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County asking voters for sales tax increase

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

It's official: This election season, Archuleta County voters will consider a 1 percent sales tax increase for the county to fund "justice system capital improvements," including the construction of a new jail and sheriff's office.

The ballot language specifying the request for the 1 percent sales tax increase was approved by a 2-1 vote of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) during the board's regular meeting Tuesday afternoon. Commissioner Michael Whiting voted against the measure.

The ballot question asks voters for a 1 cent tax increase to result in additional revenue, and to allow the county to increase its debt by an amount not to exceed \$20,550,000, with a maximum repayment cost of \$26,550,000.

The proposed facility is currently projected to cost \$17.9 million, with county staff and bond counsel explaining earlier in the day the numbers included in the ballot language are conservative.

Prior to a vote, the BoCC held a public hearing for audi-

ence members to voice opinions and questions.

Present to help answer questions were Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton and Penfield Tate III, an attorney with Kutak Rock LLC (the county's bond counsel).

"Until Friday, I wasn't even aware of this," said the first audience speaker, Walter Willard, adding that he has been in the area two years and had not heard about the start of the process leading to this point.

"And, sir, to answer your question, this process started in April of 2015," Wadley responded. "We've had very close to, between 75 and 100 meetings, — commissioner meetings, work sessions, special meetings — that have all been advertised in the paper. This has been a very public process, sir. Our meeting notices by law are posted where they need to be posted. It's also, you know, in the newspaper, on the Web, and I don't know what more we could do to let people know we're having our meetings."

Wadley continued, noting the county had architectural drawings done and had been through the ramifications,

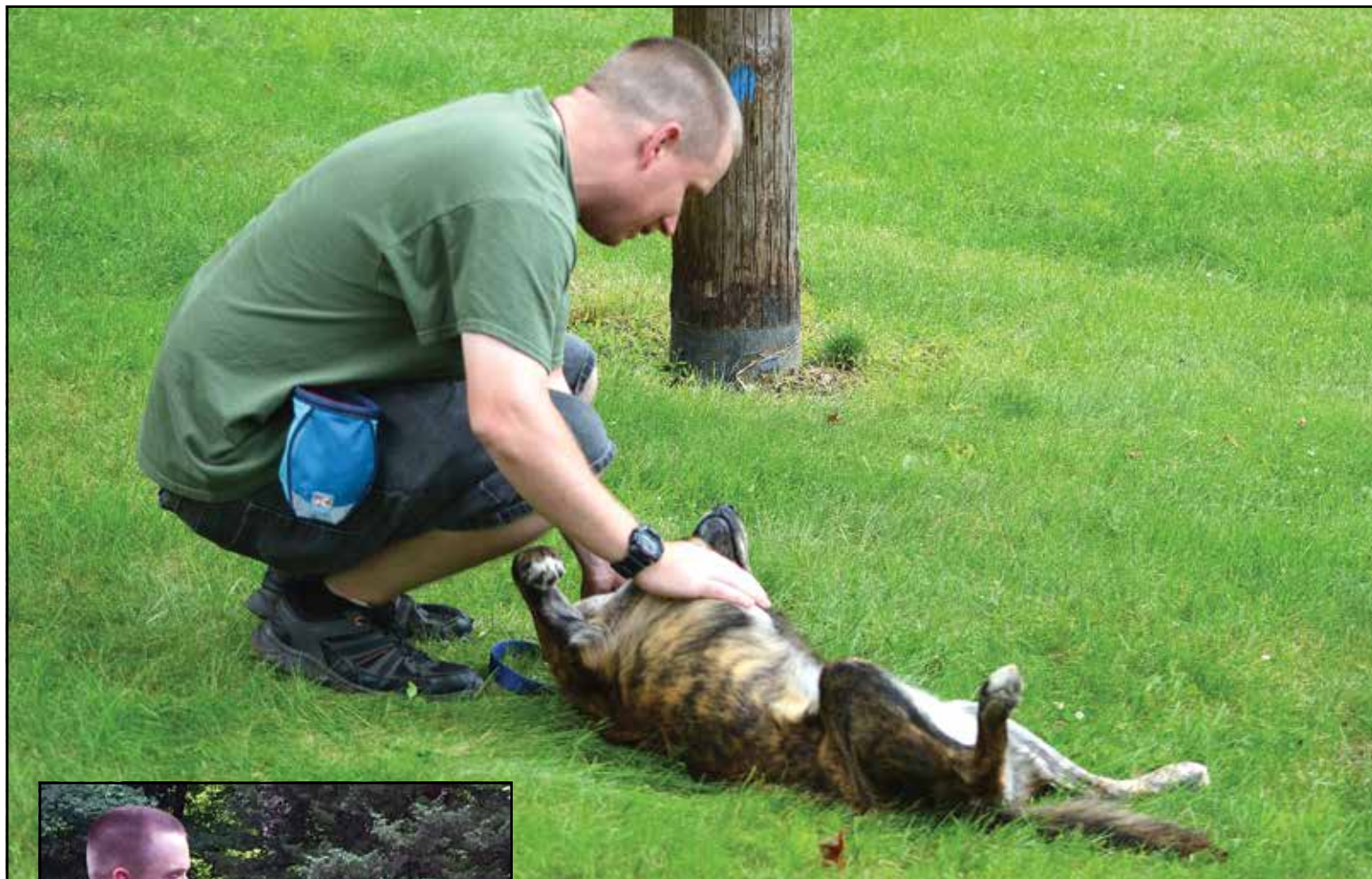
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Photo courtesy John Johnson

A young bull moose pays a visit to a neighborhood located 3.5 miles north of town off Piedra Road around noon on Monday. The moose was also spotted in a Lake Pagosa Park neighborhood later that afternoon. About 10 years ago, moose were relocated from Utah to the Grand Mesa and the Upper Rio Grande region and they continue to disperse. There are an estimated 2,600 moose in the state. They especially like willows along water and wetlands, but they can be found in almost any terrain. Moose can be very aggressive, especially when they see dogs. They should be observed from a distance. Do not approach them. Moose are the largest members of the deer family, which include deer, elk and moose.

