who worked in the Industry for almost three decades claiming we can't trust the oil and gas industry. Therefore we do need the Methane Rule. Maybe he knows something. To quote Mr. Warmack, "Wherever I worked, one thing remained constant: It was clear that voluntary measures to address problems were never enough. The oil and gas industry, driven by profit, needed firm but fair regulations to ensure a safer and cleaner environment." I realize how important the oil and gas industry is to our economy. But am I ready to trust them to put the health of my environment over profits? No way.
Carl Ellison
Durango

Secure Choice

Dear Editor:
This week, Colorado lawmakers will vote on a bill to establish a Colorado Secure Choice Savings Plan, which would allow employees to contribute to publicly-administered retirement account through modest payroll deductions. Such a program would be a huge benefit to small businesses like mine that struggle to offer retirement benefits.

My business is one of many in Colorado that simply cannot afford to offer retirement options. However, I know that providing this benefit would help with long-term employee retention, and might encourage a more stable workforce in our tourism dependent town.

A Secure Choice Program would provide an easy and affordable option, which is why small business owners like me strongly support

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Letters

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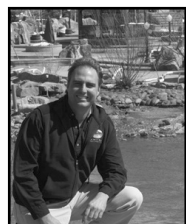
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it. In fact, new polling from Small Business Majority and AARP Colorado found three in five Colorado small businesses support a state retirement savings program and two-thirds believe that such a program would provide small businesses a competitive edge.

We treat our employees like family, and I'm worried they won't be able to sufficiently save for retirement without a state-sponsored program. That's why Colorado lawmakers should support the Secure Choice Savings Plan.

Kathy Keyes

Trickle up

Dear Editor:

Congressman Tipton, I attended the Town Hall meeting in Alamosa on 4/18. I came away with the following impression: On every issue that was discussed, you appear to be in lock step with an agenda that favors the wealthy at the expense of your average constituents.

If we've learned anything from the dismal trajectory of this country's middle class since 1980, it's that for every growth in real income, every tax advantage, that wealth trickles up rather than down. The middle class needs to be the recipient of legislative largesse, not the wealthy and not huge corporations. It's hard to believe that the GOP truly believes that giving more advantages to the wealthy/corporations will help people who struggle to make it from paycheck to paycheck.

Here's what I didn't hear on Tuesday night:

1. How removing essential services and Medicaid subsidies will help the middle class, the poor, seniors, or the disabled to afford healthcare? (I get how these proposals protect big insurance companies and the wealthy who will get even greater tax benefits.)

2. How using federal taxes to support private education "choices" will help our public school kids get the excellent teachers, the new textbooks, the computers, and the updated classroom equipment that they deserve? (I get how it helps big corporations who want to privatize education.)

3. How your vote to repeal internet privacy protections is good for me? (I get how it's good for cellular companies' bottom line.)

4. How your "no" vote for equal pay for women protects my daughters' and my granddaughters' earning potential? (I get how it protects corporations and their largely senior, male CEOs.)

5. How putting \$54 billion dollars into nuclear weapons makes America great again? (I get how it puts lots of profit into the military-industrial complex.)

The whole meeting progressed this way. I could ask many more questions, but I'd be happy to get real, direct answers to these questions.

K. Muth

Simple questions

Dear Editor:

The Republicans are gnawing at the Affordable Care Act once again. As he prepares to march to his party's tune, ask Rep. Tipton to answer seven simple questions. (source: <https://democrats-energycommerce.house.gov/sites/democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/files/documents/ACA%20District-by-District%20Report%2003022017.pdf>).

1. Under the ACA the 3rd District's uninsured rate has declined to 11.3 percent (from 17.3 percent). What will you do for the 5.9 percent who will lose their insurance if you vote to repeal the ACA?

2. What will you do for to the 324,300 individuals in the district who now have health insurance that covers preventive services like cancer screenings and flu shots without any co-pays, coinsurance, or deductibles who stand to lose this access if you vote to eliminate the ACA provisions requiring health insurers to cover important preventive services without cost-sharing?

3. What will you do for 322,400 individuals in the district with employer-sponsored health insurance who are at risk of losing important consumer protections like the prohibition on annual and lifetime limits, protection against unfair policy rescissions, and coverage of preexisting health conditions, if you vote to repeal the ACA?

4. What will you do for the 61,900 individuals in the district who are covered by the ACA's Medicaid expansion who stand to lose coverage if you vote to eliminate the Medicaid expansion?

5. What will you do for the 18,700 individuals in the district who have purchased high quality Marketplace coverage who now stand to lose their coverage if you vote to dismantle the Marketplaces?

6. What will you do for the 11,600 individuals in the district who received financial assistance to purchase Marketplace coverage in 2016 who are at risk of coverage becoming unaffordable if you vote to eliminate the premium tax credits?

7. What will you do for the 5,000 individuals in the district who are receiving cost-sharing reductions to lower out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles, co-pays, and coinsurance, who are now at risk of health care becoming unaffordable if you vote to the eliminate cost-sharing reductions?

If the answer is some hazy mantra about "access and choice," beware: translation—those with money and resources are the ones with access and choice.

Hopefully the GOP will fail in its attempt to gut the ACA legislatively. Please be vigilant so that the President doesn't cripple it through administrative and budgetary machinations. As far as I can tell TiptonCare/RyanCare/Trumpcare is nothing more than taking insurance away from millions, making it worse

for the rest, and using the money to cut taxes on the wealthy.

Terry Pickett

Name change

Dear Editor:

Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) surveyed Archuleta County for possible water reservoir sites in 1968. One of the sites chosen was just east of the Town of Pagosa Springs. It was an off-channel location in an area marked on the quadrangle map as "Dry Gulch." SWCD made several attempts to develop reservoir sites over the years, but nothing really worked. Then, in 1987, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (the District) was formed, which included much of Archuleta County. SWCD transferred to water rights for the various reservoir sites within the jurisdiction of the new District to that District, including the site on Dry Gulch.

Plans expanded from the original filing for a 6,300 acre foot ("AF") water reservoir to a 35,000 AF reservoir that utilized the whole site. Plans went forward and the partners to the project secured the money needed to buy much of the land needed to develop the site.

The Colorado Supreme Court heard a lawsuit brought by Trout Unlimited to stop the project. The result was PAWSD and the District had relied on population projections that could not withstand judicial scrutiny—the projections were too speculative. Instead, it was determined the project could be justified if it contained 11,000 AF. The court case was not the only thing that went wrong, but it is needless to go into everything. In the end, the recession resulted in belt-tightening by PAWSD, the community was disenchanted with measures taken to pay for the project, and the memorandum of agreement that formed the partnership was ultimately dissolved.

The District was in an untenable position in that the \$1 million grant acquired for the project would convert to a loan if the project was not completed. Therefore, the District voted to pursue the project on its own. It took almost 4 years of work, but new agreements were reached in 2016, which allowed the District to move the project forward and resolved all past issues to the mutual benefit of PAWSD, the District and the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

What does all of this mean to you, the reader? The District is thinking of how to move this project forward, and one of the things being considered is a change of name for the project. It is no longer a 35,000 AF reservoir costing more than \$400 million, so it is no longer the Dry Gulch Project folks have come to know. The District is considering a new name for the project that reflects an 11,000 AF reservoir costing less than \$100 million providing much more to the community than just drinking water. What do you think this project needs to be named to reflect this future infrastructure improvement?

Send your best name for this project to the District at 46 Eaton Drive, Suite No. 5, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or just email your suggestion to sjwcd@gmail.com. Thank you.

Rod Proffitt

Secrets

Dear Editor:

Observing the increasing objectification of women, as an artist, mother, grandmother, partner, and woman I am outraged.

According to Clarissa Pinkola Estes, "Tears are a river that take you somewhere. Weeping creates a river around the boat that carries your soul-life. All women have personal stories, secrets that are vast in scope and powerful." A woman's crying has been considered quite dangerous, for it loosens the locks and bolts on secrets she bears. There are particular kinds of stories which has to do with shame; these contain important stories a woman needs to unravel. Clarissa Pinkola Estes suggests "These stories are embedded, not like jewels in a crown, but like black gravel under the skin of the soul."

Many women's secret stories revolve around having been violated by some social or moral code of their culture, religion, sexual, or personal value system. Some of these acts, events, and choices, particularly those related to women in any and all arenas of life were often held out by the culture as being shamefully wrong for women to speak out. Women have been advised that certain events, choices, and circumstances in their lives, usually having to do with sex, love, money, violence, and/or other difficulties are of the most shameful nature and therefore completely without absolution. This is not true.

But there is good news. A way to change this is to open the secret, speak of it to someone, write another ending, examine one's part in it and one's attributes in enduring it. These learnings are equal parts pain and wisdom. It is a triumph for a woman's soul and deep wild (free) spirit when she speaks her truth.

According to Wikipedia, "Objectification more broadly means treating a person as a commodity or an object without regard to their personality or dignity." Pornography itself is the objectification of women. "In this context women are treated as things, receptacles and socially dissociated objects to be used and tossed aside", according to Michael J. Formica Psychology Today.

When a woman says no more. When the secret is finally told and she begins to speak, the soul needs more response than "Hummmmm, oh really, that's too bad, you're fired, why don't you leave it's for your own good."

It is my intention is to bring light to this subject, speak out individually or as a group, enough is enough.

I can be reached at quinnartist@gmail.com.

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Colorado Centennial Farms application deadline extended to May 15

By Jonathan Raab
 Special to The SUN

The deadline to apply for recognition in the Colorado Centennial Farms program has been extended through May 15.

The Centennial Farms ceremony is held each year at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo.

To earn recognition as a Centennial Farm or Ranch, a property must meet the following requirements:

- Farms or ranches must have remained in the same family continuously for 100 years or more.
- Property must be a working farm or ranch.
- Property must have a minimum of 160 acres — however,

properties with fewer than 160 acres can qualify if they gross at least \$1,000 in annual sales.

• Properties that have four or more well-maintained structures that are at least 50 years old are also eligible for a Historic Structures Award.

Eligible owners must submit an application providing information about the history of their property and its buildings, demonstrate that the farm or ranch meets the program's requirements and submit photographs of their buildings if they are applying for a Historic Structures Award.

The Colorado Centennial Farms program is a collaboration between History Colorado, the Colorado

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Obituaries

Colonel Harold 'Gib' Gibson

(1918-2017)

Longtime Pagosa Springs resident Colonel Harold "Gib" Gibson gracefully made his transition on April 19, at age 98, surrounded by loving family in a nurturing environment.



Gib was active until the last weeks of his life, living in what he called, "one of the most beautiful places in the world," Pagosa Springs. Up until a few months ago, he was still mowing the lawn, shoveling snow, fixing his own vehicles, chopping firewood and visiting with friends at the Pagosa Pilot's gathering every Friday evening and Saturday mornings.

Gib was born on Aug. 16, 1918, — the era of the Wright Brothers — and wanted to fly from a young age. He was a mechanical wunderkind fixing almost any kind of motorized

vehicle whether land, sea or air. He started flying in his teens and, when just 23 years old, received his pilot's license while still in college. Gib served in the Army Air Corps which later became the United States Air Force. During WWII, he instructed pilots, he flew in the Korean conflict, led jet squadrons in the Cold War, and served at the Pentagon. Two future astronauts, John Glenn and Gus Grissom, were under his command during the Korean War. He was a colonel during the Vietnam War and served as chief of safety at the Colorado Springs headquarters of the Air Defense Command.

After retiring, he settled in Colorado Springs, where he was a civilian flight instructor and continued flying his own plane for more than 75 years — logging nearly 10,000 flight hours without a single incident.

While in Colorado Springs, he married the love of his life, Lynn, with whom he traveled the world and thoroughly enjoyed a full life together for over 30 years.

Up to his very last breath, Gib lived his life in the spirit of true friendship with the same grace and

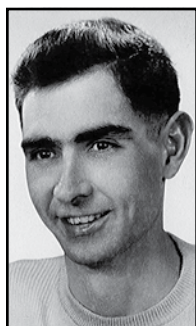
dignity that he demonstrated for nearly a century.

Colonel Gibson is survived by his wife, Lynn F. Gibson, of Pagosa Springs; two daughters; six stepchildren; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many lifelong friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Pagosa Pine Ridge Rehab Facility, the Boy Scouts of America or the National Wildlife Federation.

Leo Fredrick Tautges

Leo Fredrick Tautges, age 90, of Brainerd, went on to meet Jesus on April 21 while at the Veteran's Home in Minneapolis. Leo's Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, April 26, at noon, at St. Francis Catholic Church in Brainerd, with Fr. Paul Strommer officiating.



Leo was born Oct. 17, 1926, in St. Mathias Township, to Martin and Margaret Tautges. He grew up on the family farm and attended school in Brainerd. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy aboard a ship in the Marshall Islands in the North Pacific. Leo was united in marriage to Carol E. Rowland. The couple raised their family in the Brainerd area. Leo worked at the Potlatch Paper Company for 37 years. He was an active member of St. Francis Catholic Church and belonged to the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed biking, fishing, dancing and gardening. After spending 87 years in this area, he moved to Minneapolis in 2014.

Leo is survived by his children, Colleen (Paul) Insley, of Cambridge; Gene (Debbie) Tautges, of Pagosa Springs; Joan (Roger) Svare, of Blaine; and Karen (Jon) Parisian, of Minnetonka; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; a sister, Laura Stang, of St. Cloud; and a sister-in-law, Ruby Tautges, of Brainerd. He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Margaret; his wife, Carol; a son, Wayne; a sister, Margaret; and two brothers, George and Ray.

Understanding post-traumatic stress disorder

By Kevin Kelly
Special to The SUN

"Even just falling asleep was tough. The minute I would start dozing off, I would get a surge of adrenaline or anxiety and would wake up."

"The emotional numbness will just tear away all of the relationships in your life ... if you don't learn to unlock them and get those emotions out."

"I was awarded a Silver Star for bravery. You're not going to tell me I'm a coward. If somebody like me has PTSD, then anybody can have it."

These are actual statements made by men and women suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. They illustrate just some of the symptoms of this disorder and one of the reasons

people don't get professional help when they might benefit from it.

Because we have so many veterans coming home from conflicts, we know that a certain percentage of them will be suffering from PTSD (about 10 percent) and it will be important for us as veterans and citizens to understand what this disorder is and how it can be treated successfully. Understanding the disorder is the first step towards recovery and full living.

So, what is PTSD? According to the National Center for PTSD, it is a mental health problem that some people develop after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event, like combat, a natural disaster, a car accident or sexual assault.

After a traumatic event, it's normal to have upsetting memories, trouble sleeping or feel tense. It

may be difficult to do normal daily activities, like go to work, school or spend time with people you care about. Most people find that they start to feel better after a few weeks or months.

If it's been longer than a few months and you're still having symptoms, you may have PTSD. For some people, PTSD symptoms may start later on or they may come and go over time.

The good news is that you can get treatment for PTSD and it works. For some people, professional treatment can get rid of PTSD symptoms. For others, it can make symptoms less intense. Treatment also gives you the tools to manage symptoms so they don't keep you from living your life.

What's important to remember is that you are not alone and there

is help and compassionate understanding available.

In upcoming issues, we will explore specific symptoms and treatment options available locally. If you'd like to learn more about PTSD, its symptoms, treatment options and resources, go to ptsd.va.gov.

If you are a combat veteran suffering from PTSD symptoms and live in Archuleta County, contact Kevin J. Kelly, Ph.D., at kevin-jameskelly@gmail.com or call (505) 699-0824.

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County to begin mag chloride application in early May

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Road and Bridge crews will begin applying magnesium chloride on selected county roads within the next few weeks, County Public Works Director Susan Goebel-Canning told The SUN on Monday.

The chemical is currently being delivered to the county, Goebel-Canning stated. The actual timing of the application will depend on the weather.

The county applies the material as a dust-control and road-conditioning agent to unpaved roads based on traffic count, within the limits of its budget. Goebel-Canning explained that the cutoff level for road selection is an average daily vehicle trip count of 200. Judgment as to road condition is also a factor.

The Road and Bridge page of the county website provides a list of roads to be treated. The list is dated 2011, but Goebel-Canning indicated that is due to the fact that traffic volumes are generally stable, producing a consistent pattern of roads needing treatment.

Depending on evaluation, she reported, additional roads could be added to the list for the treatment this year.

Residents whose roads are not scheduled by the county for treatment, but would like to have it done, can arrange to pay the cost of the magnesium chloride and the county will then handle the job. The cost for the material runs approximately \$3,122 per mile of treated surface.

Residents' questions regarding that option should be addressed to Yari Davis at 264-8404.

More about mag

Reasons for efforts to control dust attributable to traffic on unpaved roads are summarized in the Wisconsin Transportation Bulletin, No. 13, published by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Engineering.

The publication states that, "Unpaved roads are the largest source of particulate air pollution in the country. According to the Environmental Protec-

tion Agency, unpaved roads produce almost five times as much particulate matter as construction activities and wind erosion (the next two largest sources) combined."

It elaborates that, "A single vehicle traveling an unpaved road once a day for a year will produce one ton of dust per mile..."

The bulletin continues, "In addition to polluting the air, dust can be a health problem for nearby residents. It also settles on plants up to 500 feet from the road edge, slowing their growth and reducing crop yields."

In addition to air pollution, the loss of dust adversely affects road conditions, the Bulletin reports. "When [fine particles] are lost as dust, it damages the gravel surface and exposes the larger aggregate pieces. These are then scattered by vehicles or washed away. The unstable road surface becomes rough, developing potholes and washboarding."

The bulletin also reports, that "calcium chloride and magnesium chloride are the two most commonly used dust control agents (75% to 80% of the time). These hygroscopic (water attracting) agents increase the moisture content of the surface by attracting moisture from the atmosphere. This helps form a crust and hold the road fines into the aggregate surface."

According to the bulletin, the advantage of magnesium chloride in particular is that it "tends to create a harder surface than calcium chloride..."

There are some potential risks associated with the application of magnesium chloride on roads.

A November 1999 publication of the U.S. Forest Service, "Dust Palliative Selection and Application Guide," reports that, "The primary environmental concern with dust palliatives is how they impact the groundwater quality, freshwater aquatic environment, and plant community."

It advises that the process of application of dust control agents should "take all necessary precautions to keep dust palliative material out of water drainages and roadway ditches leading to streams."

Regarding magnesium chloride, it adds the recommendation to "restrict the use of chlorides within 8 m (25 ft) of a body of water. In areas of shallow groundwater, determine whether significant migration of the chloride would reach the groundwater table."

In addition, it advises, "restrict the use of chlorides if low salt tolerant vegetation is within 8 m (25 ft) of the treated area. Typical low-tolerant vegetation includes various varieties of alder, hemlock, larch, maple, ornamentals, and pine."

Numerous sources also note that magnesium chloride, a salt, is corrosive, and can adversely affect metal.

Goebel-Canning offered this advice for residents in an email to The SUN:

Cars driven on roads where magnesium chloride has been applied should be washed "Regularly especially the under carriage." She also advised residents to "drive slowly" and to not park in the right of way.

In addition, she counseled, "Keep pets off [roads] for 3 to 5 days where Mag has been applied. If it rains don't let pets get where Mag has been applied until [the] ground is dry."

Also, she suggests that planting should be kept at least at least 20 feet from the road, and not to plant where culverts will discharge mag from the road.

Road and Bridge will begin applications of magnesium chloride in the Arboles area in early May, and all selected roads should be treated within five or six weeks from the start of the process.

The application process involves use of tanker trucks to wet the road surface with water, the use of a grader to "cut" the surface and then to re-spread the surface material evenly, and, finally, application of the chemical with tankers over the re-graded surface.

Goebel-Canning said that when the work is finished after the application of the magnesium chloride, "the road should be nicely groomed, and there may be a little dampness."

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County road paving plans for summer curbed

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Public Works Director Susan Goebel-Canning told the county commissioners at their April 11 work session that the costs of road paving projects that were announced for this summer in February were likely to be more costly than had previously been anticipated.

As a result, she said project reprioritization was required.

Goebel-Canning reiterated to The SUN that

a section of the heavily traveled North Pagosa Boulevard, south of Aspenglow Boulevard, will have patching and chip-seal work done.

From the bridge south, North Pagosa Boulevard will be scheduled for two years in the future due to time needed for design.

