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Suit over ballot initiatives dismissed

Hearing on attorney fees to be held

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the 6th Judicial District Court in Archuleta County ordered dismissal of the suit filed by numerous plaintiffs in May 2016 over the alleged illegal failure of Archuleta County to present 11 ballot initiatives to voters in November 2014.

The order came in response to a motion for summary judgment filed by the defendants in the suit, including Archuleta County, commissioners Steve Wadley and Michael Whiting, former Commissioner Clifford Lucero and County Attorney Todd Starr.

Starr, acting as counsel for the defendants in the suit, filed the motion for summary judgment on Dec. 28, 2016.

■ See Suit A8



Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby

Photos courtesy Ted Cobden

Top: Thirty-two Cub Scouts from Pack 807 in Pagosa Springs show off their entrees for this year's Pinewood Derby held on Friday. **Right:** The top three racers were, from left to right, Daniel Reitz, first place, with his car, "#1;" Ashton Tully, second place, with his car, "Dragon Master;" and Van Halterman, third place, with his car, "The Flash."



January sales tax 4.4 percent behind last year

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Sales tax collections in Archuleta County for January 2017 fell 4.4 percent compared to January of last year.

The total sales tax collection in January for Archuleta County was \$602,618.09, according to a report issued on March 11 by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

The town and county each received \$301,309.04.

Walton's report explains that this past January's revenue was \$27,824, or 4.4 percent, lower than January of 2016.

The report lists the following categories as being up for the same period in 2016.

Revenue generated by retail trade went up 2.4 percent, or \$7,364.

Accommodations and food service increased 3.1 percent, up \$2,979.

The "other services" category

■ See Sales A8

Political battle could spell \$1.1 million loss for Pagosa Springs Medical Center

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Colorado's hospital provider fee has been making headlines across the state for more than a year, with a top topic of the 2016 legislative session being converting the fee to an enterprise fund.

But, as the subject of a political battle, the conversion of the fund failed, and with the state's revenues surpassing what is allowed under the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) limitations, hospitals across the state are gearing up to see a cut in funding from the state, including

a possible \$1.1 million that won't be finding its way into the coffers of Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC).

That amount, however, was not included in PSMC's budget for 2017 due to budgeting conservatively, according to Chief Financial Officer Dennis Wilson at a Feb. 28 meeting of the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees PSMC.

The hospital provider fee was authorized in 2009 as part of the Colorado Health Care Affordability Act.

That act, according to the state's

website, "authorizes the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to collect a hospital provider fee to increase Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) and Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP) payments to hospitals, to fund hospital quality incentive payments, and to expand health care coverage in the Health First Colorado and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) programs, and to reduce cost-shifting to private payers."

The fee is assessed on hospital

■ See Hospital A8

Town/county work session: Update on justice center, potential funding steps discussed

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and Pagosa Springs Town Council got together Tuesday for their monthly joint work session. One item on the agenda was an update on the construction of a new county justice center.

The center is expected to house local courts, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and a detention facility. A location for the center on Hot Springs Boulevard, downtown, was selected in September 2016 by majority vote of the commissioners.

However, the Hot Springs Boulevard site has

been placed in doubt by discussions among the current commissioners, Steve Wadley, Michael Whiting and Ron Maez, of alternative locations.

Most recently, a possible location near the top of Put Hill on the south side of U.S. 160, adjacent to Harman Park, was offered by the land's owner at the commissioners' work session 10 days ago. The commissioners agreed to inspect the site.

During the joint work session this week, Wadley, BoCC chairman, summarized the situation by saying that discussions of the possible Harman Park location are "very preliminary."

If a specific proposal is received regarding

■ See Session A8

PSPD warns of fool's gold scam

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) is warning residents of a new scam sweeping the area, and just in time for St. Patrick's Day, it pertains to fool's gold.

According to PSPD Detective Scott Maxwell, fake gold bars that appear to be real and professionally minted are being offered on websites like Craigslist.

The scam was brought to the attention of the PSPD after a person bought some of the bars in Pagosa Springs, only to find later that they were fake.

Maxwell explained that other law enforcement agencies in the surrounding area are also investigating this scam, and added that at least two individuals have been selling the fake bars.

"The subjects are selling one ounce and various smaller bars that are brand name gold bullion bars," said Maxwell.

He added that the bars have various brand names, including the Royal Canadian Mint, PAMP Mint, Perth Mint and APMEC Mint.

■ See Scam A8



SUN photo/Marshall Dunham

The Pagosa Springs Police Department warns residents of a fake gold bar scam sweeping the area. Pictured are examples of the fake bars purchased in Pagosa Springs.



Photo courtesy Scott Dahler

Mr. and Mrs. Banks (Cole Stevens and Hayley Mitchell) deal with the rough handling of the Mary Poppins' villainess, Miss Andrew (Kaya Knox). This Pagosa Springs High School musical features complex dancing, over 200 costumes, tons of props, dozens of set pieces and 40-plus young actors showing that with some hard work, "Anything Can Happen" if you let it. The show runs March 21-25, beginning each evening at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. All seats are \$10 at the door.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Move open records act into digital age

When the Fort Collins Coloradoan requested Colorado State University's database of salaries, CSU pointed the newspaper to 145 printed pages on file at the university's library. The Coloradoan undertook a months-long process to digitize the records so that it could analyze and report on CSU salary trends.

We suspect that CSU had that data easily accessible in a user-friendly database, which would have made the process much simpler.

It shouldn't be expensive and challenging for journalists and interested citizens to get and explore public information.

Senate Bill 17-040, which would modernize the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) by making public records more easily available in digital format, passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee with a 4-3 vote Tuesday morning and could be debated by the full Senate as early as today.

Citing another example of archaic CORA responses, Executive Director of the Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition Jeffrey A. Roberts wrote, "How did the Westminster school district respond when the former president of the school board requested the salaries of district employees? This being a decade and a half into the 21st century, she expected the information in a spreadsheet. Instead, after four denials, she was billed \$745.50 for 2,982 hand-redacted pieces of paper.

"As the Westminster district initially claimed, governments will say they are not required to manipulate existing records in response to a request. If the data set you want contains something confidential, like Social Security numbers, you might be denied access to all of the information. Instead of excluding the confidential field and releasing the remainder, the government chooses to release no records at all."

According to a statement made by the Colorado Press Association, "While many governments in Colorado already allow public access to records in digital formats in which the records are kept, others do not. Some governments force people who request records to look at them on paper, while others make records available electronically, only in PDF or other formats that make it difficult for the public to analyze the records and understand what they say."

Records made and maintained by governmental entities belong to the public and should be made available in usable digital formats because that's how it's stored and used by governments.

For example, if you request the salaries of a school district's teachers, and the district maintains the record in an Excel spreadsheet, under current law, the school district could sort the information one way, convert it to a PDF and give you that file. The document would contain the yearly salary of every teacher, and if not sorted by last name, it could be time consuming for the person who requested the information to present the information in that order. Under SB 17-040, the school district would have to supply the request in its original Excel format, allowing the information to be easily sorted and manipulated.

SB 17-040 was crafted by a working group convened by Secretary of State Wayne Williams made up of a wide variety of records custodians and records requesters. The bill would require government agencies in the state to make data more accessible to requesters by ensuring easier manipulation by supplying databases in the format in which they are created.

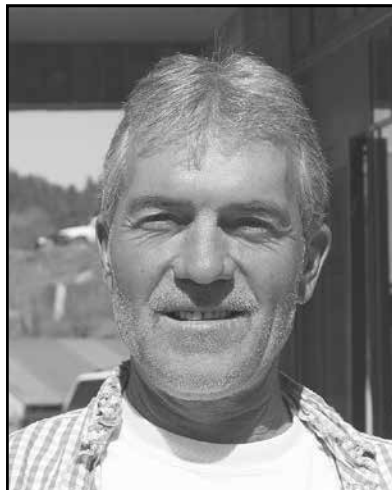
The public is entitled to view the records of government in ways that allow them to know and understand what their governments are doing.

The Senate should pass SB 17-040.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

What is your favorite thing about St. Patrick's Day?



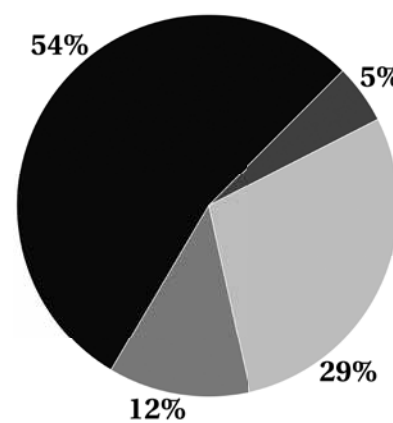
Dave Prokop
"Green beer."



Ashlee Vandenbos
"It's my brother's birthday."



Terry Michael
"I never even think about St. Patrick's Day."



Poll results (134 Votes)
Green beer. — 5 percent
Corned beef and cabbage. — 29 percent
The festivities. — 12 percent
I do not celebrate it. — 54 percent

This week online: What is your least favorite thing about the end of winter?
Vote at www.pagosasun.com

LOOKING BACK



From the Feb. 26, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. **PRIZE WINNER** — This photo entitled "Nonchalant," was first place prize winner in the 1969 Colorado Press Association photo-journalism contest. It was taken at a junior rodeo last summer and the nonchalant young cowboy is Sid House, son of Mr. and Mrs. Connally House. He is a student in the second grade in the local school. Judges in the contest were Carl Iwosaki, of Time-Life Magazines, Dan Oliver of Eastman Kodak Co., and Pat Coffey, magazine and commercial photographer.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 11, 1927

Two and one-half feet of snow are reported on the Yellowjacket divide, but the mail truck was able to negotiate the route on Wednesday.

The Women's Civic Club will hold a rag rug and apron sale this spring, the date of which will be announced later. A work session will be held in April at the Hersch home for final preparations for the sale. Each member should have their donations ready at that time.

L.J. Goodman and family, who have been spending the past month in St. Louis on a visiting and buying trip are expected to reach Pagosa Springs Monday evening by train, after motoring as far as Durango via Gallup and Farmington.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 20, 1942

Telegrams received by The Sun Monday from Representative Robert F. Rockwell say: "Thirty-five thousand dollars just approved by WPA for National forest in San Juan district." This money will be used to prevent fires, reforestation and reseeding, repairing roads, camps, and recreational facilities."

Ole Jacobson took charge of the Standard Service Station Sunday, formerly managed by John Snider. Mr. Jacobson resigned his position as night marshal, effective March 15.

The State Welfare Board at its regular meeting last week allocated \$156,915.80 to be used for direct relief in Colorado according to Earl M. Kouns. Archuleta county's share was listed as \$571.25.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 16, 1967

The sale last week of the Leon Montroy ranch involved some of the earliest patented property in Archuleta County. The original home ranch of the Montroys, 320 acres, was homestead in 1886 by Leon Montroy, Sr. The entire acreage of the property sold was 2380 acres with the Montroys keeping about 700 acres. The ranch was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier, who live in Abilene, Texas. They have two children and expect to make their home on the ranch within a short time. The ranch purchased by the Fraziers has always been a good one and was one of the larger ranches in the area. It was homesteaded by the senior Montroy, who came down here from the Summitville mines. He was mine foreman at the Little Annie gold mine there prior to 1886.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 19, 1992

The school board offered Cynthia Sechrist a contract as elementary school principal during a special meeting on March 17. She accepted the offer via telephone. Sechrist was one of two finalists considered for the job. She currently works as an assistant principal in the Jefferson County school system, in the Denver metro area. Sechrist has a masters degree in curriculum and instruction. She received her higher education at the University of Maryland at Munich Germany and the University of Northern Colorado. Meanwhile, the search for a new assistant principal at the high school will continue. An offer tendered last week to a candidate from the Aurora school system was declined by the applicant on Sunday.

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Letters

Deny options

Dear Editor:
A sad day in Pagosa. Over 50 percent of Coloradans and Pagosans voted for the Colorado End of Life Options Act. Whether or not I would end up using this act, at 90 years old, I was definitely one of the many who voted in favor of this option.

Why would the majority of hospital directors decide that they had the right to deny me this legal choice?

Phyl Daleski

Scientific results

Dear Editor:
A recent letter spoke to 98 percent of scientists agreeing that climate change is real. I assume

the writer meant 98 percent of scientists reviewing climate change studies, as most scientists are in other fields that have nothing to do with and no involvement with climate science.

Ninety-eight percent is a popular claim, and setting aside any issues with the accuracy of the claim, I would simply point out that scientific results are not determined by majority vote or claims of consensus. Scientific results are determined by following the scientific method. A hypothesis is proposed and tests are created and run to evaluate the validity of the hypothesis.

Scientists publish their findings so that the results can be replicated independently to confirm the results, and peer scientists in the field review the methodology and evaluate the quality of the work.

It matters not whether nearly every scientist in the field agrees. What matters is whether the scientific method is followed. In fact, arguments relying on the percentage of scientists who agree raise the question of whether the work can stand on its own merit.

Is computer modeling used by climate scientists as good as running an experiment that proves the hypothesis? Certainly modeling can add value and provide a measure of confidence. But it is not proof as with most scientific research. This is a clear weakness.

Most climate change studies use the same data for their modeling. If the underlying data has problems, all of the studies using that data will share the same problems. The fact that so many climate change studies use the same adjusted data raises obvious questions about the quality of the adjustments that have been made, and how those adjustments affect the findings.

And when so many predictions made by climate change scientists turn out to be overstated, or completely wrong, the weakness of modeling and adjusted data is demonstrated.

Climate change studies provide useful information. But there are plenty of reasons to believe that the science is far from settled.

Dan Mayer

Climate change

Dear Editor,
Here is a hypothetical: Imagine there is a bus that is heading out of town with a bunch of people on it, some old, some young, mothers and babies; let's just say a good representation of everyone in Pagosa.

The bus is heading over Wolf Creek Pass and there is a bad winter storm that makes it unlikely for the bus to be reached by anyone for days if it breaks down. But the people on the bus want to keep going because they all have important things that they needed to do. Unfortunately, 97 percent of the diesel mechanics in town say that there is an extremely high likelihood that the bus will breakdown on the pass, putting the lives of everyone in jeopardy. Do you go over the pass?

Three days ago, the new head of the EPA said "I think that measuring with precision human activity on the climate is something very challenging to do, and there's tremendous disagreement about the degree of impact, so no, I would not agree that it's a primary contributor to the global warming that we see." For me, that is like a local leader in Pagosa, that is not a mechanic, saying, "I don't trust the diesel mechanics," and then sending the bus over the pass.

As a climate change researcher, let me please clarify that Scott Pruitt's statement is factually incorrect. There is tremendous agreement in the scientific community that climate change is occurring and that it is almost certainly caused by carbon dioxide emissions from industrial development. This is not only being measured with high accuracy from thousands of stations on earth, but is monitored daily from satellites from space and is confirmed with data of things like glacial melt all over the world. Do not take my word for it, (definitely do not take Leonardo DiCaprio or Al Gore's word for it, as a previous writer to The SUN wrote... and no, Al Gore did not "invent" climate change), take the 97 percent of climate scientists, NASA, NOAA and almost all other serious research institutions' word for it. Just like I would listen to the

diesel mechanics, I think we should listen to the scientists. I don't want to leave my family on top of that mountain.

If you are interested in a serious Republican plan to reduce GHG emission to combat climate change and eliminate all Obama's complicated EPA regulations on power plants, and other sources of GHG emissions, look at this proposal published by the Climate Leadership Counsel called "The Conservative Case for Carbon Dividends." <https://www.clcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/TheConservativeCaseforCarbonDividends.pdf>.

Michael Netzer

Health care

Dear Editor:
What kind of country are we? Perfection is an ongoing effort for our country just as it is for each of us.

Health care is a huge conglomeration of primary care, specialists, hospitals, EMS, insurance companies and government.

When the "Affordable Care Act" was passed by Congress and signed by President Barack Obama, it was the beginning for something good and with something so huge in volume, a "trial period" was necessary to move towards perfection.

The Affordable Care Act was a beginning effort to care for all of our people. Yes, it was titled "The Affordable Care Act." Too bad that some gave it a political "nickname." Perfection means working together, not caring "who" gets the credit. Yes, it needs revision. Constructive ideas, anyone? That is where we are today.

Let love and compassion abide, let's fix it and move on.

Patty Tillerson

Wonderful things

Dear Editor:
Over the last few weeks I have had the blessing of observing and being part of some wonderful things in the Pagosa community. Would you join me in giving thanks for them a few?

Yesterday I attended the Empty **■ See Letters A4**

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Letters

■ Continued from A3

Bowls program at the elementary school. Coming together in one beautiful event were: teachers and staff putting in extra hours to help feed the hungry; students using their artistic talents to support the effort; and community businesses donating time and resources to inspire service. Thank you.

For the past several months I have run through the elementary school back hallway with the 100-Mile Club: an effort to boost health and learning with fun physical activity. I give thanks for the parents, staff, and teachers (who add yet another 30 minutes of work to their over-filled day) as they joyfully lead these young people in an inspiring venture.

And for the folks who get up really early in the midst of a snowstorm to plow our roads, who sit long hours in graders to smooth out the effects of our (probably too fast) driving, and who tend all the infrastructure that we take for granted every day: I give thanks. They do good work.

Emrys Tyler

Bottom feeding

Dear Editor:

We've all gone to the beach or pool and seen someone whose body type didn't fit into their swim suit: the old, paunchy guy in a Speedo, or the over-sized body in a bikini that would have had to "suck it in" to fit in a tent. Our response is always, "Don't you have mirrors where you live?!"

Similarly, "letters" writers should read what they write before sending them in.

This week's "Conned" — and always the committed leftist whose name puts his letter first each week — fit this description. Have mercy on us — your neighbors — who, even when we disagree, are not your enemies.

How about more reasoned "light" and less emotional vitriol. I'm open to learning if you're open to sharing. But the "bottom feeding" approach won't get you any takers.

Obituary

Mary 'Missy' S. Leonard

Dec. 11, 1946 — Feb. 28, 2017
 Mary "Missy" S. (Resko) Leonard, age 70, of Spring Branch, Texas, passed away at home peacefully on Feb. 28 following a long battle with cancer and multiple other health issues, a battle she waged with courage, grace, humor and love.



She was the beloved wife and soul mate of Edgar "Sonny" Leonard.

Missy lived life to the fullest. She

Charles Wenzel
Editor's note: We switched the letters around this week for a little change. Wenzel is referring to David Blake's letter.

Justice center

Dear Editor:

I would like to acknowledge the recent letter from Carmen Ferguson about the justice center issue.

I share your frustration and your call for "diligence in exhausting all options looking for the best affordable option." I also agree that we should remodel the old courthouse/jail to help solve part of the equation at the lowest possible cost. That is what I have been advocating for from the beginning.

I admit my bias in this matter. Not exactly news. I am biased against any project alternative that is on a parcel that is too small, is the most costly, in the wrong location and leaves our current courthouse abandoned with no money to repurpose or re-tool it. One that has us breaking our word and tied up in court for years. I remain opposed to using decades of tax dollars in that way.

If insisting that we look at the Levine family's land swap offer, or Parelli's, or any other offer for that matter, risks innuendo that questions my motives or interests, as the letter did, then so be it. But please bring facts. To also put that to rest, let me suggest where I think we should be going.

We can build the needed law enforcement and detention facility (jail/sheriff) on one of at least three currently available, zero-cost parcels at Harman Park, centrally located at U.S. 160 and Piedra Road, for millions less than any of our other current alternatives. We can build that facility for well under \$10 million. We can start this fall. That would then free up the old jail and courthouse on San Juan Street (U.S. 160) to be remodeled for the courts. In future, when we can afford it, we can build new county administrative offices on the Hot Springs parcel if needed

and desired.

This three-phased development would eliminate nearly all of the many practical and ethical problems present on Hot Springs Boulevard site. We might actually be able to afford it. And, it would allow the county to regain its moral compass. This path has been there from the beginning. It is something we might all be able to support.

Michael Whiting

Spied on

Dear Editor:

Yes, Ms. Conway, Trump's close advisor just said that he was spied on by their microwave and TV units in Trump Tower.

Gad, what a relief to know how Trump knew Obama spied on him, we all feel better.

But wait, there is a ray of sanity, BlackRock the investment manager managing the most money in the world, a sum approaching \$5 trillion just "requested" that all the companies within their portfolio develop reports on what they are doing to respond to climate change and developing more diversified board of directors...that's real pressure. Trump and his EPA secretary's days denying climate change are numbered.

Let's think for a moment, all the major nations in the world, five of the six top energy companies, 98 percent of the world's scientists vs. our Real Red State Republican Americans on climate change ... can you guess which energy company is still denying, yes, it's Tillerson's, Trump's new secretary of state.

Here's a fact-finding question for you ... which major nation will suffer the most from current climate change?

Treason is a very strong word; but the more we know about Trump's Russia connection including his knowingly appointing Manafort, Ukraine advisor and then pro-Russian Flynn, a paid Turkish consultant as national security advisor, the closer we get to impeachment. I'm betting the FBI's Comey is less than happy about deep-sixing Hillary.

Go figure ... China just granted Trump 30-plus trademarks for products his company (managed by his son?) is making in China. What's that old saying about leopards changing their ... ?

Not to worry, our Republican Congress is taking care of business, naaah, sorry not much hope there, McCain, Lindsey and Snow are the only ones showing any signs of honesty, ethics and courage. Want to see some very, very angry voters, wait till the new "Trump health plan" passes. "Power, Party & Screw the Working Man," that's the new name for the Republican Party.

Dave Blake

Affordable care

Dear Editor:

Republicans have had the last six years to work with Democrats to adjust the portions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that need fixing.