Oliver gets new lease on life as PTSD service dog for Iraq War veteran



Photos courtesy Amy McCullough

John Gerula and his new post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) service dog, Oliver, meet for the first time. Oliver will help provide support for the Marine Corps veteran. Oliver was surrendered to the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs in late January by his owner. Oliver was recruited for the Shelter to Service program and trained to be a service dog for military veterans diagnosed with PTSD or chronic brain injury.

By Mike Stoll
Special to The SUN

Over the past 12 months, 405 dogs and cats were adopted from the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs (HSPS) animal shelter, an average of more than one every day.

Animals arrive at the shelter for a variety of reasons, often through no fault of their own, and every shelter adoption brings hope of a new start and renewed opportunity for a loving home and a quality life.

To help shelter animals get adopted, our staff sometimes has to overcome the perception that shelter dogs and cats are somehow flawed or irreparably damaged. Why else would they be in the shelter, some people ask? It is true that some shelter animals have a bad habit or two that need correcting, probably not un-

like a cross-section of the average human population, and some shelter animals do require a bit of training to become good candidates for adoption. But the great majority of shelter animals are good enough just as they are, even if their inherent worth is not immediately recognized. All they need is an opportunity to shine.

Because we live in a more rural area with a relatively small population, we sometimes have more adoptable shelter animals than prospective local adopters. To create adoption options, shelter staff uses several websites, among other tools, to promote our adoptable animals to a broader community. During the past year, one-fourth of all adopters came from outside our county and more than one-third of those people came from out of state to adopt shelter animals. Even when adopters are available, a successful

■ See Oliver A8

Two arrested for trying to sell stolen firearms, other goods

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Aug. 8, the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) arrested two individuals on charges of theft after they attempted to sell stolen items to the San Juan Trading Post.

"The Pagosa Springs Police Department received a call from the Manager of the San Juan Trading Post, regarding a man and a woman who were at the shop attempting to

sell stolen property," reads a press release from PSPD Detective Scott Maxwell. "PSPD Lt. Brooks Brown and PSPD Officer Artie Jenkins responded to the shop and spoke with the Manager, Ryan Beavers, who explained to Lt. Brown that he'd had concerns about the couple and about the origins of the property they were attempting to sell."

The press release goes on to explain that the man and the woman

■ See Stolen A8

Sales tax collections up 5.06 percent over last year

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Sales tax collections for June 2017 were 5.6 percent higher than sales tax collections in June of 2016, with the year-to-date collections for 2017 being 5.06 percent higher than the same period last year.

The total sales tax collection in June for Archuleta County was \$990,721.07, according to a report is-

sued on Aug. 10 by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

The town and county each received \$495,360.54.

"The month of June 2017 was about 5.6% (\$52,870) higher than the month of June 2016," reads Walton's report. "The year to date revenue (January through June) during 2017 was about 5.06%

■ See Sales A8

SJWCD approves ballot language for mill levy increase

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

During a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 14, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors approved its ballot language for the district's proposed mill levy increase.

The district is seeking a mill levy increase from .316 of a mill to one mill in order to fund the acquisition of land and easements necessary to

develop a water storage facility.

The project was previously called the Dry Gulch Project, but has since had its name changed to the San Juan River Headwaters Project.

The ballot language includes a sunset clause, explaining that, if the mill levy passes, property taxes would be increased starting Jan. 1, 2018, and being reverted back to the original rate on Dec. 31, 2047.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

It's about quality of life

The ideal shoes can be hard to find, but once you have found that perfect pair, they are hard to let go of, no matter how worn they are.

The ideal shoes fit perfectly. They were the right color. Our black and white polka-dot hightop Converse tennis shoes were such a perfect pair of shoes that some heel just decided that they needed our shoes more than we did.

We walked out the door of the newspaper office last Thursday morning to find that our sneakers were snatched from the bike planter where we had filled them with colorful pansies as part of the town's beautification program.

Advertising Manager Shari Pierce had the amazingly fun and creative idea to put the sneakers on the bike pedals and fill them with flowers.

We loved those shoes. They became the talk of the town. People stopped by on a regular basis to take photos of our planter and complimented us on those hightop Converse shoes. It was the black-and-white polka dots that made them perfect for that bike.

With the sneakers gone, the bike has lost much of its character, charm and appeal.

We emailed Police Chief Bill Rockensock to inquire about security cameras along the street that might have caught the thief who had to spend some time unwiring those shoes from the pedals in order to remove them from the bike.

Rockensock said he would have Officer Artie Jenkins check on the security cameras and come by to take a report.

We asked the chief if he really wanted to send someone by to take a report for an \$8 pair of used shoes that we had bought at the thrift shop. What he responded with was just not what we expected: "Yes, it's not about the money. It's a quality of life issue."

He was right. Our quality of life had changed when someone stole from us on a public street right at our front door. We lost trust.

The officer kept a straight face as we gave him the value of the shoes at \$1 million. He completely got it. It was the emotional attachment.

Unfortunately, the officer thought we went too far when we asked for DNA tests, footprint casts and fingerprinting at the scene of the crime.

We put out an announcement to "be on the lookout" for the shoes on Facebook.

Some friends voiced that our million-dollar valuation was too low. Some people mentioned that the thief must "have no sole."

Another person commented, "That's lame. I saw this bike the other day and thought the shoes were so clever."