Full paving will be done on Trails Boulevard, Backswing Drive and East Golf Place, and full reconstruction of Monument Avenue and Butte Drive as originally planned.

Pines Drive will be designed this year and construction will most likely be delayed one year.

The county's crack-sealing project antici-

pated for this summer remains unchanged.

County roads on the list for resealing this summer include Piedra Road, North and South Pagosa boulevards, Light Plant Road, Aspenglow Boulevard, Mission Drive, Handicap Avenue, the north section of Lake Forest Circle, North Lake Avenue, Buttress Avenue and Hatcher Circle.

In addition, the county plans patching operations during the construction season this year on Bastille Drive, Hatcher Circle, Lake Forest Circle, North and South Pagosa boulevards, Mission Drive and Pines Drive.

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Spring marks the beginning of pothole season for CDOT

Special to The SUN

Spring is most commonly known as "pothole season" at the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

This is due to the fact that Colorado will experience snowy or wet conditions with freezing temperatures followed by warmer weather. This causes potholes to start forming on Colorado's interstates and highways statewide.

Potholes begin to form when snow and rain seep into a road's foundation, decreasing its strength. When temperatures drop below freezing, the surface of the roadway becomes weak and freezes water in the foundation. As water in the foundation freezes and thaws, it expands and shrinks the roads surface, creating more cracks and decreasing the roads strength even more. CDOT calls this the "freeze/thaw effect."

"Once the roadway freezes and thaws, it can no longer support the weight of traffic and begins to

crumble, which can instantly cause potholes," said Kyle Lester, CDOT director of highway maintenance. "As more vehicles travel over a pothole, the worse it tends to become."

CDOT maintenance crews make daily trips along interstates and highways, examining the roadways for potholes, debris, guardrail damage and more. When a crew member spots something hazardous in the roadway, they will call it in immediately to have an appropriate vehicle or back-up crew come to make necessary repairs.

"We rely a lot on our customers," said Lester. "While our crews are constantly on the lookout, things can happen right after they pass through an area and that's when our customers become an extension of CDOT. Our crews are always appreciative to receive calls from customers about potholes or other obstructions in the roadway because it allows them to address it immediately before the situation gets worse."

Any form of pavement is suscep-

tible to potholes. In the summer, maintenance crews mill and pave the roadway to make it as smooth as possible for motorists.

"Potholes bother us just as much as they do the public," said Lester. "As technology advances, we'll continue to explore ways to eliminate potholes altogether. But

until then, we ask motorists to please work with us and report any potholes you might see so we can address it right away."

The public can visit <https://www.codot.gov/topcontent/contact-cdot> to report highway maintenance concerns or to ask about other CDOT related topics.

Early season road openings announced

By Brandon Caley
Special to The SUN

The following roads are now open for your use and enjoyment as of Monday, April 24:

- Burns Canyon No. 649 (to second gate).
- Devil Creek No. 627 to State Wildlife Area.
- Jack's Pasture Road No. 746.
- Snow Ranch No. 628.
- Turkey Creek No. 647.
- Turkey Springs No. 629 — upper gate. The lower/middle gates are still closed.
- Williams Creek No. 640 (from gate to lake).

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Roadwork will delay traffic on Piedra Road beginning May 1

By Ann Bond
Special to The SUN

The San Juan National Forest will be conducting a road-improvement project on Piedra Road (Forest Road No. 631) beginning Monday, May 1, and lasting for at least two weeks.

The work will take place between mile marker 7.3 and the

intersection with McManus Road (Forest Road No. 633).

Work will include replacement of nonfunctioning culverts and surface course overlay. Every effort will be undertaken to minimize the impact on the traveling public, but motorists can expect delays of up to an hour while the project is underway.

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ACSO arrests two in burglary

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) arrested two individuals on April 18 after they burglarized a hotel under renovation.

Javier Carbajal, 34, of Avon, Colo., and Jose Ibarguen, also 34, of El Paso, Texas, were both arrested on charges of second-degree burglary on the evening of April 18.

The burglary occurred at the site of the Pagosa Lodge, which is currently under renovation and owned by CK Patel.

According to ACSO Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton, Patel himself noticed the burglary when he was driving by and noticed two subjects walking out of his building with items owned by Patel.

The items in question were a popcorn machine, a decorative beer-logo light that hung over a pool table and four box fans.

All total, the items are valued at \$710.

"They put the items in the back of a red Ford F150 truck with Texas license plates," explained Hamilton, adding that Patel proceeded

to follow them out of the area while contacting the ACSO.

She went on to state that ACSO's Lt. George Barter was in the area when the call went out, and he also located the truck, which had pulled into the parking lot of Walmart.

"Lt. Barter contacted them, and they were read their Miranda rights," said Hamilton, later adding, "They both stated that they had taken the items, but were sorry."

Continued Hamilton, "Patel identified his items, which were clearly visible in the back open portion of the Ford truck, and identi-

fied both individuals."

The suspects were held in the ACSO's holding cell, with Hamilton stating that, at first, their were concerns about the two being illegal aliens, but that it was later discovered they were U.S. citizens.

Hamilton explained that Carbajal had recently bonded out on a \$10,000 bond, and that he is slated to appear in court on April 27.

She added that Ibarguen later bonded out on a \$5,000 personal recognizance, and he is scheduled to appear in court on May 11.
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The Blotter

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

- April 17 — Found property, Martinez Canyon.
- April 18 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order, Tom's Place.
- April 18 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, San Juan Street.
- April 18 — Second-degree burglary, U.S. 160.
- April 18 — Probation violation/arrest warrant for probationer, Tom's Place.
- April 19 — Information only, Island

- Place.
- April 19 — Information only, County Road 600.
- April 20 — Information only, U.S. 84.
- April 20 — Identity theft, Caddy Circle.
- April 20 — Information only, Beucler Lane.
- April 21 — Embezzlement of public property, U.S. 84.
- April 21 — Criminal mischief, Rec Center Road.
- April 21 — Theft, Steamboat Drive.
- April 21 — Theft, Steamboat Drive.
- April 21 — Theft, Driftwood Drive.
- April 21 — Theft, Eagles Loft Circle.
- April 21 — Identity theft-intent, Park Avenue.
- April 22 — Information only, Arbor Drive.
- April 22 — Information only, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- April 23 — Warrant arrest, Meadows

- Drive.
- April 24 — Fraud by check-other method, San Juan Street.
- April 24 — Burglary, Running Horse Place.
- Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**
- April 18 — Fraud by check, Talisman Drive.
- April 18 — Information only, South 8th Street.
- April 18 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.
- April 19 — Information only, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- April 19 — Shoplifting, Cornerstone Drive.
- April 19 — Information only, East Pagosa Street.
- April 19 — Burglary/criminal mischief, South 9th Street.
- April 20 — Criminal mischief, Talisman Drive.
- April 20 — Assault, Talisman Drive.

- April 20 — Careless driving, Florida Street.
- April 21 — Criminal mischief, Eaton Drive.
- April 21 — Information only, South 8th Street.
- April 22 — Criminal trespass, North 5th Street.
- April 22 — Warrant arrest/local, South 5th Street.
- April 22 — Third-degree assault, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- April 24 — DUI, East Pagosa Street.
- Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson**
- No report.
- Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**
- April 19 — John J. Dimuccio, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, 12 months alcohol evaluation and supervision probation, fine and costs — \$769.50.
- April 19 — Aimee Nichols, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$164.40.
- April 20 — Dennis Robert Vigil, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.
- April 20 — Ross John Hegstrom, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.
- April 20 — Creighton T. Hendericks, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.
- April 20 — Stacy J. Bergl, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$163.50.

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

EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

A farewell from the retiring Roberta Tolan

By Roberta Tolan
SUN Columnist

For the past four years, I have had the honor of serving the Archuleta County community as the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension director. I am retiring in May and would like to thank you all for the opportunity to work with folks who care about the welfare of our youth, our environment and working together to build a stronger and healthier community.

There are many things that we have accomplished together over the past years, but I think the partnerships that have developed have had the most impact. All of us strive to do good work and we all have our vision and goals. But, together, rather than as an organization or individual, we can have a much greater impact and accomplish shared goals that truly make a difference in people's lives and the health of our community.

I have heard from many of you over the years that you read and appreciate these newspaper articles. I am grateful to The Pagosa Springs SUN for the opportunity and space to reach you with topics that I hope have been informative and impacted your decisions with science and re-

search. These articles will continue through this transition and into the future with fresh ideas and topics.

I am also grateful to our county commissioners for their support of our programs, for the hundreds of volunteers who give of their time and talents to work with our youth, participate in our gardening programs, help protect our environment and provide fun and educational events for the community. And to CSU Extension, my employer, who provided me the opportunity to educate, learn and work in this wonderful community.

Finally, I would also like to thank my co-workers, Terry Schaaf and Becky Jacobson, for their commitment to excellence in their work, their love of Extension and for their friendship.

But as I leave this position, I want to thank you all for allowing me to be a part of this vibrant and generous community. My husband and I will continue to live and play in Archuleta County and we look forward to participating as volunteers wherever we can be helpful.

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"Within the past couple months, we have found out ... that Airbnb is now entering into agreements with different jurisdictions for the collection. They're basically saying, 'OK, we're going to collect for you,'" explained Schulte. "As far as we know in Colorado, Colorado Springs, Golden, Boulder and the state of Colorado have all signed an agreement with Airbnb."

Schulte explained that the council would also need to hear from Town Attorney Bob Cole, who had some concerns regarding the drafted agreement provided by Airbnb.

"It's a bit of a conundrum. It really is. I'll let Bob share his thoughts with you on what his opinions are about this agreement," said Schulte, adding that it appeared the town had a few alternatives on how to proceed.

"We can sign this agreement with some ... minor edits that we believe will be acceptable to Airbnb because they are already embedded in these other Colorado jurisdictions, Boulder specifically," said Schulte. "The second choice is that we do nothing, and we endeavor to try and just do what we have, and I can tell you it's been difficult. The third option is that you can opt to try and take a more aggressive approach with Airbnb and try and see if they will be agreeable to amending, in a significant way, the agreement that you have before

you. It will take time, cost, and I'm not sure that they'll do it."

Schulte later said that, by executing the agreement, "We'll be getting something we're not getting now."

Cole then shared his thoughts on the tentative agreement that was provided by Airbnb, beginning by saying he thought Schulte did a good job talking about the problems involved with this issue from a practical standpoint.

"My review, you need to keep in perspective, I'm focusing mostly on the legal issues and trying to advise you from a legal standpoint whether this agreement is, what I would call, an advisable agreement from a legal standpoint," Cole said. "You've got a lot of other considerations to take into account when you consider this. In this case, the legal ones are important, but they're not overriding it. The reason I say that is because this is not an agreement, despite what I think is all the negatives to it, it doesn't create a liability exposure for the town. It doesn't put you in as good of a position as I'd like you to be in, it's not the form of agreement that I will recommend you adopt, but it's not going to expose you to liability."

Cole went on to explain that, from a legal standpoint, he thought the agreement was flawed in two ways.

"Under your code, the lodger's tax is supposed to be collected by the vendor ... so that's a bit of an issue," said Cole. "But the bigger issue is that

the agreement has no transparency to it. So, although there is an obligation for them to allow you to audit, the audit is really going to be meaningless, because there's no obligation for them to identify properties, individuals or the folks that are using the services."

Cole went on to explain that there would be no ability to determine if the full amount of funds owed to the town are truly being submitted.

"I just don't see that as an advisable, contractual relationship for you all," said Cole. "The alternatives really aren't very good. Jurisdictions far bigger than Pagosa Springs have tried to resist this agreement and get them to change the terms and they have not been successful. The options are really either accept the terms that have been offered to you, or you don't do the agreement."

Cole stated that the council would have to consider everything Schulte had brought up, but based on a legal standpoint, he couldn't advise entering into the agreement.

Mayor Don Volger asked Cole about the length of the agreement, with Cole explaining that one of the advantages of the agreement is that it's ongoing, and as a result, it would take 60 days maximum to get out of the agreement.

Council member Tracy Bunning then made an observation.

"This situation with vacation home rentals is really, really grow-

ing in Pagosa Springs. In doing real estate closings, I sit down with a lot of buyers who are buying homes here in the Pagosa Springs area," he said, adding that he estimated that four to eight of these property purchases a month are people buying property to enter it into the vacation home rental marketplace.

"I had one, it was a \$750,000 house that was being bought solely for that purpose," said Bunning. "It's a huge problem and we need to get a handle on it. Going back to the presentation, I kind of agree with Bob on the fact that, if we entered into this, we're just saying, 'Hey, give us whatever you want to give us.' On the other hand, I think I hear Greg ... saying, 'It beats what we have now. We'd be getting something.'"

Schulte remarked that, while the agreement wasn't ideal, it was a step in the right direction for solving the problem when it comes to short-term vacation rentals.

"This is the deal, and they're saying 'Take it or leave it, and if you don't like it, then we'll see you in court,' essentially," said Schulte. "San

Francisco said 'OK, we'll do this deal,' and, by the way, so did the state of Colorado."

Council member Mat deGraaf commented that, if the town could get out of the agreement in 60 days, the town could always enter into the agreement for its busy summer season, and reevaluate the change in lodger's and sales tax afterwards to see the impact the agreement had.

"If we're making more money by kind of being not in the know, is that a bad thing?" asked deGraaf.

Commented Cole, "It's not an agreement that I would like you to enter into, but it's the best you have available if you currently want to increase your revenues from these lodging taxes. I'm hopeful that there will be better alternatives in the future and you can force this company and others like it to enter into more realistic and fair agreements that can actually be audited or verified ... but this unfortunately seems to be the best option you have right now to increase your collections."

When Volger said he'd entertain a motion, Schulte stated that, if a

council member was going to make a motion to execute the agreement, he asked that they include that the agreement would be similar to the one adopted by the city of Boulder.

"There are terms in there that I think are more favorable to us, and since it's already in place we have reason to believe that they would be open to those terms," said Schulte.

"I would move that we authorize staff to execute the agreement with Airbnb but with the proviso that it contains the same elements as those in the agreement between Airbnb and the city of Boulder, Colorado," said council member John Egan, with deGraaf seconding the motion.

Volger, deGraaf, Egan, council member David Schanzenbaker and council member Nicole DeMarco all voted in favor of the motion, with Bunning voting against it.

In an email to SUN staff, Schulte explained that an agreement had not been drafted yet, but he anticipates the issue coming before the town council again at its May 18 meeting. marshall@pagosahun.com

Nuisance

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unhealthy conditions impacting adjacent properties, and accumulating junk, garbage, rubbish (including unused tires and multiple other specified items), and unused construction materials.

The ordinance provides that "every Owner, occupant, lessee or holder of any possessory interest in an establishment within the County's jurisdiction is required to maintain their structures and premises" to avoid a nuisance.

Properties exempt by state law, including "industrial tracts over 10 acres and land assessed as agricultural by the Archuleta County Assessor," are expressly excluded from the ordinance.

To access the complete ordinance, readers may log onto the county website, click on the drop down menu "Residents," and select the heading "Ordinances." The address is: <http://www.archuleta-county.org/316/Ordinances>.

Action to enforce the ordinance may follow written, signed complaints lodged by county residents or personal observations by enforcement officers. Complaints or officers' observations may start an investigation.

Following investigation as appropriate, procedures for enforce-

ment under the ordinance begin with issuance of a notice of violation, requiring abatement of the nuisance within 30 days.

The ordinance specifies means by which responsible parties may appeal or contest the notice of violation.

Failure to respond to or comply with the notice triggers further enforcement action, including penalties.

Criminal prosecution may be brought "in discretion of the County." Punishment may include fines and imprisonment for up to six months for each violation. The ordinance provides that "each day (a 24-hour period) a nuisance exists after a complaint is issued shall constitute a separate violation."

During the work session, County Administrator Bentley Henderson said that the county's discretion to initiate a criminal prosecution would be exercised by a decision of the commissioners to refer the matter to the Archuleta County sheriff for criminal action. In addition, he said, the 6th Judicial District attorney would need to approve prosecution before charges would be filed in court.

Later, Henderson told The SUN that a decision by the commissioners would likely involve the

passage of a resolution in public meeting.

Henderson told the commissioners during the work session that the matter of nuisance enforcement had been discussed by county staff members with representatives of the district attorney and San Juan Basin Public Health at a meeting on April 21.

The meeting had been held to discuss complaints that appeared to involve some longstanding, aggravated problems in the Aspen Springs area.

Henderson said that the concern was not limited to Aspen Springs. That simply was the area involving the complaints that had triggered last week's meeting.

Henderson said the discussion during the work session this week had been intended to ensure the commissioners were aware of anticipated enforcement activity. He added that it is likely enforcement steps will be taken soon, at least within the next month.

During the work session, County Attorney Todd Starr commented that the county wants to send the message that "people should pay attention to the nuisance ordinance," and the "county will enforce" its provisions.

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to 60 days after that, he said, also explaining that that was one of the things that would be monitored.

"And that will actually be one of the things we will monitor from a cash standpoint," he said, adding that there will be some cash outlays related to chemotherapy and PSMC may be better off beginning that program next year.

Pruitt also asked about planning for a closed-door pharmacy and if it should be planned for now — a question he posed several times throughout the discussion.

Asking if he was referring to a retail pharmacy, Chief Medical Officer Rhonda Webb said it would change everything and would, for example, require additional employees and a stock of \$500,000.

She also mentioned licensing and pharmacy laws and the business planning required.

Cochennet further explained that the topic had surfaced during a planning call he was a part of earlier that day regarding the oncology business plan, stating that they would not start with a closed-door pharmacy.

He noted that the pharmacy and infusion beds would likely have to be phased in as part of a plan.

Pruitt asked if the organization should plan the space for it now if it intended to move in that direction.

"Frankly, we don't know enough about it to answer that question today," Cochennet said, adding that the oncology program would also require fundraising.

"What we plan on showing you is the ability to get it started and be able to do it on a step-by-step basis," Cochennet continued.

Later, Cochennet said, "I don't

Medical

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that may look like there is a surplus, he thought that surplus would be spent on electrical upgrades.

In response to a question by board member Greg Schulte concerning how long the work would take, Cochennet reported that the contractor (also the contractor for the new wing) plans on being done with all its work and gone by June 15.

"They want to be gone before our grand opening," Cochennet said.

Following that answer, board member Jerry Baker moved to approve the remodeling work.

After the motion received a second, Dr. Jim Pruitt, also a board member, questioned PSMC Chief Financial Officer Dennis Wilson about the funding for the remodel, with just over half of the funding coming out of PSMC's operating budget.

Specifically, he asked how it would affect the cash that PSMC is required to have on hand at the end of the year per its bonds.

Wilson noted that it would make things tight, with a number of moving pieces that have to be monitored throughout the rest of the year.

Pruitt also asked when PSMC would start to see cash flow from infusion and oncology services.

Wilson indicated that infusion is already producing cash flow.

He explained the goal would be to have at least a "semblance" of an oncology program, including the beginning of a chemotherapy program, by the fourth quarter of this year.

The cash flow would follow 30

know what closed-door pharmacy means," explaining that the current work is being done to keep up with demand and have the hoods compliant by 2018.

He also discussed a sense of urgency because of the current inability to provide oncology services.

Over the course of the discussion, it was revealed that the oncology plan (including what oncology services will be offered), as well as a potential business plan before offering retail pharmacy services, would be needed.

Later in the discussion, Webb discussed starting small and observing demand.

Board chair Mark Floyd also noted that, like other programs PSMC offers, it needed to test the waters.

Following that discussion, the board voted unanimously to move forward with remodel two.

New meeting space

With the approved remodel, the USJHSD board will meet in the former primary care clinic, with the former break room serving as a confidential room (such as for use in executive sessions) and the former waiting area serving as a meeting room.

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Projects

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"I know it can be an inconvenience at times," said Lewandowski. "But we're trying to improve what we can."

South 8th Street

One project that Lewandowski discussed involved the construction taking place on South 8th Street.

"The contractor's doing work on the wall, conduit and trail right now, but they're not going to necessarily touch the paving aspect of it until the trail gets built and the ground is dry enough to put asphalt down," explained Lewandowski. "If you do it too soon, you ruin your chances for having a quality, long-term product."

He said that, as soon as the landscape is dry, the contractors are expected to resume working on the project "full bore" and that he hopes the project would be completed by fall.

