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A new name for Dry Gulch?

Open records request reveals email voting by secret ballot

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Dry Gulch water storage project may or may not have a new name.

Days after voting to put a mill levy increase on the ballot in an effort to help fund the project, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors voted via email to change the name of the Dry Gulch water storage project.

On June 21, The SUN received a "news release" email from SJWCD chair Rod Proffitt announcing that

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Charter school to adopt budget ... again

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The board of the Pagosa Peak Open School, the charter school slated to open its doors for the first time this fall, is set to approve the school's budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year at noon on July 17.

That board previously approved the budget on June 13, but was questioned regarding the legality of how the budget was approved by the Archuleta School District (ASD), who granted the charter to the school, as well as The SUN.

Namely, the questions concerned the lack of notice regarding the availability of the budget for public inspection prior to its adoption, and the timeline for adopting the budget versus the deadlines that correspond with state statute.

After discussions with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) regarding the concerns, but prior to the June 13 meeting, ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson emailed PPOS Director James Lewicki stating, "I think there are one or two major flaws in your budget adoption process that you might have to talk with your attorney about."

After sending the email to Lewicki, Hodgson provided a copy to The SUN.

"The first problem, which you can't correct if it wasn't done, is the budget needed to be presented to the Board by the end of May. If this was not done what you will need

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Fourth of July

SUN staff photos

Thousands of people flock to Pagosa Country to celebrate Independence Day. Pagosa offered a plethora of events and activities to keep everyone busy while celebrating America's birthday.



Charges filed in shooting death

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Charges have been filed against Charlotte Benally, the woman accused of being an accessory to the killing of Richard "Dick" Isaacs.

Charges were filed during a Tuesday, June 28, hearing in 6th Judicial District Court.

Benally is accused of being an accessory to a first-degree murder, a class 4 felony in the state of Colorado.

A person is an accessory to a crime when that person renders assistance to the principal of a crime, or if they intended to hinder, delay or prevent the discovery, detection, apprehension, prosecution, conviction or punishment of the principal.

The charges were filed by Alex Lowe, deputy district attorney for the 6th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

Benally was represented by defense attorney Rae Randolph, with Archuleta County Court Judge Justin P. Fay presiding over the hearing.

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Two school board seats up for grabs in November

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Two seats on the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) will be up for grabs in the November election.

Those seats represent District 1, which is currently held by Brooks Lindner, and District 5, which is currently held by Bruce Dryburgh.

Board members serve a four-year term, and are limited to serving two terms.

According to the ASD website, "The School Board is responsible

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

What's in a name?

It seems like to some people, changing the name of the Dry Gulch water storage project was so important, they decided to violate the Colorado Open Meetings Law (COML) to get it done.

A story on page one of this week's paper outlines actions of the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors, which voted via email by secret ballot to change the name of the Dry Gulch water storage project.

On June 21, The SUN received an email from SJWCD board chair Rod Proffitt, which stated, "San Juan Water Conservancy District announces the name of the reservoir project in the development stage east of Pagosa Springs on the former Running Iron Ranch property has been changed from the 'Dry Gulch Project' to the 'San Juan River Headwaters Project' ... The board of directors officially decided to change the name at its regular board of directors meeting on June 12th, and then chose the name from a list that had circulated for the last several months."

The content of that email was contradictory to what actually happened in the June 12 meeting, which The SUN staff attended.

Contrary to what Proffitt had announced in his email, no vote was held to select a specific name at that meeting. The SUN reported that at that meeting the board discussed possible name changes. The board then came up with the idea of each board member rating the possible choices, and then deciding on a name during the next board meeting.

SUN staff made a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request for emails between the board members that resulted in a 126-page PDF file revealing that the board voted by secret ballot in direct violation of the COML, which states, "Neither a state nor a local public body may adopt any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, or regulation or take formal action by secret ballot ..."

The CORA request also resulted in a 126-page PDF file that included several emails between board members that were redacted by the board's attorney Austin Rueschhoff.

The "Privilege Log" accompanying the emails explained that a June 15 email between Proffitt and board member Al Pfister titled "Zombie Reservoirs" had been redacted in its entirety, with Rueschhoff writing, "This email correspondence was made as part of the SJWCD Board's deliberative process. The deliberative process privilege rests on the ground that public disclosure of certain communications would deter the open exchange of opinions and recommendations between government officials, and it is intended to protect the government's decision-making process, its consultative functions, and the quality of its decisions.' ... In this email, Rod Proffitt shared with Board member Al Pfister his personal opinion and recommendation regarding campaign strategy for an upcoming mill levy increase/TABOR election. The email is more in the nature of a subjective opinion and not factual material. The communication reflects the 'give and take' of the consultative and deliberative process, and its disclosure is of such a candid and personal nature that public disclosure is likely in the future to stifle honest and frank discussion within the SJWCD Board. Maintaining the ability for SJWCD Board members to hold honest and frank discussions amongst themselves is in the public interest."

We find it interesting that the SJWCD board of directors is holding secret email discussions of an "honest and frank" nature regarding public business, yet the same board voted to put a mill levy increase on the ballot in an effort to have the public help fund the project.

It's also interesting that, per the SJWCD's bylaws, "By Order of the Archuleta County District Court ... the District was organized and the Board of Directors was specified to consist of no less than seven (7)" members. The board only consists of six members, which makes the legality of the board even taking any action questionable.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

What is your favorite river activity?



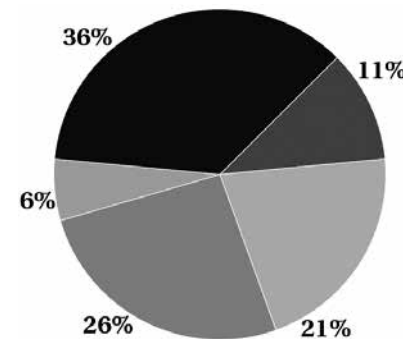
Brandon Boyd
"Fishing."



Rich Schlosser
"Playing fetch with my dog."



Julien Gagnon
"Tubing."



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LOOKING BACK



From the June 11, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. FOG IN THE VALLEY — The storms this past week have often left low cloud and fog banks over the mountains. This is a photo of San Juan Overlook on Wolf Creek Pass as rain and fog started drifting in. While the regular view was spoiled, the outlook from there was fascinating as fog boiled around and fog settled in.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 1, 1927

Louis and Leon Montroy have commenced the construction, on the lot west of the Ralph Flaugh residence on east Pagosa street, of a modern frame bungalow, which when completed will be occupied by their mother, Mrs. E.L. Montroy.

We understand that Swift & Co. have abandoned their plans to establish a cream receiving station in Pagosa Springs, having found that the Pagosa Creamery was ably filling all local needs.

The Pagosa Springs telephone exchange will be closed on Monday July 4th, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Mrs. Emma Rippy has purchased a new Whippet roadster through the John Lattin agency.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 10, 1942

Bobo, pet police dog belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Fowler, is a hero this week. His barking brought Mrs. Fowler to the rescue of her little son, Aubrey Jr., who had waded out into the San Juan River, beneath the Pagosa St. bridge. Little Aubrey, who will be three years old in September, had on rubber boots which he evidently thought should be used, and the yard gate being open, he took advantage of the opportunity to wade the river, as he has seen fishermen do this summer.

Two extra pounds of sugar in addition to the regular rationed amount may be purchased any time between July 10 and Aug. 22, according to announcement made Saturday by rationing officials in Washington.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 6, 1967

The annual Red Ryder Roundup July 3 and 4 was well attended this year although attendance numbers were below some years. The crowd on Monday, July 3, was very light. However, a much larger crowd packed the streets and the rodeo grounds the next day.

The river is a popular spot these days with many young people taking advantage of deeper water in which to swim. The spot used for swimming isn't the best in the world, maybe, but the young folks enjoying some swimming couldn't be having much more fun no matter how classy a place they might be in.

With the Red Ryder Roundup out of the way the next big event for the community is the Archuleta County Fair in August.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 9, 1992

The annual Earth First! Round River Rendezvous attracted an estimated 400 participants last week to the Sheep Creek campground on the banks of the Piedra River. Cars in the parking area on the First Fork road above the campsite showed license plates from 30 different states, as well as from Canada. The official event passed without incident.

Embers from a small firepit at the Rendezvous site in meadows along the eastern banks of the Piedra River apparently ignited a fire Monday afternoon that burned six to eight acres of national forest before the blaze was contained Tuesday morning. The area where the fire started was located about 200 yards northeast of the Sheep Creek bridge.

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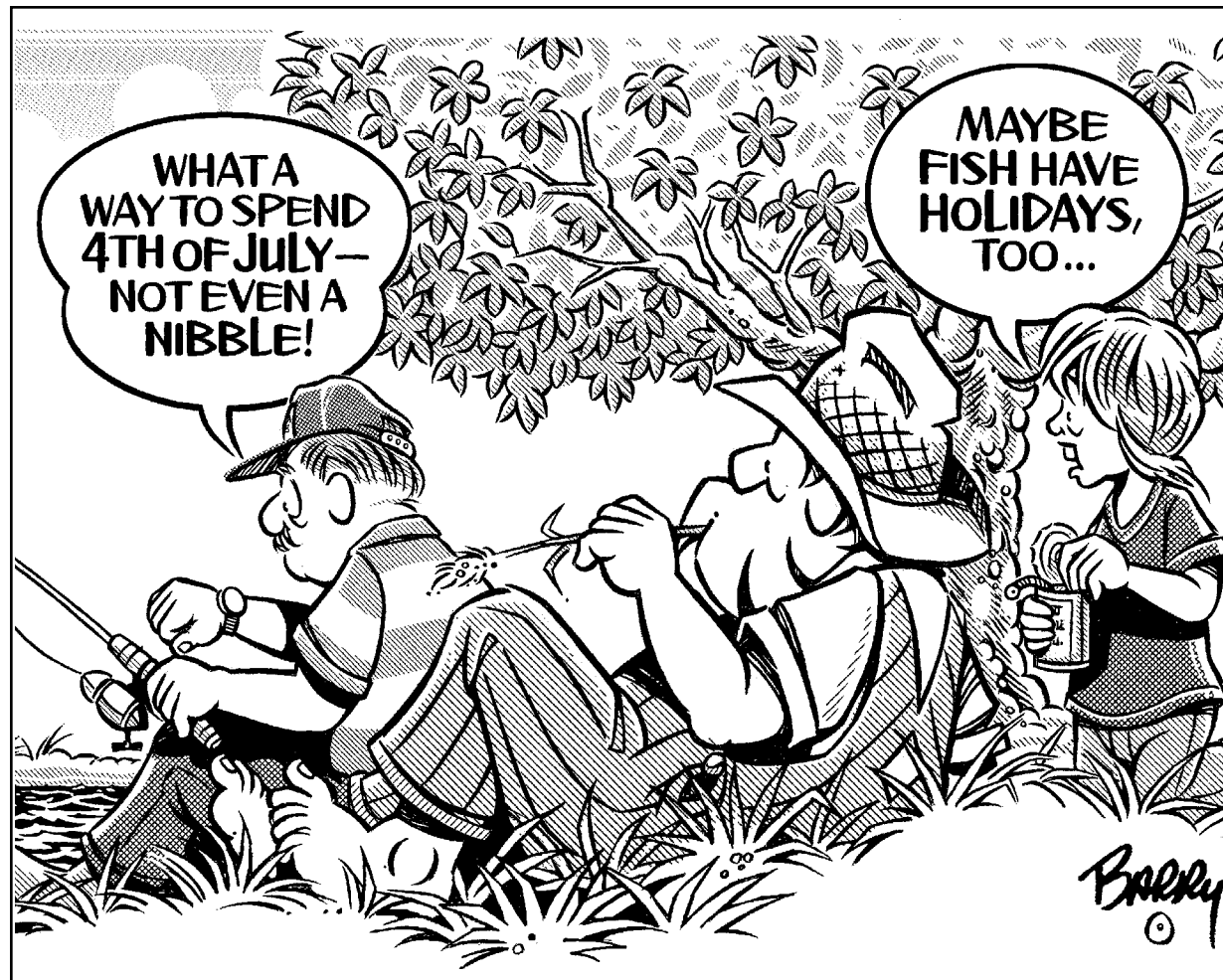
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Letters

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Puzzlin'

Dear Editor:
I've been puzzlin' ... why and when did America become so politically divided.? Was it those dopey extraneous group-grope issues like abortion rights, big vs. small government or ole Bible thumpin'? Nope, I think it started much earlier. Let's go all the way back to our revolution. Did you know that only about a third of colonial Americans wanted to separate from England? Then the Civil War, blue vs. gray over racism. And within our living

memory, the Vietnam War where our loyalist, true believers, do-as-told types and idealists said yes sir and jumped on board. And that's where I suggest the real split occurred, as some citizens just said no and the protests began.

We lost an unwinnable war in Vietnam. Rather than recognize and accept this, the loyalists formed a deep grudge against the anti-war protestors. I'm guessing the current Trump supporters are really holdovers or adverts of the Vietnam loyalists. And today, those loyalists feel that the protestors are the ones who shaped American government, regulations, foreign policy and culture ... so naturally they want to "drain-the-swamp." You can almost hear their collective recital ... "I did as told, supported Washington, believed in the Christian God, went to work, paid taxes, but wasn't up to serving in the Armed forces, laughed at all the racist/female jokes; and am still angry at those protestors whom we now call liberals ... and ... hate professional do-gooders who try and tell us what's best for us" like Hillary.

The disconnect of Donald's supporters isn't that they are making a legitimate political choice; it's that their demand for jobs is underscored with awareness that those jobs aren't coming back. And this awareness just fuels their loathing and hatred for liberals and "love" for Donald. Not to mention "those Washington D.C. liberals are probably the ones behind making it okay to relocate factories abroad, and that was my job."

Devil his due ... so for his supporters, what are the available economic/political choices for a group of mostly frustrated "boomers" and/or rural residents where their age and personal motivations, disappointments, and a shrinking job market that is technically changing? Then along comes Donald Trump, who is appropriately disrespectful of all "the liberal" institutions, telling you what you know is a lie but is exactly what you want to hear, disregarding that liberal crap about PC and rejects everything Obama. Even more

important is that Donald talks and reacts just like his supporters ... yea, he's their guy.

So here's the test to tell whether you're a member of the "loyalists," independents or liberals: ... what was your first ... not second, but first thought when you watched the video of an unarmed black motorist stopped by a police officer for a general traffic check being shot several times in the back while running away? So now that you've made that decision, what are you going to do about healing America?
David Blake

County facilities

Dear Editor:
I knew of the tour of the sheriff's facilities offered by the current sheriff but chose to pass on the offer. I felt certain that all we would see and hear would be biased by people very interested in getting brand new facilities. The two letters to the editor a few weeks ago confirmed my suspicions.

I do not mean to demean the letter writers as they saw what the sheriff wanted them to see. What I didn't read in those letters was any hope that the current facilities could be salvaged.

Any one that has watched one of the fix-and-flip type shows on TV can attest to the fact that builders can most certainly make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, even going so far as to repair most of the foundation if required. Why then are we not treated to this sort of report on the current county facilities?

I have yet to see any objective review of the current county facilities. Why not? There has to be someone in the county government that understands that we're talking about the people's money, not theirs.
Allan Bunch

Not fit to be prez

Dear Editor:
It is apparent to most of us that our president is not temperamentally, psychologically, or intellectually fit to be president. So much for the idea that anyone with no previous political experience should hold that office. The same is true for the idea that fabulous wealth

and/or abundant name recognition qualify someone for the office.

In the meantime, our country must endure three and one half more years of the train wreck that is the Trump presidency.
Ron Hardeman

Risky travel

Dear Editor:
Traveling in communist countries can be risky as the recent imprisonment in North Korea clearly showed.

I went to Russia in 1985 with a female friend, who had a collection of silverware she had stolen during previous trips. I knew she had taken a hotel plate during our stay in Moscow. It was clearly marked with the name of the hotel. When we were departing from an airport, she left me in charge of her luggage while she "went to the bathroom." I was shocked to be asked to open "our" luggage for inspection. Her stolen plate was overlooked by the Russian policeman. It had been a very tense moment for me. I know several others in our group had done some trading on the black market, so we all clapped and cheered as our plane took off for Germany. That was my last trip with her.
John Penter

Land of the free

Dear Editor:
Thirteen of America's first 18 presidents owned slaves. Zachary Taylor was our last president to actually enslave people while serving in office. Ulysses S. Grant,

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Weber honored as recipient of 2017 Red Ryder Award

By Lisa Scott
Special to The SUN

Don Weber is the recipient of the 2017 Red Ryder Award presented by the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo committee and the Board of the Western Heritage Event Center.

Weber was born in South Dakota and made his way to California as a teenager, alone. He survived on odd jobs and eventually met up with Ray Beach, a cowboy horseshoer, where he was introduced to the horseshoeing trade. He apprenticed under some of the horse world's greatest farriers and worked for many great horse trainers, too. His work with all of the top-notch farriers earned Weber his own notoriety from California to Texas during the 1960s, '70s and '80s, and earned respect from those who taught him the trade.

Weber and his family moved to Pagosa Springs in 1976 to make their home on a ranch, raising cattle and shoeing horses commercially in the surrounding area and occasionally returning to California to take care of longtime customers there. They eventually became owners of Weber Sand and Gravel.

He has spent a lot of time on the rodeo grounds as a team roper and has been a contestant every year at the Red Ryder Rodeo. Throughout the years, Weber has supported rodeos, 4-H events, the county fair and other equestrian activities with the use of his company equipment, sending his water truck to water the arena, donating sand and gravel and hauling sand for arena footing.

He and his wife, Kathy, spend time on their ranch with their children, grandchildren and friends.

The 68th annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo committee and the Board of the Western Heritage Event Center would like to honor our very good friend for his great love for the western lifestyle and rodeos and his outstanding contribution to the western culture of this community.



Don Weber

Letters

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the last president to own a slave, freed him in 1859, a year before the start of the Civil War. George Washington, that friendly-looking guy on the one dollar bill, owned 318 slaves; human beings who could be whipped, branded, maimed, lynched, inseminated, or treated in any other way their owners chose to treat them, absolutely without recourse or record. Some "Home of the Free", huh? Chasing the American Dream could be a very, very different experience for a person of color with that heritage, than chasing that same American Dream has been for me, a white, blue-eyed cowboy. A very, very different experience, indeed.

Starting with the musical "Aida," and its depiction of the enslavement of black people as spoils of war with ancient Egypt, Thingamajig Theatre moves thousands of years into the future to "Hairspray's" depiction of black people in modern battles for equal rights.

"Hairspray" is a musical comedy set in Baltimore in the 1960's, its central feature, a live-broadcast teen dance-party. Sweet Soul Music is exploding irresistibly onto America's cultural scene.

In the eyes of this reviewer, "Hairspray," is the very finest piece of work to have ever been produced at the Center for the Arts in its storied existence. It is quite possibly the best musical theatre experience available anywhere in America this summer, at any price.

With a summer cast anchored by returning Pagosa favorites,

"Hairspray" introduces many new stars to Pagosa, including, Marion Bienvenu, as the super-talented plus-sized aspiring teen, and Shuga Henry, the charismatic Motown Music R&B spin-master. "Hairspray's" storyline revolves around a dance contest on the TV show, an impossible love interest, size, gender and race issues, and all made infinitely more difficult by being a teenager in 1960's America.

Chocked-full of spectacular dance numbers, choreographed by Thingamajig alumni, Paul Thiemann, and set to music and vocals directed by Pagosa's own Boni McIntyre, the talented international cast of 25 achieved a Thingamajig Theatre first—in the middle of the second act the audience, enthralled by the incredible performance, sprang from their seats to give the actors a spontaneous standing ovation. Yes, it was that good.