One friend questioned, "Seriously the Police took a report for a pair of shoes?! Goodness — maybe someone was shoeless and really needed a pair of shoes? It is lame, but really a police report?!"

One person said, "Might start with shoes and then who knows what!" Another responded, "I bet if it was stolen from y'all's porch you'd sing another tune. Thievery is thievery, regardless of the value."

We thought the funniest comment was, "Did you plant wandering Jew plants in them? They may have wandered away."

Another person informed, "Somebody also stole the metal bench on the Bakery's front porch."

Tourism Director Jennifer Green responded to our email telling her of the theft. "Seriously? That's lame — and the first theft I have heard of. I guess someone really needed a pair of shoes. ... I would be happy to get you a 'new' pair of shoes from the thrift store to replace. The shoes were my favorite piece of decor!"

They definitely were our favorite piece of décor and we seriously hope that whoever decided to steal them really needed them. Unfortunately, we've had no luck in finding the perfect replacement shoes with just the right character and sole.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

What Pirate sport are you most looking forward to this fall?



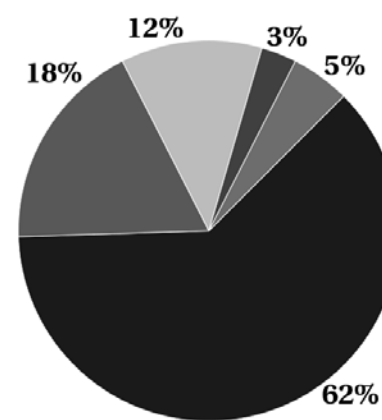
Deedee Sanchez
"Football, because I hope my grandson will be playing this year."



Charlie Hudler
"Soccer, 'cause it's fun."



Kaleb Hudler
"Soccer."



Poll results (66 Votes)
Football — 62 percent
Soccer — 18 percent
Volleyball — 12 percent
Golf — 3 percent
Cross-country — 5 percent

This week online: What is your favorite thing about school being back in session?
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LOOKING BACK



From the June 18, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. APPETIZING — Tree planters have hearty appetites and are well fed while on the job. Cooks are Andy Loomis and Manuel Martinez and they prepare a hearty, wholesome meal that all of the tree planters appreciate.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 12, 1927

A trade was made Saturday morning between L.O. Hardman of Pagosa Springs and R.L. Fitzgerald of Albuquerque, whereby the former acquires a modern five-room dwelling in Albuquerque and the latter in turn becomes owner of Mr. Hardman's 160 acres of coal land and undivided half interest in the surface rights of 80 additional acres on lower Stollsteimer creek. The gentlemen departed Saturday for Albuquerque to complete the transaction.

Some miscreant, apparently with nothing else to do, some time early yesterday morning found time aside from his other arduous (?) labors in which to release the air from the tires of all parked cars on Pagosa street, either by depressing the valves or slashing the tires with a knife.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 21, 1942

Dr. and Mrs. Chit Snider of Roswell, N.M., and David Goodman went to Born's Lake Tuesday. From there they went on a pack trip to the hot springs above the lake.

The Geological Survey on the Piedra is to close this week, as the government has re-allocated funds for its continuance.

Although Archuleta County has already produced an immense tonnage of scrap metal and other materials, a continuous drive is now being started to secure more that may have been overlooked up to now. Materials needed are scrap iron and steel, other metals of all kinds, old rubber, rags, manila rope, burlap bags, waste cooking fats and many other things.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 17, 1967

One new teacher was hired by the school board Tuesday of this week. She was Mrs. June C. Regnier and her salary was set at \$5424. The shortage of teachers in the local school is acute. At the present time the district is short an administrator, a counselor, and five teachers. School starts a week from this Friday and it may be difficult to fill these vacancies prior to that time. A high school principal was hired some time ago. He reported last week and started work. After three days on the job the man turned in his keys and left. At this late date the school board faces a difficult task in finding another principal.

Cindy Cole was awarded the SUN Junior Showmanship trophy at the Archuleta County Fair. Her animal won the Reserve Champion ribbon in the 4-H fat beef contest.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 20, 1992

All pet owners living within a two-mile radius of Pagosa Springs are subject to a recently imposed Colorado Department of Health Rabies Vaccination Order and must have their dogs and cats immunized. The order was issued Monday evening after a skunk killed last Friday within the town limits of Pagosa Springs tested positive for rabies at the Colorado Department of Health lab at Denver. The Department of Health has cautioned local residents against contact with skunks or other wild animals. The skunk is the first instance of a wild, land animal found with rabies on the Western Slope during the last 20 years. Since 1975, bats have been the only animal reported with the disease in Colorado.

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Letters



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Monuments

Dear Editor:
The caption on the front-page picture of Congressman Scott Tipton at Chimney Rock, which appeared in the Sun August 10, is incorrect. The caption states that "Tipton's bill designating Chimney Rock as a National Monument passed the U.S. House of Representatives in the 11th Congress." Problem is, that is not how national monuments are designated. Instead, national monuments are designated by presiden-

tial proclamation—only national parks require an act of Congress to be designated. The fact is (quoting Wikipedia) that "U.S. President Barack Obama created Chimney Rock National Monument by proclamation on September 21, 2012 under authority of the Antiquities Act." And that is correct, because that is how national monuments are created. So while Tipton did support Chimney Rock, the credit for its creation should go where credit is due: President Obama.

To his credit, in addition to his support for Chimney Rock, Tipton has recently issued a statement in support of keeping Canyons of the Ancients National Monument—one of many currently under review by the Trump administration — as it is. But that said, Tipton's record on support of national monuments has been a mixed one. As recently as last year, Tipton had this to say about national monuments: "the need for the Antiquities Act in its traditional form has passed." In regard to national monuments, he also accused President Obama of "the acquisition of as much land as possible under extremely restrictive land-use plans." You can still see these statements on his Web page. It is this exact type of talk that led to the Trump administration's review of and threats to National Monuments such as Canyons of the Ancients, as well as to the Rio Grande del Norte and Bears Ears National Monuments in states adjacent to his Congressional district.