Other projects

Lewandowski then brought up a few more projects in the works.

"We're going to be repaving South 10th Street, and that should be done early summer, and ... we're going to repave Talisman and South Pagosa (Boulevard). We're trying to stagger these," said Lewandowski. "We're going to stagger the ones uptown and stagger the ones downtown."

Lewandowski stated that the three projects mentioned above were packaged together as one project that is currently out to bid.

"We'll work with the contractor to try and get that done in the early summer," said Lewandowski. "We'll be doing a walk-through on May 3."

He explained that the town is also anticipating doing work on Hot Springs Boulevard and Hermosa Street, and the goal is to not have all

of the streets downtown closed off at the same time.

"We're going to resurface on 4th Street and then go ... on the other side of the intersection and go all the way down to San Juan Street," said Lewandowski, adding that the Hot Springs Boulevard work should be taking place after Labor Day but is also still currently out to bid.

Lewandowski also stated that the town was looking at repaving a section of Hermosa Street, as well as paving the parking lots near the town parks off of Hermosa Street.

He explained that this project would prepare the town for continuing the Riverwalk down Hermosa Street in the near future.

The conversation then turned to the Towns-to-Lakes Trail, with Lewandowski explaining that the east phase of the project, near the library bordering the south side of U.S. 160, would be completed in early summer.

The west phase, which would connect Pinon Causeway with Aspen Village, will be done in the summer season as well, explained Lewandowski.

"The Hermosa Street Riverwalk is in design, and we'll have a community meeting sometime in July," said Lewandowski. "It'll mirror the process we did for South 8th Street."

"The River Center Park, we're actually poised to pave that next week, weather-dependent. It's the last segment that goes towards the river, pavilion and dock," said Lewandowski, adding that the dock would be replaced soon as well.

Lewandowski explained that the designs for renovating the overlook in downtown are being finalized, and that the town is looking to go out to bid in the near future, with the hopes of construction beginning after Labor Day.

Lewandowski then discussed projects going on in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

"We're upgrading the lights in the gym," Lewandowski said, explaining that the Community Center has one of the larger electricity bills for the town, and by upgrading the gym lights, the town hopes to reduce its carbon footprint.

"We're getting a new stage," said Lewandowski. "We're also getting new bleachers. All of that will happen mid-May, and it will have limited impact on programming."

Lewandowski then discussed a couple of upcoming projects with the bicyclist in mind.

"The pump track and the DUST2 trail will be done in the end of May, or early June," said Lewandowski, adding that the DUST2 single-track trail will be located behind Pagosa Springs High School, and the pump track will be located in Yamaguchi Park, next to the skate park.

Lewandowski then discussed the many other projects for Yamaguchi Park.

"We're going to bring forth recommendations for a sidewalk to go around the playground, and ... gain ADA access to the baseball fields," said Lewandowski, adding that the playground is currently getting new equipment and features, and would be done early May.

He also stated that the irrigation system for Yamaguchi Park would be fixed, and would draw water from the San Juan River. However, he clarified that the pump would be near the pump shed and the takeoff for the river, so it wouldn't be very noticeable.

Lewandowski stated that he believed the current irrigation system is just old and not working to degree that it needs to be.

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Business

County's unemployment rate decreases to 3 percent

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County dropped to 3 percent in March, with 6,375 people in the labor force and 192 of those claiming unemployment.

In February, there were 6,290 people in the county's labor force, with 251, or 4 percent, claiming unemployment. The total workforce gained 85 people over the month, while the number of unemployed people was down by 59, causing a 1 percent decrease in unemployment.

Since last year, the employment situation has improved even more. In March 2016, there were 6,063 workers in the county, of which 273, or 4.5 percent, were unemployed. March 2017's rate is down 1.5 percent by comparison.

Looking at this March's employment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the

highest unemployment rate for the month at 5.7 percent, while Summit and Kiowa Counties had the lowest rate at 1.3 percent.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate for the state decreased three-tenths of a percentage point in March to 2.6 percent.

This is the lowest unemployment rate for Colorado since the series began in 1976.

The number of people actively participating in the labor force increased 10,500 over the month to 2,933,300 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 19,500 to 2,857,600, causing the number of unemployed to decrease 9,000 and the unemployment rate to decline to 2.6 percent.

In comparison, the national unemployment rate decreased two-tenths of a percentage point in March to 4.5 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 survey 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.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 49,100, with an increase of 45,300 in the private sector and an increase of 3,800 in government.

The largest private-sector job gains were in education and health services, professional and business services, and trade, transportation and utilities.

Mining and logging, manufacturing and information declined over the year.

Other data that is gathered by the survey of business establishments includes private-sector average weekly hours, average hourly earnings and average weekly earnings.

In March, the average workweek for all employees on private non-farm payrolls decreased from 33.3 to 32.8 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$27.31 to \$27.35.

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Looking for employment? Job Fair set for May 12

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The SUN

New to the community and looking for a job? In school now and looking for summer employment? How about some part-time work or a new career? You can accomplish all these searches at the annual Job Fair.

This year, the fair will be held on May 12 at the Pagosa Springs High School. The Job Fair will take place from 12:30 to 5 p.m.; however, the hours will be broken out into two time frames. The students will be able to access the fair from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The public will be able to attend the Job Fair from 2 to 5 p.m.

Job seekers should be prepared to see a number of businesses. Establishments will be on hand to have you fill out applications and conduct initial interviews. The public will not be admitted to the fair until 2 p.m.

Come to the fair prepared with resumes, contact information that you will need for the applications and dressed appropriately. There will be a table staffed with personnel where job seekers can get free

resume review advice.

Last year, businesses were clamoring for qualified workers. Jobs are ranging from entry level and seasonal work to professional positions. New businesses are opening, existing businesses are expanding and the community is looking forward to a very busy summer.

Businesses are looking for people who want to work. There are entry-level positions that lead to career growth. There are positions that are seasonal and require a variety of job skills. This is the time to get out there and see what opportunities await you.

For more information or to reserve your booth space, contact the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce at 264-2360.

Housing Needs Survey

Do not forget to take the Housing Needs Survey contracted jointly by the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete. It needs to be taken by April 30. All results are strictly confidential and responses

will only be reported when combined with all other responses.

The results of this study will be available as part of the Housing Needs Study report to the town and county by this fall. Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BTJVCCB> to complete the survey.

As extrapolated from the 2017 Economic Outlook Survey, housing was one of the top issues that local businesses faced. Help us determine what housing needs we actually need. Your input is critical and will be used to inform the consulting agency's understanding of the housing issues facing our community and the most effective strategies to address these issues.

Adopt a Bike

There is still time to sign up for the lottery to receive a decorative metal bike planter for your business. These clever "planters" can be used year-round with decorations changing seasonally to add creativity to your business.

Twenty bikes will be purchased by the beautification committee

and distributed at no cost via this lottery system to interested businesses and nonprofits.

The lottery will run from April 20 to May 5. To sign up for the lottery, go to <http://bit.ly/adoptabike>, stop by the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center or call 585-1200 for more information.

The winners of the bikes will be announced at a kickoff event on May 20 at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. Activities will begin at noon with a lunch followed by some volunteer projects and concluding with a party to announce the winners and celebrate the day's success.

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Region 9 Economic Snapshot updated for 2017

By Terry Blair-Burton
Special to The SUN

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado has updated its Region 9 Economic Snapshot Report for 2017.

This report provides a snapshot of county-level data including population, employment and income

numbers, livable wages and other labor force statistics for southwest Colorado.

The Region 9 Economic Snapshot Report is printed every two years and available in hard copy and online at www.scan.org under the regional data tab.

Region 9 publishes a variety of regional economic data reports that provide citizens and policy-

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Federal judge hears arguments in Village at Wolf Creek lawsuit

By Luke Perkins
Durango Herald Staff Writer

The saga of the Village at Wolf Creek entered a new chapter in Denver on April 19, as oral arguments in a pending lawsuit were heard by a federal judge.

The controversy spans more than three decades since Texas billionaire B.J. "Red" McCombs proposed the development in the 1980s on behalf of the Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture.

The previous chapter, which sparked the April 19 hearing, was the approval of a land swap between the U.S. Forest Service and the privately owned venture in 2014. This swap would transfer 205 acres of Rio Grande National Forest land for 177 acres of privately owned land.

The transaction is crucial for the proposed development, as it grants direct access to U.S. 160. The development would include hotels, townhomes, condominiums and restaurants and is estimated to accommodate 8,000-10,000 people.

A group of local environmental organizations, the Friends of Wolf Creek, claim in the lawsuit against the Forest Service that it colluded with developers to push through an Environmental Impact Statement that did not fully investigate the

effects of the project.

Travis Stills, an attorney representing Friends of Wolf Creek, reinforced that argument during the hearing Wednesday.

The Forest Service gave into the demands of the developers without properly exploring its options for protecting the ecology of the area by limiting the concession of a roadway to access the lands as is required by federal law, he said.

"The Forest Service has power to control the development and they need to analyze that power... but they went forward as if they could not," he said.

By pursuing an easement to allow access, the Forest Service could have maintained some level of control over what could or could not go into the development, which is surrounded by federal forest lands and has two wilderness areas nearby.

A land exchange gives the venture a free pass to develop as it will instead allowing the Forest Service to place restrictions, Stills said. "This unrestricted parcel can be described as a radical switch."

Barclay Samford, attorney for the Department of Justice, said the Forest Service believed dispersing the development through the exchanged land would reduce the environmental conflicts and avoids

an easement that it would have to manage and maintain.

"It's actually better for the public interest to use the land exchange," Samford said.

Senior Judge Richard P. Matsch, however, said there was more at stake than the effect on local communities.

"I understand the public's interest but there is also the natural environment's interests, which is what this is all about," he said.

Bill Leone, attorney for the Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture, said describing the land exchange as a free pass to construct whatever they wanted is incorrect as the EIS was based on the proposed development and therefore parameters are in place.

"These are not just lines on a map, there is a very specific development plan," Leone said. The venture also is limited by the building restrictions for new construction in Mineral County.

Also central to the plaintiff's case are claims that the Forest Service ignored vital factors when conducting their environmental study.

The study was lacking in details about the presence of Canada lynx in the Rio Grande National Forest, the level of beetle kill in the

area and overall effects of climate changes on the environment.

Some of these were debated during the hearing, specifically the presence of lynx in the area surrounding Wolf Creek Ski Area.

Leone also questioned the characterization of the area by environmentalist in light of the history of mining and lumber operations and the presence of the ski area.

"To say this development is in the most pristine area of wilderness is an overstatement," Leone said.

What was not debated, at Matsch's request, was the accusation of McCombs applying undue influence on the Forest Service to push the EIS through.

The environmental groups are backing this claim with a series of emails obtained under the Freedom of Information Act request that ask employees of the Forest Service to delete correspondence relating to the land exchange.

No timeframe was given for Matsch, who requested the oral arguments, to issue a decision on the case.

"He's got a lot to think about so we'll see," Stills said.

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La Plata Electric Association seeks to increase local generation

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

On April 19, the Board of Directors of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), by unanimous vote, approved Resolution 2017-05, which empowers LPEA staff to open discussions with wholesale power supplier Tri-State Generation and Transmission to increase the cap on the amount of electricity LPEA can purchase from outside entities. LPEA hopes to increase the cap from 5 to 10 percent of its energy usage.

"The LPEA board and staff recognize the importance to our members both from an environmental and an economic standpoint to have more of the electricity our members consume produced here locally," said LPEA CEO Mike Dreyspring. "We see this resolution as a first step toward increasing the opportunities for more local renewable energy projects."

LPEA, as well as all 43 members of Tri-State, which is a cooperative made up of distribution cooperatives in four states, has a Wholesale

Electric Service Contract whereby LPEA has agreed to purchase at least 95 percent of its electric service, including capacity and energy, from Tri-State, with the remaining 5 percent being supplied through distributed or renewable generation that LPEA either owns or controls.

With the increase in renewable projects in LPEA's service territory — and growing interest in new ones — the cooperative is quickly approaching the 5-percent cap.

In its committee meeting held

on April 17, the LPEA board discussed options and reviewed the staff's recommendation to pass the resolution to approach Tri-State about increasing the 5-percent cap. A number of concerned citizens also attended the LPEA board meeting to voice support of pursuing such a resolution.

"The LPEA Board of Directors values the cooperative model and seeks to work with Tri-State to address the demand for additional self-generation before exploring other avenues," said Dreyspring.

Town to host Smart Growth workshop: Implementing Smart Growth 101 and Fiscal Impact Analysis

By Rachel Novak
Special to The SUN

The Town of Pagosa Springs is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a grant-funded technical assistance workshop delivered by Smart Growth America.

Smart growth strategies help towns and cities across the country grow stronger economically by using land strategically, making the most of existing resources and using public funds to catalyze private development. As a national leader in the field, Smart Growth America has accumulated extensive experience working with communities to realize the benefits of smart growth.

The workshop will draw on this expertise to provide actionable steps

that the community can use to overcome the barriers to smart growth and build stronger economies now and for generations to come.

This "Implementing Smart Growth 101" workshop will assist community leaders and stakeholder representatives in understanding smart growth principles, which focus on building sustainable, affordable, accessible and healthy communities, with strong local businesses.

"With more than 70 communities having already received grants through this technical assistance program, it is my hope to have Pagosa Springs be a shining example of how well-thought-out planning can be implemented into a small, rural economy. Town

officials and staff are committed to implementing the solutions resulting from the 'Implementing Smart Growth 101' workshop with future projects," said Mayor Don Volger.

The first day of the workshop on May 24 will include a half-day tour of Pagosa Springs, followed by an evening presentation that is open to the public. The second full-day workshop on May 25 will include a guided planning discussion, which will ultimately result in a "Next Steps Memo" outlining smart growth strategies that can be implemented locally.

The program is made possible through a Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities grant to Smart Growth America from the U.S. Environmental Protec-

tion Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities. The Office of Sustainable Communities sponsors a variety of programs that help interested communities grow in ways that benefit families and businesses, while protecting the environment and preserving a sense of place.

Smart Growth America is the only national organization dedicated to researching, advocating for and leading coalitions to bring smart growth practices to more communities nationwide. From providing more sidewalks to ensuring more homes are built near public transportation or that productive farms remain a part of our communities, smart growth helps make sure people across the nation can live in great neighborhoods.

For additional information, visit www.smartgrowthamerica.org.

PFPD responds to accidents

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to several accidents last week.

The first occurred between mile markers 135 and 136 on U.S. 160, when a semitruck rolled onto its side on April 19.

PFPD's Capt. Will Clark explained that the incident occurred in the morning, and although he wasn't the incident commander or at the incident, he'd learned that the driver was out of the vehicle when emergency responders arrived, and didn't need extrication.

He went on to explain that responding PFPD units assisted Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) EMS, as there were no hazardous materials to clean up.

It was unclear whether or not the driver was transported by PSMC EMS.

On the afternoon of Friday, April 21, the PFPD was called out to mile marker 127 on U.S. 160 for a motorcycle that had hit an animal.

Clark explained that the call originally reported that the motorcycle had hit a deer, but it's possible a smaller animal may have been hit instead.

Clark explained that two passengers were on the motorcycle, and as they hit the animal, the driver laid the bike onto its side.

Nine PFPD personnel responded to the scene, and because there were no leaking fluids or traffic mitigation, PFPD units assisted PSMC EMS with packaging the two patients, who were then transported to PSMC.

On the evening of Sunday, April

23, PFPD units were called out to an ATV accident in the Aspen Springs area, near Windmill Place and Simmons Drive.

Clark explained that three volunteers with the PFPD arrived to the scene, and called off the rest of the responding units.

He said he was told that the injuries were minor, although the driver may have been transported to PSMC by PSMC EMS.

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Senior housing to receive free solar installation

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

A housing facility for low-income senior residents will undergo construction this summer to be fitted completely with solar power.

In conjunction with work through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE) and Housing Solutions for the Southwest, Socorro Senior Living Apartments in Pagosa Springs will be outfitted with enough solar panels and batteries to power its entire facility — and it won't even have to pay a dime.

"The Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE) announces a new solar for low-income program supported by a recently awarded non-competitive EPA grant," reads a press release issued by 4CORE. "Raise the Solar Bar Program will include, installation, demonstration and use of new battery storage technology, the Tesla Powerwall, coupled with a 20 kW solar PV system at Socorro Senior Living in Pagosa Springs."

In an email to SUN staff, 4CORE Executive Director Laurie Dickson elaborated on the project.

"4CORE received recognition from the EPA as a result of the success of the Southwest Horizon Ranch, (another solar for low income housing project that offset the collective utility cost for 61 families in Durango)," wrote Dickson. "We were awarded a \$25,000 non-competitive EPA grant in February to provide a new, solar for low-income installation provided there were components that demonstrated the use of new technology, site demonstrations, education and training."

She went on to write that Socorro was selected as the location for the next solar project for low-income

residents.

Dickson put emphasis on the fact that Socorro and Housing Solutions for the Southwest weren't monetary contributors, but rather recipients of the project.

"This project is the first of its kind in Archuleta County, as well as the first of its kind in an under represented sector of the Pagosa community, low-income seniors," wrote Dickson. "The goal is to provide solar power that will reduce the collective energy demand for low-income senior residents while reducing the need for fossil fuel generated electricity and producing a measurable reduction in carbon emissions based on the kilowatt hours generated by the solar panels."

Dickson went on to write that the installation of the solar and battery technology would provide a couple of different statistics, including reducing the collective utility costs by an estimated \$5,000 per year.

Based on the 20 kw photovoltaic system size, it is estimated to save 31,200 kilowatts an hour of fossil-fuel-generated electricity.

This is the equivalent of 23,398 pounds of coal annually, or 21.9 metric tons in carbon emissions annually, wrote Dickson.

Additionally, Dickson explained that the battery storage would allow for backup power during power outages, which would increase safety for senior residents.

It would also cut electricity demand during peak hours by discharging stored energy when needed or during high-demand, wrote Dickson.

"The total cost of the system is estimated to come in around \$60,000 including all equipment, inverters, photovoltaics, electrical connections, battery component, permits, installation labor, battery

wall training, community outreach and education and 4CORE's program management," Dickson wrote. "We currently have support from the \$25,000 EPA grant, the Ballantine Family Fund, Michael and Elaine Moravan Foundation, and the Basset-Stern Charitable Fund."

She went on to write that 4CORE is actively seeking support from La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), as well as other foundations in the hopes of offsetting the cost of the project.

A document from 4CORE titled "Raise the Solar Bar Timeline" gives a tentative schedule for how the project will develop over the summer.

In the months of May and June, 4CORE plans to schedule community outreach presentations, work with a selected solar company on choosing and ordering equipment, coordinate with Tesla to host a Tesla Powerwall certification training and install racking and a conduit system on Socorro.

In July and August, 4CORE plans to:

- Install solar panels with an education session.
- Install inverters with an education session.
- Install the Tesla Powerwall battery system with an education session.
- Provide two different presentations to Socorro, with one in July and the other in August.
- Continuously use presentations to update the community about the program.

In September, 4CORE plans to make final community presentations with the program's participating sponsors and partners, hold a ribbon-cutting party at Socorro and give presentations to the LPEA Board of Directors, the Pagosa Springs Town Council and the com-

munity at large.

Socorro Property and Facility Manager Jim Fait had some things to add about the Socorro property itself.

"There's 19 units, and they're all one bedroom. They're all about 640 square feet per unit," he said. "To reside in here, you have to be low-income ... It's like \$22,000 for one person. If you make over that amount, you can't live here. You also have to be 62 years or older."

Fait went on to explain that all utilities are paid for in the facility, except for landline telephones, wireless Internet and TV services.

He also pointed out that the facility allows up to two animals per room.

"I've got 48 people on my wait list," said Fait. "We need more of these facilities in Pagosa Springs."

Fait went on to express his excitement for the solar project and what it means for Socorro.

Fait explained that, with the savings the solar project would bring to Socorro, he'd be able to invest in other amenities and budget items to further improve the facility.

Fait said that one of his first priorities with the savings would be to hire a facility maintenance person, as being in charge of running the facility and maintaining the facility is too much work for one person.

Fait also complimented Housing Solutions for the Southwest and its executive director Elizabeth Salkind, saying that the organization is extremely accommodating when it comes to helping Socorro with its needs.