Comedy? Oh, yes, we have it. Boy, oh boy, do we ever have it. Dennis Elkins, Thingamajig stage favorite, plays his "Hairspray" part in drag, assisted by several very memorable wigs and a super plus-sized bodysuit. Watch a true comic master at work.

The Thingamajig Theatre is Pagosa's Garden of Joy. Please come more than once this summer to feed your soul. The 2017 crop is ripe and ready. Harvest some of that joy for yourself and family. You can wear it home.

George Rohrbacher

Access restricted

Dear Editor:

It appears that this weekend, the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Assoc., PLPOA, decided to erect a threatening sign at the Gate 5 parking lot, which accesses the National Forest, NF. Of course the NF is for the use of the public, but PLPOA wants to restrict access to that gate (and all gates?) which hikers, bikers, and horses all use for access. Yes, Pagosa Lakes is a private development but why can't they be considerate and neighborly to the rest of this small town of Pagosa? They have taken away the right of non-residents to pay for use of the Rec Center, and non-residents cannot use the lakes, and now PLPOA says we cannot access the NF gates. Are they going to start to deny use of their paved trails along the roads? Maybe they'll put up gates on all the roads, so non-residents can't drive on them. Come on PLPOA,

can't we all just get along?

Lucinda Tagliareni

Let it shine

Dear Editor:

"Let your little light shine." We just celebrated the birth of this wonderful country of ours, yes, it is ours. Throughout history, we have survived many periods of turmoil, but because of good citizens, we always "overcome." All are important to this country's future. God gives to each of us his "inner light," to live life with his love. Sadly some ignore their "light" and give allegiance to voices of hate through talk radio, Twitter, etc. Truly, they live in darkness. Love and goodness brought about the birth of this nation. Hate is not part of our heritage. Yes, "Let your little light shine."

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Patty Tillerson

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Obituary

Carole Haynes Ball

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Carole Haynes Ball passed away Feb. 18, in Galveston, Texas. She was born Sept. 27, 1938, in Port Arthur, Texas, to Hinton William Haynes and Lora Lee Webb Haynes. She was raised in Texas and California, returning to Houston, where she attended Lamar High School and met the love of her life, William D. Ball. Upon their graduation, they were married in Houston, Texas, on June 15, 1956. Together, they created a partnership that included his college education while she worked at Prudential Life Insurance Co. After Bill's completion of dental school and service to our country in the U.S. Army

from 1964-1966 at Fort Campbell, Ky., they returned to Houston, where she continued raising their family while he established his dental practice in Bellaire, Texas. Together with friends and family, they enjoyed many adventures until his death in 1996.

Carole went on to continue their dream of retirement in Pagosa Springs, where she had lived since 1998. Carole was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to her family. She was a generous hostess who always loved to entertain and travel. Her adventures took her around the world, and she was as adept at organizing a camping and fishing trip to Lake Rayburn in East Texas as she was setting out to climb Machu Picchu in Peru. Carole found time to volunteer with causes close to her heart in Pagosa Springs, which included the Archuleta County Health Fair and Girl Scouts.

Carole was preceded in death by her parents, sister Martha and husband Bill. She is survived by her sister Janette Welz, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by children Cassandra Kane and husband Thomas, Rebekah Ball, Julia Smith and husband Justin, and William R. Ball; grandchildren Valerie, Katie, Lola, Emalie, Ryan, Olivia, Charlotte, Katherine, Jenya, Brandon, Riley and William; and great-grandchildren Chavonne, Walter, Kevin, Caleb, Landon, Emilie and Ellie.

Services were held on Feb. 22 at Forest Park-Westheimer in Houston. Pallbearers were grandsons Ryan Gilbert, Brandon Greene, William Ball, Jenya Ball, Walter McNairy Jr. and grandson-in-law William Sternberg.

Please join her children, family and friends to celebrate her life in Pagosa Springs on Wednesday, July 12, at sunrise, 6 a.m., in Town Park, where we will remember her with a dedication of a permanent bench in the park. Our parents so loved Pagosa Springs and our wish is that their memory might live on as benefactors to the park. We will remember Carole with much love and affection at the sight of a perfect sunset, a cool mountain rain, a

desert sunrise or the sight of sparkling winter snow. She has given us a lifetime of her love, support and patience. The lives she touched and the love she gave without condition will continue to enrich us all.

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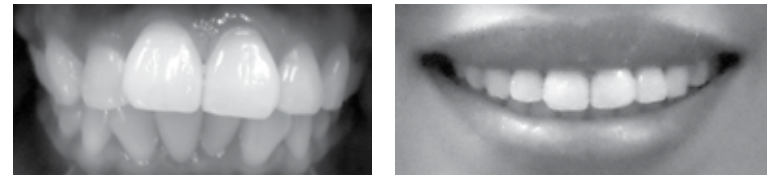
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Business

CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber to offer business trainings in July and August

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The SUN

It is summer; it is busy. We worry about cash flow. We worry about staffing and sufficient workforce to man our businesses adequately.

We're so busy working in our businesses that we don't take time to work on our businesses.

And yet, sometimes when you don't work on your businesses, it can affect people finding your business, you aren't able to respond to customer complaints or compliments that may surface through online travel sites and you can't handle other aspects of the work environment that are important to your business.

We can't encourage businesses enough to partake of some of the trainings that will be available in July and August. The first training will be on websites in general.

The major components of the class will include:

- Mobile Website Apps — If they are worth the cost of developing, and responsive versus adaptive mobile sites.

- E-commerce: How can bricks and mortar compete with e-commerce and emerging technology?

- A damaging website business practice: Set it and Forget it! — Using and updating keywords and SEO optimization, data security and old information.

- Burning questions you might have.

This website-related class will be a Business Bites session that will be held on July 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Borde Rio. The cost will be \$20 for members and \$30 for nonmembers, and the price includes a delicious lunch and a plethora of valuable information.

If you glean one nugget from this class to enhance your business website, then you have more than paid for your lunch.

To register for the class, you can contact the Chamber at 264-2360 or go to the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com and click on the Website Class to register.

In August — date to be determined — we continue with the online platforms focusing on Marketing in a Digital Era. This session will include topics such as how Google is changing its search platform, leveraging Facebook, email is back — the new renaissance for an old workhorse, building a digital network between your business and the Chamber, and five basic things you should be doing. We will announce the date, time and place in the next few weeks.

The Chamber is also interested in offering some classes critical to your business. What do you need: management classes, hospitality classes and communication

classes? We will be offering these types of sessions for the business community as a whole or we can offer a class specifically for your business. Contact the Chamber if you are interested in a particular training topic. We want to help your business grow and succeed.

Sometimes it is taking a couple of hours to work on your business and then reaping a lot of rewards.

Women's Small Business Conference

The Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in conjunction with the Southwest SBDC is hosting the eighth annual Women's Small Business Conference on July 14 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Conference Center. "Women Rising Together, Empowering Each Other" is the theme this year.

The conference opens up with a breakfast and opening remarks followed by a day of great breakout sessions. There are sessions for personal improvement, managing your money and what to do when the bank says "no," to social marketing and human resource topics.

The keynote speaker will be Kimberly Alexander, the creator of "The Results Map" (Discover Your Perspective, Build Your Strategy and Drive Big Results) and "The Grow Grid" (Think Big, Plan Big, Be Big). A transformational speaker,

strategist and mentor for women, Alexander will get you motivated and give you ideas on how you can create or grow your business, or help you with a personal and professional road map.

The conference ends with a wrap-up session and then a networking reception, which is also of great value to the attendees. The cost of the conference is \$65 and that includes the morning breakfast, afternoon lunch, evening reception and a large menu of breakout sessions. The cost is extremely reasonable for this high-value impact workshop.

To register for the event or to view the breakout sessions, visit www.coloradosbdc.org/events or contact Wendy at wendy.wojcik@state.co.us or (303) 892-3816.

Membership news

We welcome new member Shooters and Shenanigans.

Our renewals this week include long-time member Bruce Spruce Ranch, Pagosa Brokers, Smithco Enterprises and Renner's Mini Storage. Newer Chamber members include the Hillside Inn, Mountain Eye Care, Solid Rock Builders, Elevation Head Shop and Sonrisas Spanish School. Our nonprofit agencies renewing are Ghost Ranch Education and Retreat Center, the Harman Museum and the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging.

Farmers and ranchers: Serve on the Archuleta County FSA committee

By Amy Zhang
Special to The SUN

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that the nomination period for Archuleta County USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) county committee continues until Aug. 1.

"County committees allow farmers and ranchers to make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally to best serve their needs," said Acting FSA Administrator Chris Beyerhelm. "We strongly encourage all eligible producers to visit their local FSA office today to find out how to get involved in their county's election. There's an increasing need for representation from underserved producers, which includes beginning, women and other minority farmers and ranchers."

County committees are made up of farmers and ranchers elected by other producers in their communities to guide the delivery of farm programs at the local level. Committee members play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of FSA.

Committees consist of three to 11 members and meet once a month or as needed to make important decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are over 7,700 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations, including those representing beginning, women and minority producers, may also

nominate candidates to better serve their communities.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program and reside in the local administrative area where the election is being held.

After the nomination period, candidates will encourage the eligible producers in their local administrative area to vote. FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 6. Ballots will be due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 4. Newly elected committee members and alternates will take office on Jan. 1, 2018.

To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections

are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. All nomination forms for the 2017 election must be post-marked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2017.

The La Plata and Archuleta County FSA office is located at 31 Suttle Street, Durango, CO 81303. It is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can reach it by phone at 259-3289, ext. 2.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Sunday, July 9

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

Monday, July 10

San Juan Water Conservancy District special meeting. 7 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5. The purpose of the meeting is to schedule public information meetings concerning the mill levy, and to conduct other business.

Tuesday, July 11

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

Upper San Juan Health Service District special board meeting for CEO interviews and decision. 8:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center Great Room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd. The decision portion of the agenda is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission and Town Council comprehensive plan work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station No. 1 training room, 191 North Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, July 12

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) regular meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

Thursday, July 13

Town of Pagosa Springs community meeting to discuss the Hermosa Street Riverwalk extension. 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center South Conference Room. Staff will be sharing multiple design ideas for the future phase of the Riverwalk and would like the public's input on them. Hermosa Street neighborhood residents and the general public are encouraged to join the discussion and share their thoughts. If you have any questions, contact Scott Lewandowski at 264-4151, ext. 235 or slewandowski@pagosasprings.co.gov.

Friday, July 14

Pagosa Peak Open School board training. 9 a.m., 7 Parelli Way.

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

Monday, July 17

Pagosa Peak Open School work special meeting to adopt budget. Noon, 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, July 18

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

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

Wednesday, July 19

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

Tuesday, July 25

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and Pagosa Springs Town Council joint work session. 8 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 9:30 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.

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

Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Foundation regular board meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center Great Room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

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

Wednesday, July 26

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

Thursday, July 27

Pagosa Springs Town Council work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. *Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosasin.com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.*

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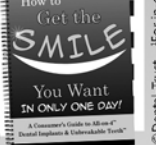
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4-H youth will be promoting the county fair July 12

By Becky Jacobson
Special to The SUN

Wednesday, July 12, from 10 a.m. to noon is 4-H Promotion Day for the Archuleta County Fair.

Over 100 local 4-H members will be in the community stopping by local businesses to hang fair posters and talk about this year's fair and their projects.

If you see them, ask them about

their 4-H experiences and the projects that they have been working on all year. They will be excited to share.

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the district had decided to change the name of the project from the Dry Gulch Project to the San Juan Headwaters Project.

"The board of directors started this process at its regular February meeting, and reached out to the community for input. The board of directors officially decided to change the name at its regular board of directors meeting on June 12th, and then chose the name from a list that had circulated for the last several months," the email states.

However, while the board did agree to change the name at its June 12 meeting after discussing it at previous meetings, it did not vote on the name, instead discussing how the final choices would be decided and that the board would vote on the name at its August board meeting.

Upon receipt of the news release, The SUN filed a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request seeking emails between members of the board regarding the project.

Per Colorado's Open Meetings Law (COML), any meeting between

either a quorum of the board or three or more, whichever is fewer, at which public business is discussed is public (with few exceptions built in to allow for executive sessions).

Statute further states: "Any meetings at which the adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action occurs or at which a majority or quorum of the body is in attendance, or is expected to be in attendance, shall be held only after full and timely notice to the public. In addition to any other means of full and timely notice, a local public body shall be deemed to have given full and timely notice if the notice of the meeting is posted in a designated public place within the boundaries of the local public body no less than twenty-four hours prior to the holding of the meeting."

The response to The SUN's CORA request revealed that the SJWCD board voted via email on the name change, despite stating intent during the June 12 meeting to vote on the change at the board's August meeting.

Proffitt began the discussion on June 12 by stating, "That brings up project names. Uh, I guess I think we need to approach this in two steps. First, ... what's the will of the board in changing the name? Is there a majority on the board that wants to change the name from Dry Gulch Project to another project name?"

"Capital Y, capital E, capital S," Al Pfister responded.

Doug Secrist, participating via phone, added, "And, I would second that, yes."

"And I would third it, and Susan appears to be fourthing it," said John Porco, with Susan Nossaman stating she would "fourth" the motion.

Board member Ray Finney was absent from the meeting.

"I sense there's unanimity in this," Proffitt said. "Uh, OK, step one is accomplished. Step two, I do have a list of names and I've, I've been tossing it out to people, I even put a letter to the editor ... in asking for name suggestions."

"Did we get any?" Porco asked. "Uh, no. We did not," Proffitt replied, to which Porco said,

"Interesting," and Pfister added, "Shock, huh?"

"Actually, Susan is the only one who gave us an outside name that, uh, we hadn't discussed previously," Proffitt explained. "But these are the names that I think are still under consideration. We did get input from various individuals that are connected with the organization."

Moments later, after a list of names was handed out to the board members, Proffitt continued, "Since we, since we have a lot of names, here's what I'm gonna suggest. That everybody take the list and you mark your priorities — one, two and three — and then we'll, uh, um, everybody vote on that one, two and three, and then we'll add 'em all up and see who gets the most one number, and if there's a, uh, real consensus, then we'll, uh, bring it back to the board and do a final approval in August. Is everybody agreeable with that kind of process?"

A discussion about the listed names followed, including which names the board did and did not like, as well as where some of the project name ideas were derived from.

Following several minutes of discussion, Pfister said, "Well, how about we go with this name and if

anybody comes up with any other names they want to add to the list, have to have it in by Friday. And then we submit our one, two, three like you were going from there, so we, so we can move on and have a name by the next meeting?"

After reiterating how the list of names had been amended, Proffitt asked, "Al, why don't you put your process into a motion? That everybody has to have their one, two, three priorities in by Friday and we make a decision based on that."

"Well, that wasn't I said, but ...," Pfister responded.

"Close," Proffitt said.

"Yeah, it was, it is close," Pfister said.

Moments later, Pfister continued, "Well I guess if there's any other names, have those in Friday."

"There you go," Proffitt said. "So, I move if we have any, if anybody has any other names, get them in by Friday, so we'll send them, well actually to Denise ...," Pfister said. "And then ... Any other names beside the list here. And then, I dunno, as far as ... the one, two, three in by the following Friday."

Porco seconded the motion. "We have a motion and a second," Proffitt said. "Does everybody understand what we're doing here?"

Following a unanimous vote of the board, Proffitt added, "It carries, that's what we're doing."

However, despite the press release announcing the new name, the SJWCD's attorney, Austin Rueschhoff, of the Denver lands, wildlife and water law firm Holsinger Law, contends that the board has not yet formally adopted the new name, stating in a letter to The SUN, "SJWCD also intends to hold a special board meeting in the near future to allow public comment on potential name changes and to formally adopt a new name."

In the letter, Rueschhoff also contended that the board was not in violation of the COML, stating, "I am not convinced that adopting a name by which the Board will refer to a certain project rises to the level of policy-making."

The SJWCD board has scheduled a special meeting for Monday, July 10, at 7 p.m. at its office at 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

That meeting is expected to cover the scheduling of public information meetings concerning the mill levy increase the district plans to place on the November ballot, and to conduct other business, though a full agenda had not been released as of Wednesday at 1 p.m.

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Board

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for the operation of the Archuleta County's public schools in accordance with Colorado State Department of Education regulations and to uphold and assist Archuleta School District's educational mission."

The June 13 BOE agenda notes that the first day nomination petitions can be circulated is Aug. 9. During that meeting, the board voted to participate in the November coordinated election.

Sept. 1 is the last day for school director candidates to file a nomination petition, and is also the last day for school director write-in candidates to file an affidavit of intent to be a candidate.

The school district anticipated posting further information regarding the election on its website, www.mypagosaschools.com, soon.

The district boundaries, as submitted to The SUN by ASD staff, follow.

District 1

"Beginning at the intersection of Hwy 160 and County Rd (CR) 600, the boundary line of Director District #1 shall run North along CR 600 to the intersection of Steven's Lake Rd, thence Northerly along Steven's Lake Rd to the intersection of Dutton Creek, thence North along Dutton Creek to the intersection of US Forest Service Rd (USFS RD) 661, thence Northeast along USFS RD 661 to the intersection of CR 400, thence North along CR 400 to the Archuleta/Mineral County line,

thence West along the Archuleta/Mineral County line, thence North along the Archuleta/Mineral County line to the Archuleta/Hinsdale County line, thence continuing North along the Mineral/Hinsdale County line to the Continental Divide, thence West along the Continental Divide to the East line of La Plata County, thence South along the common boundary of the La Plata/Hinsdale County line to the Northwest boundary of Archuleta County, thence East along the common boundary of Archuleta/Hinsdale County to CR 600, thence Southerly along CR 600 to North Pagosa Blvd, thence South along North Pagosa Blvd to the intersection of Hwy 160, thence East along Hwy 160 to the beginning point where Hwy 160 intersects with CR 600."

District 5

"Beginning at the intersection of Hwy 160 and Hersch Ave, the boundary line of Director District #5 shall run West along Hwy 160 to the intersection of Hwy 160 and County Rd. (CR) 700, thence South along CR 700 to the intersection of CR 500, thence Southwest along CR 500 to the intersection of CR 557, thence South along CR 557 to the Archuleta County/New Mexico state line, thence East along the Archuleta County/New Mexico State line to the Archuleta County/Conejos County line, thence Northwesterly along the Archuleta County/Conejos County line to the Rio Blanco River, thence South-

westerly along the Rio Blanco River to where it intersects with Hwy 84, thence North along Hwy 84 to CR 326, thence Northeast along CR 326 to where it intersects with the Rito Blanco River, thence Northerly along the Rito Blanco River to US Forest Service Rd (USFS RD) 24, thence West along USFS RD 24 to the intersection of USFS RD 665, thence West along USFS RD 665 to the intersection of CR 302, thence West along CR 302 to the junction of Hwy 84, thence South along Hwy 84 to the junction of Hwy 84 and CR 119, thence Westerly and thence Northerly along CR 119 to the intersection of Apache St., thence West along Apache St to the intersection of 5th St, thence South along 5th St to the South boundary of the 1883 Town site of Pagosa Springs, thence West along the 1883 Town site of Pagosa Springs to the junction of 8th St, thence North along 8th St to the intersection of Apache St, thence West along Apache St to the intersection of CR 500, thence Westerly and Southerly along CR 500 to the intersection of Cascade Ave, thence West on Cascade Ave to the intersection of Buttress Ave, thence North along Buttress Ave to the intersection of Meadows Dr, thence Westerly and Northerly along Meadows Dr to the intersection of Carino Pl, thence West along Carino Pl to the intersection of Hersch Ave thence Southwest along Hersch Ave to the beginning point where Hersch Ave intersects with Hwy 160."

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Shooting

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A mandatory protection order was also entered by the court that prevents Benally from harassing any of the victims or witnesses to the incident.

A bond condition was also entered stating that Benally could not possess firearms, and any firearms she owns would need to be turned over to the court within 48 hours of the hearing.