Instead, Fox and other right-wing outlets have continually misrep-

resented the law and its benefits, so much so that over 30 percent of voters think Obamacare and the Affordable Care Act are different entities. Republicans continually refer to it as a government takeover of health care, but in reality the ACA is just health insurance reform. One of the biggest problem of the ACA with voters is the mandate to buy insurance, but that is how insurance works, just as with automobile insurance. More people with insurance means lower premiums.

The ACA is comprised of regulations to insure minimum coverages for patients and families, minimums insurance companies must spend on care instead of profits, and expansion of Medicaid and regulations to hold down costs and increase efficiency in the health delivery system.

The Republicans are pushing a "replacement plan" for the ACA that will result in loss of coverage for millions of Americans and a return to a system in which insurance and drug companies come between patients and their physicians by denying coverage and increasing costs. Republicans point to increasing premiums last year and insurers pulling out of the ACA as proof it's not working. The truth is, Republican Senator Rubio was able to insert a provision into a spending bill that limited insurance companies reimbursement for the high-risk corridor to just 13 percent of what was agreed to in the law. That was the main reason for the increases, Republican sabotage.

A large part of their plan is to turn over Medicaid to the states which harms the most vulnerable. One in five of all Americans get health care coverage through Medicaid. Over 78 million Americans are enrolled in Medicaid and CHIPs with nearly 50 percent being children, over 20 percent are elderly and the disabled. A major expense of Medicaid is for long-term care for the elderly, i.e. nursing homes, which Medicare does not cover. Block granting Medicaid to states would result in a decrease of over a \$1 trillion of state funding in 10 years. Their plan also strips funding for addiction and mental health programs, at a time of an opioid epidemic and over 40,000 suicides per year. Medicaid is also responsible for keeping many rural hospitals and clinics open.

One of the Republican's biggest lie is that the ACA is costing jobs, whereas the opposite is true. The hospital's expansion here in Pagosa Springs is probably a direct result of the ACA and Medicaid expansion. More patients means more revenue and more job opportunities. We also have a mental health clinic and an assisted living facility preparing to open, meaning even more jobs and an increased tax base. Repealing the ACA and cutting back on Medicaid would put all those facilities at risk.

My references are the Kaiser Family Foundation and Medicaid.gov., among others. Easily Googled.

Dave Butcher

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LEGISLATURE

Health care, regulations and public lands among top concerns in Third Congressional District

I recently had the opportunity to visit with over 5,220 constituents during a telephone town hall meeting.

With one of the largest congressional districts in the country — 29 counties spanning nearly half the state of Colorado — I make a point to visit as many communities as I can throughout the year to hear from groups and hold public meetings.

I typically hold my public meetings in the spring and summer months, which I will continue to do in the 115th Congress. In the winter and throughout the year, I use telephone town hall meetings as one platform for keeping in touch with constituents and sharing updates on my work.

I heard from constituents on a variety of topics during my hour-long telephone town hall, but the most frequently asked questions were about health care, regulations and public lands.

Many families in Colorado are facing an average deductible of more than \$6,000 under Obamacare and, in some cases, their premiums have exceeded their mortgage payments each month.

I consistently hear from people who say they are insured, but they can't afford to use their health insurance or find providers in their communities who will accept additional Medicare or Medicaid patients. This is unacceptable and unsustainable,

and it is why I am working to repeal and replace Obamacare with a health care system that gives Coloradans and Americans in every corner of the country access to affordable health care services.

House Republicans recently released the American Health Care Act (AHCA), which is the draft reconciliation bill that makes up the first part of its three-part strategy for repealing and replacing Obamacare. Reconciliation is an important tool for getting our health care system back on track, however, it has limitations on what changes can be made.

Reconciliation prohibits provisions that have no budgetary effect, which is why there are a number of Obamacare provisions that are not addressed within the AHCA. These provisions will be addressed in the second and third pieces of our repeal and replace strategy.

The second part of the strategy involves Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tom Price using the administrative authority granted to him in the law to determine whether certain provisions need to continue



Rep. Tipton's Report

to be enforced, as well as whether to repeal and/or replace additional rules and regulations. This process has already started.

The third and final part of our repeal and replace strategy will require Congress to pull from existing replacement proposals to develop a bill that addresses the components of Obamacare that will remain, following reconciliation and the actions taken by the HHS secretary.

In its current form, the AHCA is not perfect and I intend to continue to carefully review the details of this plan over the coming days and weeks. At this point, I have concerns about some of the provisions, but I am confident that we can work through an open amendment process and deliver a final product that takes a strong step in the right direction for Americans.

During the telephone town hall meeting, I also heard from constituents who had questions about some of the resolutions Congress has passed to roll back the regulatory overreach of the Obama administration.

Congress has a tool called the Congressional Review Act (CRA), which gives the House and Senate the authority to consider resolutions of disapproval that would void regulations that have been finalized by the executive branch. So far this year, Congress has used the CRA to void two of the previous administration's

midnight regulations, and there are several other resolutions of disapproval that are in the process of being considered by the House and Senate.

One regulation that was voided was the Department of the Interior's (DOI) stream buffer rule. Prior to proposing the rule, the DOI conducted its own investigative report, which showed that nearly all coal mines around the country have no off-site impacts. Yet, the department finalized 1,640 pages of mandates that would apply to every coal mine in the country. The rule would have had little environmental benefit, given the protections that are already in place under the Clean Water Act, and would have only served to regulate away good-paying jobs and our most reliable energy source in use today.

When it comes to public lands, I have and always will fight to protect Colorado's pristine areas and cultural treasures. In 2014, I worked to designate over 70,000 acres of the San Juan National Forest as the Hermosa Creek Special Management Area and I also carried legislation through the House to designate Chimney Rock as a national monument. Earlier this year, I joined my Colorado colleague, U.S. Rep. Jared Polis, in introducing a bill that expands the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest.

If you are interested in listening to the complete telephone town hall, you can do so on my YouTube channel.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, March 16

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District work session and board meeting. 4 p.m. work session, 5:30 p.m. board meeting. PAWSD administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave.

Tuesday, March 21

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 Commis-

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

Wednesday, March 22

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

Thursday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 28

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

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

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

March 6 — Information only, Palomino Place.
 March 6 — Violation of restraining order, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, San Juan Street.
 March 6 — Theft, Haley Place.
 March 6 — Information only, U.S. 160.
 March 7 — Warrant arrest, Evergreen Drive.
 March 7 — Harassment by phone or computer, menacing-intimidation (inc stalking threats).
 March 7 — No insurance in possession, expired license plates, improper registration-registration rescinded, canceled or used for another, Talisman Drive.
 March 8 — County warrant, San Juan Street.
 March 8 — County warrant, San Juan Street.
 March 9 — Domestic violence, harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order, Franklin Place.
 March 9 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
 March 9 — Trespass warning, Franklin Place.
 March 9 — Information only, Bonanza Avenue.
 March 10 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, San Juan Street.
 March 10 — Identity theft-intent, Lake Forest Circle.

March 10 — Agency assist, Hot Springs Boulevard.
 March 10 — County warrant, Bonanza Avenue.
 March 11 — Information only, North 5th Street.
 March 12 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, Eagle Drive.
 March 13 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
 March 13 — Animals running at large, unlawful ownership of vicious dog, Bonanza Avenue.
 March 13 — Obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, County Road 600.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Feb. 28 — Theft from vehicle, South 6th Street.
 Feb. 28 — Agency assist, South Pagosa Boulevard.
 Feb. 28 — Theft, Country Center Drive.
 March 1 — Motor vehicle theft, North 5th Street.
 March 1 — Information only, South 8th Street.
 March 1 — Mental health hold, South Pagosa Boulevard.
 March 2 — Truancy, Lewis Street.
 March 2 — Information only, North 5th Street.
 March 3 — Theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.
 March 4 — Criminal mischief, Country Center Drive.
 March 4 — Information only, South 9th Street.
 March 5 — Vehicle tampering, Hermosa Street.
 March 5 — Arrest warrant-local, South San Juan Alley.
 March 5 — Violation of restraining order/bond, South San Juan Alley.
 March 6 — Intent to defraud,

Pagosa Street.
 March 6 — Underage alcohol possession, South 8th Street.
 March 8 — Criminal mischief, Hermosa Street.
 March 8 — Traffic/weaving, U.S. 160.
 March 8 — Traffic/insurance, Pagosa Street.
 March 9 — Truancy, Lewis Street.
 March 9 — Trespass warning, South 9th Street.
 March 10 — Assault/third degree, Lewis Street.
 March 10 — Information only, Lewis Street.
 March 10 — Shoplifting, San Juan Street.
 March 10 — DUI, Lewis Street.
 March 11 — Criminal trespass, Eagle Drive.
 March 11 — Warrant arrest/local, Hot Springs Boulevard.
 March 11 — Traffic/license, Hills Circle.
 March 13 — Obscene conduct, South 8th Street.
 March 13 — Assault/third degree, County Road 200.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson

March 8 — Autumn Goudie, following too closely, four points, fines and costs — \$146.
 March 8 — Antonio Nunez-Guerra, failure to yield, three points, fines and costs — \$81.
 March 8 — Chris Chavez, speeding 1-4 mph over, fines and costs — \$82.
 March 8 — Nicholas Miller, careless driving, four points, fines and costs — \$202.
Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
 March 9 — Garland P. Slaughter, license plates-unlawful display, fine

and costs — \$90.50.
 March 9 — Trevor R. Neeley, controlled substance-unlawful use, fines and costs — \$7,749.50.
 March 9 — William D. Reedy III, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$163.50.
 March 9 — John R. Pesata, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.
 March 9 — Evan E. Oberfelder, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.
 March 9 — Peyton A. Ingalls, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.
 March 9 — Ross John Hegstrom, license plates expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.
 March 9 — Paul H. Hargrove, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.
 March 9 — Autumn N. Goudie, fail to yield right of way/stop sign, fines and costs — \$172.50.
 March 9 — Benjamin Joel Fuller, U-turn unsafely, fines and costs — \$172.50.
 March 9 — Brian Cornejo, license plates-unlawful display, license plates-expired, obstructed view-windshield, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, fines and costs — \$320.50.
 March 9 — Richard MT Coffelt, stop sign-fail to stop, fines and costs — \$172.50.
 March 9 — Joshua B. Cahill, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.
 March 9 — Cole Y. Aubrey Schultz, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$339.50.
 March 9 — Drew J. Young, license plates-expired, driver's license-not in possession, fines and costs — \$82.50.
 March 9 — Jason M. Sutter, speed-

ing 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.
 March 9 — Dennis H. Dunlap, license plates-expired, unsafe backing, fines and costs — \$97.50.
6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
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Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership announces Lifelong Learning Workshops

By Sally High
 Special to The SUN

Six educational workshops are planned by the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) between April and November.

The GGP's fifth Environmental Film Fest will be the first of the six educational experiences. The GGP is again partnering with the Colorado Environmental Film Festival Caravan to bring a full day of films to Pagosa Springs on April 8.

June 24, will bring birders together for "Ornithology of a Healthy River." The San Juan Riverwalk has 133 confirmed bird species sightings and leaders from Audubon Rockies and Weminuche Audubon will lead the workshop from the GGP site in Centennial Park.

"Trees and Native Plants in Pagosa Springs Parks" is slated for July 8. Expert local naturalists will be joined by Jamie Weiss of Audubon Rockies' Habitat Heroes to lead participants in this workshop in Centennial and other Pagosa Springs parks.

Insects are always part of a healthy ecosystem and "Entomology of a Healthy River" will consider beneficial insects, as well as pests, in the greenhouse and along the San Juan River. Area entomologists and fly-fishing experts will lead this workshop on Aug. 12.

A "Greenhouse Growing" workshop will provide understanding in numerous topics necessary for successful horticulture in a greenhouse. "Greenhouse Growing" is scheduled for Sept. 23 at the GGP's Education Dome and will be led by expert-level

horticulturalists.

"The Three Sisters at Your Thanksgiving Table" will be a hands-on culinary experience for Pagosa gourmets. Participants will learn and share recipes using corn, beans and squash, the staple food plants of the American southwest. The GGP is excited to organize this Thanksgiving-season workshop at a downtown commercial kitchen.

Tickets to the fifth GGP Environmental Film Fest are \$10 to members of the nonprofit organization and \$15 to nonmembers. Borde Rio is the site of a special Premiere Night on April 7. Premiere Night tickets are \$50 and include the upscale catered event, support for the nonprofit GGP and the full Saturday of films.

All GGP workshops are \$20 for members and \$40 for nonmembers.

Each workshop includes lunch. Membership in the GGP is \$25 and always involves a discount when participating in the nonprofit's educational and entertainment activities.

The GGP's programming committee is made up of volunteers, all of whom are local educators, naturalists and horticulturalists. This is the GGP's first full year of educational programming.

More information about the GGP's operations in the Education Dome and the construction of the Community Garden Dome can be found at www.pagosagreen.org. Links to membership and tickets to events are found on the website. Come by the Riverwalk and visit the Education Dome to get to know us better.

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Time running out to purchase conservation seedlings

By Ryan Cox
 Special to The SUN

The Colorado State Forest Service and the La Plata Conservation District are accepting applications for more than 40 varieties of low-cost seedling trees and shrubs grown at CSFS's Fort Collins nursery. Seedlings ordered now will be

distributed to Archuleta County in late April.

Residents and landowners in southwest Colorado interested in planting seedlings should make sure to get their orders in to the La Plata Conservation District, <http://www.laplatacd.org/seedling-trees>, by April 3.

It is highly recommended that

interested parties check the daily updated nursery inventory for available stock and container type on the website at the "Current Tree Inventory Status" link or <http://csfs.colostate.edu/seedling-tree-nursery/seedling-nursery-inventory/>.

Reminder: Archuleta County residents and landowners need to

order their seedlings through the La Plata Conservation District this year, but there will still be a group delivery day in Pagosa Springs in late April.

The only requirement for purchasing trees through the seedling program is that the seedlings be used for conservation purposes only.

Town Historic Preservation Board seeking new member

By Rachel Novak
 Special to The SUN

The Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board (HPB) is seeking interested individuals to fill a board vacancy.

Currently, there is one alternate seat available. The HPB consists of five regular members and two alternate members, each serving a four-year volunteer term. Regular meetings are twice

a month, on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall front conference room.

All interested persons are asked to please contact James Dickhoff, town planning director, at 264-4151, ext. 225 or jdickhoff@pagosasprings.co.gov, if you have any questions regarding your interest in this or future HPB vacancies.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest to the Town of Pagosa Springs

Planning Department no later than the new extended deadline of April 7 to the Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Department, P.O. Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, delivered in person to the office on the second floor of Town Hall, located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd., or by email to jdickhoff@pagosasprings.co.gov.

Vetted letters of interest will be forwarded to the town council, who will appoint new HPB members.

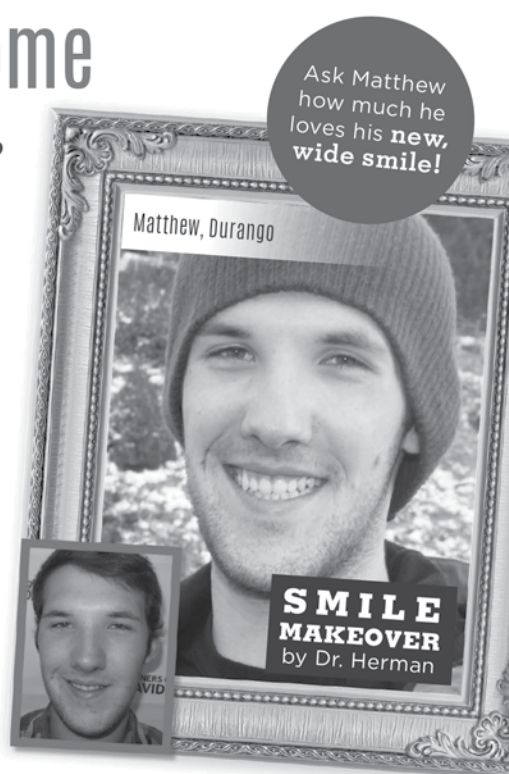
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Business



Entrepreneur invents solar-operated unit for oil heater treaters

By John Lee
The Pampa News

In October 2009, after having surgery on his back, Pagosa Springs and Pampa, Texas, entrepreneur Wallace L. Bruce sold all of his oil and gas leases.



Wallace L. Bruce

A creator/inventor at heart, Bruce's projectless-ness started to bother him until he asked God for a project. Bruce's project is a solar heater treater that helps to replace the use of gas in heater treaters.

In June 2010, Bruce began working on drawings of his solar heater treater unit and worked with his welder, Enrique Morales, to build the unit's housing. While at his cabin in Pagosa Springs, Bruce's friend Mark Ray asked Bruce what his latest project was and Bruce spoke about solar heater treaters. Ray got Bruce connected with his solar supplier, Richard Chacon, in Farmington, N.M.

"I told him (Ray) what I was working on and he said, 'That's my specialty,'" Bruce said.

Ray and Bruce came back to Pampa to work on the unit with Bruce's employees.

There were no guidelines, other than using glycol, for Bruce and his crew to follow when working on the first unit.

Bruce's solar heater treater is important as it helps to replace the use of gas in heater treaters, which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has gotten more stern about.

After re-injuring his back in August of 2010, Bruce had to work in a limited capacity, which included more meetings at his home and short trips to the shop to instruct his employees.

In October of 2010, Bruce and company moved the unit to his



Photo courtesy John Lee/The Pampa News

Creator and inventor Wallace L. Bruce invented this solar heater treater that helps to replace the use of gas in heater treaters.

property on Kentucky (Avenue), where he had set three tanks and connected the unit to install two solar panels. It didn't provide enough heat, which caused Ray to go back to Pagosa Springs and Farmington to purchase more solar panels.

Bruce's health began to improve and he was able to oversee more of the work and he met Ross Hinton, who stopped by to check out the project.

Hinton works on the Lilly Lease Land and his boss flew to Pampa to look over the unit as he saw a need for it because the gas company had turned off their return gas for their leases.

On July 25, 2011, they moved the unit to Mr. Lilly's lease and hooked it up to his west separator. Several months later, Mr. Lilly challenged

Bruce to heat his second separator. Starting in March of 2013, Ray came to Pampa with the supplies and after several trial-and-error runs, they replaced the first unit and moved the second unit to the lease, connected it and it has worked for three years.

The unit, now patented, sits on the Lilly Lease Land on Farm-to-Market Road 2386 between Texas Highway 152 and U.S. Highway 60. The owner of the lease land approached Bruce after he successfully heated his first heater treater and suggested he try heating the second heater treater, which sits on the land today.

With the help of his son, Wayne Bruce, grandson Wade Bruce and

Jeremy Doucette (who did the technical work), they built a computer for the unit so you can check the readings of the gauges from the convenience of their smartphones.

Even when the outside temperature is 34.3 degrees on an evening in March, the heater's temperatures range from 89.5 to 96.3 degrees.

During the evening and cloudy days, there is an electric oil heater that kicks on in the event the temperature in the heater drops below 75 degrees.

The entire unit is made up of a closed system, which keeps the EPA from needing to check on the unit. Hinton, who oversees the lease and the unit, said there have been no oil turned back in the three years the unit has been operating and the BSW (Basic Sediment Water) ratio is .2 of 1 percent. The maximum allowed ratio is 2 percent.

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Flower basket beautification program kicks off

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The SUN

The 2017 Pagosa Pride/Hanging Basket Program is now underway. This Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce program has been in effect for almost 20 years.

This beautification drive encourages businesses to add a little color and natural beauty to their storefronts, making them inviting and collectively contributing to sprucing up our community. Of course, this is only a small step to beautifying the community.

If you have a planter or garden area near or at your business, we encourage you to spend a little time and money in planting that area as, just like butterflies and bees, it attracts people to your well-kept and manicured facility.

The Chamber offers two size baskets: 12 inch and 16 inch. The 12-inch baskets remain \$30 each this year and the large 16-inch baskets are again \$100 each.

The smaller baskets are planted with a mix of flowers including geraniums, petunias, lobelia, "Johnny jump-ups" and a variety of greens. The large 16-inch baskets are planted primarily with "supertunias" and calibrachoa. They are quite heavy and require a support system strong enough to hold about 30 pounds of weight. With our winds and weather, while the baskets can withstand being mostly in the sun, we encourage purchasers to find a sun/shade spot and make sure the baskets are watered almost every day.

The baskets come with a small packet of fertilizer to help you on your way to keeping your flowers beautiful all season long. The baskets can be picked up at the Chamber or delivered to your home or business for a small transportation fee.

The 12-inch baskets are scheduled to be delivered and can be claimed on May 26, just before the Memorial Day weekend and in time for barbecues and holiday

visitors.

The 16-inch baskets will be available sometime during the week following the Memorial Day weekend just in time for our very busy June season this year. We will notify buyers of the delivery date.

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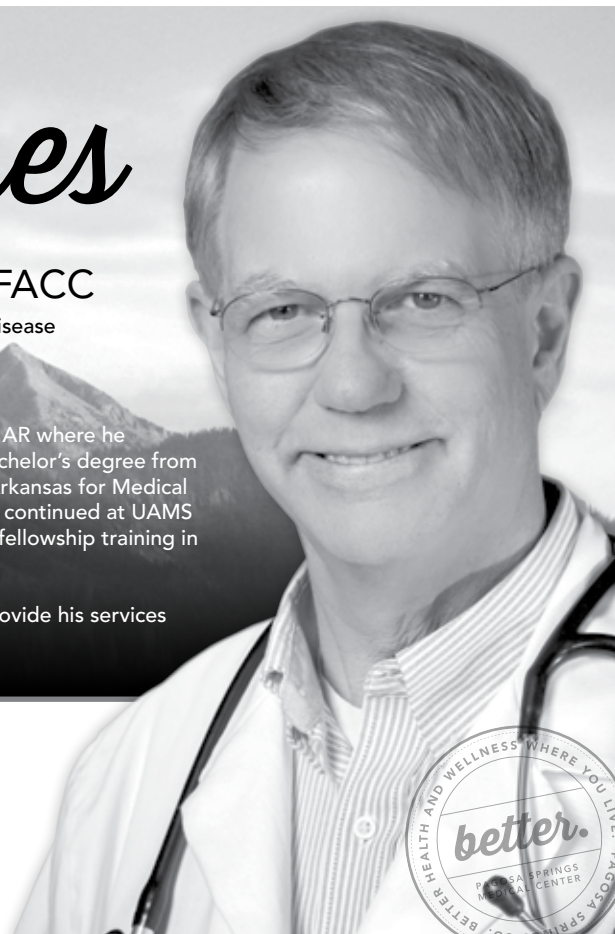
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the site, he said, we “will need to evaluate that and see if it warrants a change, and it very well may.”