Fait also complimented Socorro resident Kent Schafer and explained that he was the resident that originally brought up the idea of using solar power to the Socorro board of directors.

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Arboles zoning concerns raised with county commissioners

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

In 2006, zoning regulations were adopted by Archuleta County. Several residents of the Arboles area now feel the zoning adopted by the county for their area in particular was flawed.

The concern was discussed with the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners at its work session on Tuesday. It was explained primarily by Anna Appenzeller, an Arboles real estate agent. With Appenzeller were several Arboles-area residents.

Appenzeller cited the example of a client who had a home in Arboles along Colo. 151, the main highway in the area.

The client began living there in 1994, she said, but has recently moved and wants to sell.

When the 2006 zoning occurred, Appenzeller stated, the client's property was zoned commercial, despite its longstanding use as a residence. She explained that it appears the entire area along the highway in Arboles was zoned commercial.

But that was contrary to the actual land use, Appenzeller said. Most actual uses are currently residential/agricultural or residential, and were that well before the zoning, according to a list of 24 properties she presented to the commissioners.

One-third of the properties on her list currently have commercial use, and two are currently used for industry.

Appenzeller said that the area is not even really well-suited for com-

mercial property, citing examples of a couple of businesses that opened but quickly failed.

The Arboles community is primarily residential and part-time resident retiree, Appenzeller added, and there simply is not a lot of commercial activity at all, other than some related to boating on Navajo Lake. Residents shop primarily in La Plata County, she said, and their children attend school there, as well.

Appenzeller said the difficulty presented by the inappropriate zoning emerged when her client found a buyer and an agreement of sale was reached, but then a mortgage loan could not be obtained.

The lender refused to issue a loan to the prospective buyer, Appenzeller later told The SUN, because in case of loss of the residence to fire, it could be illegal to build a replacement residence due to the commercial zoning.

The work session was not an occasion at which the problem with the zoning could be specifically addressed under applicable procedural rules, but Appenzeller suggested that ultimate appropriate action would be to rezone the area as mixed-use.

County Planning Manager John Shepard pointed out that is not a zoning category currently in use by the county. He suggested that Appenzeller's client could petition for a zoning appeal or a conditional use permit.

Appenzeller suggested that would be a hardship because the client is currently leasing his property, and receives less rent than his own monthly mortgage payments. Under

the circumstances, he did not want to pay the cost for an appeal, which she said would cost \$3,000.

Shepard noted that when the zoning process occurred in 2006, records showed proper legal notice had been provided by publication. (Shepard was not employed by the county at the time.) It was also noted that residents who objected to the zoning assigned in 2006 were given a year to appeal without cost by the county.

Appenzeller noted, however, that Arboles residents tend to read the newspaper from Durango due their distance from Pagosa Springs, and thus would not have an opportunity to see legal notices published in Archuleta County.

Commissioner Michael Whiting observed that while the 2006 zoning had not "been dumped on the community," the problem described by Appenzeller suggested that some residents had unfortunately "fallen through the cracks."

County Attorney Todd Starr suggested to Appenzeller that it would be appropriate to consult with Shepard and County Administrator Bentley Henderson about possible means of addressing the problem on a community-wide basis.

Shepard noted that the Archuleta County Planning Commission is currently in the midst of a process of revision the county's community plan, and that could be a vehicle to consider potential revisions to zoning based on a broad community needs.

Starr added, however, that if that process of broad review of zoning

would take too long for Appenzeller's client, then he would need to follow the county's established procedures for raising zoning issues affecting individual properties.

Appenzeller later told The SUN she thought her client was likely to follow the procedures as suggested by Starr, because in his particular situation, the length of the process of broad-based rezoning would likely be more problematic to him than undertaking the cost of seeking individual relief through an appeal or a conditional use permit.

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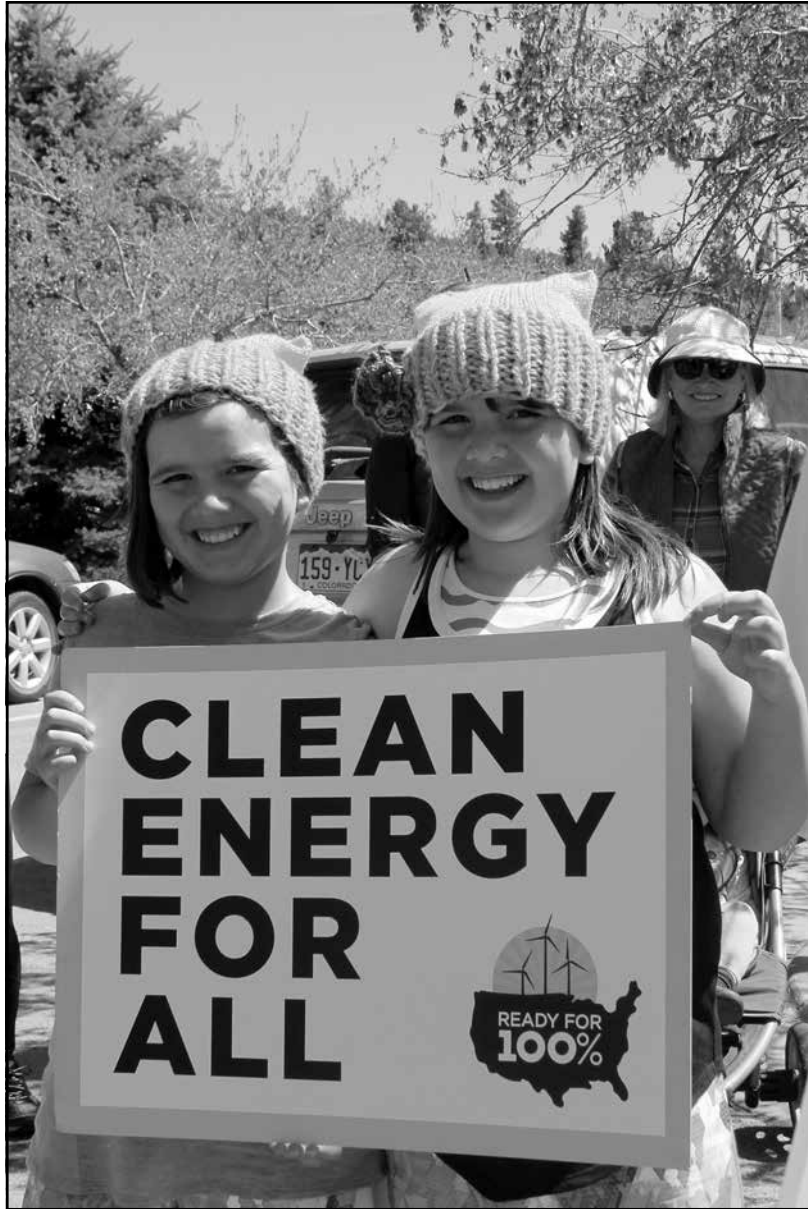
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Earth Week

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The 2017 celebration of Earth Week is solid evidence that Pagosa Springs is a community that cares about the future of the planet we inhabit. Locals participated in several activities throughout the week, including planting trees at Yamaguchi Park, trash pickups, bird walks, greenhouse tours, visiting the Earth Day Fair, taking part in the March for Science and more.



Outdoors



Final Fall Creek Spruce Salvage Environmental Assessment and Draft Decision released

By Ann Bond
Special to The SUN

The San Juan National Forest Pagosa Ranger District has released the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Decision Notice for the Fall Creek Spruce Project located north of Pagosa Springs in the Wolf Creek Pass area.

The proposal includes: salvage harvest dead and dying trees on up to 806 acres of national forest in Mineral County, reforestation of an additional 190 acres, erosion control and fisheries improvement, and construction of two corrals to improve rangeland management capabilities on the East Fork San Juan Allotment.

The Draft Decision Notice is subject to objection during a 45-day period, which began on April 22, with the publication of the legal notice of decision. The objection period ends on June 5. Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comments.

Written objections should be submitted to: Kara Chadwick (reviewing officer), Attn: Objections, San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81301, or hand-delivered to the San Juan Public Lands Center at the address above between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Objections may also be faxed to 385-1386 to the attention of "Objection: Fall Creek Spruce Project." Electronic objections should be sent to: r02f13admin_review@fs.fed.us with Subject: Fall Creek Spruce Project. Names and addresses of objectors will become part of the public record.

The Final EA and Draft Decision can be downloaded from the San Juan National Forest website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/sanjuan/landmanagement/projects>.

For more information, contact Matt Tuten, project leader, at 264-2268 or via email at mtuten@fs.fed.us.

Firewood permits on sale

By Ann Bond
Special to The SUN

Permits to cut firewood on the San Juan National Forest will be on sale starting May 1 at agency offices and selected retail outlets.

A minimum purchase of \$20 allows the bearer to gather two and a half cords of dead and downed firewood from the San Juan National Forest for personal use prior to Dec. 31, 2017.

Permits, which come with a brochure and map, are available at Pagosa Ranger District, 180 Pagosa St.

Permits are divided into five separate tags; each tag is good for one-half cord of firewood and can be used separately or all at one time. The appropriate number of tags must be validated and fastened to the load of firewood in a visible manner before the vehicle

is driven from the place where the firewood was gathered.

One household may purchase permits for up to 10 cords of firewood per year for personal use. Cutting firewood for commercial resale requires a commercial permit, and information can be obtained at each district office.

Restrictions apply to the cutting of standing dead ponderosa pine and live Gambel oak. Permit holders are expected to be familiar with these regulations. While most National Forest roads open on May 1, some may still be wet or muddy and impassable. More information on firewood gathering regulations and current road conditions are available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan/>.

For more information, please contact the San Juan Public Lands Center at 247-4874.

San Juan National Forest promoting Plant-a-Tree program

By Ann Bond
Special to The SUN

In honor of Arbor Day, the San Juan National Forest will be promoting the Plant-A-Tree program.

Any individual who wishes to donate to the Plant-a-Tree program is eligible to receive up to 10 native ponderosa pine seedlings on a first-come, first-served basis on Friday, April 28, or for as long as supplies last, by stopping by the agency office in Pagosa Springs. Donations to the Forest's Plant-

a-Tree program help cover the costs of collecting, storing and growing native trees to reforest burned areas on the San Juan National Forest. There is no minimum required donation to receive trees.

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For more information, contact the San Juan National Forest at 247-4874.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation annual banquet and fundraiser set for May 20

By Kim Bristow
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation invites you to its annual banquet on May 20 at 5 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

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Class to focus on map and compass navigation

By Gabi Morey
Special to The SUN

Need some help "finding your way" in the forest or canyons? San Juan Mountains Association, San Juan National Forest and BLM Tres Rios are excited to offer a map and compass class to help.

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The class will also introduce basic compass skills including

calculating declination, shooting a bearing and calculating a bearing from a map to walk when hiking. Note — we will not be using a GPS (or smartphone) in this class.

The class will take place May 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Durango Public Lands Center, and May 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., will be the field portion at Animas Mountain.

Participants must attend both days of the training and must bring their own compass. There is no charge for this class, but you must preregister. Please register by emailing Gabi at gabi@sjma.org or calling 759-1170.

Veterans for Veterans benefit sale returning May 6

By Wayne Maxwell
Special to The SUN

The Vets for Vets semiannual parking lot sale is back. We have lots more good stuff for the under-stuffed.

This spring, we are going to be in the Walmart parking lot. We are asking for donations of good, reusable, even new, items that you do not need. We now have space to store items until the sale.

The sale will be on May 6, starting at 8 a.m. We are asking that no appliances be donated due to inability to move unsold or faulty

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Sports

TRACK

Pirates to participate in High Altitude Challenge Saturday

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

On April 21 and 22, Pagosa Springs High School track athletes competed in the Aztec Invitational.

The boys placed third with a score of 18 points and the girls placed fourth with a score of nine points.

"Overall, the meet was kind of hard, because it was really windy on Friday, and it was gorgeous on Saturday, but we were still missing all of our FBLA people," said coach Connie O'Donnell. "I really wanted to work on relays, and we had to scratch every single relay on Saturday, so that was disheartening."

O'Donnell went on to state that she was hoping that this would be the last time something like this happened for the duration of the season.

For the boys' 800-meter, Cade Cowan placed first with a time of two minutes, 4.21 seconds.

Noah Haarmann placed second in the boys' 800-meter with a time of 2:05.85.

"They both had personal bests,

both took huge amounts [of time] off of their 800s," remarked O'Donnell. "Cade went through the finish line, and collapsed. That's when you know a runner is totally giving it their all."

For the girls' 800-meter, Emma Heidelmeier placed third with a time of 2:44.70 and Shelby Cronon placed eighth with a time of 2:57.85.

In the boys' 1,600-meter, Jacob Hughes placed first with a time of 4:43.93.

"I thought he ran really, really well. He had really good competition," said O'Donnell, later adding, "It was really fun to watch him."

Ethan Brown placed second with a time of 4:56.58.

In the girls' 1,600-meter, Cronon placed fourth with a time of 6:28.45.

In the boys' 3,200-meter, Hughes placed first with a time of 10:09.37.

Kaleb Buffington placed eighth with a time of 11:53.93, Coy Thomas placed ninth with a time of 12:06.60, Cole Cayard placed 10th with a time of 12:19.45, Trenton Buffington placed 11th with a time of 12:26.58, Jack Foster placed 12th with a time of 13:13.69, and Kaleb Lokey placed

13th with a time of 13:24.15.

In the boys' long jump, Michael Wedemeyer placed third jumping a distance of 18 feet, 7.25 inches.

In the girls' long jump, Emily Rockensock placed 12th with a distance of 12-0.75, and Daily Valdez placed 15th with a distance of 10 feet.

In the boys' triple jump, Paul Farrah placed fifth, jumping a distance of 34-10.75.

In the girls' triple jump, Taylor Lewis placed second with a distance of 27-11.50, and Andie Miller placed third with a distance of 27-6.50.

In the boys' high jump, Farrah placed fifth, jumping a height of 5-2.

In the girls' high jump, Lewis placed second with a height of 4-6, and Miller placed sixth with a height of 4-2.

In the girls' shot put, Keena Murphy placed first, throwing a distance of 36-1.50.

"That was a personal record for her," said O'Donnell.

In the boys' discus, Dean Hudran placed eighth, throwing a distance of 104 feet.

O'Donnell stated that the last

two weeks had been building up to some pretty strenuous workouts, but she didn't anticipate the intensity to increase much further for the season.

"This week is still pretty tough, and I like to taper at the end, but I also don't like to get out of our routine," said O'Donnell. "If their bodies are used to running this much, I don't really want to back off. It might not seem too strenuous, just because they're used to it."

She also pointed out that the weather forecast for the upcoming meet in Alamosa this weekend didn't look favorable.

"It's supposed to snow," she explained. "Cold weather won't help, but there's really not much you can do about it."

O'Donnell joked that the track athletes were digging out their winter clothes to prepare for the upcoming meet.

This Saturday, April 29, the Pirates will compete in the High Altitude Challenge in Alamosa.

The meet is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

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BASEBALL

Pirates split with Monte Vista, face Centauri next

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team will close the home portion of its schedule Saturday with a doubleheader against the Centauri Falcons, weather permitting.

Including Saturday's doubleheader, the Pirates have five games remaining in the regular season, and will be looking to win most of them to have a chance at the postseason.

At 6-7 overall and 1-5 in the Intermountain League (IML), the Pirates are currently ranked 39th in Colorado 3A baseball in this week's RPI (rating percentage index) ranking. The top 32 teams in the state will advance to the postseason.

Coach Jim Fait explained to The SUN that the team would likely need to win four of its remaining five games.

Pagosa split last weekend's doubleheader against the Monte Vista Pirates, giving Pagosa its sole league win.

"We split. I'm glad we split," Fait said, adding, "I wish we would have won two, of course."

Monte Vista took an early lead to start the day, scoring a run in the top of the first, followed by two more in the second.

Pagosa countered with two runs in the second, bringing the score to 3-2.

And the score remained 3-2 until the sixth inning, despite Pagosa having the bases loaded in the middle innings.

Monte Vista added a run in the top of the sixth, and took that 4-2 lead into the game's final inning.

But Pagosa fought back, overcoming the deficit to claim a 5-4 walkoff win.

"We had a good rally in the seventh," the coach said.

Pagosa recorded 12 hits in the game, including a 3-for-3 performance from Jack Harker, who also scored a run; a 2-for-4 performance from Jesse Laverty, who also scored a run; and a 2-4 performance from Bryce Raymond, who also scored and notched an RBI.

The team also had one hit each from DJ Day (who also had an RBI), PJ Bailey (with an RBI), Liam Doctor, Zach Haines (a triple, with Haines also scoring a run and notching an RBI), Isaiah Griego (a double) and Eric Huddleston.

Maison Hessman also scored a run.

On the mound, Shane Miller produced another complete-game



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa Springs Pirate Liam Doctor watches the ball make contact with the bat during the first half of Saturday's doubleheader against the Monte Vista Pirates. The teams split the doubleheader, with Doctor going 1-for-3 in the Pagosa win.

performance for Pagosa, allowing four runs (two earned) on six hits and two walks while striking out four.

"Shane pitched a good game in there and hung us in there," Fait said, adding that Miller has been a very efficient pitcher, staying well under the 110-pitch limit in high school baseball, and under 80 pitches last weekend.

Behind Miller, Pagosa erred four times. Monte Vista committed five errors in the game.

"There were a lot left on base and that's got to be fixed," Fait said.

That afternoon, Pagosa scored first, in the bottom of the first, and held the 1-0 lead until the top of the third, when Monte Vista put four runs on the board.

Pagosa countered with two in the bottom of the inning, but Monte Vista brought around another two runs in the fourth, then carrying a 6-3 lead into the seventh.

Much like the first game, Pagosa loaded the bases and worked to come from behind. However, those efforts fell just short, with Pagosa leaving the bases loaded when the final out was called.

The hometown Pirates ended the game on the wrong side of the 6-5 score, splitting the day's games.

Pagosa tallied eight hits in the

game, led by Keaton Laverty with a 3-for-4 performance that included two triples, two runs scored and an RBI, and Raymond, who went 3-for-4 with an RBI.

Griego also notched a hit in the game, as did Jesse Laverty, who scored a run.

Bailey recorded two RBIs in the game, and Leonard Noriega recorded one.

Emma Crowder, who walked and was again hit by a pitch, scored another two runs in the second game.

Helping Pagosa on the base paths were Ty Kimsey with two stolen bases and Dane Kline with one.

Pagosa was served by a platoon of four pitchers — Keaton Laverty, Kline, Bailey and Noriega — in the game, with the pitchers collectively allowing six runs (two earned) on five hits and 11 walks while striking out six.

Fait reiterated that Pagosa had a difficult time throwing strikes during the afternoon affair.

Pagosa committed five errors in the game, while Monte Vista did not record any errors.

While Pagosa committed nine errors on the day, Fait did highlight progress by the Pagosa fielders, explaining that the outfielders are doing better keeping the ball in front

of them, versus moving backward to get under the fly balls and chancing

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SOCCER

Lady Pirates' final home match brings tight win against Alamosa

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School girls' soccer team extended its winning streak to nine games with a hard-fought 3-2 win over the Alamosa Mean Moose at home on Tuesday.

The victory gave the Lady Pirates an 11-2 record on the season. They have also wrapped up first place in Region 5 with an undefeated league mark of 6-0.

Tuesday's win was not easy, despite the home side having the upper hand throughout most of the match.

The Mean Moose are "a very good team," said Pagosa coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason following the contest. They showed good team speed, aggressive attacking and strong marking by their defenders.

The visitors' effectiveness in generating threats was demonstrated from the opening whistle, when an attacker carried deep down the right side, but was finally forced by Pagosa defenders to take a shot that, while firmly struck, sailed wide.

But Alamosa's attacks were mostly similar quick strikes, as effective marking and tackling by the Lady Pirates' defenders frustrated most of Alamosa's efforts to connect with passes into dangerous positions.

By contrast, the Lady Pirates' teamwork in the offensive end was effective, and their passing strong.

The team "played a real together game," Kurt-Mason said.

And, as has frequently been the case in recent contests, Pagosa's attackers shared the ball to find openings in space.

Speaking particularly of striker Hannah Marnocha and wing Alyssa Lewis, the coach said, "They don't even need to talk anymore," they are so quick at recognizing and exploiting advantages with combination plays and clever passing.