Earlier in June, Chad Nystrom was accused of first-degree murder and tampering with a deceased body.

Due to the charges, Nystrom is now being held on a \$500,000 bond, and if paid, Nystrom will be required to stay in Colorado and will be monitored by a GPS.

In Colorado, first-degree murder is a class 1 felony, whereas tampering with a deceased body is a class 3 felony.

The shooting of Isaacs, 65, occurred in May in the Aspen Springs subdivision.

In a press release issued on May 14, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) states, "The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ASO) announced this evening that at approximately 10:26 a.m. Archuleta County Dispatch received a call from the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) advising that they had been contacted by an individual in Archuleta County reporting that he had shot at and possibly fatally wounded a man. ASO deputies and CSP troopers

responded to the scene and confirmed that the individual was deceased."

An arrest narrative obtained by The SUN outlines the alleged events that led up to the shooting.

"NYSTROM apparently told CSP dispatchers that he shot and killed his neighbor," reads the arrest narrative. "The dispatcher told me that no law enforcement was on scene yet, and it had not been verified, but the deceased would be found in the scrub oak brush in the backyard ..."

The narrative stated that the shooting occurred on May 13 during a get-together on Nystrom's property in Aspen Springs, and that, following the shooting of Isaacs, Nystrom drove to Grand Junction with Benally.

The two stayed in Grand Junction for a night before returning to Pagosa Springs, then called in the shooting.

The narrative goes on to state that, following the shooting, one of the witnesses told ACSO Detective Sgt. Warren Brown that Nystrom and Benally were outside behind the house near the fire pit when Nystrom allegedly shouted out that there was a man with a gun and told the witnesses to run, with one witness explaining that they ran to the opposite side of the house and heard numerous gunshots.

Statements included in the narrative from witnesses at the get-together allege that Isaacs was in the bushes behind Nystrom's

house, roughly 50 to 60 yards away, and also allege that Isaacs may have had something in his left hand that looked like a shotgun.

Archuleta County Coroner Dan Keuning explained that he pronounced Isaacs dead at 12:23 p.m. on May 14, and that the approximate time of death was between 4:30 and 6 p.m. on May 13.

He described the manner of death as homicide, and explained that the cause was multiple gunshot wounds to the head, neck, chest and abdomen.

Nystrom was originally arrested on a charge of second-degree murder, and Benally was originally arrested on the charge of being an accessory to the crime of second-degree murder, a spokesperson from the ACSO previously told The SUN.

Previously, Nystrom bonded out on a \$15,000 bond, but is now being held on the \$500,000 bond.

"Bonds can be modified at the request of either the prosecution or defense as long as reasonable notice is provided," explained Lowe to SUN staff following Nystrom's hearing. "A motion was filed to address that."

During Nystrom's hearing, Lowe stated that Nystrom had fired 15 shots, with five of them hitting Isaacs.

Nystrom's preliminary hearing is scheduled for Aug. 23 at 9 a.m. Benally's next hearing will occur on July 18 at 9 a.m.

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Charter

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to do is write a corrective action plan to explain how that will be corrected in the future," the email states.

The email further states, "The second problem is that C.R.S. 22-44-109 requires that after the above presentation of your [sic] budget to your board, you are required to publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation that the budget is available for public review and to list the date, time, and location that it will be considered for adoption by your board. I have not seen any notices in the paper so I don't think you have published this notice. Improperly adopting your budget leaves you without the legal authority to spend any money. I would suggest having tomorrow's meeting be treated like the end of May meeting, publish notice in the paper, and then adopt it sometime after July 6 (the earliest you can get a publication in the paper). But talk to your attorney because he might be more comfortable with adopting it tomorrow even with a flawed process, because you at least then make the June 30 adoption deadline."

No mention of the questions was made during the June 13 meeting, and the budget was adopted following a few changes being made during the course of the meeting.

After the meeting, Kierstan Renner, vice president of the PPOS board, shared with The SUN emails from its attorneys stating their opinion that the statutes regarding the notice of publication for the budget did not apply to charter schools, only districts.

However, according to a portion of the CDE's website regarding finances, "The statutorily-authorized Advisory Committee provides advice to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) regarding all aspects of school district financial management including budget development, financial record keeping, financial accreditation and financial data presentation. To that end, the Committee is responsible for preparation of the Financial Policies and Procedures Handbook, which every school district, charter school and institute charter school is required to use (Section 22-44-204, CRS), including the Chart of Accounts."

A written description at the beginning of that handbook, created by the CDE's School Finance Division notes that it covers "Budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, auditing, and investing for Colorado public school districts, charter schools, charter school collaboratives, charter school networks, the Charter School Institute (CSI), and Colorado boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES)."

That handbook references the statutory publication requirements.

Other organizations, including the Colorado League of Charter Schools and Colorado Charter School Institute also reference the statutory requirements.

Upon further questioning by The SUN, Renner released the following statement on July 3: "Every publicly funded school in Colorado is required to have Financial Transparency. We are complying with that law by posting our budget and

other financial information on our website and will always be available to the public if requested. It is our understanding that we are required to give our adopted budget to the district in order to be included on their proposed budget publication. We turned in a draft budget to Archuleta School District on May 23rd, but according to our charter contract, we were not required to submit our adopted budget until June 30th this first year. Moving forward, we will be adopting an internal policy to publish our own proposed budget, in addition to being included in the district's publication, a minimum of 10 days prior to adopting the final budget, after which we will submit to Archuleta School District on June 1st. In an effort to maintain complete financial transparency, we will be posting our budget in this week's paper, and will vote on it July 17th at 12pm at 7 Parelli Way."

The fiscal year began July 1.

The budget

According to the resolution appropriating funds that was approved alongside the budget on June 13, the PPOS general fund sits at \$590,065 in the budget, and the grants fund totals \$244,200.

Total revenues between the two funds equals \$834,265.

Included within the budget is an estimated \$14,400 in tuition revenue and \$518,245 in per-pupil funding from the district, among other revenue sources.

Total salaries in the budget sit at \$262,300, with benefits expenditures budgeted at \$108,269.

The budget also includes \$25,000 for professional development.

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

June 26 — First-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, Eagles Loft Circle.
 June 26 — Identity theft-intent, Crockett Circle.
 June 27 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, San Juan Street.
 June 28 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, San Juan Street.
 June 28 — Vandalism, Pettitt's Circle.
 June 28 — Mental health, USFS Road 649.
 June 28 — Theft, County Road 982.
 June 28 — Threats, Davis Cup Drive.
 June 29 — Threats, County Road 973.
 June 29 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order, San Juan Street.
 June 29 — Information only, County Road 400.
 June 29 — Information only, County Road 600.
 June 30 — Criminal mischief, Vista Boulevard.
 June 30 — Harassment-follows in public places, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Lake Street.
 June 30 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Escobar Avenue.
 July 1 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.
 July 1 — Natural death-death investigation, Lakeside Drive.
 July 1 — Information only, Short

Drive.
 July 2 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
 July 2 — Violation of restraining order, Rio Del Sol Court.
 July 2 — Drove vehicle without insurance, no registration in vehicle, drove vehicle without valid driver's license on person, North Pagosa Boulevard.
 July 3 — Two counts warrant arrest, U.S. 160.
 July 3 — Drove vehicle without insurance, vehicle with defective or no stop light(s), U.S. 160.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

June 20 — Trespass warning, East Pagosa Street.
 June 21 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.
 June 21 — Agency assist, Great West Avenue.
 June 22 — Found property, County Center Drive.
 June 23 — Nuisance/animal running at large, San Juan Street.
 June 23 — Theft/possession of controlled substance, North 5th Street.
 June 23 — Careless driving/harassment, South 7th Street.
 June 24 — Theft, Eagle Drive.
 June 24 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.
 June 24 — Careless driving, San Juan Street.
 June 24 — Harassment, South 7th Street.
 June 25 — Felony menacing, Aspen Village Drive.
 June 25 — Theft, San Juan Street.
 June 26 — Assault, Aspen Village Drive.
 June 26 — Theft, Aspen Village Drive.
 June 26 — Found property, Eagle Drive.
 June 27 — Harassment, South 8th Street.

June 27 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
 June 28 — Trespass warning, U.S. 84.
 June 28 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.
 June 28 — Arson, Hermosa Street.
 June 28 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.
 June 28 — Information only, Florida Street.
 June 29 — Violation of restraining order, South 9th Street.
 June 30 — Obstructing highway, U.S. 160.
 July 1 — Shoplifting, Pagosa Street.
 July 1 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.
 July 2 — Violation of custody, San Juan Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson

June 21 — Keith Rosenberger, improper use of disabled parking privileges, fines and costs — \$100.
 June 21 — Jon Quintana, four counts of open container of alcohol, obscene conduct, five days jail.
 June 21 — Juvenile, shoplifting, six months probation, 150 hours community service (50 hours suspended), 1,500-word essay, no contact order, fines and costs — \$320 (\$100 suspended).
 June 21 — Juvenile, illegal possession of alcohol by underage person, six months probation, 150 hours community service, 1,500-word essay, attend victim impact panel, fines and costs — \$270 (\$100 suspended).
Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
 June 28 — Mach Thi Nguyen, nuisance dog (first offense no injury), fines and costs — \$76.
 June 28 — Justin Scott Williams, driving under restraint-alcohol-related, 12 months deferred sentence-unsupervised, fines and costs — \$219.50.

June 28 — Alec J Di Lorenzo, reckless driving, 16 hours community service, 12 months deferred sentence-unsupervised, fines and costs — \$104.50.
 June 28 — James W. Hughes, leaving scene/accident-unattended vehicle, 10 days jail, 12 months deferred sentence-unsupervised revoked, fines and costs — \$309.50.
 June 28 — James Weldon Hughes, driving under the influence, 24 months probation, 100 hours community service, fines and costs — \$1,368.50.
 June 28 — Russell Edward Williams, driving while ability impaired, 12 days jail, 10 days electronic surveillance, 56 hours community service, 24 months probation, fines and costs — \$2,538.50.
 June 28 — James Weldon Hughes, violation/bail bond conditions-misdemeanor, two years probation, 100 hours community service, fines and costs — \$1,469.50.
 June 29 — Gayle L. Zwagerman, signaling violation, fines and costs — \$168.50.
 June 29 — Karilynn Dawn Yarbrough, turning without signaling, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$266.50.
 June 29 — Jackson Forrest Walsh, defective vehicle-headlights, fines and costs — \$137.50.
 June 29 — Mallory E. Peters, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$135.50.
 June 29 — Trenton John Medders, license plates-not clearly visible, license plate not lighted, fines and costs — \$135.50.
 June 29 — Cynthia R. Johnson, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.
 June 29 — Cynthia R. Johnson, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.
 June 29 — Keanu Delbent John, red light-fail to stop, fines and costs — \$202.50.
 June 29 — Alyssa House, improper pass-sign/markers, driver's license-not in possession, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$318.50.
 June 29 — Robert T. Fleming, fail obey traffic control device, fines and costs — \$202.50.
 June 29 — Justin F. Bingham, defective vehicle-headlights, license plate not lighted, fines and costs — \$159.50.


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



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The American Legion Mullins-Nickerson Post 108 presents a .22 caliber Henry rifle, Military Service Edition, to Louise Woods, the winner of the Post 108 raffle. Louise bought the winning raffle ticket in hopes of winning a Father's Day present for her husband, David Woods. The Woods are volunteers at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. Pictured are Logan Gohson, Post 108 junior vice commander, Louise Woods, David Woods and Sheriff Rich Valdez. The raffle produced enough proceeds to help with maintenance of the Legion's building for three years, far surpassing expectations.




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PAWSD receives clean audit for 2016

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors received a clean audit for 2016 during its meeting on June 22.

Jim Smith, Paul Hansen, Blake Brueckner and Gordon McIver were all present at the meeting. Mike Church was absent.

The audit was conducted by Rfarmer LLC, with Ronny Farmer presenting the audit's findings to the board.

"In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America," states the audit.

A section of the audit outlines financial highlights for the district in 2016.

"The District's net positions total

\$77,477,776; this is an increase of \$1,506,578 over the previous year," reads the audit. "Operating expenses of \$7,832,283 exceeded operating revenues of \$6,795,687 by \$1,036,596."

The report goes on to state that general revenues total \$2,449,950.

During the audit presentation, Hansen asked Farmer how he would assess PAWSD's security on a scale from one to 10.

Farmer explained that, because the district isn't a large entity, there's a higher risk for embezzlement and fraud.

"I think there's a low risk of individual employees abusing company assets, which is another form of fraud," Farmer said.

Farmer went on to explain that, on a scale of one to 10 with one being the least secure and 10 being the most secure, he estimated PAWSD to be in the seven to eight range.

Hansen asked if there were ways to get the district above that range, with Farmer responding, "Probably not, because at some point it would cost you more than it would save you."

The audit goes on to point out budgetary highlights for the district, such as PAWSD not amending its budget during 2016.

"As of the adopted budget the General Fund budgeted to spend \$1,171,403 and actually spent \$1,113,279," reads the audit. "During 2016, the District invested \$849,321 in capital projects."

Those capital projects were:

- Improvements to the San Juan Water Treatment Plant.
- Various improvements to the distribution and collection systems.
- A treated water transmission line to serve the Town of Pagosa Springs.
- A collection system expansion project for the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID).

"At the conclusion of 2016, the District's outstanding debt was \$29,940,068 for various bond and loan issues," reads the audit. "The District has drawn all authorized financings."

The audit goes on to explain that the previously mentioned financings were incurred for some of the completed capital projects mentioned previously, as well as:

- The enlargement of Stevens Reservoir and the Dutton Ditch Pipeline Extension.
- Hatcher Water Treatment Plant improvements.

- Highlands Lagoon and Collection System improvements.
- The Dry Gulch Water Storage Project.

The audit also had information regarding the 2017 budget, and explained how it differs from the previous year.

"The General Fund has budgeted \$1,165,080; this is an increase of \$51,801 over 2016 expenditures," reads the audit. "The Debt Service Fund has budgeted \$1,155,003; this is an increase of \$9,220 over the 2016 expenditures."

The audit stated that the water fund budgeted \$4,506,730, an increase of \$247,648 from 2016 expenditures, and that the increase was due to increases in distribution and treatment costs.

"The Wastewater Fund has budgeted \$2,373,450; this is an increase of \$335,343 from the 2016 expenditures," reads the audit. "This increase is primarily due to increased allowances for wastewater line maintenance and increased allowances for wastewater treatment costs associated with the PSSGID collection expansion."

The audit also described capital projects that were scheduled for 2017, including:

- Continued wastewater treatment and collection system improvements.
- Water treatment plant air conditioning to cool compressors, the relocation of the town fill station and pump and motor upgrades.
- Various distribution and collection improvements.

"I move that we approve the 2016 audit and financial statements presented by Ronny Farmer," moved Hansen.

Smith seconded the motion, which proceeded to pass unanimously.

Hansen then made a motion to rehire Farmer for the next audit.

"I move that we accept Ronny Farmer's audit proposal for services in 2017," moved Hansen.

Brueckner seconded the motion, which also passed unanimously. marshall@pagosasun.com

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Republican Women to host candidates

By Julie Church
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Republican Women will be hosting two candidates, running for treasurer and governor of the state of Colorado, on Tuesday, July 11, at noon.

Running for treasurer is Justin

Everett, currently a Colorado state representative. Everett has received the House Champion Award from the Colorado Union of Taxpayers (CUT), a 100-percent rating from the American Conservative Union and is called the legislator who "most consistently acts in defense of liberty and limited government

in the state house."

George Brauchler is currently the district attorney representing the 18th Judicial District and is now running for governor. Brauchler previously served as the chief of military justice for Fort Carson. He is currently a colonel in the Colorado Army National Guard and serves as the legal advisor for NORAD/US Northern Command.

Both of these gentlemen are extremely qualified for the positions they are seeking and it is an honor to have them coming to Pagosa Springs.

Please come meet and hear from them personally on Tuesday, July 11, at noon at Boss Hogg's Restaurant. All are welcome.



Photo courtesy Gregg Heid

Hey, let's get a picture of the president. Photographers of all levels are welcome to learn about taking photos with your phone's camera at the Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting on July 12.

Learn to take photos with your camera phone

By Gregg Heid
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will meet on Wednesday, July 12, at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Our speaker for the evening will be Joseph T. Sinclair, of Vallejo, Calif. He is an award-winning amateur photographer in the San Francisco Bay Area and has been taking photos for over 60 years.

He will be speaking on what to buy and how to use it with your phone camera for the best photos possible. The information will apply to all smartphones, so if you have one, and who doesn't, then the presentation should be rewarding.

Everyone is invited to bring 10-12 pictures on a flash drive, with one or two for critiquing. Longtime photographers and those just starting out are welcome.

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PFPD responds to potential arson by San Juan Bridge

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to a fire in the downtown area of Pagosa Springs on June 28.

According to Colton Calavan of the PFPD, the fire was called in at 6:57 p.m., with reports of large flames on the side of the river south of the San Juan Bridge, near Hermosa Street.

He said that the fire grew to the size of 50 feet by 50 feet before being extinguished, and although the cause of the fire couldn't be determined, there were reports of children playing near the scene before the fire started.

"A witness said they saw some juveniles playing down by the river when the fire started," Calavan stated, adding that no kids were located that matched the description of the juveniles.

Calavan stated that, when he got on scene, there were 3 or 4 foot tall flames coming off of willow trees in the area.

He added that the trucks from the U.S. Forest Service also drove to the scene and offered assistance.

"They came around on the south side of the fire and started extinguishing it from there," Calavan stated, adding that a brush truck from the PFPD blocked eastbound traffic on the bridge and began



SUN photo/Shari Pierce

Pagosa Fire Protection District personnel fight a fire that started on the south side of the San Juan Bridge on June 28. The Pagosa Springs Police Department is investigating the incident as arson.

fighting the fire from that side.

Calavan said that the fire was controlled at 7:10 p.m., and that the PFPD cleared the scene at 7:44 p.m.

The incident is currently being investigated by the Pagosa Springs

Police Department (PSPD) as arson, reported Officer Brooks Brown, with Officer Logan Gholson leading the investigation.

Brown echoed the PFPD's report, noting that witnesses reported seeing three juveniles who

were possibly playing with matches or something else that could have caused the fire.

Anyone with information on the incident should call the PSPD at 264-4151, ext. 228.

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Beware of lightning, even while indoors

Special to The SUN

Statistics tell us that we are much less likely to become a lightning strike victim if we are inside a substantial structure such as a home or office building.

In 2016, 38 people in the United States were killed by lightning, and all of these fatalities occurred outdoors. While nearly all people who are injured or killed by lightning were outdoors, a small percentage of people are injured by lightning while indoors. Therefore, it is important to discuss lightning safety while indoors.

The dangerous electrical current associated with a lightning strike typically enters a structure through wires, cables or pipes that connect to the building from the outside. Lightning can also directly enter into a structure through an open window, door or garage door. Once in a structure, the dangerous current can travel through the electrical, phone, cable and plumbing systems and through metal wires or bars in concrete walls or flooring.

Corded electronic devices are the leading cause of indoor lightning injuries in the United States. These include personal computer

keyboards, game consoles and corded phones. Other injuries have occurred when people were close by to televisions which connect to an outside cable or satellite system.

Open windows, doors and garage doors allow for a direct strike to enter a home, so make sure all windows and doors are closed when lightning is occurring. Never watch a lightning storm from a porch or open garage door. There are several YouTube videos that show people being injured by lightning while they were recording lightning from their porch or open garage door.

It is very important to stay away from any plumbing when lightning is occurring outside. This includes sinks, bathtubs and showers. When lightning is occurring, do not hand wash dishes, do not give kids a bath and do not take a shower. It is best to wait to do laundry until after the storm goes by as washers and dryers are connected to both the electrical and plumbing systems.