But, he added, “its way too early to say anything more than we have an interesting offer on the table,” and the county will follow up with due diligence.

Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger commented that, “With some of the information that has come to my attention personally, there’s some exciting options. ... Some of those options, I think, the town will support, [though] I don’t know for sure.”

A goal “to recognize and value a healthy ... downtown as the community’s heart,” was included among town council’s goals and objectives both last year and this year. Consistent with that, on Aug. 18, 2016, prior to the county’s selection of the site along Hot Springs Boulevard, town council passed a resolution to voice a preference for the new justice center to be located in the downtown area, without endorsing any specific location.

During the joint work session this week, Whiting said the county understood the importance of “downtown vitality,” and the connection between that and the location of the courts and other county operations.

“If it’s important to [the town] its important to us,” he stated.

Volger responded cryptically: “Thank you. ... I won’t say any more, not yet anyway. It will be coming shortly.”

The discussion then turned to the likelihood that construction of a justice center could require an increase in local taxes, possibly an addition to the 4 percent sales tax

shared equally between the town and county.

Initially, councilor David Schanzenbaker observed that a possible sales tax increase should be discussed by the two entities. He noted the town’s share of the sales tax was very important as its primary revenue source.

County Attorney Todd Starr immediately affirmed that “it’s a discussion we have to have and the county knows that the town is its partner” on sales tax “and has to be at the table on that,” but suggested “it may be a little premature at this point” to have the discussion now.

Discussion in detail should await clarification of the specific financing issue that would need to be addressed, Starr advised.

Wadley confirmed that the town “won’t get blindsided” on a tax increase. He agreed that the town and county should discuss the matter “when we have got really solid numbers that we don’t have right now.”

In addition, Wadley cautioned that the existing “50/50 split” of sales tax revenue between the county and town may not be applicable to a tax increase specifically to fund the justice center.

The center, he added, would “benefit the whole community.”

Whiting added that it was not even clear that it would be necessary to go to the voters for approval of a tax if the justice center was undertaken “as a phased project.” And if a new tax was necessary, Whiting observed that its form had not been decided either.

But he said any new tax, whether the county might prefer it be imposed on sales or property, would

need to be discussed with the town since it would impact the whole community.

“So, we’d grab you guys either way,” he said.

Volger then observed that obtaining voter approval locally for increasing taxes is never a sure thing, but expressed the view that with a thoughtful approach, it would be possible for the town, the county, other local elected officials and the court system all to join together in support of the new justice center and the means of financing it.

It would be in his experience, “one of the first times that ever happened,” he said, and “that excites me, and I think it’s very possible.”

State sales tax increase

Town Manager Greg Schulte then referred the work session’s attention to a recently disclosed bipartisan proposal in the Colorado Legislature to increase the state sales tax to provide funding for highways and “multi-modal” transportation projects statewide.

According to a memorandum prepared last week by the organization Colorado Counties Inc., and distributed at the work session by Schulte, the proposal would increase the Colorado sales tax rate by .62 percent, and would be expected to raise \$700 million annually.

The memorandum indicates that about \$300 million of the new revenues annually would be intended for use by the Colorado Department of Transportation to support bond issues to pay for new road construction.

Of the \$400 million balance, 70 percent would be split evenly

between counties and municipalities, and 30 percent would be for multimodal projects statewide and be made available to local governments for specific projects, subject to local matching funds.

About \$75 million of the new revenue would be used to reduce state vehicle registration fees.

Sales

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Utilities were down 5.6 percent, or \$4,479.

Real estate and rentals were down 14.9 percent, or \$2,799.

Miscellaneous decreased 39 percent, by \$2,684.

Administrative and support was down 61.4 percent, or \$799.

Schulte observed that if the legislative proposal is ultimately implemented, the impact it would have on the sales tax rate is something the town and county would “need to monitor pretty closely, even if the new courthouse wasn’t part of the conversation.”

The existing state sales tax rate is

2.9 percent, so the proposal would increase that rate to slightly over 3.5 percent. Combined with the present local sales tax, Archuleta County residents would have a total 7.5 percent sales tax, before any possible increase of the local tax rate.

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Suit

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The plaintiffs of the complaint are listed as Pat Alley, Dave Brackhahn, Wayne Bryant, Greg Giehl, Cole Graham, Vernon Greenamyer, Bill Gottschalk, Sue Gottschalk, Stephen Keno, Tom Kramer, Jeffrey Maehr, Sharon Parker, Tracy Salazar, Dennis Spencer, Dave West and “John and Jane Does, 1-600.” The complaint states that the John and Jane Does represent signatories on the ballot initiatives.

The plaintiffs, who are listed with addresses in Archuleta County, brought the suit pro se, or without an attorney.

The order by District Court Judge Jeffery Raymond Wilson dismissing the suit in response to the defendants’ motion, concluded that the plaintiffs, proponents of the 11 proposed initiatives, had “no cause of action against any of the defendants,” over the failure to include the initiatives on the ballot.

The judge attributed the lack of any cause of action to the limits on popular initiatives set by Colorado law for non-home-rule counties in the state, including Archuleta County.

The judge ruled that state law allows ballot initiatives in such counties concerning only “county sales taxes,” whereas none of the proposed initiatives dealt with that subject.

Wilson observed that although the plaintiffs contended that the proposed initiatives were authorized by Colorado statute, “the plaintiffs ignore the portion” of the statute limiting initiatives to matters authorized by state statute or constitution.

“With the exception of a county sales tax,” the judge wrote, “there is no constitutional or statutory authority for a countywide ballot initiative in unincorporated non-home-rule counties.”

The proposed initiatives concerned a wide variety of matters, including gun rights, the federal Affordable Care Act, grand juries, the writ of habeas corpus, a proposal to empower juries to nullify law, and a demand for creation of an Archuleta

County credit union to operate for the benefit of the people and as a gold and silver exchange.

In addition to summary judgment, the motion filed last December by Starr on behalf of the defendants sought an order for recovery of attorney fees and costs from the plaintiffs.

In the brief filed in support of the request for attorney fees, Starr contended that “the pro se plaintiffs have wasted thousands of dollars of taxpayer money because the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners will not go against the clearly established legal precedent.”

Starr’s brief added, “regardless of how often the pro se litigants [have been referred to that legal precedent, and] regardless of being advised that their efforts would be better spent amending the Colorado Constitution to provide for a right of initiative at the county level, [they] continue to pursue” the county defendants.

The brief continued, “It is well known that these individuals [the plaintiffs] either are or regularly associate with a group known as the Archuleta Guard. A group whose members have ... cost the taxpayers in excess of \$75,000 in defending against [a series of] baseless actions.”

“Enough is enough!” Starr’s brief urged. “It is time to make them pay for the costs they are unfairly, unjustly and in plain disregard for the existing law shifting to innocent taxpayers.”

Wilson ruled in his order filed Tuesday that Colorado law allows recovery of attorney fees and costs against pro se parties “who knew or should have known that their [suit] ... was substantially frivolous, substantially groundless, or substantially vexatious ...”

The judge directed an evidentiary hearing on the motion for fees and costs. It will be held on an undetermined date, which is to be fixed in response to notice filed by defendants.

In deciding a hearing is warranted, Wilson referred to the plaintiffs’

discussion of existing Colorado law within the body of their legal filing initiating the suit in May 2016.

He concluded the discussion contained an indication of the plaintiffs’ awareness of Colorado’s legal provisions limiting ballot initiatives, sufficient potentially to justify a finding that they had the knowledge required for an award of fees and costs.

Starr told The SUN after Wilson’s order was filed that he “was very happy the county and the taxpayers will have an opportunity for recovery of the tens of thousands of dollars that these plaintiffs” caused to be spent on legal proceedings by their frivolous actions.

Starr said that the suit itself was only the “beginning of a concentrated effort by the plaintiffs to attack me and the commissioners” over the county’s acceptance of his advice that there was no authority in Colorado law for presentation to the voters of the proposed initiatives.

In addition to the suit dismissed by Wilson’s order on Tuesday, the effort included the filing of a complaint against the county before the Colorado Independent Ethics Commission (IEC), and procurement of the issuance of a purported warrant of arrest against Starr by a self-proclaimed judge in Denver.

The ethics complaint was the subject of an evidentiary hearing last summer before the IEC in Denver. After the hearing, Starr told The SUN the commission issued a ruling “the complaint had no basis [and] was unfounded.”

The purported arrest warrant, Starr said, was referred to the district attorney for the 6th Judicial District, which includes Archuleta County.

It has been ignored, he reported. Starr told The SUN that after the issuance of the so-called warrant, he was contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and warned to be careful for his personal safety.

Attempts to reach representatives of the plaintiffs by press time Wednesday were unsuccessful.

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Scam

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He also said that, when people call the seller to express interest in the bars, the person answering the phone has been identifying himself as “Jeff.”

“We, at this time, want to warn the public to be very cautious when purchasing these bars from individuals on Craigslist or elsewhere,” said Maxwell. “The bars do appear

to be genuine. They’re in brand name packages, serial numbered, et cetera. They do, upon initial appearance, appear to be genuine bars, but upon examination, most of them are what appears to be copper underneath a gold plating.”

Maxwell explained that this is an ongoing investigation, and that the PSPD has felony arrest warrants out for two individuals.

The suspects are 37-year-old Dathan Mobley and 31-year-old Matthew Barnes, both out of Aztec, N.M.

If a person feels that they’re being scammed, or have already purchased gold they fear might be fake, they should contact the PSPD, or their respective local law enforcement agency.

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Hospital

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providers, with that revenue then matched by federal funding before being doled back out to hospitals for the above reasons.

The revenue collected by the fee counts towards the state’s revenue limits under TABOR (though the federal match does not), and pushed the state above the allowable limit.

A note on the Colorado Association of School Boards website notes, “The base year for calculating the state TABOR revenue limit is the 2007-08 fiscal year, before the HPF was collected or in the law.”

At the Feb. 28 meeting, Wilson explained briefly what the hospital provider fee is, noting out that it “comes out to a net plus for most hospitals in the state.”

For PSMC, it means about a \$1 million net reimbursement for 2017.

“However, the state has proposed, I believe the governor’s office has proposed, that in order to balance the budget for this next fiscal year, he’s taking it out of the provider fee, essentially,” Wilson explained. “And there’s a proposal to reduce the provider fee on an average of 43 percent, and there’s a number of elements that make up the provider fee, but if we as-

sumed we got the same kind of average cut as everybody else, the cut to us would be approximately \$1.1 million.”

Too, Wilson noted that much of that amount was related to PSMC’s growth.

“We’ve grown considerably over the last few years and the state is always a couple of years behind in terms of the data they use to calculate the provider fee. And, so, one of our big growth years ... is one of the years used to calculate the provider fee, so we would have had a significant increase in the provider fee for the fiscal year ‘16 and ‘17, but because of this cut we’re not going to see this increase, and that’s the \$1.1 million I’m talking about.”

“So, that’s a lottery we did not win,” board chair Mark Floyd noted.

Wilson said this issue probably wouldn’t be resolved until at least May, and that the issue could be split along party lines.

PSMC Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese sat in at a Colorado Hospital Association (CHA) meeting on the topic, Wilson said.

The CHA is working to remedy the issue, he said, with that group’s main proposal being to set up the hospital provider fee as an enterprise fund next year, which could

help recapture some of this year’s losses.

Work is also being done, he said, to try to eliminate the more immediate loss to limit the burden being borne by hospitals.

“For us it’s pretty devastating, but for other hospitals, it’s even worse,” he said, noting it would take seven or eight hospitals from a positive margin to a negative margin because of it.

Bruzzese then explained how the fee was a TABOR issue, explaining that when revenue increases land above TABOR limits, that means a cut to programs in future years instead of a direct refund to taxpayers.

Later, Wilson noted that while they had budgeted conservatively locally, “\$1.1 million would make one heck of a difference” this year and next.

But hospitals are not the only groups paying close attention to the battle over moving the hospital provider fee to an enterprise fund.

Proponents of the change to an enterprise fund, which would mean the fee revenues would not count against the state’s TABOR limit, note that it would mean more money that could be allocated to schools and roads.

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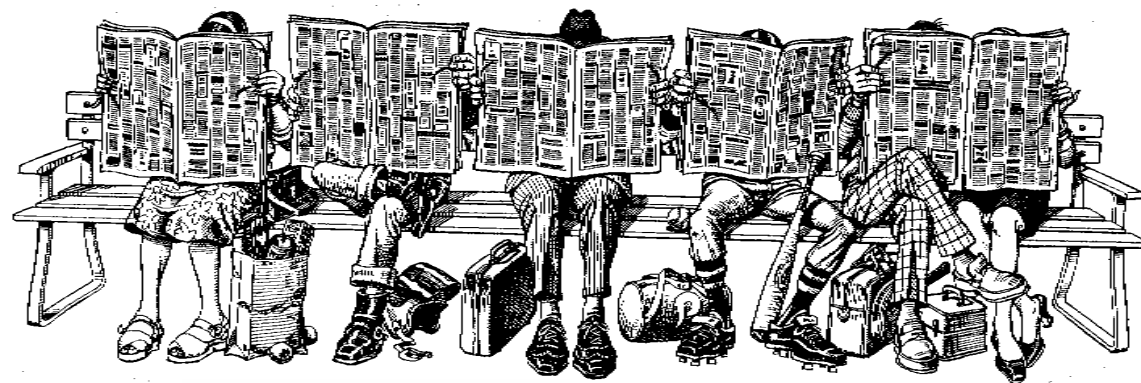
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Broadband discussion advanced by CDC

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

At the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' work session on March 7, the county's intent to consider the so-called "dig once" concept for road reconstruction planned this summer was confirmed as a means potentially to facilitate broadband expansion.

The dig-once concept calls for exploitation of any construction within a public right of way as a potential opportunity to bury empty conduit in trenches. That could greatly increase the availability of empty conduit along rights of way at relatively low cost, by sharing labor and equipment already on site for other reasons.

The empty conduit could then later be used cheaply to install fiber optic cable, the most common means of transmitting data-intensive broadband signals. That would reduce cost of fiber installation, a factor frequently cited as a barrier to improved rural broadband service.

But while intent to use this summer's reconstruction projects as potential dig-once opportunities was confirmed, the commissioners suggested last week that county action now to adopt a comprehensive dig-once standard applicable throughout the county would be premature.

That step was recommended this winter by a consultant engaged by the Southwest Colorado Council of Governments as part of an effort to upgrade regional broadband access. But, as previously reported by The

SUN in its March 9 edition, Commissioner Michael Whiting advised at the work session that dig once was under consideration as a potential element in a broadband plan for the community being considered by the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC).

Whiting suggested that comprehensive action by the county on dig once or other means of enhancing broadband would depend on the plan by CDC, likely to be announced in June. Whiting is a CDC board member.

At a CDC board meeting the next evening, March 8 (too late to be reported in The SUN's March 9 edition), elaboration was provided on Whiting's forecast to the commissioners work session of the likelihood of a broadband plan in June.

Whiting reported to his CDC board colleagues that he had made a commitment to preliminary recommendations by June "just to give elected officials and leadership a sense of in what compass heading the solutions lie."

He elaborated that as the broadband workgroup for the county and the Town of Pagosa Springs, based on available data assessing local broadband assets, the CDC should outline a plan in June to "fill in [the current gaps] with broadband," including "a discussion of state-wide policy and how it impacts financing."

CDC president Jason Cox agreed, but suggested that input from elected officials prior to June would be helpful. Whiting cautioned, however, that elected officials may not bring

the expertise needed for early input. Instead, he commented, in-formed "establishment of priorities [best] follows recommendations" from the CDC.

Consequently, Whiting stated, "June is a great time to inform officials of where we are and where we're not."

If "edge-to-edge broadband is where we're headed," he added, the CDC should address the questions, "How do we get there? Is it 20 [wireless] towers and 5 miles of fiber? And what are the costs involved?"

The CDC discussion also addressed specifically the dig-once concept.

Whiting observed that dig once "will be one of the policy recommendations" made by the CDC. He explained that all local government entities, including special purpose districts, "ought to be on the same page and constantly communicating. When you have an open ditch, you ought to be dropping conduit in that ditch ... everywhere."

CDC board member Michael Heraty then observed, "If the town and county are serious about this commitment, they've got to get their checkbook out. And we've got to tell them what we need to get it done."

Whiting responded, "Mike's dead on."

He referred his board colleagues to the joint county and town effort currently to improve early childhood education in the community, which he explained was advancing under the leadership of a paid, "full-time person." That will happen on broadband, he added, but

the process is currently "less fully evolved."

Cox then provided an assessment of the immediate task for CDC. "The next step is to establish a county-wide buildout plan," he said, "... and establish [a] budget, timeframes and funding mechanisms. ... That's June's goal."

Heraty commented that a specific part of the CDC's plan should be to establish "a management recommendation and a budget" to implement it, "otherwise, you're going to have another 90 days go by" without much progress.

Whiting concurred, "absolutely. This [June plan] is an interim recommendation. It's not going to be a full set of recommendations."

He counseled the wisdom of being deliberate in the approach. Going too fast, he said, risked adverse reaction, and getting your "head cut off."

But Cox advocated that the CDC should have some willingness "to stick its neck out."

He suggested a "phased approach," involving build-out of fiber to community anchor institutions [such as fire and EMS stations] down U.S. 84 and up Piedra Road."

Cox explained, "If we get fiber there, we extend the reach," because of the almost infinite capacity of fiber to transmit data.

Continuing his elaboration of the potential phased approach, Cox said, "Then we distribute last mile [connections to homes] from there."

He summed up: "That's really the bones of the plan."
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Town hosts public work session for park amenities

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

On Thursday, March 9, the Town of Pagosa Springs Planning and Parks and Recreation Department held a work session to get public input on improving the parks and recreation opportunities in town.

The work session was part of the town's update process to its comprehensive plan.

The session was led by Town Planning Director James Dickhoff, who discussed each park in town in great detail, outlining each park's current amenities, future plans for each park, and then received public input on what else should be added to each park.

Common amenities featured in many of the parks included shade structures, seating structures, sig-

nage, restrooms, playground equipment, landscaping, event venues and sports fields.

The first park Dickhoff discussed was the area behind the River Center.

He explained that the two fishing ponds were funded by a grant from Great Outdoors Colorado, commonly referred to as GOCCO.

The Riverwalk path was paved in 2016, and bike racks were added to the area as well.

He explained that, for 2017, projects for the area included replacing the fishing dock in one of the ponds and paving the path to that fishing dock.

When the time came for public comment, audience members suggested ideas such as:

- Signage with maps of the Riverwalk in its entirety.
- Signage putting emphasis on

water safety.

- Signage pointing people in the direction of the River Center park section.

- The greater proliferation of natural shading, such as planting more trees.

The idea of a park area near Cotton's Hole was briefly discussed, with Dickhoff explaining that a new wave feature upstream from Cotton's Hole would be installed in the future.

The presentation then turned to Town Park, located south of Hermosa Street and north of the San Juan River.

Dickhoff outlined some of the amenities at this park, drawing attention to the barbecue grills, the gazebo, benches and picnic tables in the area.

He pointed out that the new pirate ship playground was added to the park in 2015, and in 2016, the town added a climbing boulder and bike racks.

Concerning projects in 2017 for Town Park, Dickhoff said that the parking lots will be paved, and that a sidewalk will be built on the south side of Hermosa Street with the goal of fully connecting the Riverwalk in mind.

He also added that wildlife-resistant trash cans are expected to be installed.

When it came time for public suggestions, audience members suggested things such as lighting near lots and restrooms that are solar powered, or lights along the Riverwalk that are activated by motion.

One individual suggested the idea of a slalom course for kayakers and rafters, similar to the one in the Animas River in Durango.

Another audience member suggested having interpretive signage in the area acknowledging the Native American backgrounds and cultures that have had effect on Pagosa

Springs and the surrounding area.

Another audience member suggested tearing down the current gazebo — which contains a stage for events — and building a new structure that makes it easier for events to take place there.

She added that access to electricity at the current gazebo can be difficult for the artists and musicians who set up to play shows there.

The work session then turned to Mary Fisher Park, which is south of the San Juan River and north of San Juan Street.

Dickhoff cited amenities such as the changing station there, as well as a large parking area.

One audience member suggested allowing campsites in that area of town, saying that most campsites are located quite a ways from town.

Other audience members said that the park could use a restroom.

The next park that was discussed was Centennial Park, located south of the Archuleta County Courthouse.

Dickhoff cited some amenities in this park such as restrooms, the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) greenhouse, a small amphitheater along the Riverwalk and the community garden.

He pointed out that the pedestrian bridge located near the park was replaced last summer, and that two more geothermal greenhouses are slated to be constructed in the future.

He also pointed out that the land that the greenhouse is currently on is owned by the town but is being leased to the GGP.

Another park that was discussed was Yamaguchi Park, located on the east side of South 5th Street.