The first successful Lady Pirate attack exemplified the pattern of their offensive play. An extended series of passes involving five Pagosa players lead to a strong centering pass across the Alamosa goal mouth by Lewis from the right



Senior Addie Thompson brings the ball up the field during the first half of Tuesday's 3-2 victory over the Alamosa Mean Moose. The Lady Pirates are now 11-2 on the season.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

wing. A defender intercepted, but couldn't clear successfully.

Marnocha regained possession, fired a hard shot, and the home side took the lead, 1-0.

Several minutes later, however, Alamosa came back on a speedy rush down the middle, completed with a shot, giving Lady Pirates' keeper Diana Scott no chance to make a play, and the score was tied.

A bit later, the Lady Pirates were frustrated in attempting to regain the lead when Marnocha and Lewis executed a series of excellent passes with help from midfielder Hayley Mitchell, but two dangerous shots in rapid succession were blocked by Alamosa defenders before reaching the goal.

More dangerous Pagosa attempts followed on good attacks by several players including those just

mentioned and Morgan Thompson, who was turned away by a save on a powerful shot.

Finally, a second tally came for the home side on a low, hard shot by Marnocha from 15 yards, following passes by Thompson and Alanah Gallegos, for a 2-1 lead at the half.

Play in the second half continued the same pattern, with the Lady Pirates creating the most dangerous attacks, but continuing to be frustrated.

Finally, after another period of sustained attack on Alamosa goal, Mitchell intercepted a clearing attempt, took a shot from the deep middle and sent it home for a 3-1 lead with about 15 minutes left.

Five minutes later, however, Alamosa struck again on a sudden attack on the left side, scoring its second goal.

Reinvigorated, Alamosa then mounted sustained offensive pressure for several minutes in the Lady Pirates' end, but could not add the tying tally.

The Lady Pirates then generated another chance of their own, but the final score remained 3-2.

After the game, Kurt-Mason praised strong play by numerous Lady Pirates, including Marnocha, Lewis, Mitchell, Addie Thompson, Morgan Thompson, Melissa Medina and Kim Armendariz.

He added the team "played on all cylinders," saying that the full Pagosa side was "the player of the game."

The Lady Pirates conclude the regular season with away matches this weekend against Telluride at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 28, and Ridgway at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 29. jim@pagosasun.com

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"It seemed like the errors we committed ... were one-base errors instead of three-base errors," he said, adding that they didn't "compound the problem."

But, Fait noted, "Without the errors, they would have been much different ballgames."

Fait said the team is focusing on fielding and hitting this week in practice.

Up next

The Pirates will again be at home

this weekend, hosting the Falcons for a doubleheader, if the weather allows.

The Falcons bring a 1-7 conference record into the doubleheader, with that win coming over Alamosa on April 3. Overall, the Falcons are 7-10.

Fait said he expects the teams to be fairly evenly matched, much like last weekend's games against Monte Vista.

But, Fait said the batting order is likely to be very different on Saturday than it was last weekend, with people trading places in the lineup

based on how they hit in practice this week.

Too, all of the team's seniors will likely start the final home games of the season.

"It's going to be much different than it was last week," he said.

The games are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Bayfield Wolverines continue to lead the IML with a 7-1 conference mark, having only been beaten by Alamosa. The Montezuma-Cortez Panthers follow in second place with a 6-2 league mark, followed by Alamosa

at 4-2.

Monte Vista sits at 3-5, followed by Pagosa and Centauri.

Then, on Tuesday, the Pirates will play a nonconference matchup against the Salida Spartans in Salida at 3 p.m.

The Spartans are 9-5 overall in the season and sit third in the 3A Tri-Peaks West League with a 3-2 league mark.

"They're good. Salida's really good," Fait said, adding, "They're solid. They don't make errors and they hit the ball."

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Education

Early childhood work group reports findings to town, county

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

At the conclusion of a year's work, the Early Care and Education Work Group (ECEWG) formed by Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs has quantified the shortfall in early childhood resources in the community and estimated the potential cost of filling the gap.

But the group has not provided specific action recommendations, other than to build on the work to date to "develop a 5-year strategy for prioritized solutions to include specific objectives and a corresponding implementation plan."

The group's report, headed "Findings and Recommendations," was presented to the county commissioners and town council at their joint work session on Tuesday, April 25.

The report has been posted for public access on both the town and county websites.

The work group is chaired by County Commissioner Michael Whiting, and Archuleta School District Superintendent Linda Reed.

The presentation at the joint work session on Tuesday was by Jan Santopietro, work group coordinator, and work group members David Smith and Dee McPeck.

Santopietro told the session that execution of the work group's assignment had been broken into "four phases." The phases are summarized as: 1) Determine current services; 2) Determine need for additional services; 3) Study other successful programs and; 4) Provide options for expanding ECE (Early Childhood Education) services."

Santopietro then summarized the conclusions of the initial two phases, which were based on canvassing existing community early childhood care and education providers, and a survey comprehensively distributed for maximum response by households with children in the preschool age range, from "birth to kindergarten."

As stated in the Findings and Recommendations, the initial phases concluded that:

- All of the 193 ECE slots currently available are filled most of the time.
- 83 percent of the 568 children under 5 in Archuleta County would be enrolled in ECE if it were available and affordable.
- 280 new slots would be required to fulfill the current need for ECE compared to existing slots available.
- While all age groups need additional services, only 14 children under 2 are currently in licensed ECE.

Affordability, availability

Smith followed by addressing "how to meet the need" with plans that are "fundable and affordable." He began by noting the futility of devising plans that either exceed the community's fiscal capability or impose attendance costs beyond what families can pay.

Initially Smith defined afford-

able by reference to a standard set by the U.S. Department of Urban Development, suggesting that the ceiling for the cost of affordable early childhood care should be 10 percent or less of household income.

Smith emphasized that present circumstances in the community illustrate that affordability is problematic, by citing a hypothetical, two-child, "typical family," paying costs for early childhood care that the work group determined were representative in the community.

That family would pay \$19,800 annually for a combination of "home-based day care" for one child costing \$7,800, and "center-based pre-K" for a second child, costing \$12,000, according to the work group's report and Smith's presentation.

Home-based refers to care available from a provider operating in a private residence, whereas center-based refers to care provided by an organization operating in a separate facility, such as Seeds of Learning.

If such a typical family had income at the median county level for a family of four, \$48,186, Smith said the annual cost would amount to 41 percent of that income, rather than the 10 percent recommended by HUD.

The work group's report adds that "it is important to note that children from this family are unlikely to qualify for government subsidies, such as Head Start, the Colorado Preschool Program (CPP), or Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP)."

Four-person families with income as high as \$45,510 may receive financial assistance based on poverty guidelines utilized in these programs, the report notes.

However, it adds, "It is important to note that these programs do not provide full-day, full-year services."

As an example of the financial resources needed to provide affordable care, Smith then analyzed potential costs of a model for "toddler care" (ages 1-3 years), for children enrolled in "centers with [a] Colorado Shines rating of 3-5." Colorado Shines is a rating system devised by the state, to assess licensed early care and education programs.

Smith suggested that if spaces were provided to accommodate 75 percent of children in the 1-3 age range, a total of 171, providing full day service 5 days a week throughout the year, at the present standard \$12,000 per child annual cost for care in a center, and with family paid tuition covering 20 percent, there would be an annual unfunded cost, or "deficit," of over \$2 million.

Smith illustrated potential means of reducing that deficit by changing various assumptions in the model, such as providing service for nine months rather than year-round, increasing the proportion of cost met by family-paid tuition, and including potential for some funding by poverty level assistance, but all scenarios still resulted in a deficit of at least

\$400,000.

Smith demonstrated similar conclusions of likely deficits for other models, such as mixed service (ages 1-5 year together) and preschool (3-5 years).

He suggested that the models indicated that supplemental financial support would be needed to improve the affordability and availability of child care in the community, regardless of specific details of the service to be provided. The magnitude of the support needed would depend on the options ultimately chosen for the service.

In addition, Smith suggested a range of potential sources could be available for supplemental funding, such as local government and school district support, dedicated tax support, contributions from businesses, churches, charitable groups and grants.

All such sources have been tapped to help fund early childhood programs in other Colorado communities, he said, noting that experience is that communities rely on a mix of sources.

Smith also discussed briefly the separate question of the means of increasing the availability of new facilities to provide early childhood care that would be necessary to supply additional slots in the community.

The availability of home-based care, he suggested, would likely increase in response to additional demand for such services in the community, as that in turn grows in response to a program increasing affordability to families through the supplemental support he had described.

The availability of center-based care, however, would require a capital investment to establish the necessary facility, which Smith estimated would run about \$2 million for a center able to provide 50 slots.

For access to the needed capital, he suggested that grants from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and the United States Department of Agriculture may be available.

Recommendations

Work group member McPeck concluded the presentation to the joint town/county session by summarizing the groups recommendations. As listed in the report, those are:

- Schedule joint town/county work sessions to select and refine solutions that are consistent with financial and political realities.
- Develop a five-year strategy for prioritized solutions to include specific objectives and a corresponding implementation plan.
- Continue support for the ECEWG coordinator for another year to spearhead the strategy and planning work and liaison with state and regional allies.
- Expand the work group to include members that represent more community stakeholders such as parents and businesses.
- Increase joint awareness of any land use regulations and/or development rules and incen-

tives that could be leveraged to promote the development of ECE facilities or activities.

After the presentation, county and town officials offered some limited comments.

Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger commended the work group for its excellent report, and expressed thanks for its work.

Board of County Commissioners Chair Steve Wadley noted that the town and county governments had designated early childhood care as a mutual priority because it is highly important as an asset to retain and attract productive families to the community.

And, he said, "kids left behind, stay behind," and rather than adding productivity to the local workforce, begin to pose a risk of problems needing community response through law enforcement and other programs.

Thus, he emphasized, both the town and county are deeply concerned over the issue.

Wadley noted as well that one of the strengths of the community is the richness of its volunteer culture, especially with its high proportion of able retirees.

This resource, he suggested, could be an effective tool to help address the shortage of affordable childhood care.

Whiting observed that he hoped that in this community there would be strong support for early childhood services, as well, from the business community.

Whiting noted that in addition to the long-term benefit to business reaped from the ultimate gain to work force productivity through better education, businesses would also benefit in the near term as increasing availability of quality early childhood services freed up parents of young children to accept employment.

McPeck responded by citing analysis confirming the two commissioners' comments, commenting that studies have established that "every dollar invested in early childhood education ultimately returns seven dollars."

She added that the work group had contacted many Colorado communities having issues concerning childhood services similar to those confronting the local community.

"Each community in its own way" had found effective solutions. That shows, she said, despite complexity, the issue is "solvable."

Town Manager Greg Schulte suggested that the work group's recommendation to continue support for its coordinator, Santopietro, indicated that town council and the county commissioners would need to provide additional funding soon. Current funding ends next month.

Wadley suggested that Schulte and County Administrator Bentley Henderson should get together on a specific proposal to deal with additional funding, for early presentation to the two governing bodies.

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Pagosa Peak Open School hires director

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) is officially under the helm of a school director.

In a special meeting Monday, the PPOS board voted unanimously to approve the contract employing James Lewicki as the school's director.

"I accept," Lewicki said following the vote. "I more than accept. I'm very honored and touched."

Lewicki followed the statement by noting that he's speaking with prospective educators and noted, "It's getting very real."

"I think having your experience base, your knowledge, ... having started up a few schools in the past, having you be able to come here ... has been a God-send," board member Aaron Burns said.

Per Lewicki's contract, his salary will be \$65,000. Other specifics of the contract were not available by press time due to the PPOS attorney reviewing the approved contract.

The board first voted to hire Lewicki during a special meeting on March 31.

However, that vote came without the board having previously taken steps outlined in a portion of the Colorado Revised Statutes commonly known as the Open Meetings Laws (OML) that dictates how public bodies must go about hiring their top employees.

According to the OML, for CEO searches, a list of finalists must be made public at least 14 days prior to an appointment, with no prior offer of employment made.

The school director, referred to as the executive director in the school's charter, is PPOS's top employee and reports to the PPOS board.

Following questioning by The SUN regarding its hiring timeline, at its April 9 meeting, the board officially declared Lewicki the finalist for the position, though discussions regarding Lewicki's contract continued, including an executive session during that same meeting, with Lewicki's contract as the sole topic.

On April 14, the board met to discuss what contract specifics it would offer to Lewicki, with the consensus at that meeting being to offer the contract to Lewicki for review as soon as it had been drafted and reviewed by PPOS's attorney.

Lewicki has been a consultant for PPOS for several months and will continue to serve in that role until his contract begins on July 1.

According to his resume, Lewicki is currently the executive



James Lewicki

director of the Academy of Arts and Knowledge in Fort Collins, Colo. — a post he has held since 2015.

From 2005 to 2015, Lewicki was the founder and senior consultant for Lewicki Education Consulting, and before that was an English teacher for 17 years, a YMCA camp and program director and National Outdoor Leadership School instructor.

He completed an associate degree in outdoor recreation leadership at Colorado Mountain College in 1976, a bachelor's in social sciences at Evergreen State College in Washington in 1979, a master's in outdoor education administration at George Williams College in Illinois, a master's in education from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse.

The resume also indicates some doctoral studies in education in 2005 and 2006.

Lewicki has also created consulting publications and videos, the resume indicates.

In other work on preparing to open the school, the board held a work session prior to the April 9 regular meeting to discuss playground options, and toured the grounds of the Parelli headquarters, where the school will be.

Several natural playground features were discussed, and it was suggested that the board talk to Town of Pagosa Springs staff concerning the playground equipment being removed from Yamaguchi Park.

Earlier this week, it was reported to The SUN that the town had donated that playground equipment, with PPOS board members working to move the equipment earlier this week.

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Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Elementary School

Pagosa Springs Elementary School's Golden Apple Award winners for the second quarter are Sanya Peterson and Jacki Hart. School staff has the opportunity to nominate another staff member for this honor if they see them "doing whatever it takes" in the school.

Proposed bill creates plan to address teacher shortage

A superintendent from rural Colorado testified in the House a few weeks ago. She told a story of advertising for a math teacher for 18 months, without one applicant. Another woman told me she is an English teacher who took science in high school, so now has to teach it; no one qualified applied.

A Northeast Colorado principal said he uses some of his budget to pay for teacher housing; another teacher was told the only housing available in town is in her car.

When Colorado's 2017 session began, I wrote about the importance of Colorado's teacher shortage, and why I was coming forward with a bill to create a strategic plan to address this problem.

As the bill moves toward the Governor's office, I am happy about the numerous educators and community members who have come forward across the state to join an earnest conversation informing lawmakers and government.

Colorado needs about 3,000 more teachers, but the devil is in the details. The teacher supply's effect on the 59th district, for example, is nuanced. Unlike school districts with empty application boxes, our problems center more on teacher retention than on numbers of bodies.

We may be able to recruit teachers to our southwestern schools, but if we can't keep them there, our educators won't accrue the kind of experience and career-long skills that help students flourish.

In part, the concerns of teachers here reflect wider patterns: over-testing, affordable housing and



Rep. McLachlan's Report

respect. It is a lack of connections, and materials, and large classes to compensate for a tight budget.

And it's always money, of course. Many rural schools, I discovered, are in great need of attention. Rural teachers make about \$10,000 less per year than their urban counterparts. With a shortage of colleagues and poor compensations, it's no surprise that these different factors can combine into crisis.

These complications have reinforced the importance of an objective analysis with many seats at the table.

HB17-1003 directs the Department of Higher Education to complete its annual study, then work with the Department of Education, school districts and other stakeholders to not only find out why this shortage has become so critical, but to make a strategic plan on how we can fix it. That is what government working efficiently looks like.

This plan will give us impetus to present good bills next year, many that address concerns of teachers all around the state. By remedying those issues, the teacher shortage may be at least partially solved, and we will be on our way to continuing the conversation about keeping our hardworking teachers in Colorado.

As a Legislature, we want to make decisions based on good information. It's too easy to act on hunches, or for individual legislators to look for solutions that are only relevant to their area of the state. It's understandable for Denver legislators to focus on urban issues, while rural legislators focus on hiring and keeping their staff.

With diverse interests and districts at play, we need deliberation and we need to set an agenda. Thank you for taking part in this challenge. I'm excited and encouraged to see action plans turn into action.



Good luck, Pirates!

Medicare assistance available locally through trained counselors

By Christina Knoell
Special to The SUN

Medicare is complicated. It is important that you know your rights, options, deadlines, possible penalties and where to find the information you need.

Did you know that assistance is available in Pagosa Springs through the nationwide State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)? Trained and certified Medicare counselors are available by appointment to guide you when dealing with Medicare enrollment, questions and problems.

One of the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA) volunteer Medicare counselors, Katy Deshler, will offer a free Medicare 101 class on May 11 at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library to help you get started. The class will start at 10:30 a.m. and will run until around noon. Please call Kay at 264-0501, ext. 1 to reserve your spot because space is limited.

Medicare help has been offered

in Archuleta County at the Senior Center for nearly 15 years. SJBAAA is the sponsoring agency for free Medicare counseling services at the Senior Center (the west end of the Ross Aragon Community Center). On most Mondays, called Medicare Monday, counselors are available by appointment. Counseling occurs on additional days during Open Enrollment and sometimes by phone or appointment on other days. Please call the phone number above to make an appointment or to ask questions.

Medicare eligibility begins at age 65 unless you are younger and have been on disability for almost two years. Three months before your birth month you can enroll in Medicare and start making decisions about your options. Some of the questions you need to consider follow:

- Are you eligible for Medicare Part A and Part B? Do you need both?
- Do you have a retirement plan

that will work with Medicare?

- Do you want a Medicare supplement (also called Medigap)?
- Would you prefer coverage through a Medicare Advantage plan or cost plan?
- Do you want a Part D drug plan? If so, which plan would work best for you? This varies depending on which drugs you take.

Generally, you can enroll in Medicare online at www.ssa.gov or by calling the Social Security Administration. If you are already receiving a Social Security check, you will be automatically enrolled in Part A and Part B, but you will need to enroll in Part D yourself. You can also find valuable information at www.medicare.gov.

care.gov.

If you are already on Medicare and have a Part D drug plan, you need to review that plan each year during the Open Enrollment Period, Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, because plan premiums and coverage of drugs change each year. Medicare Counselors can help you during that time, or you can go to www.medicare.gov to review your plan. If you are receiving Social Security disability, you will probably be eligible for Medicare starting 23 months after your disability begins and will have a limited time period to enroll in a Part D drug plan. It is important to know all enrollment deadlines to avoid penalties.

RECREATION NEWS

Yamaguchi Park playground remains closed for construction

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The Yamaguchi Park playground area remains closed for construction.

Site prep will begin for installation of two new playground areas scheduled to be installed during the first two weeks of May. The

Parks and Recreation Department anticipates to reopen the playground area by May 19.

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience through the construction process. Alternatives for playground usage are Town Park and South Park.

SENIOR NEWS

Medical equipment for seniors available locally

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN Columnist

Seniors who need walking canes, walkers and other durable medical equipment can check out both the Methodist Thrift Store at 427 Lewis St. and the Humane Society Thrift Store at 279 Pagosa St.

Managers at both stores indicate equipment used by seniors is donated from time to time. Seniors shopping at either thrift store should ask at the service desk for assistance. At both stores, these items are kept in designated storage areas, and workers will be glad to assist seniors.

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, April 27 — Sweet and sour pork, fried brown rice, roasted

cauliflower with red peppers, stir-fried Chinese mustard greens, salad bar and almond shortbread cookie.

Friday, April 28 — Beef barbecue brisket, baked sweet potato fries, baked beans and salad bar.

Monday, May 1 — Beef hamburger, roasted sweet potatoes, salad bar and brownie.

Tuesday, May 2 — Crunchy baked catfish, roasted beets, sugar snap pea medley, salad bar and lemon dessert.

Wednesday, May 3 — Beef Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, roasted broccoli, whole wheat dinner roll with butter and salad bar.

Thursday, May 4 — Turkey cornbread stuffing bake, green bean casserole, Vichy carrots, salad bar and ambrosia.

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

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always attend. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days.

Let's talk about our community and wildfire: Movie and panel discussion set

By Aaron Kimple
Special to The SUN

Wildfire season is here. Is Pagosa Springs prepared?