In short, legislation by Tipton did not create Chimney Rock National Monument, and Tipton's record in regard to national monuments has been quite mixed. He loves photo ops like the one in the Sun and has supported national monuments in some times and places, but he has been very critical of them in others and helped to create an atmosphere supportive of the process that is now threatening Canyons of the Ancients, Bears Ears, Rio Grande del Norte, and other national monuments.

Oh, and while I am on the topic of national monuments, I would also like to thank our county board for its strong statement in support of our national monuments in the

Four Corners region. These beautiful and historic places have great intrinsic value and also economic value in that they bring many tourists to our region. They deserve to be fully and unequivocally supported and protected.

John E. Farley
Editor's note: Rep. Scott Tipton sponsored a bill that passed the U.S. House of Representatives in May of 2012. As reported in the caption in The SUN on Aug. 10, that was the 113th Congress, not the 11th Congress as cited in the letter above.

Sen. Michael Bennet and Sen. Mark Udall co-sponsored companion legislation in the U.S. Senate, but it never passed.

They then urged the administration to use its authority under the Antiquities Act. President Barack Obama designated Chimney Rock as a national monument.

Sales tax for jail

Dear Editor:
I am in favor of a sales tax to finance the new jail facility for the following reasons:

1. The bonding cost is lower.
2. It imposes no increase in costs on our businesses (the majority of which are in town), which would probably have to increase their prices if a mill levy increase was instituted.

3. Roughly one third of the sales tax would be paid by our visitors.

4. I do not know the ratio of crimes committed by residents of the town, the county and visitors, but the sales tax would likely be more equitable.

5. The mill levy would have a disproportionate burden on the county property owners.

Arnold Fisher

Capitalism

Dear Editor:
Mr Bolland's letter published 8/10/17 offers definitions of words used in the political debate that equates Progressive Democrats with Socialist, Leninist, Red positions. I disagree but, more importantly suggest that the real problems we are encountering in the USA is that of unfettered capitalism. This has resulted in the rich accumu-

lating such wealth that currently 1 percent of the wealthy possess 90 percent of the "stuff." We currently have a health care system that prices its services not based on what is fair or manageable but on "what the consumer can bear." Clearly, unfettered capitalism does not work any better than unfettered socialism. What we need is a move towards real democracy by demanding publicly funded elections, the elimination of packs and the ability of large corporations to buy public elections and own public officials. Real problems demand solutions by people who are capable of looking at real solutions without the distractions required when our elected officials are forced to listen unequally to their sponsors rather than their electorate.

Robert D. Hagberg

Nuclear strikes

Dear Editor:
This rhetoric between the United States and the North Korean leadership is deplorable.

In fact, it is an abomination. It is without precedent for its lunacy. The use of nuclear weapons provides no offense or defense. It has no diplomatic value. The tragedy resulting in the use of nuclear weapons is self-evident. The use of nuclear weapons even the thought of using nuclear weapons should never enter the realm of any intelligent thought. There is not a human being on this planet that does not know the results of such idiocy. There is no living thing on this earth

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Big Changes at Terry's Ace Colorado Home Supply!

Terry Smith has announced his retirement from the firm effective August 31st. The Store has been purchased by Grace Estep Smith and her brothers Max and Quinn. Grace will lead the day to day business activities as the controlling partner. She is supported by the same fabulous staff that is ready to continue our efforts to be the best retail store in Pagosa. Grace is dedicated to the same level of great service for our customers as well as continuing the great brands and unique selection of products.

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Annie Jacobi is this year's Archuleta County Homemaker of the Year. Jacobi said that entering her homemade items is a fun thing to do. The fair gives local makers an opportunity to showcase their creativity.

Letters

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that would not be affected. These two leaders give no consideration for the billions of sentient creatures who have no choice in this matter. We all know that there is no recovery from nuclear strikes. Nuclear detonation is transformative now and far into the future. We know this. It is not a mystery. Right now, we have two three year olds playing with the blue marble and they need to be stopped immediately. Not cautioned. There is no caution in a nuclear strike. They no longer represent human values and need to be replaced. Nuclear weapons are indiscriminate and are pure annihilation. Leaving behind a horrific consequence of which we know. Have we forgotten the atomic holocaust ending the war with Japan? How about the Cuban missile crisis when we taught children- little boys and girls in school how to duck and cover. The building of fallout shelters. Mushroom clouds. Unbelievable. This cannot be repeated. This cannot be allowed to escalate. These leaders must be replaced, now. We as a people have a moral obligation to all living things on this planet to put an end to this lunacy. It has no business in rational thinking. I cannot believe there is anyone on this earth who could perceive the use of nuclear weapons as a viable option either now or ever. We know the results. We know the results. When that button is pushed there is no coming back. Just pure indiscriminate horror. It is irrevocable. There is no longer them or us. It becomes apocalyptic. All of life suffers for generations to come extending far into a bleak future. No other species on this planet propagates such behavior or thought. Any head of state no matter where who utters nuclear weapon use should be removed from office with extreme prejudice. This is a crime against nature and humanity and should be dealt with as such. These two leaders are out of control. They must be stopped. It is an abomination. This is madness. We can stop it and we must. Study everywhere now.