Yamaguchi Park's amenities include a skate park, a baseball field, a playground, a gazebo, restrooms, picnic tables and benches, soccer

Karn Macht named PFPD deputy chief

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Karn Macht has been named the deputy chief of the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD).

The decision came after the PFPD Board of Directors — in its regular meeting on March 14 — came out of a short executive session, during which the board and PFPD Chief Randy Larson discussed the position of deputy chief.



Karn Macht

"Mr. Chairman, at this time, I would like to submit to the board that I'm going to offer Karn Macht

the position of deputy chief," said Larson. "We'll take the interim part off of that and make it a permanent position."

Director Ed Ainsworth said, "That's great news, and I would like to make a motion that we support the chief and congratulate the new ... deputy chief."

PFPD board chairman John Thompson seconded the motion, which proceeded to pass unanimously.

"I want to thank the fire chief and the board for allowing me to sit in this position, and the confidence you've placed in me to be able to be deputy chief and step in as acting fire chief when our chief is out of town," said Macht after receiving congratulations from the board and Larson.

Macht had been serving as interim deputy chief since Jan. 16.
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Get tips and stay up to date on Colorado fishing regulations by reading the 2017 Colorado Fishing Brochure.

Turkey hunting seminar, mentored hunt offered

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Colorado Parks and Wildlife will offer a free seminar on turkey hunting and a mentored turkey hunt for qualified applicants in April in Pagosa Springs.

The event is designed to recruit, encourage and instruct novice turkey hunters to participate in Colorado's great hunting heritage. Topics to be covered in the seminar include: turkey biology, hunting strategies, equipment needed for turkey hunting, calling and safety.

The free seminar, to be held from 3 to 6:30 p.m. on April 21 at the Archuleta County Extension center, is open to anyone interested in turkey hunting. No experience or equipment is necessary.

Those interested in participating in the mentored hunt must fill out



Photo courtesy Colorado Parks and Wildlife
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an application which can be picked up at the U.S. Forest Service office in Pagosa Springs. No hunting experience is necessary, but selected hunters must possess a valid hunter safety card and a spring turkey hunting license by April 21.

Hunts will take place on private properties around the Pagosa Springs area over the weekend of April 22-23.

For additional information, please call District Wildlife Manager Adrian Archuleta at 799-0844.

Chimney Rock National Monument: An enriching volunteer experience

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

At the heart of Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA), operating the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument, are more than 80 friendly volunteers.

While there are paid staff members, it's the volunteers who do most of the tasks that make the program work. Here are just a few of the reasons to join the CRIA volunteer team:

Since CRIA is primarily staffed by volunteers, it is essential to the program's success that the volunteer corps remains strong in skills and numbers. Without the volunteers' skills and valuable time, it would be impossible to keep this local, nonprofit, interpretive program viable and the gates to Chimney Rock open.

CRIA invites community mem-

bers to the annual open house at the EcoLuxe building at The Springs Resort and Spa, 165 Hot Springs Blvd., from 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 17.

Experienced volunteers will be on hand to introduce guests to the variety of roles that support this unique program and the flexibility in level of commitment. Some of the volunteer positions include: Visitor Cabin host, mesa host, tour guide and maintenance crew. CRIA also needs volunteers to help with the monthly and annual special programs, lighting the path up to the Great House for the Full Moon programs or manning telescopes at the Night Sky Archaeoastronomy programs. At the two-day Life at Chimney Festival, volunteers are needed to help families with hands-on cultural activities.

For more information about volunteer opportunities at Chimney Rock National Monument, please

stop by the Chimney Rock open house and enjoy desserts with our enthusiastic volunteers.

CRIA's Volunteer Training Days will take place on April 21 and 22 at the PLPOA Clubhouse located at 230 Port Ave. CRIA offers a great, in-depth training and mentoring program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers. We are very excited for the upcoming season starting May 15 and want to encourage the community to join us.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501 (c)3 organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest. For more information and to view the 2017 Chimney Rock Calendar of events, see the CRIA website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.



Photo courtesy U.S. Forest Service

San Juan National Forest representatives are honored at an award ceremony in Denver earlier this month. Pictured are, left to right, Rocky Mountain Regional Forester Brian Ferebee, San Juan National Forest Pagosa District Ranger Kevin Khung, Dolores District Ranger Derek Padilla, Renewable Resources Staff Officer Anthony Madrid and Forest Supervisor Kara Chadwick, along with deputy regional foresters Jacque Buchanan and Maribeth Gustafson.

San Juan National Forest receives regional award for 2016 accomplishments

By Ann Bond
Special to The SUN

The San Juan National Forest was recognized earlier in February by the U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region in Denver with a Regional Forester's Honor Award for strengthening communities and connecting people to the outdoors, and ensuring forests deliver values, uses, products and services that people want and need.

"I want to thank our employees and partners for their assistance, support and hard work," said Kara Chadwick, San Juan National Forest supervisor. "This award celebrates our ability to multiply our productivity through team work to support local communities and improve public lands."

The San Juan National Forest received the Regional Forester's Award for "Delivering Benefits to the Public" for:

- Working with the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership to complete fuels reduction and biomass removal on national forest lands adjacent to private lands near Pagosa Springs through contracts with small-business contractors employing local residents, while providing monitoring and public education through Firewise of Southwest Colorado and the Mountain Studies Institute.

- Reducing hazardous fuels on additional national forest acreage and adjacent private lands near Pagosa Springs in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and other partners.
- Completing 6,000 acres of prescribed burning on federal, private and state lands across the Fosset Gulch landscape near Bayfield, and replanting native seedlings on several thousand acres of the 2002 Missionary Ridge fire scar with funding from the National Forest Foundation.

- Working to help protect the watersheds of the San Juan, Chama and Rio Grande rivers, which supply water to 1 million people in southern Colorado and New Mexico, through partnerships with the Rio Grande and Carson national forests, Bureau of Land Management, San Juan Headwaters Forest

Health Partnership, Chama Peak Land Alliance, Nature Conservancy, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Colorado State Forest Service, New Mexico Forest Service, Southern Ute Agency and others.

The Regional Forester Honor Awards are presented each year for outstanding achievement by Forest Service employees and partners. The San Juan was one of six national forests across the Rocky Mountain Region recognized this year.

"The award winners have taken notable actions to ensure that forest and grasslands provide Americans benefits such as clean water and air, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities and more," said Rocky Mountain Regional Forester Brian Ferebee. "Their contributions have, and will continue to make a difference for present and future generations."

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Education

Americana Project students travel to Sisters, Ore.

By Addie Thompson, Isabella Mijares, Patty Black and Elsa Lindner
Special to The SUN

On March 2, four selected students from the Pagosa Springs High School Americana Project flew to Sisters, Ore., to participate in the Americana Songwriting Academy for Youth sponsored by the Sisters Folk Festival.

This is the sixth year the Pagosa Springs Americana Project has participated in this event. Over the weekend, the students gathered with around 40 others from Oregon and California to hone their skills in songwriting. They took classes from experienced artists who acted as their mentors for the weekend.

It was an incredible opportunity for learning skills in the songwriting and music trade. The weekend consisted of breakout classes with professional singer-songwriters and concerts, one for the students as well as a concert for the public.

One of the students, Isabella Mijares, wrote about her experience saying, "This weekend was truly a once in a lifetime experience. The Sisters kids were the most amazing supportive group of high schoolers I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. At any given moment during the weekend, you could go sit with a group of people and immediately feel like you've known them all your life. In addition to this encouragement, I also learned more about songwriting than I ever had before. We got instructions and ideas from professional singer-songwriters. For example, I took a class on how to incorporate nature themes and details into your songs. I'm hope-



Students from the Pagosa Springs High School Americana Project pose for a picture during the Americana Songwriting Academy for Youth in Sisters, Ore. Pictured, left to right, are Addie Thompson, Patty Black, Elsa Lindner and Isabella Mijares.

Photo courtesy Bob Hemenger

ful that we can take the support and encouragement as well as the skills of singing and songwriting back to the Americana project here in Pagosa."

Addie Thompson, another student who participated, said, "This weekend was chalked full of inspiration. I spent my time spinning stories into songs and transforming strangers into friends. I especially enjoyed the mentorship from professional singer-songwriters. This weekend helped develop my skills exponentially. I'm incredibly grateful to Mr. Hemenger and the Americana Project for giving me

an experience I will never forget."

One of the two freshmen who attended, Patty Black, said, "This was an amazing experience that most schools don't have the opportunity to attend. From this, I've learned more about songwriting and collaborating with other musicians."

The other freshman, Elsa Lindner said, "The time I spent in Sisters was truly amazing and I am so grateful to be given the opportunity to go to the camp. Before I had gone, I knew I wanted to write songs, but I was never sure how to start my songs or where to go with them. The workshops I attended at

the camp taught me so much and more, such as how to get over writer's block and how to put imagery into my songs. In addition to learning about dynamics of songwriting, I made new friends and gathered inspiration everywhere I looked from all my peers at the camp."

The Americana Project would like to thank the Archuleta School District Board of Education, administration, parents, Sisters Folk Festival staff and songwriters of the Americana Songwriting Academy, as well as both communities, for helping make this such a positive experience.

Reports shed light on local schools

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A number of reports, rankings and data are released during the first few months of each calendar year, providing school districts across the state with a snapshot of how that district is doing relative to the state in several areas.

And, this year, those reports show a mixed bag for Archuleta School District 50 Jt. (ASD), while things look less positive for GOAL Academy.

The GOAL (Guided Online Academic Learning) Academy is a blended-learning (online and face-to-face) charter high school with nearly 30 locations throughout the state, including in Pagosa Springs.

The school, however, is based out of the Falcon 49 School District in Colorado Springs.

Following are brief looks at a few of the reports released so far

in 2017.

College enrollment

Despite an uptick at the state level, the number of Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) graduates enrolling in postsecondary institutions dropped, according to information released by the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) earlier this month.

Across the state, 56.5 percent of Colorado's high school class of 2015 enrolled in a postsecondary institution, according to a CDHE report issued on March 3, with about three-fourths of these 30,000 graduates choosing to attend a two-year or four-year Colorado college or university.

But, for PSHS, only 38.9 percent of the class of 2015's 95 graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution, with 27.4 percent choosing a two-year or four-year Colorado college or university.

Falcon 49 fell in among the bottom 10 districts in the state with a 35.8 percent college-going rate for the class of 2015. GOAL Academy specifically lists a college-going rate of 13.5 percent for the class of 2015, which included 635 students.

At the state level, the 56.5 percent enrollment is an increase over the class of 2014's 55.9 percent enrollment but is still over 2 percentage points lower than its peak in 2009.

PSHS's figure, however, shows a decrease from 2014's 48.8 percent college-going rate.

GOAL Academy's college enrollment figure decreased compared to the class of 2014's college-going rate of 20.2 percent, with the class of 2014 having 550 students.

'The Outliers'

In February, A+ Colorado released a comprehensive report about the state of academic out-

comes for different groups of students in school districts across the state.

"The Outliers: The State of Colorado School Districts 2016" identifies school districts that buck student achievement trends across the state, highlighting those districts that are best serving different student populations, including students of color, students with disabilities, emerging multilingual students learning English, and low-income students.

Both Falcon 49 and ASD are mentioned in the report.

Falcon 49 is listed as the district with the second-largest increase

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School moves forward with property dedication for street extension

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Tuesday evening, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) took the first step in granting a portion of land to the Town of Pagosa Springs to provide a street extension necessary for The Foothills, an affordable housing project slated to occur near Pagosa Springs High School.

Town Manager Greg Schulte brought the proposal forward to the BOE at its monthly meeting Tuesday evening, with the specific request being to allow the town to move forward with obtaining a legal description to allow for possible future dedication of the land.

"Really, this conversation is within the context of the Foothills project that Steve (Graham) and Jack (Bridges) are proposing, and I know that you have been discussing that with them for the last few months as well," Schulte said.

That project aims to develop affordable housing on land currently owned by the developers, as well as on land currently owned by ASD and land currently owned by the town.

"So," Schulte continued, "the gist of this is that the proposal is to have the school dedicate a piece of property that really is the furthest southern end of South 6th Street, and that would ... serve a couple purposes."

Having that land dedicated to the town would mean South 6th Street would be extended one

block, linking it into the lower portion of the Pagosa Springs High School parking lot.

He noted that the land is part of the "equation for the Foothills project," but, from the town staff's point of view, would serve a larger purpose to enhance circulation of traffic, provide additional access for emergency vehicles and would provide a "nice connection."

Schulte then informed the BOE of the process should the board vote to allow the town to obtain a specific legal description.

The town, he said, would have Davis Engineering produce a legal description, which would then be brought back before the BOE for an official dedication, which he anticipated would occur at the BOE's April 11 meeting.

That dedication would then have to be accepted by the town via ordinance, which would require two public readings.

He noted the town would pick up the cost of obtaining the legal description.

In response to a question from BOE member Lisl Keuning, Graham said the piece of land in question is about 60-70 feet by 130 feet.

Fellow BOE member Brooks Lindner asked if ASD would be conveying an easement, or full ownership, with Schulte indicating he believed they would be transferring ownership.

Bruce Dryburgh, who was chairing the meeting in Greg Schick's absence, noted he did not see any purpose in ASD retaining ownership,

with ASD Superintendent Linda Reed indicating if the town owned the land, it would maintain it.

Soon after, Reed noted that she had taken "several" of the board members by the area in question on their way to Ignacio.

Reed was referring to a March 7 trip the school board took to Ignacio to tour that school district's new and newly remodeled school buildings.

The official notice for that trip made no mention of a site visit relating to South 6th Street.

Dryburgh later noted he felt the board should approve the agenda item and dedication of the property whether the Foothills project moves forward or not.

"I just don't see any downside to it, personally," he said.

A motion by Lindner to allow the town to obtain the legal description passed unanimously.

But the March 7 side trip was not the only mention of a meeting that, per state law, could be considered illegal.

The Colorado Sunshine Law indicated that local public bodies must notice a meeting 24 hours in advance and post specific agendas if possible.

Later, during Reed's superintendent's report, she mentioned a board lunch with the high school's student council set for noon today, March 16, but, as of press time Wednesday, that had not been noticed to allow a quorum of the board to legally attend.

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S'more Fun with Books

Photos courtesy Sanya Peterson

The theme for this year's Pagosa Springs Elementary School book fair was S'more Fun with Books. On March 8, over 400 Family Night attendees participated in events built around camping activities including storytelling, singing, visiting Smokey the Bear, and enjoying a delicious potato bar and s'mores.



Rotary Club offers Youth Leadership Scholarships

By Roberta Tolan
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is seeking nominations for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Scholarships.

RYLA is a program that provides professional leadership training for current high school sophomores and juniors. The four-day leadership retreat will be held June 16-19 at the Colorado Mountain College Spring Valley Campus in Glenwood Springs.

The RYLA retreat weekend provides a series of professionally developed presentations and activities that take participants through a process of assessing their personal leadership characteristics and understanding the ethics of leadership and setting personal goals.

Community members may nominate students whom they feel are showing early signs of leadership or leadership potential in the community. Information and nomination forms are available

by contacting the Pagosa Springs RYLA coordinators below before April 7. Students will be interviewed by the club and scholarship recipients selected in April.

The local scholarships are sponsored by the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club. Scholarships cover the full cost of the training weekend for scholarship recipients.

For more information, contact Roberta Tolan at 731-0419 or rto-3@pagosasun.com, or Cindi Galabota at 903-9860 or cindi.galabota@fswb.com.

Reports

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in student enrollment between 2011 and 2015, with a 36.5 percent increase. The only district with a larger increase during that time span was the Charter School Institute with a 43.5 percent increase in enrollment.

Falcon 49 also ranked among the districts with the "Largest Changes in Proportion of Students Qualifying for Free or Reduced Price Lunch" over the same time period.

Falcon 49 ranked second with a change of 13.6 percentage points, bringing the district to a mark of 34.6 percent of students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunch. Trinidad 1 was the only district with a larger change, at 14.7 percentage points higher.

Falcon 49 is mentioned later in the report in terms of dropping graduation rates, with the report stating, "Several districts have low graduation rates for all students. Specifically, graduation rates in Charter School Institute, Mapleton, Englewood, Westminster 50, Falcon 49, and Adams 14 fall significantly below expectations for multiple groups of students in 2015."

ASD is mentioned in the report in several places relating to academics and graduation rates among certain student populations.

ASD is one of the schools mentioned among "Districts with Big Changes in Relative Performance in Middle School English Language Arts 2013-2016," with ASD dropping 29 points in terms of percentile rankings from 2013 to 2016.

The report also shows ASD falling below the trendline on a trio of graphs: "Elementary School Math Percent of Students who Met Grade Level Standards Compared to Districts with Similar Demographics (2016)," "Elementary School English Language Arts Percent of Students who Met Grade Level Standards Compared to Districts with Similar Demographics (2016)," and "Middle School English Language Arts Percent of Students who Met Grade Level Standards Compared to Districts with Similar Demographics (2016)."

ASD is also mentioned positively in the report for its success with

some specific student populations.

The report states, "Three districts cleared the exceeds expectations benchmark for Latinx students. Statewide only 68 percent of Latinx students graduated on time in 2015. Yet in Eaton (24 percent Latinx students), Archuleta (27 percent Latinx students), and Platte Valley (34 percent Latinx students) that narrative was turned on its head with graduation rates of 97 percent, 96 percent and 96 percent respectively."

ASD's graduation rates for students with disabilities (100 percent) and the free and reduced-price lunch population (90 percent) are also among the highest in the state.

School ratings

The Colorado Department of Education also recently released its district and school accreditation, with about 87 percent of Colorado's 1,716 public schools receiving the two highest ratings (accredited or accredited with distinction) in the state's accountability system after approval from the state Board of Education.

All schools annually receive a School Performance Framework report based on performance on various common indicators, including student achievement and growth on state tests and graduation, dropout and matriculation rates for high schools.

The Education Accountability Act of 2009 created the system, which was intended to provide a statewide comparison of student performance that highlights success and areas for improvement.

Too, each district is required to implement one of four plan types based on its accreditation rating, according to a press release on the subject:

- "Performance Plan: The school meets or exceeds statewide attainment on the performance indicators.

- "Improvement Plan: The school approaches or meets statewide attainment on the performance indicators.

- "Priority Improvement Plan: The school does not meet statewide attainment on the performance indicators.

- "Turnaround Plan: The school does not meet statewide attain-

ment on the performance indicators."

ASD received 61.8 percent of the total points possible in 2016, meaning the district earned an accredited rating.

Looking at ASD schools specifically, Pagosa Springs Elementary School was accredited with improvement plan, while Pagosa Springs Middle School and PSHS were both accredited.

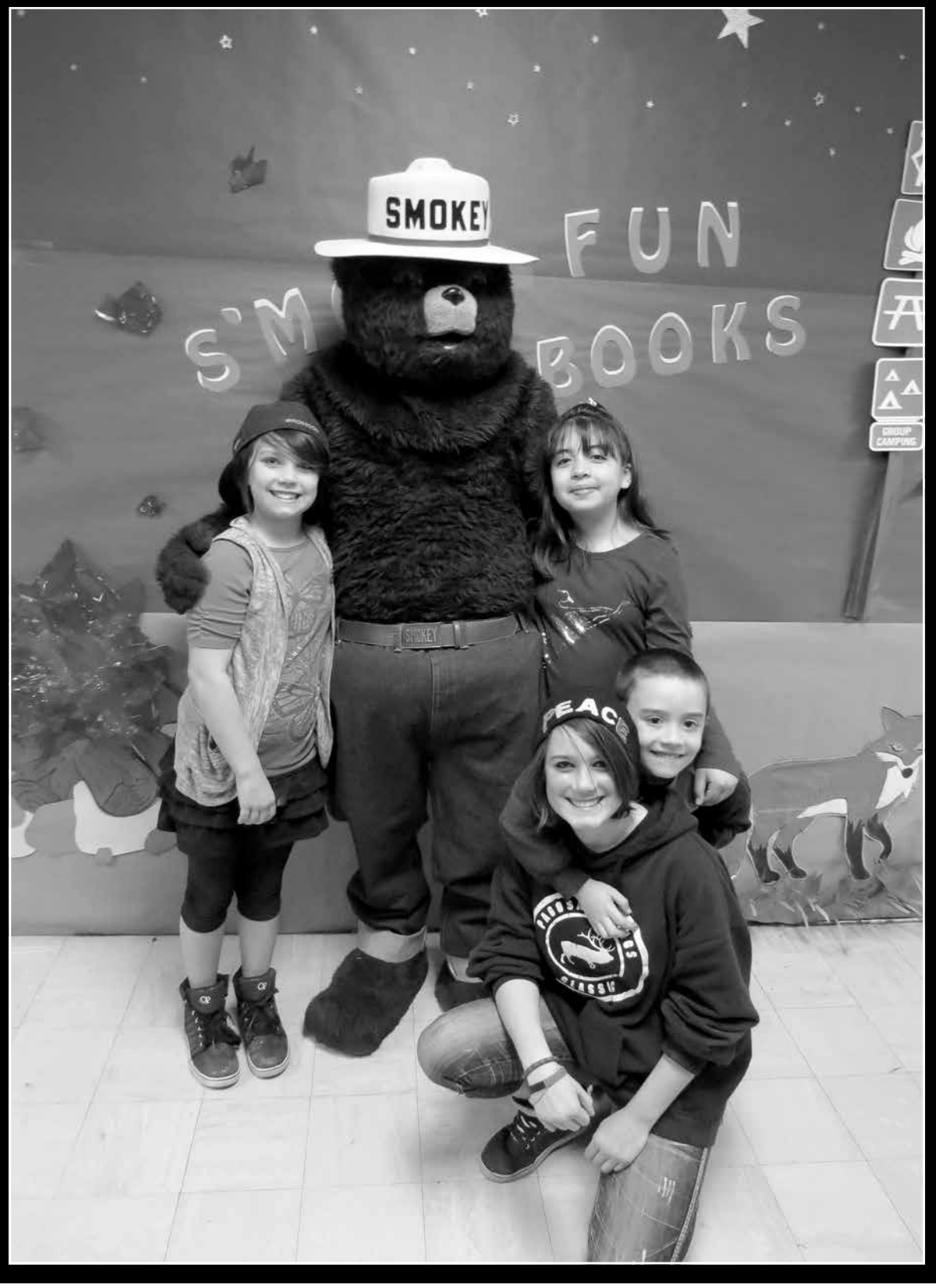
That was an improvement over 2014 (the last time the school performance frameworks were issued), when ASD received 57.3 percent of the possible points and was accredited with improvement plan (meaning the district had to adopt and implement an improvement plan).