Join representatives of the Colorado State Forest Service, Firewise of Southwest Colorado, San Juan Headwaters Forest Health partnership and the U.S. Forest Service on

May 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Liberty Theatre for a movie night and panel discussion all about wildfire.

This evening will include short films from across the country, conversation and door prizes. Come learn, have fun and discuss how we can make Pagosa Springs more prepared.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, April 27

Pagosa Peak Open School social meeting to get to know potential new board members. 5:30 p.m. Riff Raff Brewing Company, 274 Pagosa St.

Tuesday, May 2

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

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

Archuleta School District Planning Advisory Team Meeting. 5 p.m. Pagosa Springs Elementary School.

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

Pagosa Springs Town Council work session: Town Council Duties Education by Town Attorney Bob Cole. Immediately following town council meeting, Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Thursday, May 4

Pagosa Peak Open School Community Outreach Committee meeting. Pizza and a movie for kids provided. 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Friday, May 5

Archuleta School District Board Retreat. 9 a.m., Sunset Ranch.

Sunday, May 7

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

Tuesday, May 9

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

Upper San Juan Health Service District work session. 11:30 a.m., the Great Room, Pagosa Springs Medical Center, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting. 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

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. 6:30 p.m., Station No. 1 training room, 191 North Pagosa Blvd.

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COMBINED NOTICE - CORRECTED - PUBLICATION 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.) 210025190
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 violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 336, LAKE FOREST ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77869.
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 LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
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 said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 05/11/2017 the date to which the sale has been continued pursuant to C.R.S. 38-38-103(2)(a), 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.
Corrected First Publication 3/30/2017
Corrected Last Publication 4/27/2017
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
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 (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov
Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov
DATE: 3/23/2017
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:
Scott D. Toebben #19011
Randall S Miller & Associates, PC 216 16th St, Ste 1210, Denver, CO 80202 (720) 259-9053
Attorney File # 16CO00630-1
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.
District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS-PLAZA CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
RICHARD A. DAME, CYNTHIA M. DAME, husband and wife and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Bessie M. Finkbeiner
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com

Card of Thanks

San Juan Gobblers

The San Juan Gobblers committee members want to say thank you to everyone who attended the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) banquet this year. We would also like to thank the local and surrounding businesses for their donations and support.

It is because of everyone that our annual banquet is so successful and each year, the San Juan Gobblers is one of the top chapters in the state.

The NWTf is a grassroots non-profit organization that was founded in 1973. The NWTf has over 2,000 chapters in 50 states and Canada.

Again, thank you for your great support.

Is your laundry room fireproof?

Special to The SUN

A little preventive care in the laundry room can make a big difference when it comes to avoiding fires.

Here are five simple things you can do to make sure your home is protected:

1. Empty the lint filter before or after each load of laundry.
2. Clean lint out of the vent pipe every three months.
3. Have your dryer installed by a professional.
4. Be sure the area around the dryer is free of all flammable items.
5. Don't put items soiled with flammable substances like cooking oil or gas in the dryer.

Informative.
The Pagosa Springs SUN
264-2101

Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2017-003
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On January 26, 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) Christiane G. Karas
Original Beneficiary(ies) Pinetree Financial Partners

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Atty. Reg. #: 41195
Case Number: 17CV030012

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action to judicial foreclosure to: Unit Number 7302, Building Number 01, Unit Week Number 25, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase II as Reception No. 177633 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 23rd day of March, 2017.

/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
D. Brett Van Winkle
Published April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
JUANITA L. PHILLIPS, CHARLES R. PHILLIPS, and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com Atty. Reg. #: 41195
Case Number: 17CV030015

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action to judicial foreclosure to: Unit Number 7312, Building Number 2, Unit Week Number 06, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase I as Reception No. 161539 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 23rd day of March, 2017.

/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
D. Brett Van Winkle
Published April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
RODGER K. MATHEWS, JOYCE M. MATHEWS, and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com Atty. Reg. #: 41195
Case Number: 17CV030017

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action to judicial foreclosure to: Unit Number 7312, Building Number 2, Unit Week Number 06, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase I as Reception No. 161539 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 23rd day of March, 2017.

/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
D. Brett Van Winkle
Published April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
RODGER K. MATHEWS, JOYCE M. MATHEWS, and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com Atty. Reg. #: 41195
Case Number: 17CV030017

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action to judicial foreclosure to: Unit Number 7315, Building Number 2, Unit Week Number 12, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase I as Reception No. 161539 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 23rd day of March, 2017.

/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
D. Brett Van Winkle
Published April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANTHONY ABRAHAM and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com Atty. Reg. #: 41195
Case Number: 17CV030013

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action to judicial foreclosure to: Unit Number 7315, Building Number 2, Unit Week Number 12, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase I as Reception No. 161539 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 23rd day of March, 2017.

/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
D. Brett Van Winkle
Published April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Chris R. Nelson, Deceased
Case No. 17 PR 30021
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before September 8, 2017, or the claims may be forever barred.
The Law Firm of Maris C. Underell
101 West 11th Street Suite 104
Durango, CO 81301
Published April 13, 20 and 27, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

[X] District Court
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street
Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147
Telephone: 970-264-8160
In the Matter of the Determination of Heirs or Devisees or Both and of Interests in Property of: Nicholas Paul Abounader
Deceased
COURT USE ONLY
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):
James G. Whitley, PC
James G. Whitley, PC
678 E. 2nd Ave., Ste. E-1#2
Durango, CO 81137
Phone Number: (970) 385-9130 E-mail: jim@4comerslaw.com
FAX Number: (970) 403-1130 Atty. Reg. #: 29712
Case Number: 2017PR30024
Division Courtroom

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION
INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY INHERITANCE PURSUANT TO § 15-12-1303, C.R.S. to All Interested Persons and Owners by Inheritance (List all names of interested persons and owners by inheritance):
1. George R. Abounader
800 Apple Court
Marco Island, Florida 34145
2. Joan Freyre
3050 Beck Blvd.,
Naples, Florida 34114
3. G. Roger Abounader
355 South End Avenue, 19L
NY, NY 10280
4. Michael L. Abounader
800 Apple Court
Marco Island, Florida 34145
A Petition has been filed alleging that the above Decedent died leaving the following property:
Description of Property Real Property
Location of Property 54 River Run Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO
Decedent's Interest 100%
The hearing on the Petition will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:
May 23, 2017 Time: 8:00 a.m., Courtroom or Division: Archuleta County Court
Address: Address: 449 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
The hearing will take approximately 30 [x] minutes.
Note:
• You must answer the Petition within 35 days after the last publication of this Notice.
• Within the time required for answering the Petition, all objections to the Petition must be in writing and filed with the Court.
• The hearing shall be limited to the Petition, the objections timely filed and the parties answering the Petition in a timely manner.

Date: April 12, 2017
/s/ James G. Whitley
Signature of Person Giving Notice
James G. Whitley
678 E. 2nd Ave., Ste. E-1#2
Durango, CO 81301
Published April 20, 27 and May 4, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE
SALE NO. 2016-023
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On November 2, 2016, 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) Ginger Kay Jaramillo
Original Beneficiary(ies) Sylvester Jaramillo and Lucille Jaramillo Trustees UTD 5-21-91
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Sylvester Jaramillo and Lucille Jaramillo Trustees UTD 5-21-91
Date of Deed of Trust December 01, 2009
County of Recording Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust December 02, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20909613
Original Principal Amount \$409,986.01
Outstanding Principal Balance \$367,019.25
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 violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
E 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 12 Township 32 North Range 6 West N.M.P.M.
Also known by street and number as: 2314 CR 973, ARBOLES, CO 81121.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
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 said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 06/15/2017, 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, as provided by law.
First Publication 4/20/2017
Last Publication 5/18/2017
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
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 (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
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Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov
DATE: 11/02/2016
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:
J.A. Bopp, LLC 143 East 10th Street, PO BOX 2002, Durango, CO 81302 (970) 259-0661
Attorney File #
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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Published April 20, 27, May 4, 11 and 18, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANTHONY ABRAHAM and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com Atty. Reg. #: 41195
Case Number: 17CV030013

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action to judicial foreclosure to: Unit Number 7312, Building Number 01, Unit Week Number 25, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase II as Reception No. 177633 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 23rd day of March, 2017.

/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
D. Brett Van Winkle
Published April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
JUANITA L. PHILLIPS, CHARLES R. PHILLIPS, and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com Atty. Reg. #: 41195
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/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
D. Brett Van Winkle
Published April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
JUANITA L. PHILLIPS, CHARLES R. PHILLIPS, and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com Atty. Reg. #: 41195
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/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
D. Brett Van Winkle
Published April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
JUANITA L. PHILLIPS, CHARLES R. PHILLIPS, and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com Atty. Reg. #: 41195
Case Number: 17CV030012

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/s/ Brett Van Winkle
Brett Van Winkle
Published April 27, May 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
TIMOTHY DERRICK and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com Atty. Reg. #: 41195
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/s/ Brett Van Winkle
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Published April 27, May 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
TIMOTHY DERRICK and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com Atty. Reg. #: 41195
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Archuleta County Combined Courts
449 San Juan St.
PO Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Case No. 17C28
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Public notice is given on 4/21/17, that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta Court.
The Petition requests that the name of Patti Elizabeth Rios be changed to Elizabeth Rios.
Debbie Tully
Clerk of Court
By /s/ Cheryl Mulberry
Deputy Clerk
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON May 16th
Shirley Fiedler has applied for the Lake Forest Estates Amendment 2017-01, a replat of Lot 95X, Lake Forest Estates Amendment No. 3 and Lot 96, Lake Forest Estates Subdivision, at 2059 and 2071 Lake Forest Cir., Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN17-065). The Amended Plat will result in one lot, 96Z, with one existing home. 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 May 16, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON May 16th
Jeff Hester of Pagosa Springs has applied for the Shady Grove Garden Homes - Phase Two final plat, a replat of a portion of Lot 6, Block 4 of Lake Pagosa Park, at 282 Aspenwood Blvd., Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN17-063), The Minor Amended Plat of the property owned by Jeff W. and Jan C. Hester will result in three townhouse lots and common elements of the existing property owners association, on property zoned Planned Unit Development (PUD).
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REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY PROTEST DEADLINES (Public Notice)
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTACT:
Carla Elliott
PO Box 1089
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 970-264-8314
RELEASE: Required on or before May 1
PUBLIC NOTICE
Colorado law requires the county assessor to hear objections to real property classifications and valuations beginning no later than May 2, 2017. Objections to the valuation or classification of real property must be postmarked, delivered, or presented in person to the county assessor's office no later than June 1, 2017. Colorado law requires the county assessor to begin hearing objections to personal property valuations no later than June 15, 2017. Objections to personal property valuations must be postmarked, delivered, or presented in person to the county assessor's office no later than June 3

Kindergarten Open House

Photo courtesy Sanya Peterson

Incoming kindergarten students explore various activities during the Pagosa Springs Elementary School Kindergarten Open House on Friday, April 21. Students and families met with staff members, toured the kindergarten hall and were given registration information for the 2017-2018 school year.



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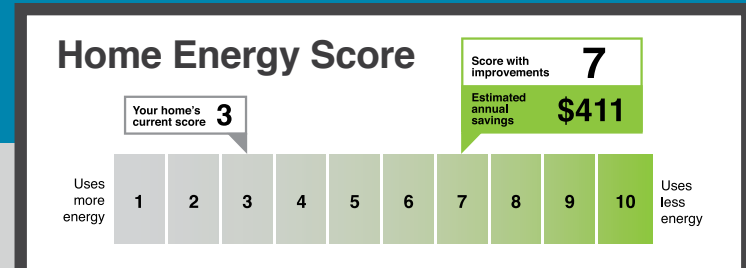


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9Health Fair to offer blood tests, screenings and more Saturday

By Caroline Brown
Special to The PREVIEW

After weeks of preparation, it's time for the 2017 Pagosa 9Health Fair on Saturday, April 29, from 7 to 11 a.m. at Pagosa Springs High School.

Screenings offered at 9Health Fairs for anyone 18 years or older can indicate potential problems and identify serious issues such as heart disease, prostate cancer, colon cancer, diabetes, thyroid problems or anemia at an early, treatable stage, before symptoms are evident.

In preparation to have your blood drawn at the 9Health Fair, be sure to drink plenty of water. Drinking generous amounts of water the night before and the morning of the 9Health Fair is the best way to prevent any issues during the blood draw experience. Fasting prior to the blood draw is optional and participants should check with their health care providers if they have questions as to whether or not you should fast.

New blood screenings will be offered at the 2017 9Health Fair in Pagosa. Testosterone screening for men (\$35) and women (\$45) provides baseline testosterone levels. Testosterone can affect the brain, bone and muscle mass, fat distribution, the vascular system, energy levels, genital tissues and sexual functioning.

A free vitamin B12 screening is available with the purchase of any other blood screening or take-home colon cancer kit. This blood test provides baseline vitamin B12 levels, which play a key role in the normal function of the brain and nervous system, and the formation of red blood cells.

In addition, five other blood tests will be available, ranging in cost from \$20 to \$45 and will provide measurements of key overall indicators that assist participants when discussing their health and any areas of concern with their doctors or health care providers.

The basic blood chemistry test (\$35) measures the

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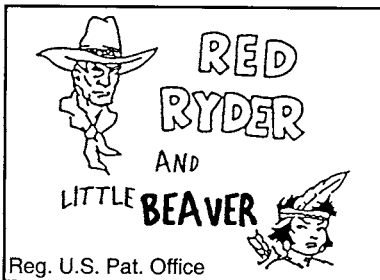
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The Pagosa Springs SUN thanks longtime Pagosa Springs supporter Mrs. Shirley Slesinger Lasswell for the privilege of being the only newspaper in the United States to publish the 'Red Ryder and Little Beaver' comic strip. The ongoing adventures of Red 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



9Health

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 levels of 27 indicators that provide a baseline check on the overall health of blood sugar (glucose), triglycerides, liver, kidney, bone and thyroid functions, as well as cholesterol levels.

The blood cell count (\$20) measures the white blood cells, hemato-crit, hemoglobin levels and blood-clotting abilities, which indicates your ability to fight infection and may identify anemia.

The hemoglobin A1C test (\$30) measures your average blood sugar for the past two to three months, indicating your risk of diabetes or your effectiveness at managing your diabetes.

The vitamin D test (\$45) measures the level of vitamin D, which has found to be at very low levels across the country due to reduced sun exposure, increased use of sun-screen and low levels of fortified milk consumption. Vitamin D plays an important role in protecting bones and preventing osteoporosis.

The PSA test (\$30) is for men over 40 with a family history of prostate cancer or males between 50 and 75. A take-home colon cancer test is sold for \$25. It is a mail-in test that checks for blood in the stool.

In addition to the low-cost blood tests, free medical screenings are provided by volunteer professionals including blood pressure, breast exam, spinal exam, hearing, vision, as well as height, weight, BMI, body fat skinfold, nutrition and memory and stress screening.

The 2017 Pagosa 9Health Fair is excited to partner with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 29. If you have outdated or unused prescriptions, you can bring them to the health fair and the sheriff's office will safely dispose of them.

Another benefit of the 9Health Fair is interactive education centers that provide educational brochures and visual one-on-one demonstrations to increase public awareness and encourage healthy lifestyles.

Some of the local health professionals and community organizations at the 2017 Pagosa 9Health Fair include the Geothermal Greenhouse Project, San Juan Basin Public Health, Centura Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center, Southwest Independent Living, THRIVE and Rise Above Violence.

Credit cards are not accepted when you register at Pagosa Springs High School on April 29. However, you can preregister online with a credit card at www.9healthfair.org/FindAFair. You must complete your online registration at least 24 hours prior to April 29. If you register online, you will still have to go to a registration table, but not the cashier table. You will also have to wait in the blood draw line with all the other participants.

Come out on Saturday, April 29, to the Pagosa 9Health Fair from 7 to 11 a.m. at the high school, where you can visit with your friends and neighbors as well as take advantage

of low-cost blood tests, free medical screenings and an abundance of health-related information and education.

You can also enjoy breakfast or lunch fare sold by the high school SKILLS group as part of its annual fundraiser.

If you have any questions about the 9Health Fair, please contact Caroline Brown at 731-4248.

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Climate march set for Saturday

By Cris Powe
 Special to The PREVIEW

Please come march on April 29 at 9 a.m., starting at the Town Park gazebo.

Our march is one of over 300 happening nationwide and internationally, inspired by the historic People's Climate Mobilization in Washington, D.C.

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Rotary's Kentucky Derby Party just around the corner

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

Gentlemen, bring your favorite lady to an event she will love and enjoy an afternoon of fun for everyone. The 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 is the place to be.

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, betting on a favorite horse and mingling with other guests.

An "experiences" silent auction will be held.

Tickets are \$40 each and will sell out. You can get tickets from any Rotarian, the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, EXIT Realty and The Choke Cherry Tree.

Hosted by the Pagosa Spring Rotary Club, Kentucky Derby festivities and the race will be simulcast live from Louisville. You can place your wager at the betting window and 75 percent of the money taken in will be returned to the winners. The other 25 percent will stay with Rotary to support college scholarships for graduating seniors and all of the other projects Rotary does in the community. There will be more winners during the men's and women's hat contests.

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Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

More than a gathering to watch a just a sporting event, Rotary's Kentucky Derby Party is a chance to sport your classy duds and fancy hats, with awards given for the best men's hat and best women's hat. Tickets are on sale now for the party, which is set for May 6.

Two Minutes in Sports," the Kentucky Derby receives this nickname from the approximate length of time it takes the winner to run from the starting gate to the finish line.

This party has a live horse with the traditional rose garland draped over his neck greeting guests at the entrance. You won't want to miss this exquisite afternoon event.

Piecemakers to view, judge challenge quilts May 13

By Kay Beatty
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild's May meeting will be held on May 13 at 10 a.m. It is one of our favorites for the entire year. The program is the display, judging and voting on our "challenge" quilts.

This year, the challenge is to make a quilt featuring an ugly fabric which each quilt maker drew blindly several months ago out of a basket of plain brown bags — no peeking allowed. The results will be amazing.

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participants. Also, our usual show and tell, refreshments and a lot of fun. Come see for yourself.

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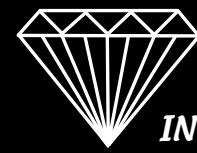
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The Sisters in Song pose for a photo during preparation for their upcoming concert, where they will share the stage with the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir, on May 9 at 7 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church.

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Sisters in Song Women's Chorus joint concert with Pagosa Springs Girls Choir to feature local artists

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

Sisters in Song will be in concert once again along with the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) on May 9 at 7 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church. The Sisters will sing several selections alone and will also perform a combined number with PSGC.

Conceived by PSGC Director Linda Parker, the women's chorus was created to share the stage with the Girls Choir at its annual spring concert.

The Sisters have been rehearsing since the beginning of March and are ready to wow Pagosa audiences with their incredible musical talent. The Pagosa community will be amazed at what these ladies have accomplished in just eight short rehearsals.

Their music will include nostalgic tunes from decades past, including "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "Ain't Misbehavin'." Listeners will surely enjoy remembering these popular songs from days gone by.

"Having a women's choir pro-

vides a great opportunity for the girls to work with a different type of musical group. In the past, we've asked soloists and other groups to share the stage on our concerts to give the girls as many varied experiences as possible. Pagosa is full of very talented musicians and I am always grateful that those musicians are willing to give of their time. By working with men and women who continue to enjoy music, even though it isn't their profession, it shows the girls that music is a lifelong skill," said Parker. "Through the Sisters, I've met many women in Pagosa that are wonderful musicians and I am so humbled that they have joined this group. It is a privilege to work with them, to see their passion for music, and to hear their music come to life."

Rachel Hellwege-Vaughan, Mel Smith and Diana Kelly, members of Sisters in Song, will be featured soloists on the concert.

Hellwege-Vaughan grew up singing in a trio at her church in addition to singing in her high school choir. She also was a member of the

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Whatchamawhozits Summer Theatre Camp for Kids early bird registration

By **Laura Moore**
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts is a lively place in the summer, with four major musicals running in repertory: "Aida," "Hair-spray," "Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" and "Sister Act," an educational show in development, concerts, art shows, over 40 out-of-town artists, designers and performers rehearsing and performing — dancing, singing, acting — six-days a week for three months straight.