Gordon Holmes

Reality of times

Dear Editor:
Thank you Mike Swenson for your letter last week called "Sequel" regarding population growth. Our general unwillingness

to focus on our own increasing numbers coupled with climate change sets us up for a challenging and maybe a not to pleasant future. This is especially true now when you look at the impact from developing and modernizing giant countries like Indian and China. The United States is smaller but it uses more than its share of resources because it is a culture of growth and wealth gathered by fewer and fewer people. Bigger is better only when the resources are available and our human population is starting to reach that limit where they are not. climate change is also making the situation worse. If we are responsible and look at the "us" and not just the "me" we might want to change our focus to making these limited resources go further.

There are things we can do as individuals that can help. Everyone has to use resources to live but we all can limit what we use. Consider alternative energy for home heating and power, drive more efficient vehicles, limit the size of your families, limited your travel especially on planes, buy from local markets, and just be more aware of how much energy and resources you are using. If some of these ideas are against your faith then take some time to look at them carefully and think about the longer term consequences.

A little effort on everyones part can go a long way in sharing resources so everyone can have a little more of what they need to live and to keep the planet healthy. I hope to see my granddaughter have as good or better quality of life than I do and I'm sure most of you feel the same about your children and family.

Bob LeCour

Climate change

Dear Editor:
Thursday last week, our little town of Pagosa Springs hosted a screening of Al Gore's new climate change movie, An Inconvenient Sequel. Every seat was filled with area residents ready to learn more about how we, as a community, can and must take part of the global community that is working to mitigate the worst affects of climate change.

In the weeks to follow, there will be ongoing discussions starting at 5:30 p.m. at the PLPOA building with the goal of increasing skill and knowledge set of folks about climate change, as well as how to move to-

ward more sustainable energy pathways. Thursday, August 17th, there will be a potluck and informal discussion of climate change impacts in Colorado and on water resources. On Thursday, August 31st, LPEA engineer Dan Harms will be on hand to discuss community solar. Leslie Glustrom of Clean Energy Action out of Boulder will join us on Thursday, September 14th, to discuss moving away from coal fire energy production. Our final speaker in this series will be on Thursday, September 28th, when Durango Mayor Dick White joins us to discuss policy approaches to mitigate climate change impacts. All of these events are free and open to the public.

If you were not able to get into An Inconvenient Sequel, please know we are working on getting another screening here in Pagosa mid to late September. In the meantime, the Gaslight Twin Theater in downtown Durango will show this movie the week of August 18th-24th.

Climate change is not a challenge that can be solved by any one individual alone; it will require that we, the human race, come together and stand united, for one and for all.

Holly Metzler

Medical care

Dear Editor:
What is the most efficient way to provide medical care not the most profitable? The profit of insurance companies is in the billions. Insurance companies have no incentive to hold down cost. That money should be used to provide medical care and pay the people who provide medical care.

D. Reid

Pot-free air

Dear Editor:
There are 2 big reasons among others that people enjoy Colorado: the views and breathing clean mountain air. This letter is about the right to breathe clean mountain air v pot smokers.

As I shared recently with a Colorado state senator, it is unfair that people who smoke marijuana currently think they have the right to pollute the clean mountain air that their neighbors breathe. I have no issue with people's right to smoke marijuana as long as I do not have to smell it. I do have an issue with having to smell it in my house when

they do smoke pot. On any given day or night, I have to shut a window or door or cut off a fan while some of my neighbors enjoy their weed.

My recommendation to the smokers is this: either shut your windows or eat a marijuana hard candy or butter, etc. to get your high.

Just like cigarette smoke in a confined space, no one has the right to take my fresh air away from me while they enjoy their weed.

On hot summer days, I keep my bedroom door closed with a fan on to cool off the bedroom before going to bed. Recently on several evenings, upon entering my bedroom, my bedroom smelled like a Three Dog Night concert back in the 70's. It reeked of pot smoke drawn into my bedroom with a fan from a neighbor's house. It is just not right that I have to sleep with that permeating smell and it gives me a headache.

In addition, one day last week on a stormy day, I opened my front door and lowered the screen to breathe after-storm fresh cool air. Instead, my living room filled up with pot smell from the neighbor across the lot from my house. I had to shut my front door it was so strong. That is unfortunate for me and anyone else that has to smell it.

All I ask is that the PLPOA, the City of Pagosa Springs, and the State of Colorado institute a regulation, ordinance or law of "Right to Breathe Pot-Free Air" at our houses by simply asking pot smokers to close their windows and not impose their right to smoke pungent pot upon the rights of others who want or need to breathe fresh air. Children and people with breathing problems also should not have to endure the intrusion especially since marijuana users can get their high without the smoke smell through other products.

I encourage pot smokers to get

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Pagosa Lakes and the Young Professionals Of Pagosa Springs, hosts of the What SUP stand up paddle board event, would like to thank all of those who made the event possible.

Thank you to all of the local paddle board rental companies in town; Pagosa Mountain Sports, Pagosa Outside, and The HUB for providing equipment, knowledge, and prizes.

To our cash sponsors Choke Cherry Tree and Skywerx — thank you!

Thank you to all the volunteer instructors; SUP Yoga instructors Kyle Rickert and Kristen Albers, and kids expo extraordinaire Coquette Collins.

To KWUF's Friday morning show, "Nicole and the Motel SOCO Dude Bro's" and The Pagosa SUN we appreciate all the fabulous exposure.

We had some really great prizes thanks to The Durango Wine Experience, 4Corners River Sports, Kips Grill and Cantina, Riff Raff, Pagosa Brewing, Motel SOCO, Pagosa Mountain Sports, Pagosa Outside, The HUB, Walmart, Dr. Katie of Springs Chiropractic, Colorado Lifestyle BodyWork, Jennifer Banks, Wood and Water, and Geronimo's and Capital Grill of Santa Fe.

Broke with Expensive Taste provided fabulous entertainment, it wouldn't have been the same without them.

To all of you who flipped burgers, fed the hungry, hydrated the thirsty, set up crew, take down crew we appreciate you.