Conversely, Falcon 49 was accredited with improvement plan and low participation in 2016, with the district earning 47.6 percent of the points possible. In 2014, the school was accredited, earning 70.4 percent of the possible points.

The low participation descriptor was added to school plan types and district ratings for those schools and districts that had 95 percent or lower participation rates on assessments in two or more content areas. This includes students formally excused from tests by their parents.

Within Falcon 49, the elementary- and middle-level earned accreditation, while the high school-level schools require a priority improvement plan.

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Sports

BASEBALL

Strong pitching, clutch hitting help Pirates start with a win

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team opened its season with a win for the first time since 2014, defeating the 2A Center Vikings 6-4 Saturday.

Now, the Pirates will look to continue that momentum as they face four games in five days over the next week.

"The team is really looking pretty good right now," coach Jim Fait, adding that, at this point in the season, the team is looking better than he's seen a team in Pagosa look.

Saturday's win came thanks to strong pitching for the Pirates and clutch hits in the late innings.

"We had a great pitching performance from Shane Miller," Fait said.

Miller recorded 13 strikeouts and no walks in six innings, allowing three runs (one earned) on six hits.

With Miller on the mound, the game remained scoreless through three innings, with the Pirates

bringing around the first run in the top of the fourth.

Pagosa added another run in the fifth inning, but surrendered the 2-0 lead in the bottom of the sixth on a three-run rally by the Vikings.

The Pirates countered in the seventh with a four-run rally.

"Bryce Raymond really had the clutch hit," the coach said, explaining that Raymond knocked a base hit to right field to bring around two runs and give the Pirates a 4-3 lead.

The Pirates would go on to add two insurance runs that same inning.

Those insurance runs came in to play in the bottom of the inning, when Center brought one run around, but it was not enough for the Vikings, and Pagosa secured the win.

Leonard Noriega pitched the seventh inning for the Pirates and got the win.

Also helping the Pirates offensively was Keaton Laverty, who went 3-for-3 with a walk, the coach noted.

"Their play was good," Fait said, adding that he didn't like the team's two errors, but he contributed those to nerves by some of the team's

younger players.

Fait also noted that the Pirates faced tough pitching, especially from Center's starting pitcher.

"That was a good pitcher," he said, adding that Center's starter struck out 11 and walked four. "He was pretty fast."

In the end, Pagosa tallied six runs on seven hits, while the Vikings scored four runs on eight hits with three errors.

Additional stats for the game were not available by press time Wednesday.

Now, the Pirates will take on four varsity games in five days, in addition to junior varsity games.

That game load, including five games in three days between the varsity and JV, Fait indicated, will be a challenge for the Pirates' pitching staff.

Friday and Saturday, the Pirates will be in Ignacio for a six-team tournament.

At that tournament, Pagosa will play two games Friday, against Ignacio at 11 a.m., followed by a game against Buena Vista at 1 p.m.

"If we come out and play like we can, we'll be fine," the coach said about playing Ignacio, adding he anticipates Buena Vista to be a "tougher" matchup.

Friday will be the first day of regular-season play for both the Ignacio Bobcats and the Buena Vista Demons.

The coach noted he hopes to capitalize on any first-game jitters those teams may have, continue the Pirates' pitching dominance, and get Pagosa's bats going earlier in the games.

The Pirates' Saturday matchup will be determined through the previous day's play.

Then, on Tuesday, Pagosa will host the 2A Sargent Farmers from Monte Vista for the Pirates' home opener.

Sargent is 1-1 on the season, having split a doubleheader against the Centauri Falcons.

"They're always a competitive ball club," Fait said of the Farmers. Tuesday's matchup is slated to begin at 3 p.m.

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Wolf Creek Ski Area Spring Fling Race results announced

By Wolf Creek Ski Area
Special to The SUN

Wolf Creek Ski Area hosted the Spring Fling Race last Saturday, March 11. With over 57 racers, Wayne Sheldrake came out ahead with the fastest time of 26.48 seconds.

Following are the locals who placed in the race.

In the Boys' 12-14, Nolan Kar placed first with a time of 28.39 and Timmy Hittle placed second with a time of 30.01.

In the Men's 31-35, Thomas Hampton placed first with a time of 28.18 and Jared Payne placed second with a time of 29.26.

Dan Stephens placed first in the Men's 36-40 with a time of 28.18.

In the Men's 41-50, Chris Hampton placed first with a time of 30.21.

Dean Sell placed first in the Men's 60-70 with a time of 28.01.

In the Men's 71-plus, Klaus Neubert placed first with a time of 32.33.

In the Girls' 6-8, Kenli Bush placed first with a time of 37.05.

Aybree Hampton placed first in the Girls 9-11 with a time of 35.85.

In the Women's 36-40, Kristin Bush placed first with a time of 31.34 and Ginger Kool placed second with a time of 34.60.

Elizabeth Kunz placed first in the Womens' 41-50 with a time of 33.26.

The next race in the Fun Race



Photo courtesy Wolf Creek Ski Area

Over 57 racers hit the slopes to compete in the Wolf Creek Ski Area Spring Fling Race on Saturday, March 11. The next race in the Fun Race Series will be held Saturday, March 18.

Series will be held this Saturday, March 18. It's free with purchase of a lift ticket and open to skiers and

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Dalton Walls, of Pagosa Springs, wins double gold at the Copper Mountain State Special Olympics Winter Games on March 5. His speedy 45.9 second slalom and 35.8 second giant slalom times won him first place in both races of the Intermediate Young Men's downhill ski competition. Over 300 athletes from Colorado and New Mexico participated in the annual meet with a grand finale of fireworks and torchlight parade by the Copper Mountain ski patrol. This was Walls' fifth year competing in the state finals.

Two-week girls' soccer clinic set for April

By Dorman Diller
Special to The SUN

Girls in the second through sixth grades are invited to attend a special two-week soccer clinic in April.

The clinic will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 4, 6, 11 and 13, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. There will be an inter-squad scrimmage at the end of the sessions.

The cost is \$30 to cover Colo-

rado Soccer Association and club registration fees. Financial help is available. The clinic is being hosted by the Pagosa Rangers Soccer Club.

You may find more information or register online at www.pagosasoccer.org or pick up registration forms at Toner Mountain Copiers at the top of Put Hill.

For questions or further help, email info@pagosasoccer.org or contact Dorman Diller at 264-4454.

Dirk and Colt Ross Memorial Basketball Tournament to be held April 6-8

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The 22nd Annual Dirk and Colt Ross Memorial Basketball Tournament will be held on April 6, 7 and 8.

According to a press release from Troy Ross, proceeds from the tournament go to a scholarship fund to benefit local youth of Pagosa Springs.

The tournament will have three divisions: an open division, a 6-foot-and-under division, and a 35-and-older division.

All divisions are full, with 36 teams attending the tournament.

On April 6, games will be held in the Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) gyms from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

On April 7, games will be held in both the PSMS gym and

the Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) gym from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

On April 8, games will be held in the PSHS gym from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and in the PSMS gym from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The first-place prize is \$1,000 and T-shirts.

The second-place prize is \$500 and T-shirts, the third-place prize is pullover sweatshirts and the fourth-place prize is T-shirts.

Anyone interested in helping in the concession stand should call Loretta Ross at 264-5266.

All help is greatly appreciated. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students per day and children under 8 are free.

For more information, call Troy Ross at 264-5265 or email troy@rossbasketballtournament.com. marshall@pagosasun.com

RECREATION NEWS

Recreation opportunities: Soccer, tee-ball and open gym

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The recreation department began accepting tee-ball registrations Monday, March 13. Registration will end April 24.

The cost is \$35 and includes hat and jersey.

Tee-ball season will be held during May every Monday and Wednesday evening.

Adult soccer

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

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

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

You may register your team for play at the Ross Aragon

Community Center.

Open gym

The Community Center will be open on Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for open gym. The center will also be open on Saturdays through April.

Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the town's website, Facebook page and in The SUN newspaper.

Online registration

The Town of Pagosa Springs Recreation Department offers online registration for most youth programs.

To register for programs online, visit the Parks and Recreation Department page at www.townofpagosasprings.com.

You may also register at the Community Center.

For more information, call the recreation office at 264-4151, ext. 232.

BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates fall by one in overtime to end season at 18-5

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

With 1.9 seconds remaining in overtime, the No. 11 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates held a one-point lead over the No. 3 Lamar Savages.

But a foul sent a Lamar shooter to the charity stripe, where both shots landed, sending the Savages into the Final Four with a one-point, 43-42, win and ending the Lady Pirates' season.

"I thought that our kids fought pretty hard," said coach Wes Lewis. The Lady Pirates ended the season with an 18-5 record.

The Savages would later upset No. 2 Centauri in the Final Four 26-25, and defeat No. 4 Colorado Springs Christian in the championship game 24-18 to claim their first state title since 1998 with a 25-2 record.

Lamar led for much of the game, including by as many as eight points in the second half.

By the end of the first quarter, the Savages had built a 16-12 lead, but the Pirates did not allow that lead to increase in the second quarter, with each team scoring 10.

By the end of the third, Lamar held a five-point lead, 34-29.

But the Pirates limited the Savages to only four points in the fourth, thanks in part to some of Lamar's key players finding themselves in foul trouble, while scoring nine to take the game into overtime.

"That helped us get back in the game," Lewis said of Lamar's foul trouble, adding that it "made it a little easier going for us."

The close affair continued through the overtime period that

ended with what Lewis called a "weak" foul and Lamar's success at the free-throw line.

"It was a tough way to end the game after seeing the foul called with 1.9 seconds," Lewis said, adding that, while it was not an excuse and he wasn't placing blame on the game's referees, "It's a pretty weak call to end the game on."

Lewis said he felt there was little contact on the play.

"She did have to step to the line and knock two free throws down in a pressure situation, and give her some credit for doing that," the coach said of Lamar's shooter.

Too, Lewis pointed out that success earlier in the game could have made a big difference.

"We certainly had our chances. We missed some easy shots, what I would call bunnies," he said. "We also didn't get some defensive rebounds."

The big difference in the game, Lewis indicated, was the free-throw line.

Lamar made 15 of 21 shots from the line, making them successful 71 percent of the time.

Pagosa made 10 of 22 from the line, for a 45 percent success rate.

"That's a whole lot better percentage than us. ... We've got to capitalize on those opportunities and we didn't, not only just in that game, but it kind of plagued us all year long," he said.

But, once again, the coach was pleased with the team's defense and younger players.

"I thought our defense was pretty good," Lewis said, continuing, "I was proud of our freshmen. I thought they came in and did a nice job for us."

He also noted the team's sole senior, Farrah, went "out with a bang."

"She had a really solid game for us. We're really proud of her and the way she ended it," Lewis said.

Lewis highlighted Farrah's work in one of the game's final plays, when the Pirates were down with less than a minute remaining.

The Pirates knew Morgan Lewis would be Lamar's target, he said, and the team called a set play out of a timeout that used Morgan Lewis as a decoy and set it up for Farrah.

"And Megan delivered for us," he said. "She made a tough shot driving to the basket, elevated up and over a big post player and got the bucket for us with about 50 seconds to go and that got us back to the one-point lead."

Junior Morgan Lewis scored 15 points for the Pirates in the game, followed by 10 from Farrah.

Sophomore Devin Wilson put up seven points (including two 3-pointers), followed by six from junior Keena Murphy and two each from freshmen Hailey Griego and Taylor Lewis.

The Lady Pirates rebounded the ball 24 times in the game, with 15 of those being defensive rebounds.

While some may see the Lady Pirates' 18-5 record as a "down year," as another coach said to Wes Lewis at the state tournament, he doesn't see it that way.

He noted that all five of Pagosa's losses came to teams that made the Great 8 — St. Mary's, Centauri and Lamar.

"When you have a tough schedule, you're going to lose some games like that," he said.

The coach said the team improved "leaps and bounds" over

the course of the season, which he anticipates will "catapult us into what we're trying to accomplish next year."

The team also met its goal of making the state tournament, though they came up short of the goal of winning there, he said, adding that many teams would love to finish how the Pirates did.

"I'm not disappointed in my kids, just disappointed for them that we didn't win that game," he said.

The Lady Pirates bid farewell to only one graduating player this year — Farrah.

"What a great kid," Wes Lewis said, noting he told the players in the locker room he wasn't sure Pagosa would have won its championship in 2015 if Farrah had decided to not play basketball that season.

"She left her thumbprint on our program and we'll miss her dearly," the coach continued, calling Farrah "what you hope and expect out of your seniors."

Farrah saw time at the varsity level all four years of her high school career, logging 234 points, 155 rebounds and 79 steals over the course of 74 games.

But her coach noted she played her best basketball the final two weeks of the season.

"She will be greatly missed, but never forgotten," the coach said.

Losing only one senior also bodes well for the Lady Pirates moving into the future.

Wes Lewis said he's excited about this year's freshmen and upperclassmen, noting, "We've got a lot of good kids coming back. We've still got some ... tools in the shed." randi@pagosasun.com

TRACK

Pirates' track season begins this weekend

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track team will begin its season with back-to-back meets this weekend, with one at Monte Vista High School and the other at Farmington High School.

Track practices began Feb. 27, with 22 boys on the team and 32 girls on the team, for a total of 54 students.

Head coach Connie O'Donnell is returning this year, with Tim Taylor acting as the distance coach for the team and Sabra Miller coaching high jump and throws.

"Scott White is long jump and triple jump, and Rose White is leg room," explained O'Donnell.

She added that the team had quite a few state qualifiers returning to the team this year.

"We have a boys 4x8 team that qualified for state last year, and actually, we could have some individuals who might qualify in individual events, too," explained O'Donnell.

The team includes seniors Jacob Hughes, Ethan Brown and Noah Haarrman.

"All three of those boys are big leaders, and they work hard and push other people," O'Donnell said.

Senior Taylor Jones is another returning state qualifier, with O'Donnell explaining that she will probably run the 400.

Senior Andie Miller qualified for the high jump and will also be returning.

"Keena Murphy got second in discus last year, and she's returning as a junior," said O'Donnell.

She added that senior Megan Farrah will also be returning, and has potential to qualify for state in the long jump.

Seniors Kori Mogensen and Delaney Khung also have the potential to qualify for state through long distance events, O'Donnell said.

"We have a lot of kids. My last count was 54, which is crazy," said O'Donnell. "But it's nice. It just means the people who have been in track have showed other people what can be done and what can be

accomplished."

On Friday, the Pirates have a meet featuring multiple teams that will be hosted by Monte Vista High School.

On Saturday, March 18, the Pirates have a meet that will be hosted by Farmington High School.

Both meets are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

Continued O'Donnell, "I think that it's really cool that the program is growing, and I've been really impressed with the kids that are there. They've worked really hard."

Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of March 15, but is subject to change.

Following this week's meets, the team will have a break from competition until April 8, when the Pirates will travel to Ignacio High School to take part in the Abel Velasquez Invitational, which begins at 8:30 a.m.

The following week, on April 15, the Pirates will travel to Bayfield High School to take part in the Pine River Invitational beginning

at 9 a.m.

On April 18, the Pirates will take part in the Ron Keller Invitational at Durango High School beginning at 1 p.m.

On April 22 and 23, the Pirates will travel to Aztec High School to participate in the Aztec Invitational. On April 22, the meet begins at noon. On April 23, the meet begins at 9 a.m.

On April 29, the Pirates will travel to Alamosa High School to participate in the High Altitude Challenge beginning at 9 a.m.

Then, on May 6, the Pirates will host the Terry Alley Invitational at Pagosa Springs High School beginning at 9 a.m.

On May 13, the Pirates will travel to Monte Vista High School to take part in the Monte Vista Last Chance Meet beginning at 8 a.m.

The state tournament will be held the days of May 19 and May 20 at the Jefferson County Stadium in Lakewood.

The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. on both days. marshall@pagosasun.com

SOCCER

Lady Pirates win at Bayfield in season opener

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School girls' soccer team had its first opportunity of the year to practice on a field outside on Monday this week. The field, newly freed from its heavy snow cover, was soggy and wet, but the Lady Pirates were spirited.

Their spirit carried over to the next day, when having left the snow miles behind, the Lady Pirates took to the firm, dry pitch at their rival Bayfield High School Wolverines' home field and claimed a 1-0 victory.

With less local snow, Bayfield had the advantage of several days of practice outside, and had even played a game last week, Pagosa coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason reported. The Wolverines had beaten Center High School 7-1.

But "our girls have a lot of heart," the coach said. With the lack of hard practices, they "had no legs in the

last 10 minutes," he said, having "run out of juice."

At that point, the match became "a real nail-biter," Kurt-Mason added, as the Lady Pirates' exhaustion forced Pagosa's stalwart keeper, sophomore Diana Scott, to make "most of her 10 saves in last minutes."

But though "really spent," the Lady Pirates held on until the final whistle, when they sank to the turf with victory secure.

Senior midfielder Hayley Mitchell scored the match's only tally, on a shot from outside the box, about 25 yards from the goal.

Kurt-Mason described it as "an awesome shot. She really nailed it [and] it went like a rocket," on a line past the Wolverines' keeper and into the net.

The goal came shortly before halftime. Then, in the second half, the play was "back and forth. We had good possessions until we ran

out of gas," Kurt-Mason reported. The coach named Scott the player of the game.

She played "so gutsy and gritty," the coach said. He described her aggressive play, frequently coming out from the goal against Bayfield's attackers, cutting off the angles, and even diving to smother the ball or take it off their feet.

Kurt-Mason praised the play of many Lady Pirates. In addition to her goal, Mitchell dominated the midfield, he said.

Addie Thompson, playing for the first time at sweeper, "played great," he said, talking and taking charge of the defense. And Kim Armendariz played stopper for the first time, "and had a wonderful game."

Marissa Medina really "stepped up her game" the coach observed, turning in aggressive play.

And strong offensive work was supplied by Alyssa Lewis, with four

shots on goal, Hannah Marnocha and Morgan Thompson with three each, and Alanah Gallegos and Mitchell, each with two shots on goal.

The Lady Pirates expect to take advantage of favorable local weather to get in two good practices this week, Kurt-Mason said. And the team is looking forward to hosting two matches later this week.

The Lady Pirates are taking on St. Mary's High School, from Colorado Springs, at 4 p.m. Friday. Their opponents, also known as the Pirates, are currently 0-0 on the season. Last year, they turned in a record of 10-6.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, Pagosa will host Manitou Springs High School. The Mustangs beat Woodland Park High School 8-0 on Tuesday this week, their only match so far this season. Last year they went 11-6, turning in several victories by large margins. jim@pagosasun.com



Work hard, play hard, Pirates!

Parks

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fields, a parking area and boater river access.

Dickhoff explained that in 2016, the skate park got a large bowl feature added for advanced skateboarders.

Projects for Yamaguchi Park in 2017 included new sidewalks, two new playground areas, a new volleyball court, a new cement backstop at the baseball field, new foul poles for the baseball field, landscaping around the skate park, a new roof for the gazebo, a new shade structure and a new pump track for bicyclists.

One of the suggestions echoed by a few audience members was the idea of extending Yamaguchi Park farther south, where the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District's decommissioned sewer lagoons are currently located.

The work session then turned to South Park, located along South 8th Street.

Amenities in South Park include two basketball courts, two volleyball courts, the ice skating rink, a playground, a restroom and an open field.

New amenities added recently to the park include the ice skating rink, bike racks and a fence separating part of the park from the road.

Dickhoff said that projects for

South Park included making landscaping improvements and staining the restroom building.

The most common suggestion the audience made for South Park was constructing permanent pickleball courts.

The last area discussed during the meeting was Reservoir Hill, which is the hill located along the southeast part of downtown.

Reservoir Hill's amenities include a disc golf course and hiking and mountain biking trails.

In 2015, a restroom, a gazebo and an observation deck were added to the hill.

In 2016, bike racks were also added.

An audience member pointed out that the hill also has a sledding section in the winter, and suggested the idea of more snowshoeing trails during the winter as well.

Another audience member suggested the idea that a dog park could be constructed on Reservoir Hill, which a few audience members echoed.

On April 18, the town will host an open house to allow for further public input on the town's comprehensive plan update.

The open house will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Ross Aragon Community Center Senior Dining Room. marshall@pagosatsun.com

Activities lined up for Earth Week celebration

By Denise Rue-Pastin
Special to The SUN

April 22 is the 47th celebration of Earth Day, which began in 1970 with a demonstration of 20 million Americans and has resulted in the passing of legislation. The passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species acts all came out of this effort.

In 1990, Earth Day went global with 200 million people in 141 countries participating. Today, more than 1 billion people from 192 countries participate.

The 2017 Earth Day campaign theme is Environmental and Climate Literacy. Check www.earthday.org for more details.

The Southwest Organization for

Sustainability (SOS) is a partner in the global Earth Day effort and, for the fifth year, is expanding the Earth Day celebration to an Earth Day Week celebration and invites the community to participate.