And, right in the middle of it all is the Whatchamawhozits Children's Theatre Summer Camp. This super fun and wildly popular summer camp is in its seventh summer at the Center for the Arts. The camp works with 7- to 12-year-olds (special requests for 6- or 13-year-olds are allowed), teaching them all the

aspects of the craft, and is taught by the professional performers and crew who come in for Thingamajig Theatre Company's main stage shows.

From singing to costumes design, from dancing to character development and storytelling, from painting with lights to aerial silks — theater is the place where all the art forms come together and create collaborative masterpieces.

Theater also teaches students the valuable life skills of teamwork, collaboration, public speaking, articulation, critical thinking, self-confidence, physical fitness and, above all, empathy.

This summer, the three-week camp runs from July 3 to July 20, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a public performance of "Willy Wonka" on July 22 at 2 p.m. and July 23 at 6 p.m.

Students can either sign up

for the first week of camp, which focuses on acting lessons, theater games that develop tools of the trade and lessons in all the other fun aspects of theater — like how to make gnarly scars in makeup class — or sign up for both of the last two weeks. Or, students can sign up for all three weeks.

The final two weeks focus on all the aspects of putting a show on its feet with a performance of a "Willy Wonka" at the end of camp on July 22 and 23. Camper's registration includes an invitation to see the main stage production of "Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" on July 9 at 2 p.m., which features all their camp counselors.

The cost for the first week is \$150; total cost for second and third weeks together is \$300. For all three weeks, the early registration cost is \$350; the late registration

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Sisters

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St. Louis Metro Singers. Since moving to Pagosa, Hellwege-Vaughan has become well-known in the Pagosa music community. She is a consistent member of the Pagosa Springs Community Choir and the Jazz Ensemble and she is singing for the second time as a member of the Sisters of Song. Additionally, she sings with the Worship Team at Pagosa Bible Church.

Music has always been a large part of Smith's life. A third-generation Colorado native, she grew up on the eastern plains of Colorado. Smith began singing at the age of 6 and later began piano lessons, which continued through college. She has sung in many choirs and she had the privilege of singing in

a women's quartet in Fort Morgan, Colo., for four years. The quartet sang at women's retreats and churches throughout northeastern Colorado. Smith has also shared her talent and her love of working with children with her church over the years by leading children's music for VBS and Sunday school programs.

Kelly loves musical theater and singing jazz standards and show tunes like the Gershwin classic "Someone to Watch Over Me." In the past, she has performed in musicals such as Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun" in which she played Annie Oakley, and numerous community-level musicals with her children, on stage and running sound and lights. She is

looking forward to playing Sister Mary Martin of Tours in Curtains Up Pagosa's upcoming production of "Sister Act."

The community is in for a real treat, so make plans now to attend the spring concert of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir featuring Sisters in Song on May 9 at 7 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church. Admission is free, but your donations will be gratefully accepted.



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Camp

■ continued from previous page cost is \$400.

Early-bird registration is available until June 1, which gets you the great deal of a three-week camp costing only \$30 per day. You can't find a more economical, educational and fun program for your children in the summer. (note: early-bird registration fees are non-refundable.)

Your child will not be considered registered until payment has been made. For questions before you register, please contact Laura Moore at laura@pagosacenter.org or by calling 731-7469.

In order to register, email thingamajigbox@gmail.com with the following information:

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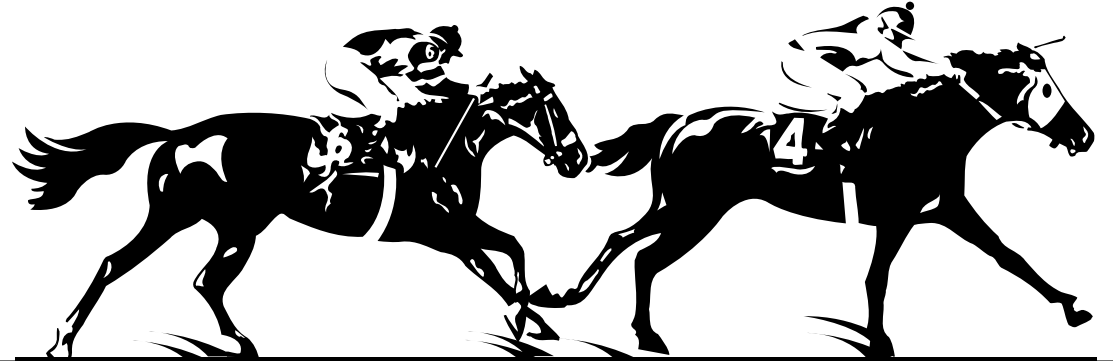
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Thingamajig's 'God of Carnage' opening May 12 at PSCA

By Laura Moore
Special to The PREVIEW

The final show of Thingamajig Theatre Company's winter season is set to open on May 12.

"God of Carnage" is a Tony Award-winning play translated from French to English. Two sets of parents, one of whose child has injured the other's in a playground altercation, meet to discuss the matter in a civilized manner. However, as the evening unwinds, the parents begin to revert to childish behavior themselves, resulting in a

comedy of chaos.

This play stars Artistic Director Tim Moore and (for the first time on Thingamajig's stage) Melissa Firlit — who has worked as a director for countless Thingamajig productions including "Always Patsy Cline," "Red," "Pillowman," "Buyer and Cellar" and many more — as husband and wife, as well as newcomers Christina McNamara and Dan Morrison, both Actors Equity Association Members.

"I have just begun studying my lines and reading the play again," commented Tim Moore. "It is

making me so excited to present this piece of theater to our Pagosa audience. It is an incredible script and such a fun story to tell."

Tickets are \$28 in advance and \$33 at the door and can be purchased online at www.pagosacenter.org or by calling 731-7469.

"God of Carnage" runs Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. until June 5.

Thingamajig Theatre Company is a 501(c)3 nonprofit professional theater that operates year-round inside the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Pagosa-area model railroaders to meet in Farmington Saturday

By Joe Lemmo
Special to The PREVIEW

The Silver San Juan Division of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) will hold its Spring meeting on Saturday, April 29, at the Farmington Museum, 3041 E. Main St., Farmington, N.M.

The meeting will start with a social gathering at 9 a.m. and will end mid-afternoon. Lunch is on your own. Anyone who loves trains is invited.

The program will include presentations on programming train engines using a computer interface, building the Chrysolite Metals and Mill model struc-

ture, resin casting custom-made parts, and historic photos of the Rio Grande Southern and the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroads. Also, there will be an update on the Durango Railroad Historical Society.

Other events will include the Favorite Train Contest and "From the Workbench," where modelers can display and discuss their cur-

rent projects.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a favorite model, photos or drawings of a planned project to discuss. Also, updates for the Rocky Mountain Region Convention to be held in Durango in June 2017 will be presented.

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The Last Revel will make their first appearances atop Reservoir Hill at June's Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass, including on the main stage at 7 p.m. on June 9 and again on the late-night stage at 11 p.m.

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12th annual Folk 'N Bluegrass to include The Last Revel and Western Centuries

By Crista Munro
Special to The PREVIEW

Festival season is just around the corner, and that means it's time to get your tickets for Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass or sign up to volunteer and earn free three-day admission.

The 12th annual festival takes place June 9-11 on Reservoir Hill in downtown Pagosa Springs.

It takes more than 300 volunteers to help run the event — from set up to clean up and everything in between. Volunteering at a Folk-West event is great fun and it's a fantastic way to meet people from Pagosa Springs and beyond. More info can be found at www.folkwest.com/pfb-volunteer.

This year brings another fantastic musical lineup with Grammy-winning headliners The O'Connor Band (2017 — Best Bluegrass Album) and Loudon Wainwright III (2010 — Best Traditional Folk Album) and a highly talented array of supporting bands including Ten Strings and A Goat Skin, The

Lil' Smokies, Molly Tuttle, The Dustbowl Revival, Phoebe Hunt and the Gatherers, The Luke Bulla Trio, The Barefoot Movement, The Stash! Band, Moors and McCumber, The Heartstring Hunters and this week's featured bands: The Last Revel and Western Centuries.

The Last Revel

From the budding music scene of the Upper Midwest comes the cutting-edge front porch Americana soundscapes of The Last Revel. This powerfully talented trio of multi-instrumentalists from Minneapolis, Minn., so naturally blends the genres of folk, rockabilly, old-time string band and rock to create a sound that is equally as original as it is timeless.

The Last Revel trio utilizes its multi-instrumental abilities to bring the acoustic guitar, upright bass, fiddle, five-string banjo, harmonica, kick drum and three-part vocal harmonies together to consistently deliver energetic

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Western Centuries will take to the main stage of the 12th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival at 1 p.m. on June 10.

Festival

■ continued from previous page and moving live performances, as well as delicate and haunting folk ballads.

Having released their third album, "Hazard and Fate," in April of 2017, The Last Revel further demonstrates their ability to create rich and delicately textured recorded material with a modern "tip of the hat" to the storied history of American folk music.

The Last Revel will make their first Reservoir Hill appearance on June 9 at 7 p.m. and again on the late-night stage at 11 p.m.

Western Centuries

Round up a country band and an early R&B group with three lead vocalists, weave in a hefty amount of vocal harmony and witty turns of phrase, and let 'em rock out like The Band. The sound of roots music mavericks Western Centuries sits at these crossroads, and their debut album "Weight of the World" introduces a band as skillful in their musicianship as they are innovative in their writing.

With upbeat, barroom dance numbers; lilting, introspective tunes of heartbreak; and everything in between, the album strikes an oft strived for but rarely achieved balance between genre-busting experimentation and thoughtful continuity.

Comprised of Seattle-based country musician Cahalen Morrison, jam band veteran Jim Miller (co-founder of Donna the Buffalo), R&B and bluegrass-by-way-of-punk rock songwriter Ethan Lawton, pedal steel player Rusty Blake,

and bassist Dan Lowinger, Western Centuries are clearly a diverse bunch. The band is collaborative in nature, but they are — albeit subtly — helmed by Morrison.

After years of performing in prominent roots duo Cahalen Morrison and Eli West (whose music made fans of Tim O'Brien, Jim Lauderdale, Dirk Powell and BBC Radio's Bob Harris along the way), Morrison formed and led the band Country Hammer, made up of members who have mostly crossed over into Western Centuries.

Produced by Bill Reynolds (Band of Horses) and recorded in his Nashville studio, "Weight of the World" features three different songwriters and lead vocalists (Morrison, Miller and Lawton); the result is a sound that deftly defies neat categorization. Yet the album doesn't come off as scattered. Instead, it feels like the natural confluence of the band's wide-ranging influences, laced together by the interconnected histories of the musical styles at its foundation, and by its writers' commitments to imaginative songwriting.

The progressive, almost psychedelic nature of the album's lyrics infuses the 12-track record with a distinctly modern sensibility. Sure, there's ample pedal steel and plenty of country telecaster twang, but Western Centuries elevates these neo-traditional two-stepping tunes into transcendental, rootsy rock 'n' roll-doused think-pieces.

Upon first listen, "Weight of the World" provides all the familiar satisfaction of traditional country

lyricism — rife with simultaneously hilarious and heartbreaking one-liners, tales of hitting the bottle and scraping bottom, and so on — but these songs yield new and deeper meaning with every listen. Each songwriter brings his own flair to "Weight of the World," but there is a deeply literary approach to the songwriting woven throughout.

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Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



you and he will find the address for you."

Al became very sad. "I don't want you to think I'm not capable of driving to Durango by myself."

"No, Honey, he wants to be a son to you. He's here for a short time and he will be gone sooner than we want. Enjoy him while we

have him."

The snow has melted and left behind the debris of winter. It's the normal stuff like sticks, branches, wire and empty flowerpots. This time of the year, we start cleaning, policing the area and bringing out all of our summer furniture. We store the furniture in the garage to protect it during the winter so we don't have to paint it every year.

We thought we were flying high until our son entered the picture. With a new pair of eyes, he saw everything as junk and why it all needed to go. News to us, we thought our yard was a showplace

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Festival

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The metaphors cleverly extend on, sometimes for an entire song as with Lawton's "Off the Shelf" — a love song written for a bottle of booze.

While its lyrics are impressively layered with meaning, "Weight of the World" will appeal to just about any fan of roots music; the album certainly showcases the band's great range and ability to blend in-

fluences ranging from early rhythm and blues all the way to straight up country. But it's also marked with a profound ingenuity — the type that feels instinctual rather than intentionally labored for, the kind that continues to flourish and snake into new realms as time wears on.

This is just the beginning for Western Centuries, and it's not likely their creative well is going to dry up any time soon.

Western Centuries will play the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass stage on June 10 at 1 p.m.

More information

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Lane

■ **continued from previous page** last year. We worked really hard last year. We rewarded ourselves by sitting at the river, dreaming and having a sense of satisfaction. We were ready to start all over again this year.

Our son looked around. “This place is too much for you two to handle. Daddy is going to be 6 feet under if you keep making more projects for him to do.”

I responded, “I understand. But, we didn’t get everything done we wanted to do last year. There is more painting to do.”

“But, you still have too much junk. I’ll see what I can do to clean it up. You need to get rid of that old blue tractor.”

Apparently our son hadn’t caught my vision. I love that old blue tractor. I said to him, “It’s not negotiable. Your dad pulled it down to the river for me and I plan to plant hundreds of petunias in the big shovel. It will be so cute.”

“It’s all too much.”

I asked Al to bring the old turquoise wheel barrel to the yard so I could fill it with colorful flowers.

“Mother, it’s all rusted out.”

“I don’t care. It’s just fine. I like it. It stays.”

I’ve learned you have to know who you’re dreaming with. Al and I dream about all of our stuff as we sit in our turquoise chairs at the river.

Stephen isn’t dreaming with us. So, I explain my plans so he would get excited. “I bought the white Christmas lights to go around the top of my cabins. It’s going to be exciting. At night the cabins will glow like a little artist village. I can

picture it all now. When my artist and writer friends are here to visit, they will go wild.

“My 70-year-old friends will be throwing their crutches, teeth and everything loose up in the air. They will feel liberated by all my wonderful creative ideas. They will be inspired to do it for themselves. All the work will be worth it.

“I’m fixing up the little kid’s playhouse and will use all the toys you had when you were young. It will be for our great-grandchildren when they come.”

“Mother, stop. Enough! You don’t have great-grandchildren.”

“I might one day.”

Our son worked around the yard and cleaned. “Mother, I’ve made piles. Some things you can keep, other things need to go into the garage sale and there’s a lot of stuff that needs to be thrown away. Come and see what I’ve done.”

I know I’m driving him up the wall, but my projects are smaller than they used to be. No more building garages, no more dragging five cabins from one piece of property to the other. No more dipping 100 bicycles into a tub of white paint and turning them into a white rod iron fence. I have pulled back with my projects but not by his standards.

I braced myself as I went through the piles. His ideas were fresh and wonderful. The white wrought iron headboard is in the garage sale stuff, so is the old shabby chic gate.

Our son-in-law comes every year from California to do a garage sale for My Sweet Al. It’s his forte and he enjoys it. Our son has another large pile for the garage sale

if we can keep Al away from it.

It is hard to admit that we need help. But help means to let go and let someone else look at our things with new eyes. They see the reality of what is really happening around us today. We see our junk from an artist’s eye, cute, creative and keepers. We are too close to see the clutter and work.

Final brushstroke: When our son came home to be a son to his dad, he wanted to do those things Al took pride in. The transition is slowly taking place as my Sweet Al is moving over, letting go of his pride and joy. He is realizing his limitations.

For me, some things are still non-negotiable. I bet I get that old blue tractor painted this year and it will be brimming over with petunias. And for the old rusted wheel barrel, well, I’ll have Al put a new bottom in it. It’s going to make a giant flowerpot.

To grow old in grace, that’s the trick. To let go and trust our children is where some of us are to day. Our children worry about us. I remember the day when we worried about them. We are changing roles and turning over some of our independence.

Readers’ comments

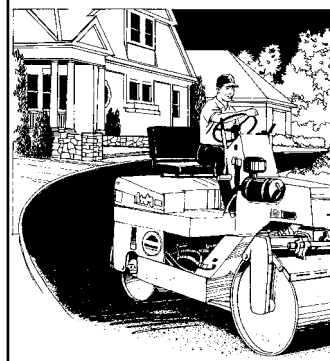
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Bishop Stephen Berg with the newly confirmed Pagosa Springs Catholics. Twenty-one adults and high school youth were confirmed on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Catholic parish welcomes new members

By Roxanne Schick
Special to The PREVIEW

When Father Kenny Udumka preaches to his parish, he quotes the Bible with chapter and verse. Matthew 28:19-20 says, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Udumka and the Pagosa Catholic community take this gospel to heart and welcome 14 newly baptized members and 21 newly confirmed Catholics this week.

Fourteen youth and adults

received the sacraments of the initiation at the Easter vigil when Udumka baptized and confirmed them; they also received their first Eucharist. Twenty-one adults and high school youth received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Divine Mercy Sunday when Bishop Stephen Berg confirmed them.

“To become a Catholic is an important decision that cannot be made in a day,” said Udumka. “Inquiring, asking questions, and learning the Word of God and teachings of the church are important and part of the process.”

Inquiry classes are being offered for people (youth and adults) who want to know more about the

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New Catholics in the Pagosa Springs Catholic community. Fourteen youth and adults received the sacraments of the initiation at the Easter vigil.

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Catholic Church, for people who want to become Catholics, for people who have been away from the church and do not know how to come back, for people who want to receive the sacraments and for people who want a personal relationship with Christ.

“It does not matter if a person has been away from the church for a little bit or for a long time or those who are a member of another church,” said Udumka. “All are welcome to join an inquiry class.”

The Catholic Pagosa community welcomes new members Rhonda and Laykyn Baxstrom, Jimmy Elledge II, Brittany Foss, Becky Henken, Erica Hutchens, Lorah Jacobson, Macey Jacobson, Tucker Jacobson, Diane Marquardt, Kaitlyn Potter, Valentin Salas, Ashley Tully and John Unger.

The Catholic Pagosa community also welcomes the newly confirmed: Faith Ahlhardt, Michael Candelaria, Marcos Cardenas, Colton Castro, Kyle Garcia, Caleb Janowsky, Javier Marinelarena, Angela Moncada, Isabelle Pajak, Danaisha Sanchez, David Weber, Esteban Cardenas, Ana and Jimmy Elledge, Gregoria Lark, LeAnn Martin, Mario Martinez, Maria Navarez, Abelardo Reaza, Bertina Romero and Petra Torres.

Persons who want information on an inquiry class, who are Catholic desiring to come back to the church, or who want to join from another church, please call the church office at 731-5744 or come by the parish office located at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

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The old stone church

By Lanell Stuart
Special to The PREVIEW

As I traveled down the highway, I spied an old church building in disarray.

I couldn't help but think of the memories it cherished in the rubble and the hay. There were all the people that passed through its doors that had been baptized there, and the souls that had been saved. They sang the songs of yesteryear, "Old Rugged Cross" at Easter time.

They must have been quite charming as the ladies wore their hats and gloves in prestigious ways. I imagine they bowed their heads in reverence to the one and only Son of God. I imagine them remembering Jesus dying on the cross only to rise on Sunday morning. Pledging their lives forever to the cause of truthfulness and faith.

Singing "Silent Night" at Christmas as the people gathered within its hallowed doors to pay tribute to baby Jesus. The Jesus we know so well, as savior, master, Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

How wonderful these people have been worshipping the Lord,

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singing praises, faithfully every Sunday all their lives. Until one day, the old church building was left without worshippers. People moved on and out of this part of town. It made me think of all God's people. Do we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, as the song suggests?

I wondered if all the things that passed through my life would be forgotten in years to come, or would people remember me as I remember these. Am I being the kind of person that God dreams I can be?

It made me stop and think what kind of building can I be? Can I be the Proverbs 31 woman? It suggests she build a home by preparing a good, balanced meal and cleans the house with enthusiasm. She sees that the bills are paid on

time and keeps good records accordingly. She helps those in need. She is happy, not sad. She is not idle. She is respected by those in her community (Proverbs 31:10-31, NIV).

Then I thought, am I the kind of person spoken in Colossians? The traits Paul suggested of kindness, meekness, gentleness, patience, without anger and malice towards none and do not slander one another (Colossians 3:8, NIV) as Jesus desires.