People have also been injured while leaning and standing near concrete in their homes and offices. This is due to metal rebar which is in the concrete, and this metal acts as a conductor when lightning hits the building.

A house or other substantial building offers the best protection from lightning. In contrast, many small shelters such as bullpens, picnic shelters, sheds or tents (no matter what the size) offer no protection from lightning and should be avoided at all cost.

Here is a summary of lightning safety tips for inside the home:

1. Avoid corded electronics and electrical equipment.
2. Avoid contact with plumbing, such as taking a shower, bathing, hand washing dishes or doing laundry.
3. Stay away from windows, doors, garages and porches.
4. Do not lie on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls.
5. If a substantial building is not nearby, an enclosed car or truck offers excellent protection from lightning.

Below are a couple of websites that contain additional lightning information.

NOAA's lightning website, which

contains abundant information on lightning safety can be found at: www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov.

Lightning information specific for the state of Colorado can be found at: www.weather.gov/pub/lightning.

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Open enrollment dates for 2018 Colorado health insurance coverage set: Nov. 1, 2017 to Jan. 12, 2018

By Rebecca Laurie
Special to The SUN

The Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), announced recently that it intends to modify the next open enrollment period for individual health insurance coverage beyond the deadline that will be used in states with a federal health insurance marketplace.

The state's open enrollment period for 2018 will begin on Nov. 1 and end on Jan. 12, 2018, for Coloradans buying their own health insurance for 2018.

In states that use Healthcare.gov as their health insurance exchange, the federal government has set Dec. 15 as the end date for open enrollment. Because Colorado has its own ex-

change — Connect for Health Colorado — the state has some flexibility to set open enrollment period dates. In previous years, open enrollment periods have run from November through February.

"Our consistent approach this year is to be as flexible as possible and do everything within our power to ensure consumers have a viable health insurance market for the 2018 plan year. To that end, we want to make sure consumers have adequate time to plan and shop for their health insurance needs," said Colorado Insurance Commissioner Marguerite Salazar. "While this year's open enrollment is shorter than in years past, in consultation with Connect for Health Colorado, we determined that this gradual approach to reducing the open enrollment period will be better for Colorado consumers."

"This 10-week period balances the interest of our stakeholders and will give our customers time to renew their coverage or buy a new policy," said Kevin Patterson, chief executive officer for Connect for Health Colorado. "The end of the year is a busy time for most of us and we want to provide our customers a smooth transition to the shortened enrollment period."

The division will notify insurance carriers of these dates as the enrollment period applies to all health insurance carriers in the state offering individual health insurance coverage, whether they sell through Connect for Health or off the exchange.

These dates apply to individual health insurance coverage enrollment. Employers that offer health insurance may require different open enrollment dates.

Colorado Department of Human Services celebrates five years of data-driven government

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) is celebrating five years of improved services to Coloradans through C-Stat, a performance management approach that allows CDHS to better focus on and improve performance out-

comes that enhance people's lives.

Through C-Stat, CDHS reviews roughly 100 measures each month. Two-thirds of the measures have shown improvement or maintenance above the goal in C-Stat's five years of existence.

"Very few human services departments have a system as sophisticated, integrated and targeted as ours," said Reggie Bicha, executive director of CDHS. "This innovative approach informs the department's budget, legislative and staffing decisions and directs us to provide improved services and well-being for Coloradans. We can see in real time when something goes wrong — and we're committed to fixing it."

Bicha started C-Stat at CDHS after he was appointed executive director by Gov. John Hickenlooper in 2011. Each of CDHS' divisions collects data that is examined at monthly C-Stat meetings. The executive leadership team, led by Bicha, asks questions to determine strategies for improvement and to

help reduce barriers.

Examples of statewide improvement include:

- The Division of Child Welfare's timeliness of assessment closure has improved by 40 percent, from 53.8 percent of assessments conducted within 60 days in January 2011 to consistently more than 90 percent, which was the goal, in 2016. The 90 percent goal was first achieved in August 2014, but performance continued to be variable (80 to 90 percent) until March 2016. Timely completion of assessments indicates the child welfare system is not unnecessarily lingering in a family's life and that information regarding the assessment in the child welfare data system is up to date.

- The Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan's rate of seclusion use has declined from a rate of 3.79 per 1,000 patient hours in February 2013 to a rate of 0.00 in April 2017. The established C-Stat goal for this measure has been lowered twice as a result of improved perfor-

mance. The use of seclusion creates significant risks for all individuals involved. The risks include serious injury or death, re-traumatization of people who have a history of trauma and loss of dignity, along with other psychological harm. Secluding a patient is the last option used to prevent harm and is therefore viewed by the mental health institutes as a treatment failure when used.

- From the Division of Early Care and Learning, the number of Colorado Child Care Assistance Program children younger than 5 in top-quality child care facilities has improved by 124.2 percent, from 20.7 percent in December 2014 to 46.4 percent in February 2017. The division was able to exceed the 39 percent goal in December 2015 and has continued to meet this goal for 14 consecutive months. Research indicates that children who receive child care in top-quality child care facilities (Colorado Shines levels 3-5) are more likely to be ready for kindergarten.

Be safety-minded when out on your paddleboard

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Going out on the stand-up paddleboard is a great way to experience our state's waters, so Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is urging boarders to stay safe while on rivers and reservoirs.

"Paddleboarding is easy to learn and almost anyone can have fun doing it," said Scott Rist, head ranger at Paonia, Sweitzer Lake and Crawford state parks. "But, because it's easy, a lot of people don't realize that you can get in trouble when you fall off. We urge everyone to wear life jackets and use a tether."

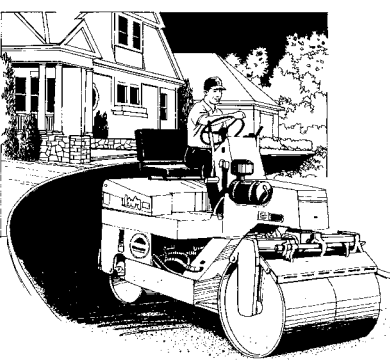
Every year, Colorado State Park rangers report that paddleboarders must be rescued after they've been separated from their boards. Most lakes and reservoirs in Colorado are windy; if you fall off your board, the wind can push a board out of reach. On rivers, boards can flow out of reach on the moving water. Combine that with very cold water and boarders can get in trouble quickly.

Colorado boating regulations treat paddleboards like any other water craft. Every craft — from powerboats to canoes — must carry a personal flotation device (PFD) for each person on board, and a sound-producing device such as a whistle must also be on board. Children under age 13 must wear a PFD when on the water. Life jackets for children must also be fitted properly to give them safe buoyancy in the water.

For more information about safe boating, go to: cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/BoatingSafety.aspx.

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School board considers altering graduation requirements

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its June meeting, the Archuleta School District Board of Education heard several proposed policies, including one that would alter the graduation requirements at Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS).

The board heard the first reading of the policies, meaning the board will hold a second reading of the policies at its next board meeting before formally adopting them as policy.

The policy regarding the graduation requirements, if approved upon second reading, would decrease the required number of social studies credits from four to three.

"This will allow students the

opportunity to take an additional elective class while still meeting college entrance requirements," the meeting's agenda states.

At the meeting, PSHS Principal Sean O'Donnell explained that, currently, there are three teachers within the social studies department and, with an increased enrollment projected for the school, the staff anticipated difficulties having students meet the four-credit requirement with the current structure.

So, he explained, he did some checking in with other schools and saw some overlap with the information covered in world history and world geography, meaning the school could roll part of the information from world history into world geography, which every

student takes.

Board member Bruce Dryburgh asked O'Donnell if this was strictly his department's recommendation, with no one else "leaning on" them to make the change.

O'Donnell responded that he had spoken with other principals and they did it similarly to what was being proposed, and emphasized that the school was also opening up more electives, such as a wildland firefighting course.

He further explained that every student takes U.S. history, government and geography, and that there would also be a world perspectives elective.

The board also heard the first reading of a policy concerning moving the location of board meetings from the middle school library

to the high school.

At the same meeting, the board heard the second reading of a number of policies, then adopting them as policy.

Several of those policies either revised existing policies or were new policies regarding school nutrition to align the policies with federal and state programs and laws.

Another of the policies revised the district's sick/personal/emergency leave days, rolling them all into a category of discretionary days — a move the agenda noted was popular among district staff.

Two other new policies concern student privacy. Both are in response to and required by the Student Data Transparency and Security Act (House Bill 16-1423).
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State health department publishes school and child care vaccination and exemption rates

Special to The SUN

The state has a new way for parents and guardians to look up vaccination and vaccine exemption rates for their children's school or child care facility. The department's school and child care immunization data website offers information by child care facility, school and district, and users can search for and sort data according to their needs.

"Until now, the only school immunization data available from the state was based on a sample of 350 kindergarteners," said Dr. Larry Wolk, executive director and chief medical officer at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. "The new numbers represent almost a million children in Colorado schools and child care facilities."

For 2016-2017, the department collected immunization and exemption data from 1,801 K-12 schools representing more than 850,000 students. On average, for each vaccine:

- 96.3 percent of students were in compliance with school immunization rules.
- 93.4 percent of students had received all age-appropriate doses.
- 2.6 percent of students claimed an exemption.
- 0.3 percent had a plan in place to get immunized.

Personal exemptions made up 88.1 percent of all school exemptions for the 2016-2017 school year. Religious exemptions accounted for 7.4 percent, and medical exemptions were 4.5 percent.

The department also collected immunization and exemption data from 1,547 preschools and child care facilities representing

more than 100,500 children. On average, for each vaccine:

- 96.8 percent of children were in compliance with immunization rules.
- 92.1 percent of children had received all age-appropriate doses.
- 2.5 percent of children claimed an exemption.
- 2.3 percent had a plan in place to get immunized.

Personal exemptions made up 89.8 percent of all child care exemptions for the 2016-2017 school year. Religious exemptions accounted for 6.8 percent, and medical exemptions were 3.4 percent.

"All kids need a safe place to learn and grow, and vaccines are an essential part of that," Wolk said. "It's important for parents — especially those with children who have weakened immune systems — to have information about their school's or child care facility's vaccination rate. Those are facts they can consider when deciding which school or child care their child attends."

A Colorado Board of Health rule requires all K-12 schools (public, private and parochial), as well as child care facilities, Head Starts and preschools that enroll 10 or more students, to report vaccination and vaccine exemption data to the department every year. No identifying or personal information about students is collected. The department then calculates vaccination and vaccine exemption rates at the school or child care, district and state levels and makes the data available online.

To learn more about immunizations, visit www.coloradoimmunizations.com.

Free gardening talk: Chacey to discuss mulch

By Leslie Wustrack
Special to The SUN

On Tuesday, July 11, at 4:30 p.m., the Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners will present the fourth free gardening talk in their summer-long series.

Ron Chacey, a renowned local organic gardener and tree farmer, will present "The All-Important Gardening Topic: Mulch" at the River Pointe Coffee House, 445 San Juan St., on the San Juan Riverwalk in downtown Pagosa.

Chacey's father was an organic gardener before WWII; Chacey has been gardening organically over 70 years. Although the concept of what organic gardening is has changed over the years, Chacey has always been at the forefront of the movement.

A Pagosa-area gardener for over 20 years, Chacey readily admits he has experienced many failures in what most consider an extremely difficult to garden environment. But, by utilizing his vast knowledge and experimentation, Chacey has

proven that almost every vegetable, if provided appropriate soil, management and microclimate, can easily be grown in the Pagosa area.

An original founder of the Pagosa Springs Community Garden located at 5th Street on the San Juan River, Chacey is known as the go-to expert gardener in the area.

One of many accolades received include the 2011 Colorado State Tree Farmer award presented by the Colorado State Forest Service to Chacey and his wife, Windsor.


The fifth talk in the Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners summer-long series will feature the new Archuleta County Weed and Pest supervisor, Ethan Proud.

Proud will present "Weeds: How Prevent Them. Not Just a Chemical Talk." on July 18 at 4:30 p.m. at the River Pointe Coffee House.

All talks are free and open to the public. Speakers will begin promptly at 4:45 p.m. For the full summer-long schedule, visit facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden or email pagosaspingscommunitygarden@gmail.com.




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A fawn rests in a local's yard while its mama was out foraging for food. Remember, if you come across an adorable baby animal that seems to have been abandoned by its mother, steer clear. Trying to feed or pick up a wild animal is illegal and could result in a fine.

July events at Chimney Rock National Monument

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

There is so much to learn and experience at Chimney Rock National Monument. View the stars, the full moon or take a tour of this spectacular monument where the Ancient Puebloans used to live. Chimney Rock offers monthly programs, annual events and daily guided and audio-guided tours that are fun and educational for the whole family.

Full Moon Program

The Full Moon Program will take place this month on Friday, July 8. Visitors will hear Native American flute music by Charles Martinez and experience the moon rising from the ridge where the Puebloan Great House is located.

This program is not recommended for children under the age of 8. There is a \$15 fee for attending or \$20 to attend the Full Moon Program with an early tour. Guests who plan to attend the early tour, please check in at the Visitor Cabin by 5:30 p.m. Guests who plan to attend the Full Moon Program only, please check in at the Visitor Cabin by 7 p.m. The Full Moon Program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Life at Chimney Rock Festival

CRIA's annual Life at Chimney

Rock Festival will take place on July 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Bring the whole family. The entry to the festival is free.

Family activities and interactive demonstrations of the skills of the Ancients will include grinding corn with a mano and metate; pounding yucca to make rope, netting or sandals; throwing the hunting spear known as an atlatl, or creating your own pictograph. Visitors can watch volunteers spin dog hair into fiber as well as learn the arts of basket weaving and pottery making.

The San Juan Stargazers will be there with a solar scope demonstration so kids will have the opportunity to safely view the sun and learn about how the ancient Puebloans viewed the night sky.

A major festival attraction is an invitational Native American Arts and Crafts Market and Native American tacos.

Guided and self-guided tours of the site will also be available (adults \$12, children 5-12 \$5).

Night Sky programs

CRIA presents the Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies on July 21 and the Night Sky: Our Solar System on July 28.

The Stars and Galaxies program is timed for when the moon is absent from the sky. This program enables visitors to enjoy the night

sky in a truly dark-sky environment and see fainter objects that the moon's light would normally obscure.

Our Solar System is timed for when the moon is present in the sky but not fully illuminated; it enables viewers to enjoy the night sky unimpeded by artificial lighting or the brightness of a full moon and see many of the brighter objects that are visible.

For both programs, your evening begins with an interactive discussion at the Visitor Cabin. Topics will include how the ancient people who periodically inhabited the site lived, how they used the unique landscape of the Chimney Rock area to view the sky and what special astronomical events they might have seen.

After the presentation, visitors drive to the High Mesa parking lot, where volunteer astronomers await with telescopes to provide a closer look at the wonders of the night sky. While waiting for your eyesight to adjust to the growing darkness, a short talk will explain how telescopes help us to better view night-sky objects and how the different types of telescopes work. Telescopes will focus on different features and the volunteers will change that focus periodically during the viewing time.

These programs are perfect for young families and those with

limited mobility. Reservations are strongly recommended and space is limited. Walk-ins will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are \$12 (adults) and \$5 (children 5-12) plus booking fee and are nonrefundable. Please check our website (below) for times and to make your reservation.

More information

Visit this Ancient Puebloan cultural site located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. The site is also accessible for guided walking tours at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Audio-guided kiva trail tours are available between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The cost of the tour is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and under 5 is free.

For monthly program tickets, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center. Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for the monthly and annual programs.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a participating agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest.

'Superheroes of the Night' at the library July 12

By Brandon Caley
Special to The SUN

Boom! Pow! Bang! Come meet some of the superheroes of the night with Ranger Brandon from the U.S. Forest Service and explore some of their superpowers for survival in the San Juan National Forest.

The program will take place in the Ruby M. Sisson Library meeting room from 1 to 2 p.m. on July 12. Typically children 6-10 years old attend, but the program is open to all ages. Parents/caregivers are not required at these programs. There is no need to sign up; just show up. This program is free.

For further information, call Brandon at 264-1503 or 264-2268, or email bjcaley@fs.fed.us.

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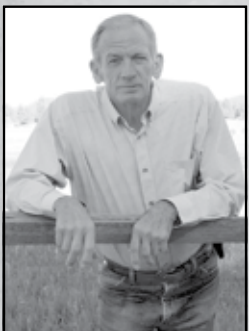
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Mountain Rendezvous to benefit Vets for Vets

By Eve Taylor
Special to The SUN

Mountain Rendezvous, a benefit for Vets for Vets, will be held on July 21 at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., starting at 6 p.m.

A smoked pork loin dinner will be prepared by Chef Poncho Willis and entertainment provided by Contrabanned with Randall Davis and Dan and Juanalee Park. The dessert will be homemade and

there will be a silent auction.

The cost is \$35 per person and tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, located at the Visitor Center, and Goodman's Department Store.

Veterans for Veterans officially became a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization on Nov. 11, 2010. The need for counseling and suicide prevention among veterans was and is great. Vets also need assistance in maneuvering the maze of government paperwork needed in

order to receive deserved benefits. Vets for Vets provides transportation to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, helps vets and their families with housing, home furnishings and moving as well as firewood, electric bills, car repairs and a multitude of other needs that arise in the veteran community.

All proceeds from fundraisers go to benefit vets in this county and surrounding areas. The Vets for Vets team is all volunteer and there

are no administrative costs. Funds donated stay at or near home.

Mission statement

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County is a partnership of veterans focused on veterans and their families, moving toward independence, wellness, self-sufficiency, empowerment and dignity.

Purchase a ticket or two for Mountain Rendezvous and come join us for a delightful evening with a rewarding cause.



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After hanging out for days in the shade, this big buck decided to come out of the shadows for a cool drink of water from a bird bath at a local residence.

RECREATION NEWS

Time to register for pee-wee and youth soccer

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The Pagosa Springs Recreation Department is accepting youth soccer registrations for ages 5-12 through Aug. 4.

Cost is \$35 and you may register at the Community Center or online registration is available through Xpress Bill Pay.

Pee-wee soccer registration ages 3-4

Registrations are currently being

accepted at the recreation office through Aug. 4. The season will be held during the month of August on Monday and Wednesday evenings at South Park.

The cost is \$35 per participant, which will include a uniform jersey.

Adult coed volleyball registration

Registrations are being accepted through Aug. 4 for adult coed sand volleyball for ages 16-plus.

The season will be held in the month of August on Tuesday and

Thursday evenings at South Park.

Team registration fee is \$100 and player fee is \$20.

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.

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

Dale Schwicker Memorial Tennis Tournament set

By Annie Pack
Special to The SUN

The Dale Schwicker Memorial Tennis Tournament will be held on July 15 at 8 a.m. at the Wyndham tennis center.

Please join us to honor Dale Schwicker's life and contribution to our Pagosa Springs tennis community. All proceeds will go to purchase court benches in Schwicker's memory. A short ceremony, with food and drink, will follow the tournament, where we will honor

Schwicker and award tournament winners.

To play

- Women's doubles and men's doubles.
- Round-robin format.
- All levels welcome.
- Register as an individual; don't need partner.
- Each player plays a round with all bracket players.
- 30-minute rounds.
- \$25 registration fee.
- Registration deadline is June

30.

Contact Lisa Peters at lisa@peterspagosa.com for registration information.

To donate

Donations will go toward court benches that will include a dedication plaque in Schwicker's memory. To donate, checks can be made out to Dale Schwicker Memorial Tennis Tournament and sent to: Paula Miller, 675 Bristlecone Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Guided walk at Provancher/Murray Ranch this Saturday

By Brandon Caley
Special to The SUN

Take a walk back in time with Rick and Lynne Stinchfield on a moderate 3.5-mile walk to learn about the roles the railroad and Civilian Conservation Corps played in the settling of the area.