Activities are lined up for each day of the week. SOS will take on the job of promoting your activity by advertising the event with times and locations. All you have to do is contact us and let us know the particulars. SOS will take care of the rest.

Sample and preliminary activities happening from April 16-22 include a free environmental film, trash walks, tree plantings and a library talk on the Climate Reality Project. Join the celebration; contact Doug Vanderlouw at (507) 317-4195 or dvanderlouw@gmail.com.

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A tract of land in Lot 15, Section 23, Township 35 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M., described as follows:

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Thence North, 30 feet along the westerly boundary of said tract, Book 133 at Page 11;

Thence West, parallel with the northerly boundary of said Garvin Addition to an angle point in the northerly boundary of said Garvin Addition;

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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED TO Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

CODY OAKLAND
217 DOLPHIN WAY - APT. D
LAGUNA BEACH, CA 92651

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2013, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

INA GROUP LLC
the following described real estate situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 719 TWINCREEK VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 5, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 78739

Account Number: R005295
Schedule Number: 56990820002
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2013-02718

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to INA GROUP LLC
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2012
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CODY OAKLAND for said year 2012.
That said INA GROUP LLC on the 3rd day of February 2017, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to INA GROUP LLC
On the 12th day of July 2017, unless the same has been redeemed.
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 1st day of March 2017

/s/ Betty A Diler
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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING ON March 22, 2017
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to CRS 30-28-116 that Archuleta County Development Services is proposing amendments to the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations. The proposed changes classify utility distribution lines, including those installed above ground in any zone, as Conforming structures; amending Section 1.3.2.4, adding Section 1.3.2.5 and adding a definition of Electric Power Distribution Line to Section 11.2.1. The specific text proposed to be adopted is available for review at the Archuleta County Planning Department offices or online at www.archuletacounty.org. Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to the Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507.

1507 (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public meeting by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on March 22, 2017, at 6:00 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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The Town of Pagosa Springs now has several invitation to bids for various projects on its website. For more information please go to the Town's website, <http://www.pagosaprisngs.co.gov> and select the purchasing tab on the main page.
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DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO WATER RESUME
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of February, 2017, for Archuleta County.
County of Archuleta, McCreabe Creek River or its Tributaries. AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR ABSOLUTE AND CONDITIONAL WATER STORAGE RIGHTS. Applicant: RJMR Ranch, c/o Randall Davis, PO Box 2681, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.randalldavis@gmail.com 970-264-2833. Direct all correspondence to Amy N. Huff, 679 E. 2nd Ave, Ste 11B, Durango, CO 81301 (970) 403-1770. This Amendment affects only the water right for the Spruce Tree Lake. All of the statements and allegations in the original application shall continue in full force and effect. By this Amendment to Application Applicant replaces the legal description for the Spruce Tree Lake, which is set forth in Paragraph 2. C. i. with the following: A. SPRUCE TREE LAKE. Legal E318468.97 N4131597.28 SE ¼ NW ¼ S34, T36N, R2W, NMPM. 2466 Feet from the North section line and 2175 Feet from the West section line. **Source:** All surface and groundwater sources accruing to Spruce Tree Lake, including, but not limited to, snowmelt, runoff, precipitation, diffing, water, subsurface flow, and seepage. **Applicant:** 1963 Amt. 4 AF. Absolute, Uses: Irrigation, stockwater, wildlife and habitat, fire protection. **Remarks:** Applicant owns the land where the structures. See Application for additional information. (4 pages)
17CW3007 Archuleta County, APPLICATION FOR A FINDING OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE. Pagosa Springs Resort Company, P.O. Box 81200, Albg NW 87198 (505-255-5422) whittington@bigbigye.com. Please direct all correspondence to Amy N. Huff, Colorado Water & Land Law, LLC, 679 E. 2nd Ave, Ste 11B, Durango, CO 81301, 970-403-1770, amy@waterland-law.com. 1. **Description of Water Right.** A. **Structure Name:** PSRC #4 (Well PS-5) B. **Original Decree:** Case No. 91C 61, WD 7, May 10, 1996. **Prior Decree:** Case No. 08CV02, WD 7, February 17, 2011. C. **POD:** Outflow of Well PS-5, located on the north back of the San Juan River in the NW ¼ SE ¼ SW ¼ S 13, T35N, R2W, NMPM. **2017 Application:** Section line and 1736' from the W section line of said Section 13. **Source:** Waste Water from the Town of Pagosa Springs, Well PS-5 after beneficial use by the Town of Pagosa Springs. e. **App Date:** December 20, 1991. **1. Amt:** 1 cfs (450 gpm) **Winter Usage:** 121 gpm has been made absolute; 329 gpm remains conditional; **Summer Usage:** 180 gpm has been made absolute; 270 gpm remains conditional. g. **Use:** Heating of buildings, walkways and decks at The Springs Resort & Spa, which Consists of 70 units, plus a main building, laundry facilities and 23 mineral baths. 2. **Outline of what has been done toward completion of the appropriation.** During this diligence period, Applicant has spent approximately \$182,000 on capitalized projects as well as over \$175,000 in noncapitalized expenses improving its resort through the development of new tubs and other infrastructure. Applicant has expanded its use of geothermal water from bathing waters to include hot and cold water applications, including a Gold LEED Certified building on resort grounds, as well as re-use through ice melt lines beneath pavement and concrete. Applicant intends to place the water rights at issue this Application to beneficial use in the next five to ten years and has tasked its engineer with creating plans for recapturing the overflow water that is the subject of this Application and applying that water to beneficial use within the resort. 3. **Remarks:** The water right described herein is subject to stipulation in Case No. 17CV3007, District Court, Water Division No. 7, the stipulation in Case No. 00CW53, the conditions in the Town of Pagosa Springs PS-5 Geothermal Well Permit No. 27G, and the terms and conditions of the Geothermal Water Tap and Economic Development Agreement between the Town of Pagosa Springs and the Applicant. 4. **Names and address of landowners.** No new structures are contemplated by this Application. (4 pages)
THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THE FOREGOING APPLICATION(S) MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY ANY WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE ADJUDICATED WITHIN THIS DIVISION AND OWNERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OBJECT AND PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY STATUTE, OR BE FOREVER BARRED.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE until the last day of April, 2017, to file with the Water Clerk, a verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service shall be filed with the Water Clerk, as prescribed by Rule 5, CRCP. (Filing fee: \$158.00; Forms are available through the Office of the Water Clerk or on the Judicial site at www.courts.state.co.us; Danene M. Elz, Water Court Specialist, 1090 E. 2nd Ave., Room 106, Durango, CO 81301-5157; 970-247-2304. Ext. 6181)

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Recording Date of Deed of Trust March 30, 2010
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 21002180
Original Principal Amount \$313,222.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$280,678.34
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
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Also known by street and number as: 509 Dutton Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
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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 Herby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 05/11/2017, at 449 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)'s heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
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Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov
DATE: 01/06/2017
Betty A. Diler, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: /s/ Betty A. Diler, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Attorney File # 16CO00630-1
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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County's 2017 Magnesium Chloride Application Starts May 1st
Archuleta County Road and Bridge Crews will start the 2017 Magnesium Chloride (MgCl) application May 1st, weather permitting. The application process will begin in the Arboles area and will end in the Chromo area. Approximately 100 miles of County Roads will receive a MgCl application. Details on the application rate crews can complete 5 to 7 miles of road and apply 25 to 30 thousand gallons per day. Generally a crew consists

of 4 motorgraders, 5 to 6 water trucks, and 2 flagmen. The Mag supplier provides 2 to 3 transport trucks and the distributor truck.
County crews start to prepare the road by applying an ample amount of water, motorgraders then begin to cut the surface of the road making a window of gravel, the window gravel is then spread back across the road surface (5 to 8 loads of water will be used during this process depending on the amount of moisture in the road and the quality of the gravel). At this point the roadway is ready to receive the application of Mag. With the anticipated amount of Mag to be applied this year, it should take the crew around 5- 6 weeks to complete all work.

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Empty Bowls

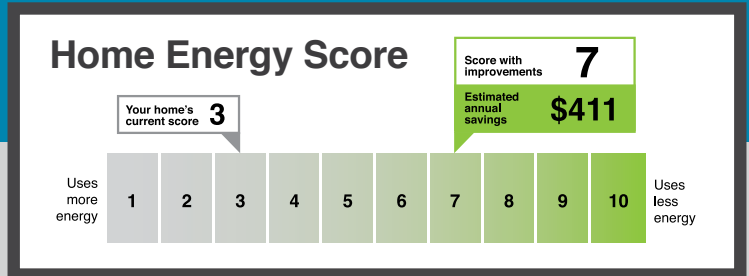
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 Saturday's Empty Bowls Event at Pagosa Springs Elementary School combined food, entertainment and awareness, providing patrons with a bowl of homemade soup, a handmade bowl to take home and entertainment from students, all while supporting local food banks with event proceeds. The annual event aims to be a reminder of all of the empty bowls in our community.



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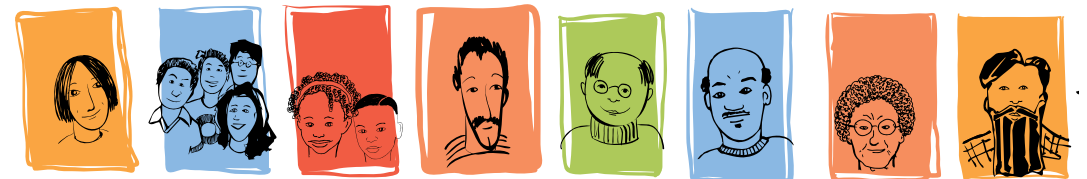
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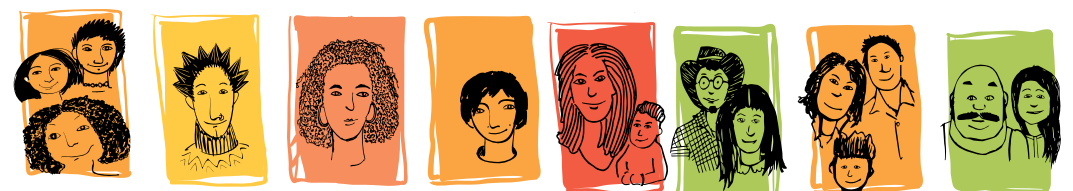
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ARTS & LIFE

Colorado Guys and Gals

Country Hoedown with The High Rollers

Friday, March 17 • 6 to 9 p.m. • 56 Meadows Drive • Lutheran School gymnasium





Photo courtesy Pennie DeClark

The students of Our Savior Lutheran School will be the beneficiaries of Friday's A Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown, the school's annual fundraiser. The High Rollers are slated to provide the boot-stompin' entertainment.



Live Performers

Thursday
Pagosa Brewing Company: Live Trivia, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Tea for Two, 6 p.m.

Friday
Borde Rio: Ragwater, 9 p.m.
Riff Raff Brewing Company: M.R. Tillman, 6 p.m.

Saturday
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Songs of the Fall, 6 p.m.


Tuesday
Pagosa Brewing Company: Open Mic Jam, 6 p.m.

Wednesday
Pagosa Brewing Company: Tim Sullivan, 6 p.m.

THE HISTORIC PAGOSA BAR

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 Draft Beer \$2.75 in 12 oz. frozen mugs • Well Drinks \$3.75 • Cigar Bar
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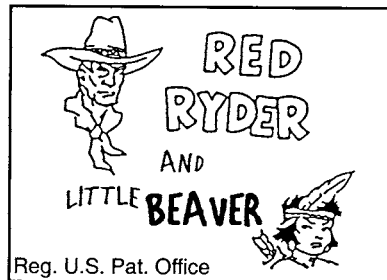


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By Fred Harman



Get ready for a good time at Friday's A Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown with The High Rollers

By Pennie DeClark
Special to The PREVIEW

Are you looking for something fun to do this Friday night? Has it been a while since you have had the opportunity to swing your honey around the dance floor?

Come with all your friends to help raise money for Our Savior Lutheran School, enjoy some mouth watering brisket, dance with The High Rollers and bid on our amazing items in our silent auction. A cash bar with beer and wine will be available for those who would like to purchase and we will have non-alcoholic beverages for those who don't.

If you are not familiar with The High Rollers, this is the perfect event to get to know them. The High Rollers embody an array of musical talents. Originally conceived by bassist and songwriter Andy Janowsky (whose mother taught at Our Savior Lutheran School for many years), the five-piece High Rollers include Clay Lowder on drums; Jeff Johnson on fiddle, banjo and guitar; Darren Stroud on lead guitar; and Ryan McCurry on piano and Hammond organ. All of the band members are vocalists, thus harmony styling

plays a significant role in their musical arrangements.

All proceeds from this event go towards the operation of Our Savior Lutheran School, a nonprofit organization that does not receive any federal funding.

We currently offer three preschool classes — kindergarten, first and second grade — and are excited to announce the addition of third grade next year.

This event is our main fundraiser that helps us keep tuition costs down while growing, and to continue to provide an excellent classical curriculum in a loving, Christ-centered environment to the children of Pagosa Springs.

The Colorado Guys and Gals Country hoedown will be held at 56 Meadows Drive in the Lutheran School gymnasium from 6 to 9 p.m. (cocktails start at 5:30 p.m.) tomorrow. Dress is country fancy and all are guaranteed to have a stompin' good time.

Tickets are \$35 per person now and are selling fast, so, don't wait — get them now; any remaining tickets will be sold at the door for \$40. Tickets can be purchased at the Lutheran church office (731-4668/731-3512) or by contacting Pennie DeClark (903-3242). We can't wait to see you there.

Save the date for the Pagosa Springs 9Health Fair

By Caroline Brown
Special to The PREVIEW

It's time to mark your calendars for the 2017 Pagosa Springs 9Health Fair.

This year's 9Health Fair will be held on April 29 from 7 to 11 a.m. at Pagosa Springs High School. Please note that the 9Health Fair

will close at 11 a.m. and not noon as in previous years.

As in past years, there will be four basic blood screenings available to all participants that include blood chemistry, vitamin D, blood cell count and hemoglobin A1c. In addition, a PSA blood screening is offered for men only. You may also purchase the take home colorectal

kit, which screens for colon cancer.

Look for detailed information regarding the low-cost screenings in future articles in The SUN, as well as updates about the other free screenings and education that will be offered at the Pagosa Springs 9Health Fair.

If you have questions, please call Caroline Brown at 731-4248.

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Jane and Michael learn lessons along the way from key characters such as the dancing statue Neleus (Anika Thomas), the owner of the talking shop, Mrs. Corey (Averie Lynch) and the doll-come-to-life, Valentine (Marissa Medina).

‘Mary Poppins’ to take flight March 21-25

By Trace Gross
Special to The PREVIEW

You won't need a spoonful of sugar to enjoy this practically perfect musical. Coming to Pagosa is the one and only Mary Poppins in this year's Pagosa Springs High School Musical.

The plot of the show follows Mr. and Mrs. Banks (Cole Stevens and Hayley Mitchell) and their need for a nanny for their troublesome children, Jane (Zoe Geraghty) and Michael (Brayden Shulda).

Mary Poppins (Taylor Jones) comes to the call. Mary, along with her jack-of-all-trades companion, Bert (Pitcher Lindner), takes the children on all sorts of adventures, such as having a "Jolly Holiday" in the park, meeting live Greek statues (Anika Thomas), as well as going to make a brand-new word at the talking shop of Mrs. Corey

(Averie Lynch).

She also teaches them lessons such as helping the servants Robertson Ay and Mrs. Brill (Keanan Anderson and Grace Thompson) clean up the kitchen, and how to treat their toys, such as the abused doll Valentine (Marissa Medina). They even face off against the evil nanny, Miss Andrew (Kaya Knox).

While not a direct adaptation of the Disney movie, and containing new elements, stories and characters found in the original books by P.L. Travers, you can expect to find fun, magic and many beloved songs in the show, as well as some new surprises.

Directed and choreographed by an alumnus of the Pagosa Springs High School stage, Becca Postma, and musically directed by Dan Burch, this show features complex dancing, over 200 costumes, tons

of props, dozens of set pieces, a nanny who will take you to new heights, and 40-plus young actors showing that with some hard work, "Anything Can Happen" if you let it.

You don't need a reason, don't need a rhyme, so come join us and take a "Step In Time" March 21-25. The show begins each evening at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. All seats are \$10 at the door.

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This year's Kentucky Derby is set for May 6, which mean's the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club's Kentucky Derby Party is just around the corner. Tickets are on sale now.

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Get your hats ready for Rotary's Kentucky Derby Party

By Lisa Scott and Roberta Tolan
Special to The PREVIEW

It's Derby time. Mark your calendar for the premier event of the season, the Pagosa Rotary Club's Kentucky Derby Party from 2 to 6 p.m. on May 6.

The location of this year's event is the prestigious Keyah Grande Lodge west of Pagosa Springs on U.S. 160. It's the perfect location for an afternoon of great food and fun with breathtaking views and an elegant atmosphere.

Called "the most exciting two minutes in sports," the running of the Kentucky Derby will be simulcast live from Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. Party-goers will have the chance to bet on their favorite horse and cheer them on across the finish line while sipping on mint juleps, enjoying a delicious buffet and taking in the beauty of the Rocky Mountains.

There will be live music, prizes

for women's and men's best hat contest, cash bar and buffet, all for only \$40 per person. Tickets can be purchased from any Rotarian or at Exit Realty or Old West Press.

Profits from the Kentucky Derby Party are spread throughout the community in the form of scholarships, food-filled backpacks for youth needing supplemental meals, dictionaries for school students and awards to encourage our youth leaders.

Support these community projects and have a fun-filled afternoon with your friends and neighbors at the Pagosa Rotary Kentucky Derby Party. Buy your tickets today as there are only a limited number of tickets available.

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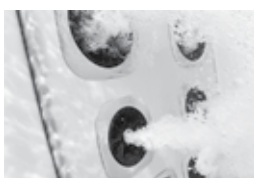
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The Wild West Squares 2016 dancers. The Wild West Squares are gearing up for a free community square dance party, Wild West Spring, on April 5.

Wild West Spring barn dance April 5

By Carla Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

The Wild West Squares teaching program invites you to a free community square dance party, Wild West Spring, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on April 5 at the PLPOA Clubhouse.

This family-friendly event features demonstrations of basic, mainstream and plus dancing of the Wild West Squares, free food and a community “barn” dance for anyone who would like to try very simple and fun square dance activities.

Improve physical and mental health square dancing

The Golden Duo — mental and physical exercise — has been shown to enhance cognitive functioning over exercise alone, indicating that the best brain health workouts involve those that integrate different parts of the brain such as coordination, rhythm and strategy. Square dancing fits the bill perfectly and has many opportunities for socializing — opportunities that don’t usually exist in other workout routines.

If you want to forget your troubles, stress and other life dramas, consider grabbing a partner or

coming solo and hitting the dance floor. You’re bound to lose track of everything that’s troubling you since it’s nearly impossible to focus on anything but the steps being called.

There are different levels of square dancing. The beginning level alone consists of 69 different dance moves or “calls.” The next level adds an additional 31 calls. Keeping track of all those dance steps requires quite a bit of mental focus.

If you’ve been looking for a fun, unique way to improve your overall health, consider square dancing. Your mind and body will thank you.

Free 10-week square dance course

Four Corners-based square dance caller Carla Roberts is putting the call out for new dancers to begin a free 10-week Introduction to Square Dance beginning April 12.

In this new dance course, Roberts will teach at the basic level, so new dancers can quickly master enough calls (or dance steps) to

experience the exhilaration of dancing in a group setting. The class focus is for everyone to have an enjoyable dance session while learning the building blocks of square dance.

The classes will be on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., April 12 through June 14, at the PLPOA Clubhouse.

This is a fun, easygoing and free class open to families, couples and singles. The suggested age for children is at least 8 years old. Call Roberts to enroll at 903-6478.

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Four local nonprofit group representatives proudly display checks they received from the Gifts of the Heart program's 2016 proceeds. Pictured are: back row, Rose Cheadle, Barb Elges, Traci Bishop, Leighton Mekeal and Barbara Trask; and, front row, Lisa Scott and Darren Lewis.

Gifts of the Heart doles out proceeds to charities

By Barb Draper
Special to The PREVIEW

The Gifts of the Heart Committee at Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) was proud to provide checks last week to the four designated local nonprofits it helps support.

Through the design and sale of greeting cards for all major holidays and events throughout the

year, this fund raises thousands of dollars annually for local distribution.

Rose Cheadle is in charge of the CUMC Food Pantry. Upwards of 65 bags of food are distributed through this service each week.

Darren Lewis is the director of Pagosa Programs for Youth. He and Traci Bishop, who is in charge of programming at the Ross Aragon

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I met Painter Jim at a book signing. He asked me to look at his sketches. I told him I wasn't into those kinds of things. Fifty years ago, I might have fallen for his pickup line.

He said he needed some help with his art and I told him I was too busy writing. I only painted for myself these days.

"Just look at them and see if I have talent." He begged, "Just look. I don't know where to go next."

Reluctantly, I said, "Yes, I'll look, but that's all."

He drove to the Lower Blanco with all his paintings. He sunk down into 2 feet of mud as he made three trips into the house with armloads of paintings. That's when I knew he was serious.

His artwork is very good and I told him he has a lot of talent and I might consider teaching him. I paint on Friday afternoons. He could paint along with me. I would keep an eye on him. That's all I would promise.

Tears welled up in his eyes.

I said, "Don't cry. I can't handle old men crying. It gets to me every time. My Sweet Al is so tender, he cries, too. Why is it when men get old they cry and when women get old, they get bossy?"

"I'm so grateful you'll teach me. I've looked for a teacher for a long time and studied art lessons on YouTube. I just need someone to show me what I'm doing wrong." He began to tear up again. "I'll pay you."