I dream on about the people who worshipped in that building. I wonder if their hopes and dreams were like yours and mine. I have to hope that they succeeded in their desires to become the people God knew they could be. I have to hope that I can be the kind of person God knows I can be.

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UU topic: "Ten Days in Another World"

By Mitch Pingel
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a program titled "Ten Days in Another World," with visitor Mitch Pingel and Front Range Unitarian Universalist (UU) youth, this Sunday, April 30, for its regular service.

Join these ninth-graders as they share their experiences, joys and sorrows on their return from spending 10 days with the Navajo and Hopi in Arizona.

UU ninth-graders have traveled on this adventure annually for 53 years. The goal is to form a larger community among the Front Range UU youth and to learn from and about the Navajo and the Hopi through education and personal contact with their youth through pen-pal communications and time spent interacting in their communities.

This year, 24 ninth-graders and eight adults are participating in the trip, involving virtually every Front

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New Thought to discuss 'Reaching Personal Success' Sunday

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

"Reaching Personal Success" will be the topic at the April 30 service at Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT).

We will be exploring methods of attaining personal goals through prayer and positive thinking with a presentation including prayer, video, music and meditation.

In order to provide services that are of interest and are beneficial

to our participants, we will also be asking for feedback regarding what type of presentations, discussion and education they would be interested in being involved with in the future. We encourage people to come with ideas.

PCNT honors all lifestyles, belief systems, religious paths and people for who they are: children of the Divine. New Thought is a trans-denominational philosophy, and draws from all the world's major religions to teach universal principles and spiritual concepts for a positive, joyful life. We welcome all to be part of this spiritual adventure.

Weekly Sunday gatherings are held at 10 a.m. at the PCNT center at 2800 Cornerstone Drive, across from Sears.

For information about the church, 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.

UU to offer free film at Liberty Theatre

By Avalon Haykus
Special to The PREVIEW

"It used to be so simple: You were a boy or you were a girl."

Those words, shared by Katie Couric, open the National Geographic documentary "Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric."

This documentary, which explores gender identity and premiered on the National Geographic Channel on Feb. 6, will be shown at

the Liberty Theatre Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m.

This film is sponsored by the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF), and a discussion of the film will follow.

Books have begun to increase society's understanding of transgender individuals. Still, violence against "trans" people is on the rise and their civil rights remain in question. This film has the power to foster acceptance of everyone

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Range UU church from Cheyenne to Colorado Springs.

The trip was started by the Rev. Betty Pingel, UU minister (retired); Mitch Pingel, her son, is now coordinating it. He has been on 37 ninth-grade trips, including the one when he was a ninth-grader in 1966. Betty Pingel's granddaughter is now one of the attending adults and it is hoped will be there to carry the trip into the future.

This program reflects the Unitarian Universalist principles of "The inherent worth and dignity of every person" and "The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all."

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versalist Fellowship is a caring, inclusive fellowship dedicated to spiritual growth, justice and serving the needs of our larger community. As a Welcoming Congregation, we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all.

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Traversing Wolf Creek Pass with a liquored-up wagon train master

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The group we are talking about is in a caravan of cars headed from east to west. Crossing from west to east is a caravan of covered wagons. The road is too narrow for the caravans to pass the same point at the same time. The liquored-up wagon train master has buckled on his revolver, taken charge and ordered the auto drivers to back up and get out of his way.

We continue with his drunken tirade:

“Take the outside of the road, as my horses are not dependable. I’m giving orders to be understood and followed and I’m going through if I have to shoot the last — to make way for my wagons.”

“He was so angry and unsteady we could not even guess what he might do. Finally, the men of our group told him to shut up and get in the wagon, until they could find a workable plan, or they’d pitch him down into the canyon. He sat.

“Then came the most terrifying experience of backing inch by inch on that narrow, slick, steep grade. David always believed in going forward, so was not an expert at backing



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“At Box Canyon we had to wait until fifteen heavy dynamite blasts tore away a section of the rock, then all this debris had to be cleared away before we could attempt to cross over.”

—especially under such conditions. Joseph’s experience in the Cadillac garage paid off. He showed real efficiency in this case. Finally, one by one, we managed to pass each other.

“When we got down into the first flat lowland, there was no road at all; just mud and water-soaked trails, each driver making his own guess which set of workmen’s tracks to follow through the willows until he could connect with the next section of ascending road up the mountainside.

“At Box Canyon we had to wait until fifteen heavy dynamite blasts tore away a section of the rock, then all this debris had to be cleared away

before we could attempt to cross over. At one place, a steam drill stood against a rock wall, and we had to drive around it on the point of broken rocks. The Cadillac was too long to make the turn around the drill, so again Joseph had to see-saw inch-by-inch to make the turn. Just as we got around, the whole point slid off into the stream below.

“None of the other cars carried food, so when we found a slightly dry spot under a spruce tree, the Hatchers and we invited the group to eat with us, as we had an ample supply from our camp. Every man had shoveled, pushed and lifted, and worked his best for everyone who needed help. We had showers all day long. There seemed to be no bottom to the road with this rain on the new construction. When we began to climb, the road was so slick, or again so sticky, it took the five cars three hours to cover only a quarter of a mile. Added to all of these delays, the Chalmers and Cadillac each had a flat tire. Now, night was coming on and we were still two and one-half miles from Mr. Logan’s work camp. The lighter weight cars passed through the mud holes all right, and drove on towards camp, but the heavier cars just sank. Marguerite and I walked the distance through mud and rain to the road camp for help. Mr. Logan sent four big horses to assist, but they couldn’t move the cars. When this didn’t work, Eugene Hatcher backed their Vellie from camp carrying heavy log chains. With the horses and chains the cars were pulled out.”

Film

■ continued from previous page living along the spectrum of gender identity.

This event is free; however, donations will be gratefully accepted to help cover the cost of renting the theater. The concession stand will be open, and popcorn and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

PUUF is committed to inclusivity and education about the rapidly evolving complexities of gender identity. Everyone is encouraged to attend this very special evening. For further information, visit pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

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Free books for 4-year-olds and inspiration for us all

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

You have three more days, until April 29, to pick up a free book for your 4-year-old, as libraries across Colorado are giving them away as part of a special family literacy project.

Some 75,000 copies of “Mouse Mess” by Linnea Riley, about a mouse who raids the kitchen for a snack after the family is in bed, are being distributed in either English or Spanish.

The goal is to encourage families to read together every day and add new books to home libraries to ensure school readiness.

Inspirational thoughts

A commencement address in Austin by Adm. William McRaven, former Navy SEAL and current chancellor of the University of Texas System, to the UT class of 2014 offers inspirational common sense advice. Here are two of his 10 life lessons:

1. If you make your bed every morning, you will have accomplished the first task of the day. It will give you a small sense of pride and it will encourage you to do another task and another and another. ... Making your bed will also reinforce the fact that little things in life matter. If you can't do the little things right, you will never do the big things right. And, if by chance you have a miserable day, you will come home to a bed that is made — that you made — and a made bed gives you encouragement that tomorrow will be better. If you want to change the world, start off by making your bed.

2. For the boat to make it to its destination, everyone must paddle. You can't change the world alone — you will need some help — and to

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truly get from your starting point to your destination takes friends, colleagues, the good will of strangers and a strong coxswain to guide them. If you want to change the world, find someone to help you paddle.

Search progressing for two full-time staff

Your library is actively working to fill the vacant early literacy librarian and adult services librarian positions and we expect to have some good news for you soon.

While some programming has decreased in the meantime, we still are offering most of your favorite programs. Please see below for programs that are on as usual and those with changes.

Stay tuned to this column, the library website and Facebook for updates on when to expect regular programming to resume. We apologize for any inconvenience or disappointment.

Lifelong Learning Lecture

The third in the free spring Lifelong Learning Lecture series is today, Thursday, April 27, when Dr. Dean Sanna and Amanda Beasley present an interactive lecture and hands-on activity using The Wellness Game they have developed.

You will learn how to develop a daily health practice with exercise, breathing, meditation and more.

These lectures will continue every Thursday until May 18 with out-

standing talks from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for six weeks.

Future talks will cover firearm safety, home-buying tips and spring bouquets. Pick up a brochure at your library with more information. No registration is required.

Senior book club

Tomorrow, Friday, April 28, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the free senior book club will meet to discuss “The Little Paris Bookshop” by Nina George. For more information about this book lovers’ group, contact Marilyn Stroud at Bakestroud@aol.com.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your family and friends tomorrow, Friday, April 28, from 2 to 3 p.m.

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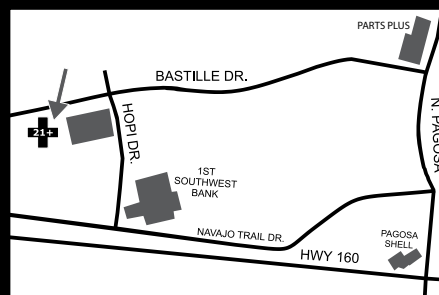
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on Monday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and continues every Monday thereafter at the same time, plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Stop by and let Mark help you with high school equivalency, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Medicare 101 session

Next Thursday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m., you can learn free important information about Medicare. Understand your rights, options, deadlines, possible penalties and where to find the information you need. No registration is required.

Medicaid and Connect for Health session

Renee Burch from the Archuleta County Department of Human Services will discuss options and changes to Medicaid and Connect for Health next Thursday, May 4, in this free session from 1 to 1:45 p.m. No registration is required.

Teen advisory board

Next Thursday, May 4, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens every Tuesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the seventh through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions for free help on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Please note there will be no Tech Time on Tuesdays in April or May, or on Thursday, May 4.

Nonfiction

“Healing Spiritual Wounds” by

conservative Christian minister Carol Howard Merritt shows how to reconnect with God if you have had a bad experience with religious institutions. “Forgiving Others, Forgiving Ourselves” by conflict-resolution experts Myra Warren Isenhardt and Michael Spangle explores the dimensions and advantages of forgiveness. “Deep Under Cover” by Jack Barsky is the memoir of a KGB spy who wanted to stay in the U.S. “Small Homes” by Lloyd Kahn offers instructions and more than 1,000 photos to help you build a small home. “Cheech is Not My Real Name ... But Don't Call Me Chong!” is a memoir by comedian Cheech Marin. “The Allergy Solution” by Dr. Leo Galland and Jonathan Galland is an in-depth look at hidden allergies and how to reverse them without drugs. “Making It” by Kelly Coyne and Erik Knutzen describes how to build a comfortable camp in the wilderness with just a Swiss Army knife. “Physicians’ Desk Reference” is the 2017 edition.

Large print westerns

“Kill Town” by Cotton Smith is a Corrigan Brothers western. “Eight Hours to Die” by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a Sixkiller, U.S. Marshall western. “Wolf Shadow” by James Reasoner and L.J. Washburn is book three in the Wind River series.

Other new westerns include “Bill Doolin: American Outlaw” by Bill Brooks, “Flintlock: A Time for Vultures” by William W. and J.A. Johnstone, “Good Water” by John D. Nesbitt, “Storm’s Thunder” by Brandon Boye and “The Kid” by Ron Hanen.

Other large print

“Miss Julia Weathers the Storm” by Ann B. Ross begins with a family reunion at the beach. “A Perfect Obsession” by Heather Graham is a mystery featuring a forensic psychologist. “Murder on the Serpen-

tine” by Anne Perry is a Charlotte and Thomas Pitt mystery.

Thrillers, mysteries and suspense

“The Buriel Hour” by Jeffery Deaver is a Lincoln Rhyme mystery. “Dead Man Switch” by Matthew Quirk explores assassinations of victims living undercover. “Mangrove Lightning” by Randy Wayne White is a Doc Ford mystery. “City of the Lost” by Kelley Armstrong is about a town in Canada where you can disappear.

DVDs

“Patriots Day” is an action thriller about the Boston marathon bombings in 2013. “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them” is the fantasy spinoff of the Harry Potter films that won an Academy Award. “The League” is the complete first season. “Sling Blade” stars Billy Bob Thornton, who was a Best Actor Academy Award nominee in 1996. “The Walking Dead” is the complete fifth season. “Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark” stars Harrison Ford. “Renaissance Man” is a comedy starring Danny DeVito.

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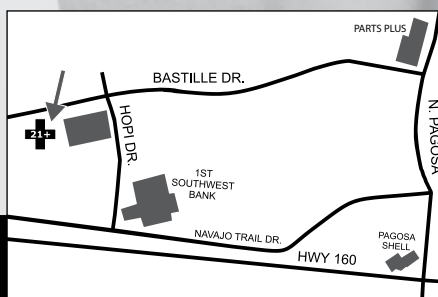
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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, April 27

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

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Lifelong Learning Lecture. 5:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. This talk is titled "The Wellness Game" with Dr. Dean Sanna and Amanda Beasley. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center.

Community Dance. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse. DJ Lisa Saunders. Call 731-5635, ext. 210 for more information.

'Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric.' 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre. This documentary about transgender issues will be presented by the Pagosa Unitarian Fellowship. Contact gat1mark@aol.com for more information.

San Juan Stargazers. 7 p.m., Visitor Center. We will be studying more of the Hubble images. For more information, call 335-8286, visit SanJuanStargazers.com, or email sjstargazers@gmail.com.

Friday, April 28

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 camara-

derie. All stitchers are welcome. **Senior Book Club.** 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. This month's title is "The Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George. It can be ordered through interlibrary loan or you can download it on your tablet. Ask at the desk for details. 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 ages.

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center. **Gaming for All Ages.** 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox Kinect with your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Personal Growth and Empowerment Life Coaching Class. 5-6 p.m., Community Center. 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. This class is open to everyone.

Push-Up Challenge. 6 p.m., Crossfit Pagosa. To benefit Rise Above Violence (formerly the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program). Visit <https://2017push-upchallenge.eventbrite.com> to register.

Saturday, April 29

Pagosa Springs Health Fair. 7-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. For more information, call Caroline Brown at 731-4248.

People's Climate March. 9 a.m., Town Park gazebo. The march is one of over 300 happening nationwide and internationally inspired by the historic People's Climate Mobilization in Washington, D.C. Call 731-9562 for more information or visit peoplesclimate.org.

Baby Storytime. 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. **See Calendar on next page**

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For books and materials this week, we thank the Lombardi family and our anonymous donors. As well, we express a hearty thank you to all the people who donated to the library through the Round Up for Reading event that Terry's Ace held during National Library Week. We are very grateful.

Quotable quote

"There are two ways of spreading

light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." – Edith Wharton (1862-1937), Pulitzer Prize-winning American author of "The Age of Innocence" and other acclaimed novels and short stories.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Heroic tale
- 5 Kind of game
- 9 Long-plumed bird
- 14 Icky buildup
- 15 One teaspoon, maybe
- 16 Overly credulous
- 17 Bassoon, e.g.
- 18 Raiders head coach from 1969-1978
- 20 Unmoved
- 22 Energy source
- 23 Period's place
- 24 Army's mule, for one
- 25 Pirate's pal
- 27 Tiny amount
- 29 Vegas natural
- 33 Its symbol is an omega
- 36 Like some remarks
- 38 Right-hand man
- 39 Protest tactic
- 41 Offense
- 44 Many an office has one
- 45 Spine-tingling
- 47 Conducted
- 48 Call upon
- 51 Unsocial sort
- 53 Word with officer or sign
- 55 Glacial mass
- 59 Health resort
- 62 Hot rum drink
- 63 Put on hold
- 64 Fellow countryman
- 67 Formal decree
- 68 Cantilevered window
- 69 Cover, in a way
- 70 Send off
- 71 Piece of cheese
- 72 Lasting effect
- 73 Bank

DOWN

- 1 Curtain fabric

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- 2 Sacramento's Arco _____
- 3 "You'll never ___!"
- 4 Rehab client
- 5 Commander's assistant
- 6 Court
- 7 Not exactly proud
- 8 Gossipy gal
- 9 Crown covering
- 10 Wander (about)
- 11 Fair attraction
- 12 Flush
- 13 Be inclined
- 19 Bit of dust
- 21 Sculpted form
- 26 Wine label info
- 28 Quote a work
- 30 Lab vessel
- 31 Fringe
- 32 Grant criterion
- 33 Reed section member
- 34 Sham
- 35 Pecos Bill, e.g.
- 37 Continental coin
- 40 Blender setting
- 42 Prime follower
- 43 Kind of nut
- 46 Mournful
- 49 Wine and dine
- 50 Biting
- 52 Illicit cigarette
- 54 Marine ____
- 56 Meteorological conditions, briefly
- 57 To no _____
- 58 Small-minded
- 59 Boat with an open hold
- 60 Dermatologist's concern
- 61 In a group of
- 65 Hard throw, in baseball
- 66 Some ducts carry them

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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son 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.

Yoga: Laugh and Let Go. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. This class explores the ancient technique of chi self-massage followed by a lighter yoga asana practice. Call 264-4152 for more information.

Sunday, April 30

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, May 1

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 richgam-mill41@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.

Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior center.

Bridge for Fun. 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.

Storm Spotter Training. 6-8:30 p.m., Archuleta County Emergency Operations Center, 777 County Road 600 (Piedra Road). Meteorologists from the National Weather Service (NWS) will conduct storm spotter training sessions to help prepare spotters for the upcoming severe weather season. The sessions cover fundamental information that every spotter needs to know, with a focus on safety, identification of key weather features and proper reporting procedures. This year, Jim Pringle from the NWS will be

presenting the training module.

Tuesday, May 2

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 ages.

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.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m. Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Join us for Xbox Kinect 360 and snacks.

Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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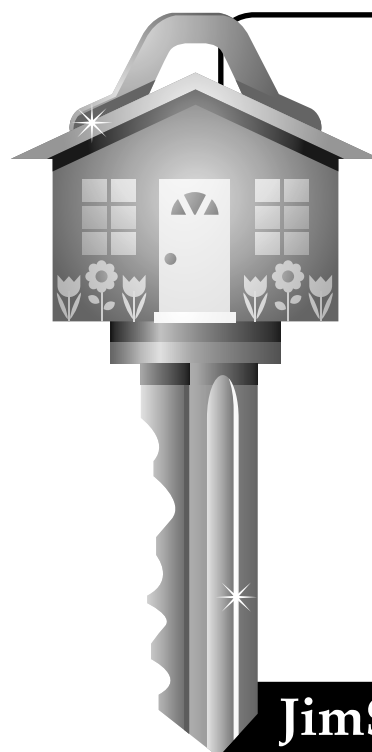
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Night Yoga: YoGain. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center. YoGain is a fast-paced blend of yoga asana and body weight exercises designed to raise your heart rate and increase strength and flexibility. Open to all levels and abilities. Call 264-4152 for more information.

Terrific Tuesdays. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn West Coast swing. There is a schedule revision this month due to clubhouse repairs. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

Wednesday, May 3

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

Free Screenings. 10-11 a.m., Senior Center. San Juan Basin Public Health screenings on total cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure checks, referrals and translations for Spanish speakers.

Open Play. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Play, interact and learn while enjoying games and puzzles with each other. For babies through preschoolers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

FlowYoga 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 ages.

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 Introduction to Square Dance Class. 6-7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. This is a fun, easygoing class open to families, couples and singles. Suggested age for children is at least 8 years old. Call Carla Roberts to enroll at 903-6478.

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, May 4

Medicare 101. 10:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Understand your rights, options, deadlines, possible penalties and where to find the information you need.

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

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.
Connect for Health/Medicaid Presentation. 1-1:45 p.m., Sisson Library. Renee Burch of Archuleta County Human Services will be available to inform you of your options and discuss changes to both programs. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

information.

Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Lifelong Learning Lecture. 5:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. This talk is entitled "Romancing the Old West." The San Juan Shootists are a community organization and club that teaches safe and responsible firearms handling while promoting a sport steeped in the romance and legend of the Old West. This exciting presentation will include a live

demo (minus the bullets). Call 264-2209 for more information.
Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Stacy Boone will present "The Evolution of a Hiker." Light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome. Website: www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org.

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The remaining two-thirds of the proceeds will be used to support the preschool education of Pagosa's at-risk children. It will be used

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Tickets are available at Seeds of Learning or from our board members. The drawing for the winning ticket will be held on May 20 at 7 p.m. at Seeds of Learning, 575 S. 7th St. The winner need not be present to win.

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