The guided walk will be held Saturday, July 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The walk includes a visit to the homestead-era Provancher Ranch (Murray), now the home of a myotis bat community. Please wear walking shoes/hiking boots, dress appropriately for the weather and bring plenty of drinking water. This is a free program. There is no need to register; just show up.

Directions: Meet at the entrance to the Blanco River Picnic Area. Travel south from Pagosa approximately 11 miles on U.S. 84 to Blanco River Road (No. 656), turn east and follow the gravel road about 2.5 miles to its end.

For additional information, please contact the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268 or stop by the office at 180 Pagosa St. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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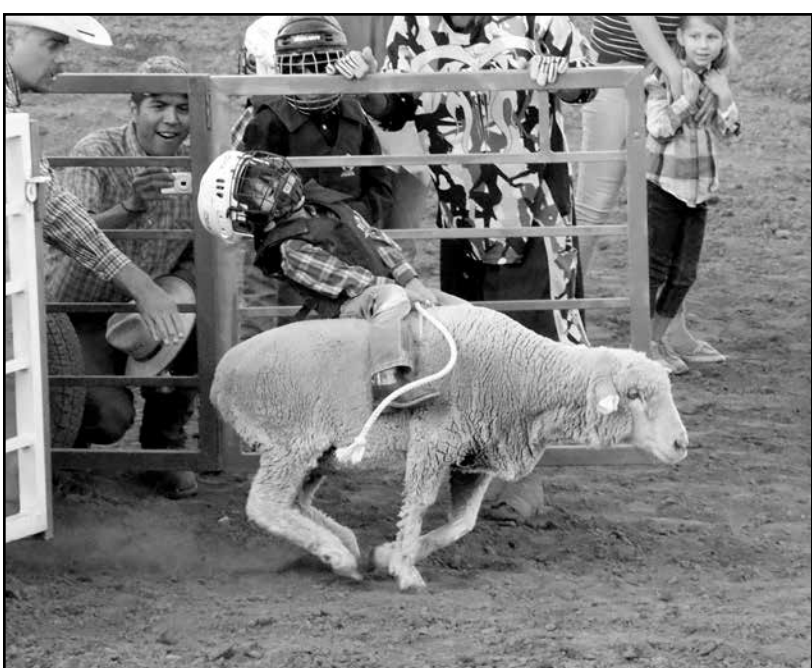
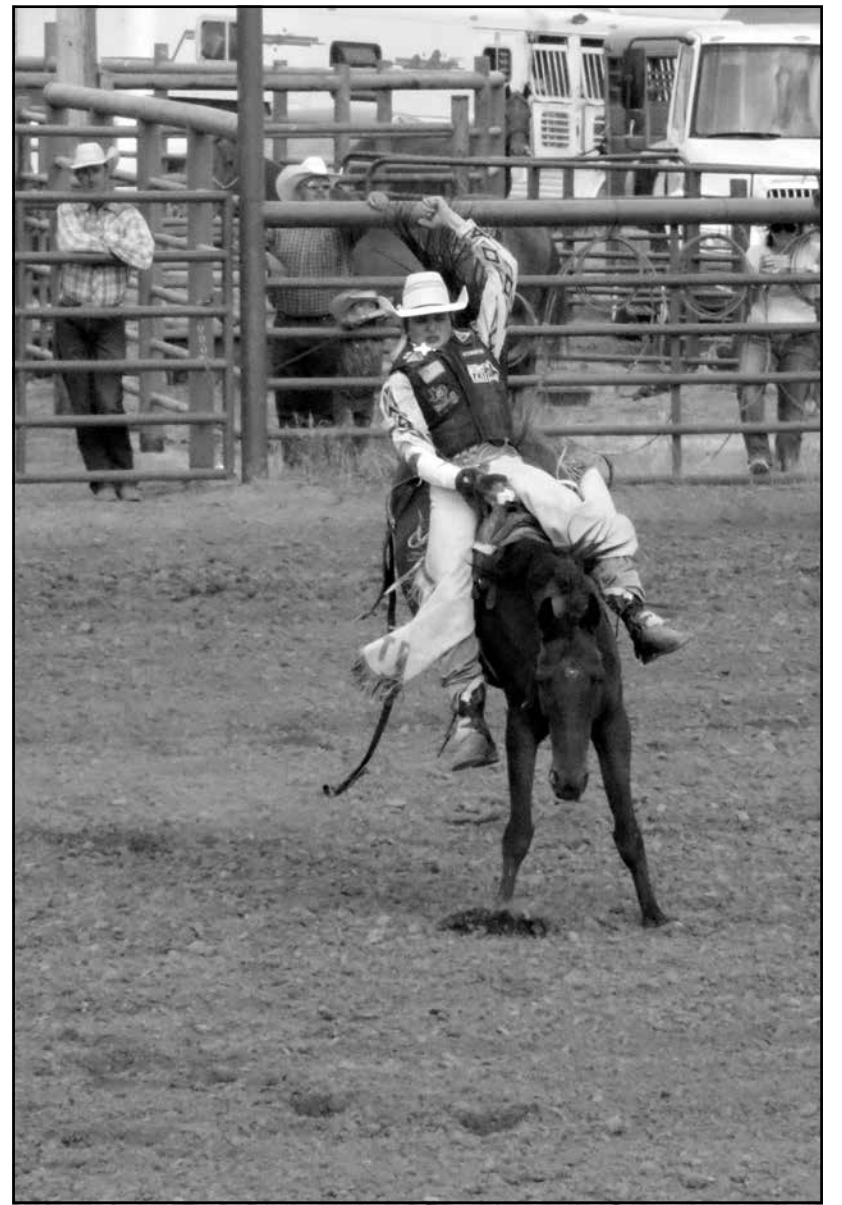
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Red Ryder Roundup

SUN photos/Terri House

The action was intense, as usual, at this year's Red Ryder Roundup Rodeos, and crowds were able to enjoy three 68th anniversary performances of this noted real western event during the Fourth of July holiday.



EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Would your kitchen pass inspection?

By Robin Young
SUN Columnist

Would your kitchen pass a food safety inspection?

If you enjoy eating in local restaurants, then you benefit from the partnership between local restaurateurs and the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment to keep your food safe to eat. While your home kitchen doesn't get these rigorous inspections, it should at least pass consumer guidelines for food safety.

Answer these nine questions to see if your kitchen measures up. While restaurant inspections involve very specific regulations, consumers can follow these different guidelines provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Centers for Disease Control Prevention, and the Food and Drug Administration.

1. How long do you leave perishable foods (meat, dairy products, leftovers) at room temperature?

Answer: Two hours or less. Illness-causing bacteria can grow to dangerous levels within two hours at room temperature. Refrigerate foods within one hour when the temperature is 90 degrees or above.

2. What is the temperature of your home refrigerator?

Answer: 40 degrees or below. Your refrigerator should be between 40-32 degrees. Your freezer should be at zero degrees. Buy a small refrigerator/freezer thermometer to assure your appliances are cold enough.

3. How do you thaw meat, poultry and seafood products?

Answer: Defrost meats in a refrigerator, microwave or under cold running water. It is unsafe to thaw meats on the kitchen counter at room temperature.

4. How many days do you usually store perishable leftovers in the refrigerator?

Answer: Leftovers should be eaten within three to four days or freeze them in an airtight, freezer-quality container.

5. When using a cutting board: If you're cutting raw meat or poultry, what do you do before cutting fresh produce or bread before the same meal?

Answer: Wash cutting boards in a dishwasher unless the manufacturer recommends otherwise. The best solution is to have one cutting board for fresh produce and a separate cutting board for raw meat,

poultry or seafood to prevent cross contamination.

6. How do you determine whether you have cooked meat, poultry and seafood to a safe temperature?

Answer: The best way to determine doneness is to measure the internal temperature. You can't tell if meat is cooked safely by simply looking at it. Use a food thermometer and cook meats to the USDA's recommended temperatures: steak, chops and roasts of meat should be cooked to 145 degrees; ground meats should be cooked to 160 degrees; all cuts of poultry should be cooked to 165 degrees; and fish and shellfish should be cooked to 145 degrees.

7. What is the recommended method of hand washing when working with food?

Answer: Rub your hands together with soap and warm running water; continue rubbing hands for at least 20 seconds, rinse and dry.

8. What is the best way to handle raw poultry and meat as you prepare to cook?

Answer: Move poultry and meat directly from the package to the cooking surface without rinsing. Rinsing uncooked poultry in a kitchen sink can spread bacteria as

the juices splash and contaminate your sink and countertops.

9. Before eating melons, what is the first thing you do?

Answer: Wash melons thoroughly under running water before cutting into them.

Karen Massey is a registered dietitian nutritionist and family and consumer science Extension agent with Colorado State University Extension in Routt County.

Adapted from Alice Henneman, MS, RDN, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension.

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.

Cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. The type of first aid information provided will vary by the needs of the audience.

VETERAN'S CORNER

VA secretary formalizes expansion of emergency mental health care to former service members with other-than-honorable discharges

By Raymond Taylor
SUN Columnist

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently released finalized plans that lay the framework for providing emergency mental health coverage to former service members with other-than-honorable (OTH) administrative discharges.

This is the first time a VA secretary has implemented an initiative specifically focused on this group of former service members who are in mental health distress.

"Suicide prevention is my top clinical priority," said Secretary David Shulkin, also a physician. "We want these former service members to know there is someplace they can turn if they are facing a mental health emergency — whether it means urgent care at a VA emergency department, a vet center or through the Veterans Crisis Line."

Effective July 5, all Veterans Health Administration (VHA) medical centers will be prepared to offer emergency stabilization care for former service members who present at the facility with an emergent mental health need. Under this initiative, former service members with an OTH administrative discharge may receive care for their mental health emergency for an initial period of up to 90 days, which can include inpatient, residential or outpatient care.

During this time, VHA and the Veterans Benefits Administration will work together to determine if the mental health condition is a result of a service-related injury, making the service member eligible for ongoing coverage for that condition.

Since Shulkin announced his intent in March to expand VA mental health coverage to service members with OTH administrative discharges, the VA has worked with key internal and external stakeholders, including members of Congress, veterans service organizations and community partners on the issue.

Veterans in crisis should call the Veterans Crisis Line at (800) 273-8255 (press 1), or text 838255.

For more information

The office of the Archuleta County veterans service officer provides assistance to qualified military veterans, and their families, or a veteran's survivors, in applying to and in obtaining VA program assistance, benefits and claims.

This assistance is provided within the guidelines, policies and procedures established by the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This is a mandated program of the state of Colorado.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office, located at the Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community

Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The best way to contact me is to set up an appointment, for either at your home or in the office, so I can schedule a specific time in order to answer and assist each veteran in Archuleta County.

The office number is 264-4013, fax number is 264-4014, cell number is 946-3590 and email is raytaylor@archuletacounty.org. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bring a DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO office.

Always leave me a message and phone number to contact you.

Veterans' groups

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

- American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary: second Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

- Veterans for Veterans: Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: Every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Contact Kevin Kelly at (505) 699-0824.

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SENIOR NEWS

Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN Columnist

Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers are needed, as well as substitute drivers.

Downtown and uptown routes are available, as well as gas vouchers.

Please call 264-2167 for more information.

Medical equipment

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

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

Computer center

The Senior Center provides computer access to seniors who are members of the Discount Club.

Computer stations are available 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.

Medical alert system

Medical alert monitoring systems are available for seniors. We can help you get set up with a system and assist with the monthly service charges or, if you already have a system in place, we can help supplement the monthly service fees.

Please call 264-2167 for more information or to sign up.

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, July 6 — Beef chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, shredded Brussels sprouts, dinner roll and salad bar.

Friday, July 7 — Baked salmon, quinoa with sauce, black bean salsa, green peas and salad bar.

Monday, July 10 — Roasted chicken breast, fettuccine alfredo, green peas, green beans with bacon and salad bar.

Tuesday, July 11 — Beef stir-fry, rice with gravy, broccoli, Irish carrots and salad bar.

Wednesday, July 12 — Pork and green chili stew with roasted red potatoes, roasted beets and salad bar.

Thursday, July 13 — Herb-baked chicken, spinach, baked sweet potatoes 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.

Register now for Friday's Medicare 101 class

By Christina Knoell
Special to The SUN

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

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

One of the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA) volunteer Medicare counselors, Katy Deshler, will offer a free Medicare 101 class Friday, July 7, in the Ruby Sisson Library to help you get started. The class will start at 10:30 a.m. and will run until around noon. Please call Kay at 264-0501, ext. 2, to reserve your spot because space is limited.

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

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

- Are you eligible for Medicare Part A and Part B? Do you need both?

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

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

If you are already on Medicare and have a Part D drug plan, you need to review that plan each year during the Open Enrollment period, Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, because plan premiums and coverage of drugs change each year. Medicare counselors can help you during that time, or you can go to www.medicare.gov to review your plan.

If you are receiving Social Security disability, you will probably be eligible for Medicare starting 23 months after your disability begins and will have a limited time period to enroll in a Part D drug plan. It is important to know all enrollment deadlines to avoid penalties.

Celebration



Bill and Sue Gottschalk, 21-year residents of Pagosa Springs, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during the week ending on June 24 at the PLPOA Clubhouse. Surrounded by over 100 family, friends and former students, the Gottschalks reaffirmed their wedding vows led by Minister Ray Wallace of the Pine Valley Church of Christ in Bayfield, Colo.

Fr. Bill Laucher, of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas, asked the blessing over the meal. Music was provided by local favorite Bob Hemenger on the saxophone.

The Gottschalks, former Texas band directors, are so grateful for everyone who attended, but send a special thanks to those many friends and family who traveled from Texas. A huge thank you also goes to their former students and their spouses from Pasadena High School, a suburb of Houston, who envisioned, planned and hosted this celebration. These students were all members of the "Pasadena Orange Bowl Band" of 1974. Although the Gottschalks never had children of their own, many of their students became their "kids." For this, Bill and Sue are eternally thankful. "Our hearts are constantly filled with joy that these 'kids' would continue to make us a part of their lives after these many years."

Bill and Sue are familiar faces throughout Pagosa Springs for their contributions to the music community.

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Pagosa District seeks public input on prescribed burning project

By Ann Bond
Special to The SUN

The San Juan National Forest is seeking input regarding a proposal for prescribed burning in ponderosa pine and warm-dry mixed conifer zones covering much of the lower and middle elevations of the Pagosa District. Prescribed burning is also proposed in shrub-dominated areas.

This would continue and expand the existing prescribed burning program already occurring on the Pagosa District. All burns would be conducted when weather and fuel conditions result in low- to moderate-intensity surface fire. Past projects in pine and warm-dry mixed conifer stands typically included prescribed burning, but often limited the implementation area to within timber sale or fuels treatment unit boundaries. This proposal expands the use of prescribed burning so that the beneficial effects of fire can be realized outside of these treatment units.

The purpose of this project is to continue efforts on the Pagosa District to: 1) bring current and foreseeable conditions closer to desired conditions in fire-adapted

and fire-dependent vegetation types that have historically experienced frequent, low- to moderate-intensity fires; 2) to provide cost-effective and targeted fuels treatments to reduce the threat posed by wildland fire to real property and infrastructure; 3) regulate fuels to help facilitate safe, effective and efficient wildfire response; 4) reduce the potential for widespread, high-severity wildfire in the ponderosa and warm-dry mixed conifer vegetation types and; 5) further progress toward restoring ecosystems that benefit from fire. Reintroducing more frequent, low- to moderate-intensity fires will also promote nutrient recycling and improve vigor in understory grasses, forbs and shrubs, thus improving wildlife habitat.

There are 193,000 acres of National Forest System lands in the analysis area. The district goal for the first few years of implementation is to burn 2,000 to 5,000 acres annually, which is similar to the current program. Eventually, if conditions were favorable, as many as 10,000 acres could be burned annually.

Similar to current procedures, burns would be ignited by qualified

Forest Service personnel according to a burn plan. Burn plans are implementation plans written after analysis that describe specific tactics, objectives, resources, weather parameters, smoke management, desired effects and burn strategies.

Ignition would only take place when conditions are suitable for safely achieving the desired low-intensity or moderate-intensity surface fires. Firefighters will patrol burns after ignition. Immediately prior to each burn the public and local fire departments would be notified.

A project scoping document and map are available online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52114>.

The 30-day scoping comment period will end Aug. 4. Written comments may be mailed or hand delivered to Pagosa Ranger District Office, 180 Pagosa St., P.O. Box 310, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or faxed to 264-1538. Comments received will be part of the public record and available for inspection.

For questions, or to provide oral comments via telephone or in person, contact Fred Ellis, assistant fire management officer, at 264-1541 at the Pagosa Ranger District Office.

First human case of West Nile virus reported this season

Special to The SUN

As you head outdoors this summer, remember to take along insect repellent to protect yourself against West Nile virus. There has been one human case of the disease reported in Colorado so far this year.

Weekly mosquito testing for West Nile virus began statewide June 12. Adult mosquitoes are trapped and tested to provide an estimate of the number of infected mosquitoes. The results detect West Nile virus risk to humans in the area. West Nile virus-positive mosquitoes have been found in Larimer County this season. Not all counties and municipalities test mosquitoes, so it's important for all Coloradans to take preventative steps throughout the summer.

"When the virus is present, people are at risk," said Jennifer House, state public health veterinarian.

"Protecting yourself from mosquito bites is the No. 1 way to avoid getting any mosquito-borne illness. Use an effective insect repellent, wear protective clothing or stay indoors when mosquitoes are active, and mosquito-proof your home."

In 2016, there were 149 human cases of West Nile virus in Colorado, including eight deaths.

Most people who are infected with West Nile virus don't have symptoms. About 20 percent have flu-like symptoms and fewer than 1 percent develop a serious, potentially deadly illness. People over age 60 and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk of serious illness. See a health care provider if you develop severe headaches or confusion.

To protect yourself:
• Use insect repellents when you go outdoors. Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, and some oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-

menthane-diol products provide the best protection. Follow label instructions.

• Limit outdoor activities at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus are most active.

• Wear protective clothing (long pants, long-sleeved shirts and socks) in areas where mosquitoes are active. Spray clothes with insect repellent for extra protection.

To mosquito-proof your home:
• Drain standing water around your house often. Empty water from tires, cans, flowerpots, clogged gutters, rain barrels, birdbaths, toys and puddles.

• Install or repair screens on windows and doors.

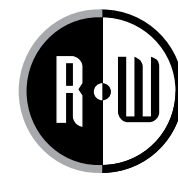
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Pagosa Duathlon 'Do the Du'

Saturday, July 8



Photo courtesy Rise Above Violence

Race Above Violence at the Pagosa Duathlon Saturday

By Ashley Wilson
Special to The PREVIEW

The 11th annual Pagosa Duathlon is so much more than a race. While people of all ages and abilities come out to challenge themselves on the off-road course, they are supporting a greater cause.

There is still time to register — all the way until the race begins.

Rise Above Violence, previously the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program, hosts the race every year as an annual fundraiser. Between business sponsorships and race registrations, money is raised to support the programming of the nonprofit. Rise serves victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

In 2016, Rise served over 300 victims through

24/7 hotline support, advocacy, counseling, support groups, civil legal advocacy, criminal legal advocacy, emergency shelter and much more. As a private non-profit, Rise is sustained by grants, donations and our four major fundraising events like the Pagosa Duathlon.

Rise also provides youth prevention education in the schools to help students identify healthy and positive relationships, bullying interventions and Internet safety. Rise identifies that the only way to end violence in our community is to change perceptions of our youth around what is healthy and unhealthy in a relationship.

So, if you thought you were just coming out for a great race — you're not. You're coming out for a whole lot more. Hosting the Pagosa Duathlon, along with the

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Live Performers



Thursday
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Terry Rickard, 6 p.m.