"I don't want to be paid. But there is one requirement. You have to read my articles every week."

He said, "I don't read."

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



And I said, "I don't teach."

Then he said, "I promise you, I'll read your articles."

And I said, "There is no guarantee. Your name might appear in my articles, is that OK?"

He thought a minute and said, "I guess it's OK."

"OK. We'll paint together."

The next week, he came in a panic. "I looked all over the house and told my wife I won't get a lesson if I don't read the paper. She threw out the newspaper before I had a chance to read it."

"No lesson today."

"But, I retrieved it out of the trash and I read it."

"Good. Then we'll paint together."

I told my kids about my new art student and how I make him read my articles in exchange for painting lessons.

The kids said, "Mother, it's not always about you. Besides, you can't be that way."

"Why not?"

"Because you make up all these stupid rules for everyone to follow. They don't make sense."

"They make perfect sense to me. If I'm going to be in his life, he's got to be in mine."

Today, Painter Jim walked through the mud and I asked him, "Jim, did you bring your house

shoes?"

"I sure did." He took off his muddy boots and put on his house shoes. It's funny to me I trained Jim in the second week to take off his shoes. Maybe it was his wife that taught him. I've been working on my Sweet Al for 57 years and he still forgets to take off his muddy boots at the front door.

I don't think Painter Jim is having trouble with my rules. He said today, "The weeks are so long, and I can hardly wait for Friday to paint with you. It's my favorite day of the week. I form my week around Fridays."

It can't be all that bad for Jim. He likes our arrangement and he doesn't mind my rules.

Then our son said, "It's just like telling Daddy he couldn't eat a peanut in the new car. Let the poor man have a peanut."

Our new car is just the way we drove it off the showroom floor. We drove it home and parked it in the garage. We've only taken it out two times in the last month because of the snow, mud and potholes.

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Community Center, plan throughout the year for the summer programs they offer to children in Pagosa Springs.

Lisa Scott coordinates the Archuleta County Education Center (ACEC) program that provides after-school tutoring to many students throughout the school year.

Pastor Leighton Mekeal from CUMC is instrumental in overseeing the Community Assistance Fund. This far-reaching program assists many individuals with a wide range of financial needs — from medical to housing to transportation to a variety of other needs that might suddenly arise.

Barb Elges represented the Gifts of the Heart Committee at the checks presentation.

Barbara Trask is the initiator and has been the driving force behind this successful program. She and her husband will be leaving Pagosa Springs as permanent residents, but the Gifts of the Heart Committee is in good hands and will

continue to thrive when she is not here. A huge thank you goes out to her for her efforts and inspiration.

Cards will continue to be sold at Ace Hardware on weekends near some major holidays, but you can purchase your cards weekdays from Michelle at CUMC throughout the week.

In order to always have an appropriate card on hand, individuals often purchase a number of them (there is a wide variety) while they are at the church. The cards are locally designed and produced, and all but 50 cents (for quality paper and ink purchase) of your minimum of a \$5 donation goes directly to one of the above-mentioned nonprofits. You choose the particular group you wish to support.

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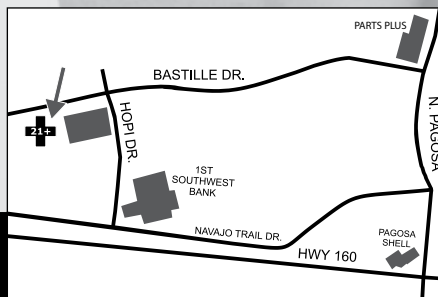
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UU topic: ‘Exploring Joy’s Edges’

By Robin King
Special to The PREVIEW

“Your heart knows the way. Run in that direction.” — Rumi.

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a program titled “Exploring Joy’s Edges,” with visitor Robin King, this Sunday, March 19, for its regular service.

We have comfort zones: the levels of performance in life where we can do passably well while being (at least partially) disengaged. Deep in our comfort zones, it is far too easy to live unconsciously — plodding on, driven by the momentum of our routines and habits. Perhaps we notice that we aren’t challenging and building our skills, our conversations with loved ones feel repetitive and dull, or we seem to be living without genuine love and joy. It might seem easy to live in the comfort zone. And yet, the lack of awareness and joy is truly painful.

And so, it is beautiful to engage the edge, the place where we are challenged but not stressed. Keep-

ing our eyes open to where we would like to shift, we do the work to grow. By seeking out the edges, we support exploration, growth, and, consequently, joy.

Living authentically at joy’s edge is about accepting where we are while also creating and living a life that we love. It is about honoring all our parts, valuing and integrating our emotional, physical, social, mental, spiritual, familial and economic lives. Embracing our gifts and our shadows, we live a life with open eyes — gently, compassionately and authentically engaged in becoming more deeply and beautifully aligned with who we really are.

King is an occupational therapist, longtime meditator, computer programmer, yoga instructor with a black belt in karate, and author. She lives in Glenwood Springs, Colo., where she works as a school occupational therapist.

This presentation reflects the Unitarian Universalist principles of “The inherent worth and dignity of every person” and “A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.”

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the movies. Our daughter and son went with us.

I put down my foot; no eating in the car. That’s my rule.

Our daughters always bring their dad snacks. It’s that special gesture that tells Al that his daughters are thinking about him. It might be a candy bar or a grape slush. That day, our daughter, Allison, brought her dad a package of peanuts. He sat in the back seat and opened up the peanuts and put one in his mouth.

I came unglued. “No, don’t eat that peanut.” The family went into shock.

Final brushstroke: It might just be a peanut. The older I get I have my rules. Jim, the painter, same age as Al, knows how to keep the rules. My family pushes the boundaries constantly and I have to be bossy because they don’t take me serious. One peanut will lead to a Mc-

Donald’s Happy Meal, a chocolate candy bar or a grape slush during happy hour. I can’t risk it.

Readers’ comments

Send your comments to betty@bettyslade.com.

“My sweet daughter who lives in Pagosa began sending me your articles a while back because I enjoy them so much. How did your dog Whiskey get her name? There must be a story there.” — JAB, Arlington, Texas

Our neighbor said to me, “I thought you were good church goers. Why would you name your dog Whiskey? I’ve heard it all.” The truth about Whiskey’s name is she is a wirehaired hunting dog with black, coarse whiskers. Al’s brother told Al to call her Whiskey. Blame David. When Al’s brother says, “Jump,” Al jumps. It’s funny to me; I say, “Jump,” Al doesn’t seem to hear me.

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A saint with a shamrock

By Hank Slikker
Special to The PREVIEW

St. Patrick's Day — green beer, green shirts, green dresses, green pants, green socks, green shoes, green hats, green hair, green rivers, green fountains, green cupcakes and, often, green snow. I remember it well; well, almost.

Years ago, in announcing the return of the sun and flowers, St. Patrick's Day offered me a festival of fun, of getting together with friends and the entire town for one last winter party, with special foods, drinks, dancing and even a parade.

I loved it all, and still do, but in my mind I would ponder the saint and how it came to be that he could set off such revelry. For me in my lenient viewpoint, a saint would not plant himself outside of Patty's Saloon, encouraging me to come in for a night of partying. The question had always posed a stimulating discussion within me until I decided to check into how Patrick arrived 16 centuries later as a universal bartender.

To find out, I had to look behind all of the cultural fog that has obscured his venerated day. Like his younger brother, Valentine, and his older brother, Jesus, Patrick's day has been co-opted by his commercial brethren around the world looking to make a buck or, rather, lots of bucks. But being the universal bartender? Well, that's not really who he was.

His festival, like Valentine's and Jesus', is just another reason to have a party. And since Patrick's day comes during Lent, the dehydration that comes from dwelling in a Lenten desert without mineral waters only fuels what happens when a drying man or woman finds an oasis.

Moving on behind the commercial mist, I found that Patrick's celebrated status happened to be that he is Ireland's patron saint. What? What's more, instead of being a barkeep, I found that he did not attain his high place because

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he concocted recipes for green beer, cider or whiskey, but because he brought the gospel to people who could never comprehend such a thing could be. I confused Patrick with someone he's not.

Looking into the man, I found he was not the soft stereotypical clergyman of the tablecloth, nor a man deluded about his mission in the face of hostile enemies. According to tradition, he did not spend much time inside. Like any ambassador of Christ, he roamed among the people, bringing light into dark places, using the three-leafed shamrock to teach the Trinitarian faith. This is not to say he never feared for his life, but like all of the men and women of faith before him, he chose to be remembered as having a spine and of becoming worthy of the epithet of beautiful people that Isaiah writes about: "How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace ..." (Isaiah 52:7, NASB). Quite a man, I thought.

As I explored further, I found that Patrick was not your typical teenager obsessed with girls and cars. He had what we might call a calamitous adolescence, ripe with the likelihoods of post-traumatic stress disorder. Patrick was actually a Brit, born in 387 A.D., in Roman Britannia into a household scented with Christian inspiration. His father was a deacon and his grandfather a priest. In the larger historical context, Rome's influence had been declining. Unfortunately for Patrick and his buds, foreign marauding tribes filled the political vacuum. When he was 16, he and thousands of others were captured by Irish pirates and brought to Ireland as slaves. If Patrick had

any hopes for his future, of maybe inheriting the farm or going off to college, his captors took them with them.

Beyond being kidnapped and, I imagine, abused, hungry, cold, lonely and severely homesick, Patrick may have caught a break by landing a job as a shepherd for a rich landowner. While out there in the harsh cold Irish terrain, he became like most of us in tragic situations we had nothing to do with; he began to dwell on all he'd been taught about God.

While he did not see a burning bush, with time he began to soften and eventually came around to God's point of view. He writes in his confessions, "It was there that the Lord opened up my awareness of my lack of faith. Even though it came about late, I recognised my failings. So I turned with all my heart to the Lord my God."

Five years later, God called Patrick, telling him to leave his owner and travel some 200 miles to a seaport and board a ship for Britain. After arriving home again amid much joy, he received yet another call from God. In a vision a man brought him countless letters from people of Ireland imploring him to return. They said in one unified voice, "We beg you, holy boy, to come and walk again among us" (Confessions). He did.

Patrick died on March 17 sometime about 16 centuries ago, but he still influences many in the faith. Include me among them. He did not leave many writings, but not

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PCNT to present virtual service on March 19

By **Carla Ryan**
Special to The PREVIEW

With all the technology today, it's not a surprise for a church group to utilize what's available when the opportunity presents itself.

Such will be the case on Sunday, March 19, when the Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) and the Rev. Carla Ryan will present a "virtual service" on this month's theme of "Abundance and Prosperity" at the 10:30 a.m. service.

The group will present a full recorded service from the Mile Hi Church in Denver, Colo., featuring their senior minister, Roger Teel. His topic is "When You Have to Decide."

This type of presentation allows the group to learn from longtime New Thought ministers and teach-

ers around the world. It is also a method that may be utilized more often in the months ahead after Ryan steps down from her role as senior minister at PCNT in mid-April.

Until her departure, she will introduce to the leadership team various formats of "how to do church," as well as transitioning various responsibilities to them so the group can continue to meet each Sunday.

PCNT is hosting a play-shop on Saturday, March 25, with Pam Kircher presenting "An Introduction to Soul Collage" from 1 to 4 p.m. The play-shop is presented on a love offering basis (suggested minimum \$10).

It will be held at the PCNT sanctuary (address below). Bring your sense of adventure, a small pair of scissors, and a journal or tablet

paper for recording the experience. It'll be a fun time.

For those interested in knowing the what, when and where details about PCNT, you can subscribe to the weekly newsletter by sending an email with your request or calling the church phone. Details are shown below.

PCNT honors all lifestyles, belief systems, religious paths and people for who they are, children of the Divine. NewThought is a trans-denominational philosophy and draws from all the world's major religions to teach universal principles and concepts for a positive, joyful life. Be part of this unique spiritual adventure.

Weekly Sunday gatherings (10:30 a.m.) are held at the PCNT center at 2800 Cornerstone Drive, Unit 3 (across the parking lot from the Sears store). For information about the church or New Thought in general, attend a Sunday service, email PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 749-9020, or mail to: P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052. You can also find us on Facebook or at our website, www.PagosaNewThought.org.

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long ago, when I needed some deep spiritual help I stumbled into his most famous gift, a prayer entitled "The Breastplate." I memorized it, prayed it and still hold it.

He prayed, "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, Christ in the eye that sees

me, Christ in the ear that hears me."

So be it.

As most people in the world will do on Thursday, I'll wear green, but I'll wear it more for personal reasons. Among them, I don't want to get pinched.

Faith articles

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Be green even if you're not Irish

By Roberta Tolan
PREVIEW Columnist

Everyone claims to have at least some Irish background on St. Patrick's Day. For some, it involves wearing the only green piece of clothing in the closet, cooking up corned beef and cabbage even if it isn't the family's favorite dish, or eating unidentifiable food coated with green food coloring.

Rather than be green on just one day, think about ways you can be green all year starting on St. Patrick's Day. Here are some ideas.

Plant a garden

Planting a vegetable garden can be one of the most rewarding summer activities. Not only can it provide fresh vegetables for the dinner table, but it also means buying fewer vegetables that have been shipped from around the world at great cost and leaving behind a large carbon footprint.

Even though our growing season is short, our high altitude and cool nights can also be an advantage. Most cool-season vegetables grow very well in Archuleta County. These include broccoli, cabbage, onions, lettuce, peas, radish, spinach and Swiss chard. Root crops also do very well here, including carrots, beets, parsnips and potatoes.

Call the CSU Extension office if you would like to purchase seed potato varieties grown in the San Luis Valley. They are usually available for pickup and planting in early May.

For more information on starting a garden at high altitude, download the following CSU Fact Sheet: <http://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/colorado-mountain-gardening-basics-7-224/>.

Start recycling

Recycling keeps usable waste out of the landfill and provides the raw materials used in the manufacturing of other products. It isn't difficult to recycle. It's just a matter of setting up a method that works for you.

One option is to use plastic bins for each type of recycling material such as cans, bottles, paper and plastic. When they fill up, put them in the back of your vehicle and bring them to the Archuleta County recycling center located at the Transfer Station on Trujillo Road from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The cost is minimal at \$2 per residential load and \$6 per cubic yard of commercial recyclables.

You can also contract with local companies that provide home pickup of recyclables. For information on what types of materials are recyclable at the county facility, visit the county website at <http://www.archuletacounty.org/index.aspx?nid=263>.

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<http://www.archuletacounty.org/index.aspx?nid=263>.

Replace your lights with LEDs

LED is a highly energy-efficient lighting technology and has the potential to fundamentally change the future of lighting in the United States. Residential LEDs, especially Energy Star-rated products, use at least 75 percent less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent lighting. Widespread use of LED lighting has the greatest potential impact on energy savings in the United States. By 2027, widespread use of LEDs could save about 348 TWh (compared to no LED use) of electricity: This is the equivalent annual electrical output of 44 large electric power plants (1,000 megawatts each), and a total savings of more than \$30 billion at today's electricity prices.

This information was provided by the U.S. Department of Energy and additional information on the potential savings can be found on that department's website at <http://energy.gov/energysaver/led-lighting>.

Save water in and around the home

Water is one of our most precious and valuable resources and there are many ways to save water in our normal everyday activities. Here are a few simple tips:

- Wash clothes only when you have a full load.
- In manufacturing a bottle of water, a large amount of water is wasted. Use refillable water bottles rather than buying pre-filled plastic water bottles.
- Take a shorter shower and install water-conserving showerheads and low-flush toilets if possible.
- Don't run the water while you shave or brush your teeth.
- Catch the water in your shower

each morning that runs while you wait for your water to heat. Use that water to water plants.

Start a compost bin

Composting your kitchen and garden waste is a great way to reduce what is thrown in the landfill and create a fantastic amendment for your garden soil.

There are many types of compost bins that you can make inexpensively. Follow this link to great information on how to start a compost bin at your home and the dos and don'ts of successful composting: <http://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/composting-yard-waste-7-212/>.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

CPR and first aid classes

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

We will also attempt to schedule classes on additional dates with five or more registrations.

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San Juan Stargazers to continue study of Hubble images

By Jerry Granok
Special to The PREVIEW

On March 23, the San Juan Stargazers will meet at the Visitor Center on Hot Spring Boulevard at 7 p.m. to continue their study of the Hubble images using the Great Courses video narrated by Professor David Meyer of Northwestern University.

The Hubble images are not just

pretty pictures. Under Meyer's tutelage, we will continue to find out what those images actually teach us about the universe we live in. The next two topics will be based on the images of the Sagittarius Star Cloud and the Star Factory inside the Eagle Nebula.

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

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

Meetings are usually the fourth Thursday of the month, but check The PREVIEW calendar for specific information about if, when and where the meeting will be held.

ACVAP introduces advocacy hours at PSHS

By Casey Crow
Special to The PREVIEW

I remember very clearly the day I realized I was in an unhealthy relationship. I noticed a flier hanging in the girl's bathroom at Pagosa Springs High School, one hung by the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program (ACVAP), showing the Power and Control Wheel. It described the cycle of physical, emotional or sexual violence that can occur within an abusive or unhealthy relationship. I never expected to see myself in that wheel, but I did.

I didn't think my relationship was abnormal — the lack of choice, the constant guilt trips, regular assaults on my self-esteem and body image and isolation from my support system. If I hadn't seen that simple flier, I don't know that I would have identified the fact that something was wrong.

An estimated 1.5 million teens are affected by dating violence each year, and I imagine they feel much like I did. Which is why, at ACVAP we are working to raise awareness around teen dating violence and create a safe space in Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) to support teens.

ACVAP is now holding regular office hours at PSHS during lunch

on Tuesdays. One of our trained advocates is on campus, in the counselor's office, to talk with students.

For those teens in our community struggling with an unhealthy relationship, it may be intimidating to talk to a teacher, counselor or other school-affiliated personnel. ACVAP seeks to create a space where students can talk openly and confidentially with an advocate who is removed from the school system. Our advocates work in partnership with school staff in guiding students to the resources and support they need.

Advocacy hours act as the first stop for struggling teens. Advocates lend a listening ear, explain available options and direct students to short-term and long-term resources.

Statistics show that one in three teen in the U.S. experience physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence. Sadly,

only 18 percent of teens affected by relationship violence ever tell anyone.

Talk to your teens about relationship violence. Everyone deserves love and respect. Let's work together to support teens in cultivating healthy, safe and respectful relationships.

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‘OVER THE RAINBOW’

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Scene ... “Over the Rainbow” at the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir’s annual fundraiser Friday. The evening featured food, a silent auction and, of course, music. The choir presented a short choral performance before yielding the stage to the San Juan Mountain Boys for an evening of dancing.





Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, March 16

Pagosa Care Conference. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Encouragement, education and resources for seniors and senior caregivers. There will be speakers and sessions. Lunch will be provided. Visit www.ps-seniors.org or call 264-2167 to make a reservation.

Computer Help. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Technology help with your computer.

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

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

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

Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center.

Terrific Tuesdays. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Learn to dance the Argentine tango. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

Friday, March 17

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

Pi Beta Phi. 9 a.m., Head Start. Alumnae visit to donate books and read to the children for the sorority's annual Day of Service family literacy project. Wear green in honor of St. Patrick's Day. RSVP to Lisa Scott, sranch@centurytel.net.

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

welcome.

Free Screenings. 10 a.m.-noon, Senior Center. San Juan Basin Public Health screenings on total cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure checks, referrals, and translations for Spanish speakers.

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.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall. Fish, coleslaw, fries, drink and dessert will be served. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors and \$6 for children under 12.

A Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown with The High Rollers. 5:30-9 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran gymnasium. Join us for a fun night of great music, food and dancing to benefit the children of Our Savior Lutheran School. Tickets are \$35 per person in advance and \$40 at the door if any are left. For tickets, stop by the Lutheran School Thursday or Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., the uptown Citizens Bank or call Pennie at 903-3242.

Chimney Rock Open House. 6-7 p.m., Ecoluxe building at The Springs Resort, 165 Hot Springs Blvd. Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) volunteers will be on hand to introduce guests to the opportunities for service at Chimney Rock.

Hunter Education Adult Class. 6-9 p.m., Community Center. Contact Don Volger at 264-2197 for more information.

Saturday, March 18

Hunter Education Class. 8 a.m.-

2 p.m., Community Center. Students from all three classes must attend to receive a hunter education card. Contact Don Volger at 264-2197 for more information.

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center.

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network Workshop. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellow-

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ANSWER:

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ship, 1044 Park Ave. An all-day workshop on screenwriting. It will be a continuation of "The Basics of Screenplay Writing." C. Neal Johnson will use a favorite movie to teach script writing. Cost is \$15. For further details, email betty@bettyslade.com or visit <http://www.wolfcreekwriters.com/>.

Tara Mandala Open House. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Tara Mandala Retreat Center. A day of free events including a guided tour of our beautiful retreat center and temple, brief instruction to meditation and a vegetarian buffet lunch. For more information and to register, go to taramandala.org/open-house.

Baby Storytime. 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. Twenty minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Zumba. 10-11 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

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Yoga: Laugh and Let Go. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.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.

Quiet Book Discussion. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking," a nonfiction

title by Susan Cain, explores the positives of introversion and argues that introverts are undervalued in today's world. Ask for a copy at the desk and then join us for an informal book discussion. Call 264-2209 for further information.

Humane Society Chocolate Auction. 5:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. There will be more than 30 decadent chocolate creations donated by pastry chefs, bakers, caterers, restaurants and creative chocolatiers. The price of admission includes a delicious seated dinner and dessert served prior to the live auction. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the Humane Society Thrift Store at 279 Pagosa St., the animal shelter at 465 Cloman Blvd., or by calling 264-5549.

Sunday, March 19

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

Bingo. 6 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, March 20

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

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

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

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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.

Computer Help. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Technology help with your computer.