Last but not least a huge thanks to all those that participated, we hope to see you all again next year.

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Rowdy the reading dog celebrates reading with fairgoers on Aug. 4. Three Rivers liturgy initiative gave books away on Friday at the Archuleta County Fair.

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Letters

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their highs smoke-free. Knock yourself out. Be more progressive to get your high. Stop polluting the air of your neighbors.

Frances Smith

Gate 5

Dear Editor:

Whatever the concerns were about the Gate 5 trailhead, closing it off from the public is not a helpful solution. I understand there is a small lot of private property on which the trailhead sits. Presumably there were concerns about overuse and maintenance costs of the trailhead. Why wasn't there an open community forum to address concerns of the PLPOA and the Gate 5 trailhead?

The primary reason so many people want to live in places like Pagosa Springs isn't to just look out their windows at scenic mountains. People live here to get out and be in these mountains. People live here because of the abundant access to open space. Closing off or privatizing access to open space and public land is not the best way to move forward as a community, this is National Forest after all.

Hundreds of hours of trail work from the Wolf Creek Wheel Club and Forest Service Trail Crews have gone into building and maintaining these beloved trails that are so easily accessible from the Gate 5 trailhead. The public can still access the trail system at Turkey Springs from other access points and, of course, utilize public land elsewhere. These are not solutions this community needs, these alternatives further divide our community.

Public land access is only going to become more of a contentious issue in the future. With more people moving to rural Colorado, opportunities will abound for community-led solutions to local issues such as these. All one has to do is drive in any direction from Pagosa Springs to realize how many people want to be here. Development encroaches further toward National Forest lands and in some cases, clear up to the wilderness boundary.

Closing trail access to people who don't own property in a certain HOA is not understanding the depth of

the affordable housing crisis. Even if people have been fortunate enough to find a place to live around Pagosa Springs, not everyone owns property. If there are people renting in Pagosa Lakes subdivision, are they allowed to use the trails and trailheads? What about the roads and sidewalks? Gate 5 is arguably the most popular point of access to local trails (along with Reservoir Hill). Should downtown area residents close off access to Reservoir Hill to anyone that doesn't live within town limits? Of course not.

Moving forward, I would like to suggest some alternatives to closing the Gate 5 trailhead. First, open the discussion to the public for community-led solutions. For example, one solution might be organizing community work days for people (from all residences around the area) to come volunteer for trail and trailhead maintenance. Or perhaps a donation box could be built at the trailhead to help fund larger projects. A third option would utilize existing community resources: The Pagosa Time Bank, which is a group for people to work and be reimbursed with time hours, instead of dollars.

The solutions are endless. We all want to build and be a part of a community, not further spread the gap between two parts of one town.

Kevin Studley

Noxious weeds

Dear Editor:

Most noxious weeds are introduced species and are detrimental to agricultural and natural environments.

All landowners have a strong responsibility to implement a coordinated program to control noxious weeds on their property to protect natural and agricultural environments.

In the south end of Hinsdale County, the following noxious weed plants are everyone's concern: pretty yellow toad flax, pretty red musk thistle, canada thistle, hounds tongue and pretty ox eye daisy.

If you have any of these harmful species on your property, you need to be using effective control measures now. In most cases, that must be chemical sprays.

Remember: These noxious weeds love absentee landowners, landowners who don't care, too busy landowners, federal agencies such as U.S. Forest Service and BLM, and county governments with ineffective enforcement programs.

So, landowners, why don't you step up to the plate and control your weeds.

For more information: Ethan Proud Archuleta County Weed and Pest, 7:30 a.m., 247-6773; or John Taylor, Hinsdale County Weed and Pest, 731-5765.

John Taylor

No space to hate

Dear Editor:

Remember the "First Thanksgiving" — you were taught about it in the first grade of school. How the ancients, the original Americans, welcomed the first settlers to this country. Sadly, those who followed changed course and instead of continuing to learn their ways and live in peace, became conquerors which led to decades of bloodshed. It took a good two centuries to come together and appreciate the life of the ancients. I love to read the spiritual philosophy of our original Americans and when one considers true American character, I wish to share with readers the following quote by a descendant of those people, Comanche Paul Chaat Smith, regarding our "America":

"I ponder these questions now from the vantage of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American

Indian with its centerpiece building situated on what was the last open space on the National Mall. This might be the most amazing piece of earth in America. From above, the Mall is like a jigsaw puzzle. There is Washington, the father of the country, and Lincoln who saved it. A great art museum to rival any in Europe on one side, a vast warehouse of the American rockets that conquered space on the other. It is America at its best, a country big enough and generous enough to not only acknowledge a fiasco like Vietnam but to remember it with the stunning black granite walls of the Vietnam Memorial. African slave labor built the Capitol Dome yet it signals freedom and hope in spite of that, or perhaps because of it. The Mall is a fabulously weird theme park of the country's idea of itself over the last few centuries, a boulevard of broken dreams, liberation, and astonishing achievement. The planet's smart money is still betting Lincoln was right, that this is Man's last best hope and is there greater proof of America's outrageous ability to change (and not change) than this new palace carved from Indian rock and dedicated to the preposterous, wonderful, and breathtakingly ambitious task of telling the stories of Native people from throughout the hemisphere and throughout time?"

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Axis Integrated Health Open House

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Approximately 200 people turned out to celebrate Archuleta Integrated Healthcare's open house and ribbon cutting on Aug. 10. Axis Health System executive leaders and board members joined with town and county officials to formally open the 10,275-square-foot outpatient clinic located at 52 Village Drive, behind City Market.



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CHAMBER NEWS

Important seminars and training sessions coming up

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

Just in case you were out of town the past few weeks, the Chamber would like to take the time in this week's article to remind the business community about a number of important informational sessions and trainings coming up.