Friday
Borde Rio: San Juan Mountain Boys, 6 p.m.
Rez Hill Grill: Lisa Saunders Trio, 7 p.m.
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Songs of the Fall, 6 p.m.

Saturday
Borde Rio: Nolan Redman, 6 p.m.
Coyote Moon: Karaoke with Lisa Saunders, 9 p.m.
East Side Market: Open Mic with Steve Rolig, 9 a.m.
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Secret Circus, 6 p.m.

Sunday
Borde Rio: Bob Hemenger, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Jeff Hibschiemann and Ted Bromm, 6 p.m.

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

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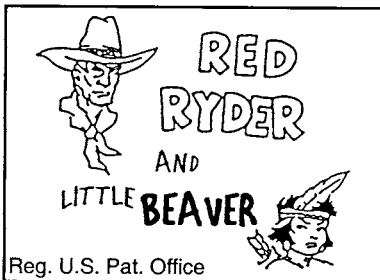


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By Fred Harman



19th Hole Concert Series: Only three concerts left to support local nonprofits

By Casey Crow
Special to The PREVIEW

The 19th Hole Concert Series is still underway, with only three shows left to support local nonprofit organizations. The series continues today, Thursday, July 6, with a performance by Songs of the Fall.

The concert will be held outside the Pagosa Springs Golf Club clubhouse.

Admission is a \$10 donation and the performance begins at 5:30 p.m.

The 19th Hole Concert Series is raising support for six local nonprofit organizations including Rise Above Violence, Justice Ministries, Pagosa Nordic Club, Audubon Rockies, Loaves and Fishes, and Veterans for Veterans. The proceeds will be divided equally between each of the organizations, so we encourage you to attend as many shows as possible.

Performing tonight is Songs of the Fall, an Americana band featuring five-time Grammy nominee Cia Cherryholmes on banjo and vocals, and Stetson Adkisson on guitar and vocals. They have been described as a meeting of Celtic, delta blues and bluegrass.

This week's featured organization is Audubon Rockies.

Audubon Rockies is an organization founded on three primary

objectives. These include science, education and policy. The Community Naturalist Program (like that found here in Pagosa Springs) creates opportunities for both students and community members at large to experience and familiarize themselves with the natural resources around them. Not only does Audubon Rockies focus on the conservation and education of birds, but also works toward creating a broader community understanding of ecology.

Pagosa Springs offers a unique community, surrounded by beautiful public lands. For over 10 years, Audubon Rockies has hosted kindergarten through fourth-grade programs at the Hershey's Four Mile Ranch and elsewhere in the community. Additionally, the organization works with middle school students to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count, an international citizen science effort, along the San Juan River Trail and facilitates winter ecology programs. Through these opportunities, Audubon Rockies aims to build a conservation ethic for generations young and old.

The 19th Hole Concert Series continues next week with a performance by Bob Hemenger on July 13 and the following week with Eric from Philly on July 20.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair
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Race

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annual Push-up challenge, annual Color Run and the Art Above Violence show in October, Rise enjoys bringing people out for super fun events, all of which help support the programming Rise offers in the Pagosa Springs community and for all of Archuleta County.

Race reminders

• Pre-packet pickup is Friday, July 7, from 4 to 8 p.m. at The HUB Bike shop at 100 County Center Drive. Come out early to pick up your shirt and race information

and save time on race day.

Race Day, July 8

• 7:30 a.m.: Dusty Kids Gravel Growler begins.

• 8:15 a.m.: Adult races start.

Awards will be presented immediately after the races end.

For all your race information, course maps, bike directions, registration and driving directions, go to www.PagosaDuathlon.com.

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GGP to host native plants workshop Saturday

By Keith Bruno
Special to The PREVIEW

This Saturday, July 8, the GGP's (Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership) Lifelong Learning Workshop Series will continue with a two-part native plants-focused theme.

From 10 a.m. to noon, we are extremely fortunate to have a guest presenter from Audubon Rockies' Fort Collins office.

Jamie Weiss will offer her CO Wildscaping Ambassador Habitat Hero Train-the-Trainer presentation, highlighting design and implementation ideas for filling our gardens with native plants to encourage stronger pollinator communities, more resilient native arthropod presence and adequate food sources for our native bird populations. Meet at the GGP Education Dome a little before 10 a.m. to walk together over to the Visitor Center for the presentation.

Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m. at the GGP site. Music will be provided by Acoustic Picnic for the duration of lunch.

At 1 p.m., we'll head up on Reservoir Hill with local Pagosa skyrocket initiative head Al Pfister



Photo courtesy Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

On Saturday, the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's Lifelong Learning Workshop Series will focus on native plants. Tickets are available now.

to look for resident populations and discuss recovery efforts. Additionally, local native tree and shrub professionals will provide identification instruction to course participants en route. The plan is

to return to the GGP site at 3 p.m.

Visit pagosagreen.org to purchase tickets in advance: \$20 for GGP members and \$40 for non-members. Lunch is included in the price of the course.

Sunday Night Unplugged to feature Paul Roberts

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

Sunday Night Unplugged, a music and meditation service at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, provides a time of peace and quiet,

punctuated with sounds of beautiful music and spiritual readings.

This Sunday, July 9, at 5 p.m., Sunday Night Unplugged will feature the profound sounds of multi-instrumentalist Paul Roberts.

Pagosa cultural icon John Graves

had this to say about Roberts: "One of the most rewarding associations of my retirement in Pagosa Springs has been the opportunity to work with Paul Roberts. I met him first as an outstanding musician, educator and creator of challenging artistic opportunities for people of all ages. Later, I learned of his impressive counseling background

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to sit out and enjoy the music with beautiful mountains in the background. The concerts are family-friendly, but please leave your dogs at home. Food, drinks and ice cream will be available for purchase during the concerts, as well as signature drinks.

Concert series lineup

July 6

Nonprofit: Audubon Rockies

Artist: Songs of the Fall

Genre: Americana

July 13

Nonprofit: Loaves and Fishes

Artist: Bob Hemenger

Genre: Dixieland, jazz, blues, soul and pop

July 20

Nonprofit: Veterans for Veterans

Artist: Eric from Philly

Genre: Rock, blues and singer/songwriter



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Outdoor concert with The High Rollers set for Town Park Saturday

By Dan Janowsky
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Wrestling Club has again booked the area's premier band, The High Rollers, to perform their annual summer concert in Town Park this Saturday night. If you are new to the area or just passing through, this is an event locals all know is the best live entertainment event of the summer.

Saturday night's outdoor concert, which begins at 7 p.m., is a fundraiser for the Pagosa Wrestling Club and lead singer Andy Janowsky keeps a date open for this event each year as he himself wrestled and is the brother to local wrestling coach Dan Janowsky.

Admission is free (donations are

requested, but not required) and the majority of the event is paid for through concession sales and an auction of baked goods.

Originally held at the fairgrounds and attended by relatively small crowds, as The High Rollers' popularity has grown, the event has also grown, moved downtown and "evolved" into an outdoor concert with hundreds of enthusiastic listeners. Folks who like to dance find The High Rollers' energy and song selection irresistible, and the dance area gets more and more crowded as the night goes on.

The High Rollers performance schedule takes them regularly on big stages through the southwest and Western Slope Rocky Mountain region and includes two per-

formances a year in Europe, where they have a large and enthusiastic fan base.

While The High Rollers' musical base is country/rock, you will hear a wide range of music performed throughout the evening. This is in part due to the broad musical backgrounds of the musicians on stage.

Jeff Johnson, primarily known for his fiddle playing and vocals, is also adept at banjo and guitar, enabling the band to play swing, bluegrass and classic country music. In contrast, guitar player Darin Stroud is a well-known metal guitar player who has adapted his skills to play up tempo contemporary country sounds.

Adding a new element to the sounds will be keyboard guest Missy Stroud, a trained and talented keyboard player and vocalist who is the master of a variety of instruments and styles. Drummer Clay Lowder's background is rock and blues. Bringing out the best in the musicians' expertise is highly acclaimed sound man Scott "Scooter" Smith and a powerful outdoor sound system.

Vocalist, bass player and song writer Andy Janowsky has put together a set list that taps into this broad variety of musical talent to put on a show that keeps its energy from start to finish. This includes many of Andy Janowsky's original songs that blend in with the well-known classics without missing a beat.

He commented, "Once we started crafting our own identity using our original music, our band really took off."

The original songs, starting

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and work in the emerging field of music therapy.

"His unique synthesis of the musical arts and mental health therapy was developed over a period of years at McLean Hospital in Massachusetts where, in association with the renowned Morrie Schwartz, he established an impressive record of success with mentally disturbed patients through a unique program of counseling combined with the creation of performing musical groups."

St. Patrick's is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Sunday Night Unplugged is free of charge and open to the public. The church also offers its outdoor labyrinth, located behind the church parking lot, for public use at any time.



Photo courtesy Joshua Pike

Paul Roberts will be the featured performer at St. Patrick Episcopal Church's Sunday Night Unplugged this weekend.

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Dance!

Pagosa Springs Dance Academy's littlest dancers are preparing to dazzle audiences this Friday and Saturday, July 7 and 8, during their annual recital.

They will be joined by the academy's hip hop dancers (pictured left) in this exciting event. With nearly 100 dancers performing five genres of dance, this is one show you won't want to miss!

The recital will be held at the PSHS Auditorium at 6 p.m.



Photo courtesy Dan Janowsky

The High Rollers have again carved out time in their schedule to perform their annual benefit concert for the Pagosa Wrestling Club. This year's concert kicks off at 7 p.m. on July 8.

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with "Colorado Girl," have received significant Colorado and Four Corners radio air time on several stations, and earned The High Rollers bookings at big events from Country Jam in Grand Junction to the Country and Rock Music Festival in Salardu, Spain.

This year's High Roller events have included a concert in Bordeaux, France, an appearance at Mountain Rails Live, the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad Summer Concert Series that includes Suzy Bogus, Ricky Skaggs, Radney Foster, Pure Prairie League and other well-known acts. Later this summer, The High Rollers will be featured for three days at the Sky High Stampede, the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association's oldest rodeo in Monte Vista, Colo.

If you are in town on Saturday night, you'll find the best enter-

tainment value to be in Town Park. This outdoor concert and dance would truly be a bargain at a much higher price, but to make an event for the entire family, The High Rollers and the Pagosa Wrestling Club keep it affordable. This year admission is a donation at the gate (\$2 minimum is requested, not required). The event is supported by concession sales (a pulled pork sandwich, baked beans and a soft drink are sold for just \$7 a plate), donations at the gate, and participation in the baked goods auctions.

Check out the band's website, highrollersband.com, and their Facebook page for profiles, videos and music. Then pack a blanket or a lawn chair, bring a donation and enjoy a great evening of entertainment in the beautiful Pagosa mountain evening air. It's a perfect end to your Fourth of July weekend.

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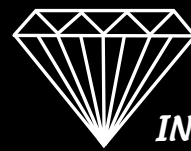
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The cast of Thingamajig Theatre Company's "Red River" performs "Free At Last" during rehearsal. The play is one of four playing in repertory at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts this summer.



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'Big River' at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

By Cynda Green
Special to The PREVIEW

The (seven) Tony Awards-winning musical "Big River," based on Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," opens this Saturday at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. One of those 1985 Tony Awards went to Roger Miller for best original score.

What better way to spend time after our Fourth of July celebration than to immerse one's self in this historical musical about American slavery and freedom?

The time is pre-Civil War, circa 1840, and Huck Finn's own words set the scene: "You don't know about

me, without you have read a book by the name of 'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer,' but that ain't no matter. That book was written by Mr. Mark Twain, and he told the truth — mainly.

"There was some things he stretched, but mainly he told the truth. And I'm going to tell the truth, as I see it, in the story I'm enacting tonight.

"It's about me and my friend ... a runaway slave named Jim, and a long journey we took together ..."

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“The Boys” is performed by the cast of Thingamajig Theatre Company’s “Red River.” Tickets are available now for the musical.

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ening — along the way.

Huck Finn is a wild-child orphan (his pap doesn’t qualify for the title of parent) without a visible compass, but, as the story unfolds, his inner compass points towards character and heart, and the realization that slavery is unjust, inhumane and immoral. However, the path is not a straight line and that is what creates drama and dramatic comedy along the way.

The delightful and many times soulful music and lyrics for “Big River” were written by the uniquely genius country singer and songwriter Miller. Former Yale School of Drama professor Rocco Landesman convinced an intimidated Miller that he could and should write a Broadway score for Twain’s Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

In typical Miller fashion, he joked, “He (Landesman) made me an offer

I couldn’t understand.”

Miller considered the “Big River” score his greatest musical accomplishment. He related to the character Huck Finn, and the language, because it was reminiscent of his own rural Oklahoma childhood.

After Miller came on board, Landesman commissioned fellow professor William Hauptman in 1983 to write the book for “Big River.” Hauptman strived to remain true to the language of Twain’s novel, and so included selective racist language, including the N-word.

However, Hauptman re-examined that language in 2010 after he saw an excellent revival of “Big River”: “I felt that Twain’s lesson has now been learned so thoroughly that even my selective use of the word seems excessive. It would not do to eliminate the (N-word) entirely — I have to be true to the world of Twain’s novel or we can’t have Huck’s

conversion — so I’m suggesting that half the uses of the word be eliminated or altered.”

Hauptman’s suggested 2010 version of his original book is reflected in Thingamajig’s “Big River” production.

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Stuart Rial as Huck Finn and Tyler Price as Jim star in “Red River,” one of four playing in repertory at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts this summer.

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Twain’s 1885 novel, “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,” included the N-word 219 times. It was first banned just one month after its publication as “not suitable for trash,” and has enjoyed a notorious and controversial place in American literature since then. Does it promote racism through the use of the N-word, or is it a tool to educate modern America? A 2011 revised edition of the novel replaced all occurrences of the N-word with “slave.” That choice has been the subject of even greater controversy.

The diverse cast that Thingamajig Theatre Company’s artistic director, Tim Moore, assembled for the 2017 summer season could be the most talented cast ever at PSCA.

“Big River” stars Stuart Rial as Huck Finn and Tyler Price as Jim.

“The Boys,” led by troublemaker Tom Sawyer (Luke Hefner) is a song one could coin as fantastical fun. In contrast, the vocals and understated but powerful choreography

(Paul Thiemann) for the song “Free at Last,” sung by Jim and slaves, is deeply moving.

Miller’s score ran the gauntlet for “Big River,” and proved the veracity of a tribute made at his 1992 celebration of life — that God made him equal parts laughter and soul.

“Big River” director Anita Jo Lenhart is passionate about this production, and has emphasized the diverse, talented cast.

“Our artistic team has developed the ‘role’ of what we call the Spirit Ensemble (all the actors of color who play slaves in ‘Big River’) as an elemental force connecting heaven to the earth ... we think of them as a guiding and protective spirit for Huck, like the water spirit of the Mississippi.

“Our production will use these amazing actors, dancers and singers far more than any other production of ‘Big River’ has ever been known to do, while still supporting the original intent of Mark Twain and the book and score for the musical.”

“Big River” is playing in repertory throughout the summer with three other musicals: “Aida,” “Hairspray” and “Sister Act.”

For tickets or more information about “Big River” and the rest of the summer season and events, visit www.pagosacenter.org, email info@pagosacenter.org or call 731-7469.

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Make it, bake it or buy it for Homemakers auction

By Tozi Rubin
Special to The PREVIEW

The Mountain View Homemakers will host its fourth annual Make It, Bake It or Buy It live auction on Thursday, July 13.

Join us at the Methodist Church on Lewis Street at 11:30 a.m. for a finger-food lunch, followed by the auction. This program has been a huge success in the past.

Each member is asked to bring one crafted item that she made or one dish that she baked or something new that she bought for the live auction. Again, each lady is asked to bring just one item. Baked goods such as casseroles that can be frozen are especially popular. And items of interest to men are also fine as we encourage husbands and other men to join us that day.

The auction will move along rapidly, which is one of the reasons for all of the fun. In fact, this is a great day for members to bring guests to join in the auction.

We will be accepting cash or checks for your purchases.

Members will bring finger food for lunch instead of our customary potluck buffet. Guests need not bring anything for the lunch.

The funds that are collected at this event will go towards the group's operating funds. These funds pay for such expenses as providing a meal for Habitat for Humanity volunteers, groceries for our volunteer day at Loaves and Fishes, and hams for our Christmas party.

Note: Our meeting is taking place at the same time as Loaves and Fishes across the street, so parking will be at a premium. Everyone is encouraged to carpool.

Mountain View Homemakers is a 50-year-old women's service organization. We welcome all area women who are interested in bettering their lives, the lives of their families, and the community as a whole. The monthly meetings include lunch and a speaker or activity.

There are no dues or membership requirements to join this friendly, interesting and diverse group of women. And, "homemaking" skills are not necessary. Call Tozi Rubin at 731-3360 with questions.

Writers' workshop to focus on submitting to publishers

By Betty Slade
Special to The PREVIEW

On July 15 at 9 a.m., the Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network (WC-CWN) will host an all-day workshop.

The WCCWN has invited Sarena Ulibarri from World Weaver Press in Albuquerque, N.M., to come and talk with the writers about submitting to publishers.

Want to start submitting your fiction to publishers or agents, but don't know where to start? Whether you're working on short stories or novels, this seminar will cover everything you need to know to make the best first impression, including how to write a good query letter, common pitfalls in opening pages, publishing jargon and how to handle rejection. We'll discuss the risks and rewards of small press compared to the "Big Five" publishing houses, learn how to identify the best markets for your work, and talk about how to spot a scam publisher.

Ulibarri is the editor in chief of World Weaver Press. She earned a master's from the University of

Colorado, Boulder, and attended the Clarion Fantasy and Science Fiction Writers' Workshop at UCSD in 2014. Her fiction has appeared in more than 35 magazines and anthologies, including Lightspeed, Fantastic Stories of the Imagination, Weirdbook and elsewhere. She currently lives in New Mexico and has two corgis. You can find out more about her at www.sarenaulibarri.com.

All attendees, please send your first 500 words (Times New Roman, 12 point, double spaced) as a Word (or Word-compatible) document, with the title, author's name, and whether it is the beginning of a short story, novella or novel at the top of the page. If this length ends in the middle of a sentence, it can run over long enough to finish out the sentence or paragraph.

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your novel or short story so we can workshop it. Send to Betty Slade at betty@bettyslade.com. July 8 is the deadline for these submissions. These will be sent to the publisher. These critique will be included in the cost of the workshop.

For more details, go to the WC-CWN website: <http://www.wolfcreekwriters.com/>. The cost to attend for nonmembers is \$20. Bring your own lunch. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 15 at CrossRoad Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave.