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

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior center.

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

Otaku. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. If you are into anime or manga, this club is for you. Come and watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga. For youth in the

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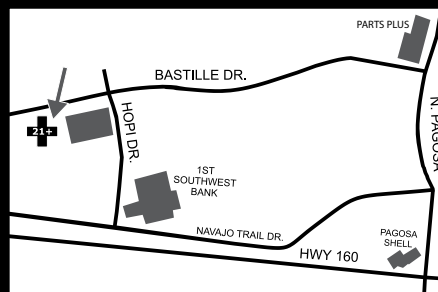
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5th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

Tuesday, March 21

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

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

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

Plant Sale. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Dome, Centennial Park.

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.

Comprehensive Plan Open House. 5-7 p.m., Community Center.

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.

Pagosa Springs High School Presents 'Mary Poppins.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for all ages at the door.

Terrific Tuesdays. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Learn to dance the Argentine tango. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

Wednesday, March 22

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

Free Blood Pressure Checks. 10 a.m., Senior Center.

Library Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join Early Literacy Librarian Michael for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Storytime is a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

HELP (Healthy Eating Lifestyle Plan). Noon-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Weigh-in, support and more. Everyone welcome. Call Nancy Strait at 731-3427 for more information.

Movie. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Popcorn and beverages provided.

Coed Volleyball. 1-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Friendly, non-competitive 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.

Spanish Conversation. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Are you interested in practicing your Spanish skills with others? This informal meet-up gives the opportunity to increase fluency by speaking with other Spanish language learners and speakers. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women

meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, March 23

Computer Help. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Technology help with your computer.

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

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing role-playing game. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry. You can join in any time. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

ACVAP Cooking Class. 6-8 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Vietnamese Cooking with Tess Challis to benefit Archuleta County Victim Assistance. Call 264-1129 to register.

Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center.

Pagosa Springs High School Presents 'Mary Poppins.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for all ages at the door.

San Juan Stargazers. 7 p.m., Visitor Center. We will be studying more of the Hubble images. For more information, call 335-8286, visit www.SanJuanStargazers.com or email sjstargazers@gmail.com.

Friday, March 24

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center.
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Obituaries: Noon, Tuesday
(We accommodate obituaries after this if at all possible.)

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

Senior Book Club. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We are excited that the Senior Book Club is now meeting at the library. This month's title is 'The Man Called Ove', by Fredrik Backman. This book can be ordered through inter-library loan or you can download it on your tablet. Ask at the desk for details or call 264-2209.

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

Zumba. Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for a special Book Club meeting. Snacks and lively discussion of this month's book, "Accidental Samurai Spy," with local author Mariko Tatumoto. 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Movie. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. What do your pets do when you leave the house? Find out in this crazy adventure when Max and Duke get lost in New York City. All ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall. Fish, coleslaw, fries, drink and dessert will be served. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors and \$6 for children under 12.

Pagosa Springs High School Presents 'Mary Poppins.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets

are \$10 for all ages at the door.

Saturday, March 25

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center.

Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk. 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, Suite 15-B, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are welcome.

Zumba. 10-11 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

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Sunday, March 26

Square Dance with the High Country Squares. 2-4 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Mainstream and Plus Squares dancing with Richard Berry calling. Contact Steve at 731-0044 for more information.

Bingo. 6 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

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Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

Caregiver Support Group. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association. For more information, call 259-0122.

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

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

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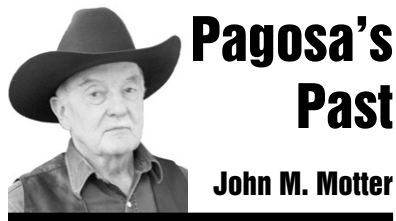


Surveying Wolf Creek Pass

Surveys for the new road over the San Juan Mountains which was to become Wolf Creek Pass started in 1913. The first surveyor was a man from Alamosa who was unfortunately killed while surveying the East Fork of the San Juan River.

In March of 1913, the State Highway Advisory Board organized a Construction Committee consisting of Messrs. Fred Catchpole, county commissioner of Archuleta County, and commissioners from Alamosa and Rio Grande Counties. This committee was in charge of the work, getting surveys completed, etc., on the Elwood Pass Road.

These men were assisted by W.W. Reilly, civil engineer of Monte Vista, and his assistant. "In company with the Construction Committee and their engineers, we made trips over all the proposed routes from Alamosa to Elwood Pass, down to Timber Hill, and skirting around Silver Creek to get distance enough to build a grade down the East Fork of the San Juan River; also along the crest of the Divide from Elwood Pass to Bonita Pass to the base of Silver Pass, around Treasure Mountain to the top of Windy Gap, thence on to the base of Windy Gap Hill to the road along the West Fork of the San Juan River;



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

and from the top of the Divide east, down the fork of the Rio Grande River to South Fork, connecting with the Alamosa-Creede road at that point."

At a meeting on April 15, 1914, the State Highway Advisory Board had under discussion the Elwood Pass road, and took the following action:

"In the matter of the Elwood Pass road, we have taken this matter up with the present Board of Construction and with the county commissioners of Rio Grande and Mineral Counties. The present Board of Construction desires to continue in office, and finish the road. A. State Senator West and Mr. Reilly, and the matter of the construction of the road was discussed, but no definite arrangements made. We will take this matter up further with Mr. Herr and the present Construction Board, and arrive at some definite conclusion."

First Place 4 Health orientation set for March 20

By Marie Rascoe
Special to The PREVIEW

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Orientation is set for Monday, March 20, at 6 p.m. First Place 4 Health offers a 12-week session with a weekly meeting on Mondays from 5:45 to 7 p.m. The weekly coed meetings will begin on April 3 and run through June 19.

Attend the orientation and see if this is right for you. This class is offered at Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive.

For more information, contact Marie Rascoe at 731-3185 or 946-9379.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Guitar accessory
- 5 Daisylike bloom
- 10 It may be bright
- 14 Letters on an F-16
- 15 Innocent
- 16 Middle value
- 17 Like some experts
- 19 Auditor's aim
- 20 Like tears
- 21 Completely surround
- 23 Funny fellow
- 25 Divination deck
- 26 Geometric solid
- 30 Upholstery trim
- 33 Bonanza find
- 34 Prepare to surf, perhaps
- 36 Cut, as ties
- 37 Tusked animal
- 39 One who goes for the gold?
- 41 High praise
- 42 Back, in a way
- 44 Dry (off)
- 46 Kind of party
- 47 Sit tight
- 49 Serious warning
- 51 Viper snake
- 53 Jen's "Friend"
- 54 Flavor detector
- 57 Derelict
- 61 Initiation, e.g.
- 62 Part of HUAC
- 64 Roman date
- 65 Light purple
- 66 NASA scrub
- 67 Fresh
- 68 Regarding
- 69 All over

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- 1 Codger
- 2 Fishing, perhaps
- 3 Gloomy atmosphere

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- 4 Rainn Wilson sitcom, with "The"
- 5 Waiting area
- 6 "Come to think of it ..."
- 7 Scrabble piece
- 8 Happening
- 9 Railroad station porter
- 10 Just not done
- 11 Turn off
- 12 British blueblood
- 13 Advance amount
- 18 Growl viciously
- 22 Flower with a bulb
- 24 Finger or toe
- 26 Dry
- 27 Inclined
- 28 Boarding school biggie
- 29 Philanthropist
- 31 Now or _____
- 32 Distinguished
- 35 Stair post
- 38 Car shopper's tryout
- 40 Prosecutor's option
- 43 Off-target
- 45 Light in a light show
- 48 Astronomer's sighting
- 50 Veneer
- 52 Altercation
- 54 Field follower?
- 55 ____-de-camp
- 56 Chip's partner
- 58 It's clicked on a computer
- 59 Fragrant herb
- 60 Kind of job
- 63 1952 film, "The Quiet ____"

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Many readers of this column will remember longtime Pagosa resident Bob Bigelow, who died a year and a half ago. He was an extremely generous and caring man who made constant — and mostly behind-the-scenes — contributions of time and money to youngsters, schools and nonprofit organizations in our community, including your library.

Many years ago, Bob gave my husband a book titled “Great At Any Age,” a collection of fun facts about people’s achievements from age 1 to 100. In tribute to Bob, here is a sample of the information in the book; we have donated it to the library in case you want to read more:

At age 6, Mozart performs piano concerts across Europe and Shirley Temple receives an honorary Oscar for her contributions to film. At age 7, Helen Keller masters a vocabulary of 625 words although she was blind and deaf, and Michael Phelps starts swimming lessons because his mother thought it would help his ADHD. At age 14, Ralph Waldo Emerson enrolls at Harvard, and, at age 16, Ella Fitzgerald wins an amateur singing contest in Harlem. At age 17, Marco Polo begins his 24-year exploration of Asia. At age 18, Jesse James commits his first bank robbery, Mary Shelley starts writing “Frankenstein” and Tommy Hilfinger opens his first clothing store.

At age 19, Mark Zuckerberg launches Facebook and, at age 22, Dick Clark launches American Bandstand. At age 24, Betsy Ross sews the first American flag. At age 25, Pablo Picasso paints Les Femmes d’Alger (O. J. M. Version O) that starts the modern art movement. At age 26, Michelangelo completes his Pieta sculpture and, at age 28, F. Scott Fitzgerald publishes “The Great Gatsby.” At age 29, Alexander Graham Bell invents the telephone and Edvard Munch paints “The Scream.” At age 36, Albert Einstein explains his theory of relativity.

At age 74, Monet begins painting his extensive water lilies series. At age 76, Clara Barton works as a battlefield nurse in the Spanish-American War and, at age 78, Grandma Moses begins her professional painting career. At age 79, Ben Franklin invents bifocal

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eyeglasses and Verdi composes his Falstaff opera. At age 85, Bertrand Russell unveils his international peace symbol and, at age 89, architect Frank Lloyd Wright completes the Guggenheim Museum. At age 94, conductor Leonard Stokowski signs a six-year recording contract. At age 100, Ichijirou Araya climbs Mount Fuji.

Library closure tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, March 17, your library will be closed for a special staff training session.

Bob Bennhoff from the Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC) will be in town to demonstrate additional searching techniques within AspenCat, our integrated library system running from the cloud and address some of the work that CLiC has been working on to tidy up records, making the user experience more successful.

As well, there will be a refresher on downloadable content and an opportunity for staff input on your library’s new strategic plan being worked on now.

We apologize for any inconvenience to you.

Book event for adults

This Saturday, March 18, from 3 to 4 p.m. is a special book discussion of “Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can’t Stop Talking,” a nonfiction book by Susan Cain. The first 15 people who sign up get a free copy to keep. No registration is required.

Otaku

The free Otaku Club meets from 4 to 5 p.m. on the third Monday of every month, this month on March 20. Watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga. This club is for those in the fifth through 12th grades.

Tech sessions

Rachael is available for Tech Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon and Tech Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. Drop in with your technology questions.

Note: There will be no Tech Time

on March 23.

Spanish conversation

Wednesday, March 22, from 4 to 5 p.m., practice your Spanish with others at this informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. No registration is required.

Teen role-playing

The role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Thursday, March 23, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Teen gaming

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.

Kids storytime

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m., join Michael for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. This is an excellent way for kids of all ages to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

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Toddler storytime

Every Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m., join Michael for 30 minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays with open play afterwards. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life.

Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults.

Nonfiction

“Cravings: How I Conquered Food” by Judy Collins shares the music legend's struggle with compulsive overeating and how she recovered. “Shrinking Violets” by Joe Moran explores shyness through the lives of famous shy people like Charles Darwin, Charles Schultz, Garrison Keillor and others. “If Our Bodies Could Talk” by Dr. James Hamblin is a guide to keeping your body working well in a world full of myths and misinformation. “Blue on Blue” by Charles Campisi details how NYPD's Internal Affairs Bureau put bad cops behind bars.

Mysteries and thrillers

“A Divided Spy” by Charles Cumming is about a former Russian spy out for revenge. “Kill the Father” by Sandrone Dazieri is a thriller set in Rome. “Nest” by Terry Goodkind features a woman who can identify killers by looking into their eyes. “Racing the Devil” by Charles Todd is an Inspector Ian Rutledge mystery. “The Angels' Share” by James Markert centers around a drifter's grave that draws pilgrims to a small Kentucky town.

Other novels

“A Piece of the World” by Christina Baker Kline is a novel inspired by Andrew Wyeth's celebrated painting, “Christina's World.” “Humans, Bow Down” by James Patterson and Emily Raymond is a sci-fi story. “Running” by Cara Hoffman follows three outsiders working as runners (hustlers) in Athens.

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SEASONAL PARK LABOR: The Town of Pagosa Springs is hiring for Seasonal Parks Labor to perform maintenance of the Town's extensive parks and trail system. Duties include landscape maintenance, general repair of park equipment and facilities, assisting at special events, etc. For more information on the positions open and to apply, please go to www.townofpagosasprings.co.gov or pick up an application at the Town Hall located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a **Registered Nurses** for PreOp/ PACU and OR Circulator positions. BLS/ ACLS required. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration and the human resources office or downloaded from www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

JOB OPENING: WASTEWATER COLLECTIONS Maintenance Technician. Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District is looking for a highly motivated wastewater collections maintenance technician. The main function of which is operations and maintenance of the sewer lift stations. Other duties include maintenance and operation of the sewer camera equipment, vacuum truck, jet trailer equipment, and other maintenance functions for water and wastewater treatment plants and lines. PAWSD offers an exceptional wage and benefit package that includes: Health Insurance, Vacation, Sick Leave, Matching Retirement Plans and a Flexible Spending Plan. For a complete job description and application, contact Nancy at nancy@pawsd.org (970)731-7627.

SALES ASSOCIATE AND RECEPTIONIST: Must be a motivated self-starter. Previous tile, granite, kitchen and bath knowledge helpful, but not required. Will train the right person. \$10/ hour, Monday- Friday, 9a.m.-4:30p.m. Please email your resume to superior_interiors1@yahoo.com.

3R RANCH TAKING APPLICATIONS for immediate opening available for seasonal employment. Landscaping, chain saw experience, fencing, lawn maintenance. Valid drivers license, own transportation a must. Call 264-5160, leave message.

MUSIC TEACHER: Archuleta School District 50 Joint is accepting applications for an Elementary School Music Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. Job description and salary schedule information and application may be viewed and completed on-line through www.mypagosaschools.com.

HELP WANTED

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE looking for experienced Line Cooks. Full-time positions. Great pay along with a great place to work. Apply in person Monday- Friday, 2p.m.-5p.m.

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PAGOSA PEAK OPEN SCHOOL, opening September 2017, is now seeking a highly qualified School Director. The SD provides overall leadership and direction that will ensure the success of Pagosa Peak Open School, its vision, mission, goals and objectives. Responsible for staff management, student/ program management, organizational leadership, finance and human resources. Must be flexible with unforeseen job duties in a small, startup charter school. Minimum Qualifications: Preferred: Master's Degree in education or related field; minimum of 5 years experience as a classroom/school administrator. Minimum 2 years experience with Project Based Learning. Resumes, CV, and or letters of interest should be submitted to: hello@pagosapeakopenschool.org For complete job description, please visit http://pagosapeakopenschool.org/about-us/employment/.

HEALTHCARE VACANCIES- Physician, Dentist, Medical Technologist, Ambulatory Care RN and Public Health Nurse needed for Indian Health Clinic in Dulce, NM. Federal salaries and benefits. Rewarding work, weekday schedule, no holiday or weekend coverage. For information (575)759-7200 or (575)759-7230.

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EQUIPMENT OPERATOR 1. Archuleta County's Road & Bridge Department is accepting applications for an Equip Op I. For job description and to apply, visit online at www.archuletacounty.org, or email application to fgoeen@archuletacounty.org. Posting closes March 31, 2017. Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM: Looking for a summer job in Pagosa Springs? The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire full- and part-time staff for its 2017 Summer Youth Program that will run for 11 weeks beginning in June. Staff will work collaboratively to implement the program and create a positive learning experience for youth in Pagosa through the exploration of Pagosa's outdoors, arts and crafts, and other recreational activities. For more information on the positions open and to apply, please go to www.townofpagosaprisings.co.gov or pick up an application at the Town Hall located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and pass the qualifying screening. The Town is an equal opportunity employer.

SHELL STATION HIRING full-time position. Please apply at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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PAGOSA LIQUOR HIRING full-time position. Please apply at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

ROOFING LABORER NEEDED with experience on steep roofs. Call 749-0830.

SALES ASSOCIATE. Must pass a background check. Apply at Sears, 2800 Cornerstone Dr.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for fulltime **Housekeepers.** Must be willing to work nights and some weekends. Applications may be picked up at the human resources office, or downloaded at www.pagosaprisingsmedicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

NEEDING SNOW SHOVELERS to finish out snow season. Possibility to turn into full-time summer positions in grounds maintenance. Also looking for experienced sprinkler/ irrigation person. Please call (970)759-9317.

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for an **Administrative Assistant** to EMS. The Administrative Assistant provides support to the Emergency Medical Services Assistant Chief of Finance and EMS Department on a variety of administrative matters. Office experience and proficiency with MS Word, Excel, Outlook and Adobe Acrobat required, health care field experience preferred. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, preparing purchase orders, maintaining vendor files, registration and discharge of ambulance patients, entering charges associated with ambulance transports, answering departmental phone calls, data entry and maintaining employee certification records. Candidates must be detail oriented, have excellent communication, organizational and people skills. Professionalism and a commitment to patient confidentiality required. This is a part-time position (20 hours per week). Applications may be picked up at the human resources office or downloaded from www.pagosaprisingsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

CORRVALUES LLC: RN, BSN, full time; LPN, 36 hours per week; mental health professional, part time, correctional experience preferred; housing and competitive wages offered. Please contact Lindy Stone at (575)588-0152 or email your resume to LStoneCV@yahoo.com.

THE BUCK STOPS HERE Market & Eatery has an immediate opening for dishwasher for evenings. Please stop by and apply with Kevin at 19 Navajo Trail Dr.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a **Sterile Processing Tech.** The Tech assists to assure operating suite is adequately prepared for procedure. Monitors PAR level of all surgical instruments and supplies. Cleans and sterilizes all surgical instruments. Participates in departmental staff meetings and performance improvement activities. This is a PRN/ casual position. Applications may be picked up at the human resources office or downloaded from www.pagosaprisingsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

The upcoming Pagosa Care Conference aims to provide resources for those in our community who provide care for others or who are beginning to look for resources for their own care.

This conference is designed to bring family and professional caregivers together for encouragement, education and resource networking.

The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 16 at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

There will be speakers and sessions, and a free lunch will be provided. Visit www.psseniors.org or call 264-2167 for reservations.

VITA tax assistance

For the past several years, the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) group out of Durango has come to the Pagosa Springs Senior Center offering free income tax preparation for seniors.

This year, due to lack of adequate volunteers from Tax Help Colorado, out of Denver, the Durango VITA tax volunteers will not be able to assist senior taxpayers in Pagosa Springs.

The schedule is as follows: Seniors only on Mondays (call 382-6445 for an appointment) and all ages on Saturdays (call 335-9776 for an appointment).

The qualifying income level for free assistance is \$54,000.

Health and wellness

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center has initiated a new pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors.

The program includes wellness, blood pressure monitoring, or allowing individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C, of Alpine Medical and Specialty Practices. Zappone has been a nurse practitioner for six years and a longtime resident of Pagosa Springs. She understands the difficulties of obtaining health care in a rural area and how these obstacles can be greater for seniors.

The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next wellness event will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 29.

Computer center

The Senior Center provides computer access to seniors who are members of the Discount Club. Computer stations are available

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by the hour. If no one has signed up for the next hour, seniors may continue to use the computer for an additional hour(s).

Computer and Internet access is available during business hours when staff is in attendance and classes are not in session.

Medicare Mondays

Are you turning 65? Do you need some help with Medicare? The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging has openings every Monday at the Senior Center to help you with your Medicare enrollment questions.

Here are some quick tips: If you are collecting Social Security, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare parts A and B. We can help you pick a Part D Prescription Drug Plan. If you don't enroll in a Part D plan, you could face penalties. If you are new to Medicare, you have an eight-month Special Enrollment Period to sign up for parts A, B and D around your 65th birthday. Medicare starts after your employment ends or the group health insurance plan based on your current employment ends, whichever happens first. You do not pay late penalties if you enroll within the eight-month Special Enrollment Period. COBRA and retiree health plans are not considered coverage based on current employment.

Important dates: General enrollment runs from Jan. 1 through March 31 each year and coverage starts July 1. Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 is open (or annual) enrollment for switching plans for Part D and a Medicare Cost Plan; coverage starts Jan. 1.

If you would like to talk to a Medicare counselor, please contact the Area Agency on Aging to make an appointment. Please call 264-0501, ext. 2. We will put you in touch with one of our talented and experienced Medicare counselors.

Memberships

Senior Discount Club memberships are offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch. If you are a senior (60 years and older), for only a \$4 suggested donation, you are eligible for a hot meal, drink and a salad prepared by our kitchen staff.

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$5 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 16 — Country-fried chicken, white country gravy, mashed potatoes, roasted broccoli, salad bar and blueberry crisp.

Friday, March 17 — Reuben sandwich, potato salad, Irish carrots and salad bar.

Monday, March 20 — Grilled chicken, pistachio pesto linguine, steamed sliced zucchini, spinach with tomatoes, salad bar and lemon dessert.

Tuesday, March 21 — Beef pot roast, gravy, broccoli with red peppers and salad bar.

Wednesday, March 22 — Chicken paprikash, cucumber salad, spinach and mushroom sauté and salad bar.

Thursday, March 23 — Beef combination burrito, green chili sauce, eggplant medley, green beans with onions and salad bar.

Reservations and cancellations

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

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



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