Economic Forum

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) will host an informational Economic Forum luncheon on Friday, Aug. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The CDC is honored to have as this year's speakers Richard Wobekind, executive director of the Business Research Division and senior associate dean at the CU Leeds School of Business and Meridith Marshall, health and wellness champion and senior manager for Regional Development with

OEDIT.

Wobekind presents the statistics for the state of Colorado as his responsibilities include developing an annual consensus forecast of the Colorado economy and he performs various economic impact assessments of the Colorado economy. He also produces the quarterly Leeds Business Confidence Index for Colorado. He and Marshall will also be speaking about the recent Resiliency Study and revealing those outcomes highlighting communities in and near our region. The Resiliency Study was a collaborative effort between the Leeds School of Business, the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and the State Demographers Office.

This luncheon event will have limited seating and last year, the event was sold out. To register for the forum, visit the CDC website at www.pagosaspringscdc.org and

click on the Events or Blog tabs. You may also access registration through the Chamber website, www.pagosachamber.com via the Events calendar or call 264-2360.

Admission to the event is \$20 for CDC members and \$25 for non-members. Lunch is included in the cost of the ticket.

Marketing in the Digital Era

Facebook, Google, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, Snap Chat: All of these platforms are blowing up. Did you know that email is enjoying a renaissance?

Jeff Herr, vice president of Balentine Communications, will be on hand on Thursday, Aug. 24, to host a Business Bites Breakfast regarding marketing in the digital age. While we speak about digital marketing, we will also discuss other marketing options that may be better suited for your business: print, radio, etc.
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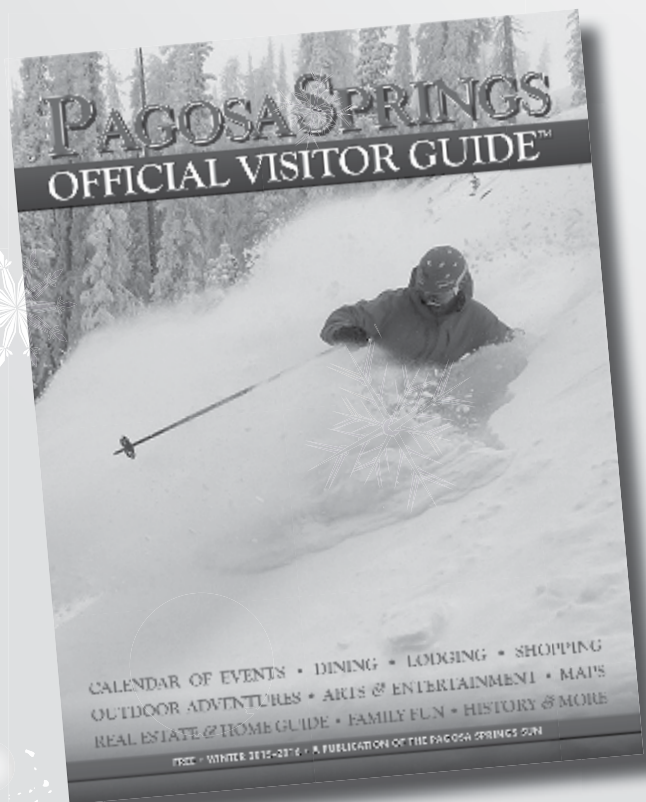
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HomesFund expands lending to developers of affordable housing

By Lisa Bloomquist Palmer
Special to The SUN

Developers of affordable housing in La Plata, Montezuma, Archuleta and San Juan counties have a new source of funding for development of affordable housing.

HomesFund has expanded its loan products to include Development Support Loans that provide predevelopment financing to developers of affordable housing. Developers of rental or for-sale homes that house families with incomes below 80 percent of the area median (determined by the

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) may be eligible for predevelopment loans of up to \$250,000.

The HomesFund Development Support predevelopment loans can be used to cover architectural services, geotechnical studies, environmental assessments, appraisals and other expenses incurred when developing affordable housing.

The HomesFund Development Support Loans will be targeted to developers of affordable housing who utilize the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, but the loans are not limited to

developers utilizing the LIHTC program. All developers who use the HomesFund Development Support products must be developing housing that is affordable to low income households.

HomesFund is implementing the Development Support Loan Program to help increase the supply of affordable housing in southwest Colorado and to help alleviate the pressure that high housing costs have put on the area's working families.

Since 2008, HomesFund (previously known as the Regional Housing Alliance and the La Plata Homes Fund) has provided

downpayment assistance loans to eligible homebuyers in the area. HomesFund will continue to offer downpayment assistance loans, as well as homebuyer education classes and one-on-one housing counseling.

HomesFund will be working with Mile High Community Loan Fund, a Denver-based affordable housing lender, to underwrite and service the Development Support Loans.

Interested affordable housing developers should contact HomesFund at 259-1418 or email Lisa Bloomquist Palmer at Lisa@homesfund.org.

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Learn how to incorporate some optimization tactics in using key words. Learn some simple tricks to target specific people locally and get them to your events. Find out what Google is doing and how you can make that medium work for your business. We will be hosting this Business Bites Breakfast to accommodate people who are not able to attend our usual luncheons.

Using some of these marketing techniques may help our retailers, restaurants, real estate agents, non-profit agencies putting on events or home based or ecommerce businesses. The class will be held at the Chamber of Commerce from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The class is only \$10 for Chamber members or \$15 for nonmembers. Seating is limited. A

light breakfast will also be served.

To register for the class, visit www.pagosachamber.com. Go to the calendar of events and click on the Marketing in the Digital Era on Aug. 24 and fill out the easy form. You can also call the Chamber at 264-2360.