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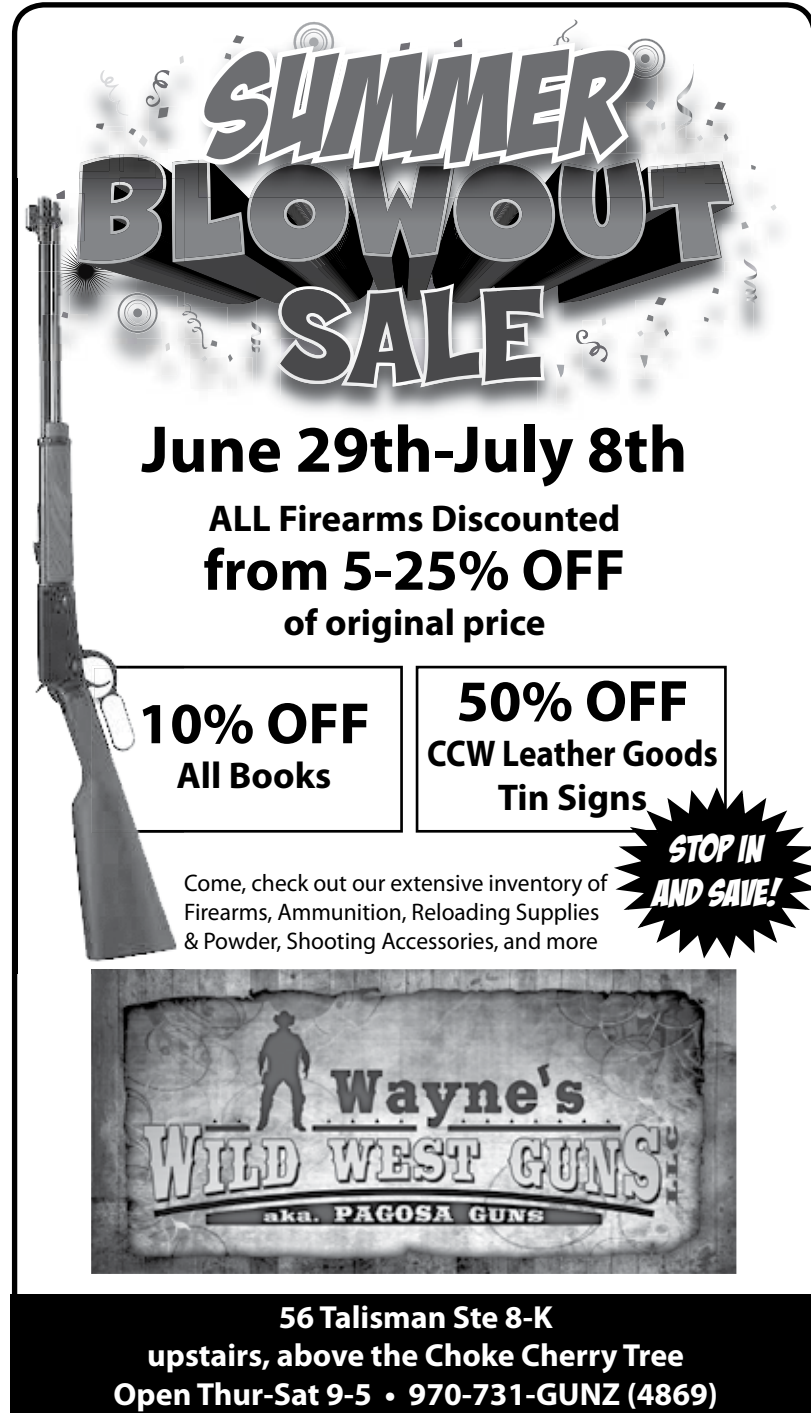
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The Baylor Brass will be presenting a concert on Aug. 11 at the Wyndham tent located behind the Wyndham Activities Building. Tickets will be on sale soon and will cost \$15.

Baylor Brass Quintet coming to Pagosa Springs

By Larry Baisdon
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society, parent organization of the Pagosa Springs Community Band, will be hosting a concert presented by the Baylor Brass Quintet on Aug. 11. This distinguished group will perform in the Wyndham tent located behind the Wyndham Activities Building at 538 Village Drive.

The Baylor Brass Quintet will be playing "Four American Stories" from its 2015 recording by the same name, which features four separate compositions written by

four different composers specifically for brass quintet along with some Dixieland, swing and jazz pieces.

The members of the Baylor Brass Quintet, in addition to being professional-level performers, are also faculty members at Baylor University's renowned music school located in Waco, Texas.

The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 11 with the Pagosa Springs Community Band's own Pagosa Brass Quintet, followed by the Baylor Brass performance at 6 p.m.

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The Wood Brothers will take the stage of the Four Corners Folk Festival, which will be held Sept. 1-3 on Reservoir Hill.

Los Lobos, Wood Brothers, Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn to headline Four Corners Folk Festival

By Crista Munro
Special to The PREVIEW

The 22nd annual Four Corners Folk Festival will take place Sept. 1-3 on Reservoir Hill.

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Among the headliners for this fall's 22nd annual Four Corners Folk Festival are Los Lobos.

Festival

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is supported in part with funding from Colorado Creative Industries.

On-site camping is still available, but will sell out in advance. Children 12 and under get free admission with an accompany-

ing adult; additional information about tickets, daily schedules and this year's artists can be found at www.folkwest.com.

Single-day or multi-day festival passes can also be purchased by phone by calling (877) 472-4672.



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Renowned banjoists Bela Fleck and Abigail Washburn will be amongst the headliners for the 22nd annual Four Corners Folk Festival.

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Hoarders and artists are not the same

I am sending a message to John: "I lost the bet. You can collect your money. Sweet Al has filled up my garage with all his junk. I told you it wasn't going to happen. Well, it did."

It started when our son sent 10 boxes home from the Philippines. They were put into my garage until he could relocate. That was temporary. I could handle that. He left and left behind a couple boxes.

Our daughter emailed. "I promised my friend I would have Daddy and Stephen move her things. She doesn't want the stuff and you can have it. She is willing to pay \$20 an hour to get rid of it."

I would gladly pay \$20 an hour to get rid of our junk, so I ignored my daughter's email. I thought my silence would silence my daughter's request. It didn't.

I went on about my business thinking the idea would go away. I attended an all-day writers' workshop and came home to a trailer full of furniture in our front yard.

I said to my Sweet Al, "Why did you bring all that stuff home? I'm trying to get rid of our junk."

"I thought you might want some of it. There is some good stuff. Just pick through it and see what you want. We will sell the rest in a garage sale." Al meant well.

Our daughter meant well, too. She was helping a friend. She thought she was helping us. Our son could use some furniture since he was moving.

Then, at work, our daughter needed some one to move furniture out of her office. She asked her dad and our son if they would move a couple of couches and a desk. She was looking out for Stephen when he moved. Two couches and a desk are now in my garage.

When our son left, he said, "I don't want any furniture. I'll just rent a furnished apartment when I get there."

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



"So, what do I do will all this furniture your sister gave to you? You and your dad brought it to my garage. I don't want it either."

Our son said to me, "Don't worry about it. You're a hoarder."

I was dumbfounded. I said, "You've got to be kidding. I am an artist. There is a big difference. A hoarder piles things up. They don't know what they have and have no desire to know. They buy things they don't need. The price tag is still on their purchases and still left in the sack. It's all about acquisition and owning, but not about turning loose."

An artist knows exactly what she has. She sees it as an art project and will eventually have time to turn it into a treasure. She can't turn loose until it becomes an art piece.

Our granddaughter came from California this week. She is a true artist. She is very selective and will take only things she can see as an art piece. I'm hoping she sees a lot of treasures and will take them off the property. She will make good use of them.

I took her around, showed her everything and convinced her she could make cute things out of an antique sewing machine cabinet, antique frames, blue Ball jars and little boxes. Then I pointed to the trailer of junk in the front yard and said, "Please take what you want."

My Sweet Al believes there are some good things stacked up on the trailer. He's ecstatic. He's got more stuff to sell in the garage sale. He thinks our son-in-law will have a garage sale for him. I have other

things for Keith to do. He doesn't have time for a garage sale.

If you ask me, a successful garage sale is getting rid of junk, not bringing more junk home so you can sell it. Al thinks bringing in more stuff will make a successful garage sale.

I'm looking at the trailer on its way to the garbage dump and paying a hefty price to get rid of the stuff.

There are different kinds of junk collectors. There are artists who collect stuff for art projects. Our son-in-law knows a good deal and will turn it and make a few dollars. Our granddaughter is very selective and will only take what she can turn into art. Our son is a minimalist; he doesn't want anything but the boxes he came with.

Al can't say no to anyone's junk. He thinks he will have a garage sale and make a dollar. Our daughter wants to help people and can't say no. Our son thinks I am a hoarder. I am an artist and I'm not ready to turn loose of things because I see an art project in it. Lord Jesus, help us all. Come quickly.

Final brushstroke: Our grandson claimed the purple chairs. I told him they are his, but today I'm just not ready to part with them. When you have your own home, then you can have them. It's all about moving junk around. We don't see ourselves when we are blinded by the possibilities of a new find. We have to have it. I guess I'm a little bit hoarder, but a lot more artist.

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New Thought to discuss using thoughts to create

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

"All thought is creative," wrote Ernest Holmes, who stressed that thoughts can be used to create success and happiness for ourselves and others. We will explore and discuss these concepts at Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) services at 10 a.m. on Sunday, and at the 6 p.m. study and discussion group.

PCNT honors all lifestyles, belief systems, religious paths and people for who they are: children of the Divine. New Thought is a trans-denominational philosophy,

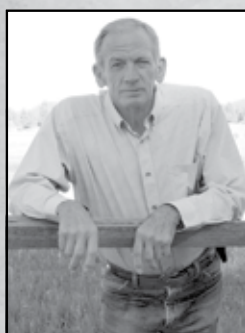
and draws from all the world's major religions to teach universal principles and spiritual concepts for a positive, joyful life. We welcome all to be part of this spiritual adventure.

Weekly Sunday gatherings are held at 10 a.m. at the PCNT center at 2800 Cornerstone Drive, across from Sears.

For information about the church, attend a Sunday service, email PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 749-9020, or mail to P.O. Box 1052 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052. You can also find us on Facebook or on our website: www.PagosaNewThought.org.

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Swimming in a new understanding

By Lynn Moffett
Special to The PREVIEW

Josie woke, remembering her dream. She relived the search in the closet, the tool shed, the garage, but what she'd been after remained a mystery. The chime of the alarm pulled her from her musing. She faced a busy schedule ahead.

Throughout the day, the memory of her night vision lingered.

She awoke earlier the next morning, having dreamed she hunted game, though she had no idea what the prey might be.

A sense of needing something she couldn't find hung over her.

Sunday, she went to church, greeted her friends and sat in her usual seat. Her works were well-known. She ministered to the sick, supported missionaries, attended prayer meetings and even organized Vacation Bible School. That knowledge satisfied her.

The congregation stood to sing "A Mighty Fortress." The words lifted her spirit. Next, the worship leader began "Holy, Holy, Holy." A tear fell on her cheek as she sang, then another. Embarrassment made her grab a tissue to dry her eyes before anyone noticed.

Yearning filled her heart. She didn't sing when the third song started; her voice wouldn't work, but the words "I Want to Know You More" stirred her. They rang true in her entire being. They were the answer to her search, the message of her dreams. God was calling her to something more, if that were possible. Everything within her cried to follow.

Monday morning, Josie woke and hurried to a comfortable chair, where she invited the Father to sit with her. She asked Him to show her the path before reading her Bible. The words came more alive. She caught herself humming that quest-moving song from church.

Grief support meetings slated to begin July 25 at Methodist Church

By Beverly Arrendell
Special to The PREVIEW

Grief support meetings are scheduled at the Community United Methodist Church beginning on July 25 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The meetings will be held in the church library.

The purpose of the sessions is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member (spouse, parent, child, close relative) or a special friend.

Eight weekly meetings are scheduled. A person may attend

A Matter of Faith

"Quiet your heart."

She heard the phrase so clearly and knew without a doubt it didn't originate with her.

Quieting, she found, required patience. Her mind tended to wander, and pulling it back to the moment proved difficult, but she stayed on track.

Josie understood what she did was not an exercise in meditation, but a time to concentrate her full attention on the Eternal God, Son and Holy Spirit, and His word. He became more real. Worship songs meant more. Her faith grew.

One morning, the still, small voice whispered, "I love you, child."

Tears streamed while in her innermost part she accepted that truth as never before.

She remembered a sermon on Ezekiel where the Lord showed the prophet a river. He stepped in. The water came up to his ankles. At the next river it came to his knees. The next to his waist. The last river proved so deep he needed to swim.

She saw herself. It wasn't that she hadn't been in the river, she had, and it reached to her waist. But now she was swimming in a new understanding of the love and reality of God.

Jeremiah 29:13 "... you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

Readers' comments

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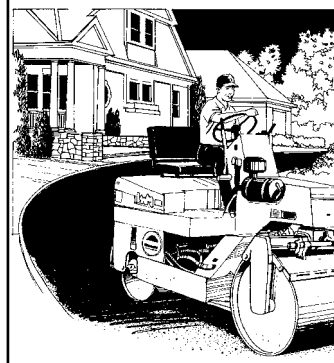


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The 11th annual Pagosa Duathlon will kick off Saturday morning with the Dust Kids Gravel Growler at 7:30 a.m., and will be followed by the adult races at 8:15 a.m. Registration is open until the start of the races.

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No UU service Sunday; members encouraged to attend weekend retreat

By Karen LeCour
Special to The PREVIEW

In lieu of its regular service, the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will join the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Durango (UUFD) and other regional Unitarian Universalists (UU) for the 2017 Four Corners UU Retreat July 7-9.

The retreat is held at Pine Song, near Lake Vallecito in Bayfield, the home of Ken and Lois Carpenter, who offer their beautiful wooden acres along the Pine River. It begins at 3 p.m. on Friday, July 7, and ends Sunday, July 9, at noon.

It's possible to camp on the grounds or stay overnight at a local hotel. However, many people just attend a portion of the weekend. The Sunday worship service is free of charge and begins at 10:30 a.m. The Pagosa Fellowship does not hold a regular service July 9 to allow (and encourage) people to attend this special event. For those who will attend Sunday service only, a past practice has been to arrange carpooling among themselves.

The guest speaker this year is the Rev. Susan Ritchie, UU historian, minister and author of "Children of the Same God." A workshop

and "unworkshops" also will be offered July 8.

For further information and to register, visit the UUFD website at durangouu.org and click on Pine Song Annual Retreat.

This program reflects the Unitarian Universalist principles of "Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations" and "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning."

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a caring, inclusive fellowship dedicated to spiritual growth, justice and serving the needs of our larger community. As a Welcoming Congregation, we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all.

Enjoy refreshments and conversation after services, which are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

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The first of many checking stations along the way was Carter, Wyo., about 47 miles from the starting line in Evanston. A rider by the name of Workman reached Carter by 10:30 a.m., followed closely by J.A. Doling riding Little Minnie. The winners of the first lap had averaged about 10.5 miles an hour.

The next station was Green River, about 65 miles beyond Carter. Workman checked into Granger, about halfway to Green River, at 4 p.m. Doling had dropped back, but Smith on Dick Turpin and a



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

Then Dick Turpin faltered, caught with cramps and colic. His rider, Jack Smith, had watered him too soon after feeding him a bucket of oats at Granger.

man named Trew on Little Archie were only eight minutes later. The three men drank two glasses of

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milk each and by 5 p.m. were on the road again. Several of the riders who came into Granger decided to spend the night.

Meanwhile, the front three pushed on. They were a varied lot, as different as their horses, and came from the states of Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico. One was on a big, black brute of a horse, one a gallant little Thoroughbred, and one on a sturdy, half-breed with the blood of the great track racer Electioneer in his veins. They stayed bunched most of the way.

Then Dick Turpin faltered, caught with cramps and colic. His rider, Jack Smith, had watered him too soon after feeding him a bucket of oats at Granger. He made it to Green River, but the vet there recommended that he drop out and Smith agreed.

Big Teddy and Little Archie led the way into Green River a little after 10 that night. Charlie Trew used a last-minute spurt that brought

him into town first. He won a prize for covering the most distance in the least time in a single day's run. The first two horses had covered 112 miles in a little over 12 hours. The checking officials were amazed at the freshness of the horses. The score for the day — two men 30 miles ahead of the field resting at Green River, two men out of the race, and the others resting at Granger.

On Sunday, May 31, the second day of the race, several of the Granger resters left town before daylight. Workman and Trew in Green River slept later, but left town together at a reasonably early time. Ahead of them was Wyoming's Red Desert, the worst part of the race. Horses hooves sunk into the sand up to their fetlocks.

Teddy was moving in his long, swinging, tireless trot forcing Little Archie to break into a lope to keep up. They stopped together at a stable in Rock Springs for water, then moved on toward the next check-

ing station at Point in the Rocks, a rough, tough 25 miles. They arrived at Station 2 together, spent an hour receiving their checkup, then moved on for the next destination, Bitter Creek.

On this stretch, Teddy ran Little Archie out of contention, but not out of the race. Workman and Teddy passed through Bitter Creek alone at 4:30 in the afternoon. Those who saw them pass through said Teddy was fighting the bit and trying to run. His rider, Workman, knew the next stretch was uphill to the Continental Divide, so he worked hard to keep him reined in. Continued next week.

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The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Stoges' exchange, perhaps
 - 5 Cause to wither
 - 10 Pond cover
 - 14 1997 film, "_____ is Beautiful"
 - 15 Commotion
 - 16 Live wire, so to speak
 - 17 Showy bloom
 - 18 Egyptian president of the 1970s
 - 20 Sensed by touch
 - 22 Hot, in a way
 - 23 Minute amount
 - 24 Invoice word
 - 25 Doctor of sci-fi
 - 27 More than mean
 - 29 "Way to go!"
 - 32 Mother _____
 - 33 Gardener's need
 - 34 Bare
 - 36 Prayer leader
 - 38 Ziti's cousin
 - 40 Therefore
 - 41 Title for Marie Tussaud
 - 43 The best
 - 45 Will Ferrell film
 - 46 Stem joint
 - 47 Outfit
 - 48 Track transaction
 - 49 La Guardia was one
 - 51 Blue Devils university
 - 53 Household cleaner
 - 56 Spanish nobleman
 - 59 Yuletide plant
 - 61 Raindrop sound
 - 62 Cobbler's concern
 - 63 Smallest in degree
 - 64 Like driven snow
 - 65 "Electric Avenue" singer Grant
 - 66 Not too bright
 - 67 Final word
 - 68 "What's the _____?"
 - 69 Balance control
 - 70 Top scout
 - 71 Disavow
 - 72 Room at the top
 - 73 Frivolous funds
 - 74 "_____ so fast!"
 - 75 Stands for
 - 76 Idaho crop
 - 77 Col. Sanders feature
 - 78 Passing fancy
 - 79 Studly fellow
 - 80 Submit
 - 81 Key letter
 - 82 Altar area
 - 83 Atmosphere
 - 84 Weather word
 - 85 Blow off steam?
 - 86 Horror film staple
 - 87 Dentist's directive
 - 88 "Saving Fish from Drowning" author
- DOWN**
- 1 Narrow aperture
 - 2 Old Italian coin
 - 3 Enthusiast
 - 4 Basil-based sauce
 - 5 Bird in the sandpiper family
 - 6 Choice
 - 7 Skirmish
 - 8 One of many in Vegas
 - 9 Girl group?
 - 10 Able to conform
 - 11 Valuable deposit
 - 12 Duds
 - 13 Bohemian
 - 19 Part of a book
 - 21 Cast wearer's problem
 - 24 Go back in

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Fly-fishing plus tai chi for adults and writing event for tweens

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Three special events highlight this coming week's free activities at your library:

• "A Taste of Tai Chi" for adults will be held every Friday in July starting tomorrow from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Join Jeanette to learn about and practice tai chi. This is an ancient form of meditation in motion that is a great form of exercise, an effective way to alleviate stress and is fun. No registration is required.

• "Fly-Fishing Basics" classes for adults take place Mondays, July 10 and July 17, from 10 a.m. to noon at the library to go over basic knot-tying, equipment and setup (repeat sessions). Part two takes place Wednesdays, July 12 and July 19, at Yamaguchi Park, where Mark will help you practice basic casting techniques. An optional trip to the river will take place July 15 and 22. Registration is preferred.

• "Write Your Own Story" is a special writing event for tweens on Wednesday, July 12, from 4 to 5 p.m., when local author Mariko Tatsumoto will teach fourth-through eighth-graders how to write a story and talk a little about her own books.

Summer Reading Program

Your library's free Summer Reading Program is underway now with the theme of "Build a Better World," with special activities for all ages and prizes for participation. Stop by the front desk to register and pick up your bingo sheet.

Mark your calendars for the closing celebration party on July 28 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., when prizes will be presented and everyone will enjoy music, crafts and snacks.

Book fair

Mark your calendars for this summer's Friends of the Library book fair at the Centerpoint

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Church — Aug. 11 at 5 p.m. for the Friends' potluck, annual meeting and advance book sale, and Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the public sale.

Summer Reading Club for kids today

Every Thursday, we're hosting different free fun events from 10:30 a.m. to noon for kids. Today, July 6, you'll design a marble maze. On July 13 you'll paint your own masterpiece. On July 20 you'll build a house that can stand against the big bad wolf. On July 27 you'll create a flextriangle and other paper crafts.

All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, July 7, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for a PG movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to identify the film titles in the media, but you can find them listed on the activities calendars.

Medicare 101 tomorrow

Katy will help you understand your Medicare rights, options, deadlines, possible penalties and where to find the information you need in this free session tomorrow, Friday, July 7, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

LEGO Club Saturday

LEGO Club for kids 6-12 years old is free from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 8. We've got the LEGOs — just bring your imagination.

Book club for adults

Our free book club for adults meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction

titles. On July 11, we will discuss "The Muralist" by B.A. Shipero. Stop by to pick up a copy. No registration is required.

Read with a Ranger

On Wednesday, July 12, from 1 to 2 p.m., youngsters are invited to join Pagosa Ranger Brandon from the U.S. Forest Service to meet some heroes of the night and explore some of their superpowers for survival in the San Juan National Forest. Typically, kids aged 6-10 attend, but these free fun sessions are open to all ages.

Spanish instruction

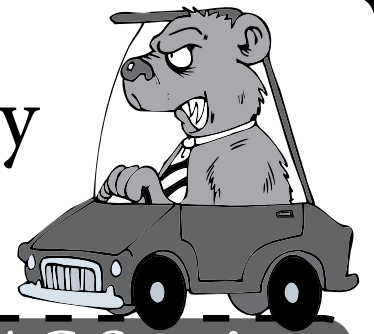
Join us for this basic course on Wednesday, July 12, from 4 to 5 p.m. to improve your ability to speak and understand Spanish. This month, we will be learning how to describe things. No registration is required.

Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders

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Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens every Tuesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the seventh through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions for free help on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Adult learning

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) program is cutting back to one day a week for the summer. Stop by on Tuesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. to let Mark help you with high school equivalency, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. When school starts in the fall, we'll expand the PALS hours.

Kids storytime

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m., join us for free 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.

Baby storytime

Every Saturday from 9:05 to 9:25 a.m., join us for a free short session of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little ones. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills into everyday family life.

Toddler storytime

Every Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m., join us for 30 minutes of free 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 Summer Reading Program 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

"I Can't Make This Up" by comedian Kevin Hart tells how he overcome a hugely difficult childhood. "City of Light, City of Poison" by Holly Tucker is the true crime story of the first police chief of Paris. "The Death of Money" by James Rickards explains why he believes in the imminent collapse of the international monetary system. "A Generation of Sociopaths" by Bruce Cannon Gibney explores the author's belief that America has been hijacked by baby boomers. "Change Your Biology Diet" by Dr. Louis J. Aronne tells what you can do to break physical barriers to weight loss. "A Crack in Creation" by Jennifer A. Doudna and Samuel H. Sternberg discusses gene editing and the power to control evolution. "Cheney One on One" by James Rosen is a candid conversation with the former vice president.

Large print

"Love Story" by Karen Kingsbury is a Baxter family Christian novel. "Aunt Dimity and the Widow's Curse" by Nancy Atherton and "Come Sundown" by Nora Roberts are mysteries. "Matchup" edited by Lee Child is an anthology of 11 thrillers. "Nighthawk" by Clive Cussler and Graham Brown is a NUMA files adventure. "A Hiss Before Dying" by Rita Mae and Sneaky Pie Brown is a Mrs. Murphy mystery. "The Sunshine Sisters" by Jane Green brings three sisters together when their mother is ill.

Thrillers and mysteries

"You Will Pay" by Lisa Jackson begins with a dangerous prank at summer camp. "A House Among the Trees" by Julia Glass follows the dictates of a will after the death of a beloved children's book author. "The Switch" by Joseph Finder follows the accidental switch of a laptop that throws an innocent man into a political scandal.

"Camino Island" by John Grisham starts with the theft of priceless loot from a Princeton University vault. "Tom Clancy's Point of Contact" by Mike Maden is a Jack Ryan Jr. thriller. "Dangerous Minds" by Janet Evanovich is a Knight and Moon mystery.

Other novels

"The Black Elfstone: The Fall of Shannara" by Terry Brooks is the first book in a four-part conclusion to the Shannara series. "The Little French Bistro" by Nina George is a story of new beginnings set in France. "Kiss Carlo" by Adriana is an intergenerational Italian family story told against the backdrop of Shakespeare's greatest comedies.

CDs

"Theft by Finding: Diaries 1877-2002" by David Sedaris is the first of two volumes. "Dragon Teeth" by Michael Crichton is a recently discovered novel by the late author. "Come Sundown" by Nora Roberts is a mystery. "To Hell and Beyond" by Mark Henry and "Double Cross Ranch" by Ralph Compton are westerns. "The Silent Corner" by Dean Koontz begins a new suspense series.

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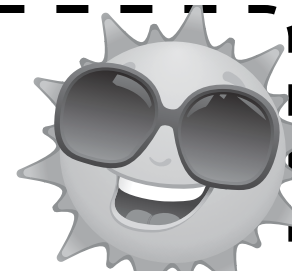
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Quotable quote

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Preview Calendar

All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, July 6

Pickleball. 8-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Summer Reading Club. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Design a marble maze. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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

19th Hole Concert Series. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Cost is \$10. Bring your own blanket or chair. This week is Songs of the Fall. The nonprofit is Audubon Rockies.

Thingamajig Theater Company Presents 'Aida.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. "Aida" is a heart-thrilling story set in Egypt. A spin on a grand opera about love and hate, slavery and freedom, war and peace. For tickets and information, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Friday, July 7

Pickleball. 8-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Taste of Tai Chi. 9:15-10:15 a.m.,

Sisson Library. Join Jeanette to learn about and practice tai chi. This is an ancient form of "meditation in motion" that is proven to be a great form of exercise and effective way to alleviate stress. It's also fun. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Pickleball. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Medicare 101. 10:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Looking for information about Medicare? Katy will help you understand your rights, options, deadlines, possible penalties, and where to find the information you need. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Zumba. Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Movie. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. A curious robot meets a sleek search robot and with a hilarious cast of characters, they journey across the universe. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Saturday, July 8

Pagosa Duathlon. 7 a.m. Turkey Springs and Monument roads. Register online at www.PagosaDuathlon.com.

Zumba. 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. For more information, contact Pauline Benetti at 264-5232.

Baby Storytime. 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. Twenty minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Toddler Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. A half hour of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Guided Walk at Provancher/Murray Ranch. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Blanco River picnic area. Take a walk back in time with Rick and Lynne Stinchfield on a moderate, 3.5-mile walk to learn about the roles the railroad and Civilian Conservation Corps

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Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk. 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, Suite 15-B, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are welcome.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 10 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave. Summer is in full swing and “sew” are we with a program on binding your quilts. There will be a video and a live demo of a quick and easy method for perfect corners and perfect results. Don't miss this one. Come meet, eat, greet and learn.

Yoga: Laugh and Let Go. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. This class explores the ancient technique of chi self-massage followed by a lighter yoga asana practice. Call 264-4152 for more information.

Trees and Native Plants in Pagosa Springs Parks. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., GGP Education Dome, Centennial Park. Wildscape Ambassadors training by Audubon Rockies. Tree and plant identification includes Pagosa skyrocket tour. The cost is \$20 to members, \$40 to nonmembers. Includes lunch

and a pop-up performance by Acoustic Picnic.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For all ages. We provide the LEGOs; all you need to bring is your imagination. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Allison Community Church Annual Chicken BBQ. 5-7 p.m., Allison Church yard. Menu includes barbecue chicken with all the trimmings with the added bonus of homemade dinner rolls and cinnamon rolls. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5 and children under 6 free. Come out for good food and visit with your neighbors.

Full Moon Program. 7 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Visitors will hear Native American flute music by Charles Martinez and experience the moon rising from the ridge where the Puebloan Great House is located. There is a \$15 fee for attending or \$20 to attend with an early tour. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

High Rollers Outdoor Concert. 7 p.m., Town Park. Admission is a donation at the gate (\$2 minimum is requested but not required, with those under 12 admitted free). The event is supported by concession sales (a pulled pork sandwich, baked beans and a soft drink will be sold for just \$7 a plate), donations at the gate and participation in the baked goods auctions. Pagosa Mountain

Morning Rotary club will provide a beer garden. All proceeds benefit the Pagosa Wrestling Club.

Tara Mandala Presents: Carlos Nakai and Nawang Khechog Concert. 8 p.m., Tara Mandala temple. Join us for an inspiring evening with Grammy-nominated Native flutist R. Carlos Nakai, who will be joined by Nawang Khechog, Tibetan flutist and collaborator on several albums together. Purchase advance tickets at taramandala.org/carlos_nakai, at Southwest Sound, 259-5896, in Durango, or Higher Grounds Coffee, 731-3666, in Pagosa Springs.

Sunday, July 9

Sunday Night Unplugged. 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Providing a time of peace and quiet, punctuated with sounds of beautiful music and spiritual readings. Featuring the profound sounds of multi-instrumentalist Paul Roberts.

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

Monday, July 10

Pickleball. 8-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m.,

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

Fly-Fishing Basics, Part 1. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Registration preferred. Join Mark in this fun and informative three-part course to learn about the basics of fly-fishing and to practice your skills. Part one will be held at the library to go over basic knot-tying, equipment and setup. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

Pickleball. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

High Country Squares. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Mainstream and Plus Squares dancing with Jim Park calling. Contact Steve at 731-0044.

CPR Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension Office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

Tuesday, July 11

Pagosa Area Trails Council Project. 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Camino Real Pagosa, next to City Market. We will carpool to the trailhead. Wear long pants and closed-

toe shoes; a long-sleeved shirt is suggested. Please RSVP with Stacy Boone at 946-5001.

Pagosa Springs Women's Golf Association Pine Cone Classic. 8 a.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Benefits Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. Entry fee is \$160 per person. For raffle tickets, which are \$20 each, call Lynne McCrudden at 946-2517.

Pickleball. 8-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

Archuleta County Republican Women. Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Two declared candidates for 2018 are coming to Pagosa Springs so we can hear from them personally: Colorado Rep. Justin Everett, who will be running for state treasurer, and George Brauchner, current 18th District district attorney, who will be running for governor. All are welcome.

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 Kevin Kelly, Ph.D., at (505) 699-0824 for more information.

Mexican Train, Rummikub. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join our book club for adults, which meets each month to discuss fiction and nonfiction titles. This month we will discuss "The Muralist" by B.A. Shapiro. Stop by to pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Adult Education. 3-7 p.m., Sisson

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American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary. 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m. Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

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Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great

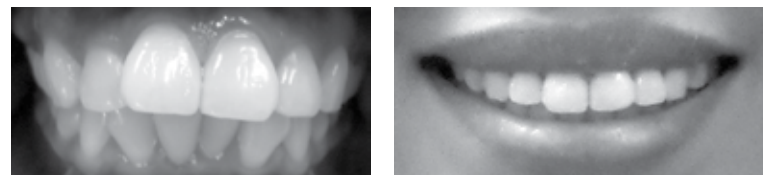
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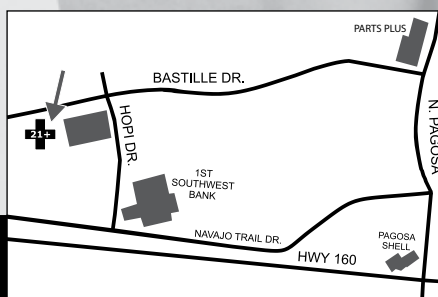
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Flow Yoga Class. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

Fly-Fishing Casting Practice, Part 2. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Registration preferred. Join Mark in this fun and informative three-part course to learn about the basics of fly-fishing and to practice your skills. Part two will be held at Yamaguchi Park to practice basic casting techniques. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pickleball. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Free Blood Pressure Checks. 10:30 a.m., Senior Center.

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.

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

Mexican Train, Rummikub. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Read with a Ranger. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Join Pagosa Ranger Brandon from the U.S. Forest Service to meet some heroes of the night and explore some of their superpowers for survival

in the San Juan National Forest. Open to all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Spanish Instruction. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us in this basic course to improve your ability to speak and understand Spanish. This month we will be learning how to describe things. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

American Legion Post 108. 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St. Veterans' group meeting.

First Aid Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

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.

Thingamajig Theater Company Presents 'Aida.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. "Aida" is a heart-thrilling story set in Egypt. A spin on a grand opera about love and hate, slavery and freedom, war and peace. For tickets and information, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

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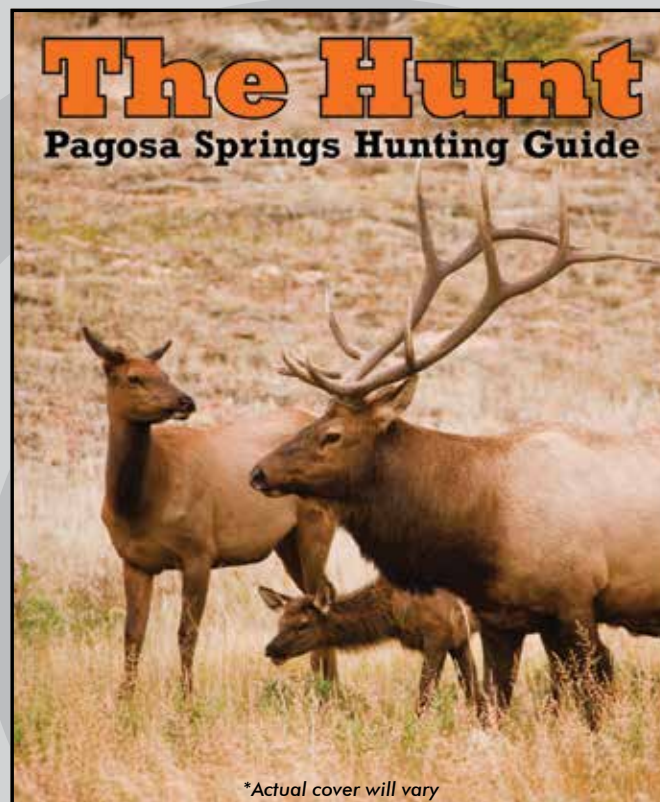
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don't have one.

Summer Reading Club. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Paint your own masterpiece. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Mountain View Homemakers. 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. Annual make it, bake it or buy it live auction. Finger food will be provided by members. This fundraiser will feature items that members made, baked or bought sold to the highest bidder. For more information, call Tozi Rubin at 731-3360.

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

Mexican Train, Rummikub. 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.

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m. Sisson Library. For those in the 7th- 12th grades. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

19th Hole Concert Series. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Cost is \$10. Bring your own blanket or chair. This week is Bob Hemenger. The nonprofit is Loaves and Fishes.

High Country Squares Beginning Western Square Dance Lessons. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Square dancing is easy to learn. You do not need rhythm or dance experience. Square dancing is great exercise and an opportunity to meet new friends. For more information, contact John Thomas at 731-8730 or Jim Park at 731-9910.

Friday, July 14

Pickleball. 8-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Taste of Tai Chi. 9:15-10:15 a.m., Sisson Library. Join Jeanette to learn about and practice tai chi. This is an ancient form of "meditation in motion" that is proven to be a great form of exercise and effective way to alleviate stress. It's also fun. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Pickleball. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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.

All-Ages Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Saturday, July 15

Dale Schwicker Memorial Tennis Tournament. 8 a.m., Wyndham tennis center. Join us to honor Dale Schwicker. A short ceremony with food and drink will follow the tournament. There is a \$25 registration fee. Registration fee deadline is June 30. Contact Lisa Peters at lisa@peterspagosa.com.

Zumba. 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. For more information, contact Pauline Benetti at 264-5232.

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network Workshop. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave. Sarena Ulibarri from World Weaver Press in Albuquerque, N.M., will come and talk with the writers about submitting to publishers. The cost to attend for nonmembers is \$20. Bring your own lunch. Snacks and drinks will be provided. For more information go to <http://www.wolfcreekwriters.com/>.

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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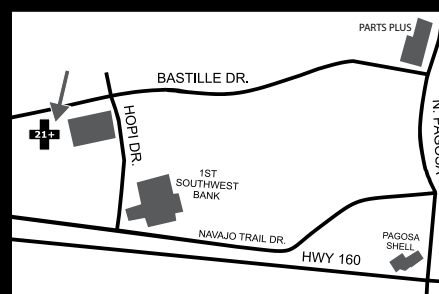
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A trip back East and smiling firestars

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

We had decided to travel to the eastern United States so my family could meet some of the wonderful people I knew when I lived there. From our home in the West, it was a long drive. But there were a lot of new experiences for our children.

As we were driving across Nebraska, my children stared at mile after mile of corn. My 6-year-old daughter loves fresh corn out of the garden. It looked like a dream to her.

“Daddy,” she said, “can we come here when the corn is ready to eat?”

One night we set up our camp trailer, and I cooked Dutch oven potatoes, hamburgers and scones. As the sun faded down behind the horizon, the fireflies came out. My children had never seen fireflies before. I had grown up in the West and had thought they were a myth until I lived in the East. As the fireflies started blinking, our 4-year-old daughter, Elli, was amazed.

“Daddy,” she said, “there’s lots of little blinking stars on our tent. I think they fell out of the sky. Should we put them back?”

I captured one and put it in a jar so my children could see it. It sat quietly, not blinking.

“Can we take it home with us so it can be our star?” Elli asked.

I shook my head. “I’m afraid it wouldn’t be happy there. Its family is here.”

She agreed that it should stay with its family, so after everyone

had seen it, I let Elli open the jar, and we watched it fly away. We sat outside late that night watching them blink.

One day at our campsite we heard something they had never heard before. My wife had spent years in Missouri, and she knew the sound well. The noise started out quietly, but as the days wore on, it became an orchestra of sound like all of nature was coming to life.

“They’re cicadas,” my wife said.

This time it was my 6-year-old daughter, Heather, who was most intrigued.

“What are they doing?” Heather asked.

“They’re singing,” I replied.

“It’s a loud song,” she said.

I captured one so everyone could see what they looked like. It sat quietly in the jar.

“How come it’s not singing?” Heather asked.

“It’s sad,” I told her. “It wants to be with its family.”

We made sure that everyone had a chance to see it, and then Heather let it go.

In the West, where we are from, it hardly ever rains in the summer. We probably get rain no more than once per month. But while we were camping in the East, it rained almost every day. When we were visiting a friend, the man said, “I’m sorry it’s so dry here for your visit. I doubt it has rained more than three times per week.”

My older children laughed, thinking he was kidding, but I told them he wasn’t. “You will notice,” I

said, “that no one has sprinklers.”

They sat there and stared for a minute, then looked all around at the yards near us. They saw that I was right. They had never realized that there were places that didn’t need sprinklers.

As our vacation was ending, our youngest two daughters could hardly wait to tell their grandmother about all they had seen. When we finally had a chance to visit her, they were excited. It was interesting to hear them explain it in their childhood ways.

“Guess what we saw,” Heather told her. “We saw crickets that were much louder than our crickets here, though.”

“And we saw more corn than even Heather could eat,” Elli added.

“And we saw places where no one even has a sprinkler,” Heather said.

“But best of all,” Elli said, “we saw firestars. And they give light when they smile. But they only smile when they are with their families because families make them happy, just like us.”

I couldn’t have said it better myself.



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By Roy Vega
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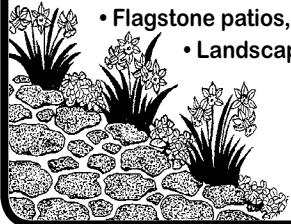
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