Maximizing Your Membership for the lodging industry

You pay your Chamber membership dues. But are you using your benefits to really help your business? When was the last time you looked at your business listing or key words? What makes your lodging property stand out and are you marketing those amenities? Do you have a picture of your facility so people can get a visual of your

property?

On Monday, Aug. 28, from noon until about 1:15 p.m., membership coordinator Debra O'Neill will be hosting a Maximizing Your Membership class geared specifically to the lodging industry. This free class will help you make the most of your chamber benefits and make sure that you are marketing your business through the Chamber's efforts.

Lunch will be included in this training session; therefore, we would appreciate it if your business could RSVP so that we can get a head count for lunch. Simply call the Chamber at 264-2360 to reserve your space.

As we access lodging businesses, it is shocking how out of date some information is; how many businesses don't even have key words or have unrelated key words.

Spend an hour working on your business and learn how to make your lodging property more "findable" through the Chamber's business directory.

Membership news

The following businesses have recently renewed their Chamber membership: First Southwest Bank, Wilderness Journeys, Diamond Hitch Stables, Made in Colorado Shoppe, San Juan Trading Post, Pagosa Escape Zone, The Tile and Carpet Store, Budget Blinds, Nonstop Enterprises and the Pagosa Springs Area Association of Realtors.

Remember that the Chamber offers a variety of ways for you to arrange billing and payment schedules. Call us and see if we can assist you.

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Book sale

Thank you, Pagosa Springs, for the outstanding response to our Friends of the Library book sale held on Aug. 11 and 12.

Special recognition goes out to library staffer Dona Sehon for her diligent efforts to provide over 400 boxes of quality books and to volunteer Kathy Hamilton for assisting Dona in packing and storing those boxes.

New volunteers, volunteers who have participated in almost three decades of book sales, PFPD volunteers and board members; you made this event happen.

We thank Centerpoint Church for the generous use of their facility, Lee Riley for the use of his moving truck, Plaza Liquor for the donation of hundreds of cardboard flats, Pagosa Springs SUN for printing our articles and Pizza Hut for the discount on lunch for our hard

workers.

Members of the Friends, visitors, community members and library patrons, your support of this event grossed over \$5,600 in memberships and book sales.

The net proceeds will continue to support the many fine events and programs our library director Meg Wempe and her great staff provide on an ongoing basis.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank LPEA Roundup Foundation for their generous grant which enabled the purchase and placement of the library book and media drop box now available at City Market, to whom we also extend our thanks for your support of our reading community.

Friends of the Library board

An Inconvenient Sequel

Thank you, Pagosa Springs Com-

munity, for your support and patronage of the movie screening of "An Inconvenient Sequel." This event was sponsored by the following: Johnny and Terry Pickett, John and Karen Goodwin, Dobson Solar, Wilderness Journeys Pagosa, Pagosa Rafting Outfitters, SOS, Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership and Growing Spaces. Special thanks to the three panelists who stayed after the movie to provide insight and answer questions: Durango Mayor Dick White, San Juan Water Conservancy District Chair Rod Proffitt and solar installation specialist Jonathan Dobson. Will, Andrew and Hannah from the Liberty Theatre were instrumental to the showing, as was Liberty Theatre owner Mark Monaco, who advocated for Pagosa with Paramount Pictures. The true mark of success was the huge public turnout that filled the theater to capacity and then some. I am grateful

to you all. Proceeds from this event will be directed to create great continuing educational series and events with the goal of supporting climate change mitigation. If you have questions, comments or want to lend your expertise to the movement, please email pagosa100percent@gmail.com.

Holly Metzler

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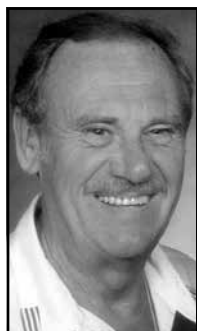
Obituary

Kenneth G. Hawley

Beloved husband, father, grandfather and decorated World War II veteran Kenneth G. Hawley slipped quietly into the arms of Jesus on July 11, in Albuquerque, N.M.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; his daughters: Coleen Hawley, Jean Beggs, Lisa Locke and Jill Kreiger; as well as 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He will be interred with full military honors on Sept. 1 at 3 p.m. at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe, N.M. He was our hero.



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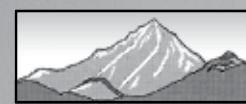
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Oliver

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shelter adoption sometimes requires a bit of matchmaking to find the best fit between an adopter's lifestyle and an animal's personality. An older couch-potato dog may not be the best fit with an active family's lifestyle, and a sedentary home may not be an ideal location for a young dog that views the world as a boundless playpen.

Every successful shelter adoption is a reason to celebrate. Helping any dog or cat find a new family is gratifying for our staff, but there are a few atypical adoptions that seem just a bit more impactful than others.

Shelter to Service

Consider Oliver, a dog that entered the HSPS animal shelter in late January after being surrendered by his owner. At just over a year old, Oliver was both energetic and very smart. With his young dog enthusiasm and intelligence, Oliver clearly needed a job, something to counter boredom and keep him both mentally and physically stimulated. It took nearly two months in the shelter before Oliver's adoption opportunity arrived, but it opened a door to an unexpected new life.

The animal shelter had posted Oliver's photo and information on rescueme.org, along with our local contact information. An email inquiry arrived in late March asking if Oliver was still available. The ensuing conversation revealed that the person inquiring was a representative of American Humane, the oldest and largest of the national animal welfare organizations. American Humane was preparing to launch a new program promoting shelter dogs, and after looking at over a 1,000 dogs online Oliver stood out as a good potential candidate.

The new American Humane program is called Shelter to Service. The program recruits dogs from animal shelters around the country and trains them to be service dogs for military veterans diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or chronic brain injury (CBI). The American Humane representative indicated that they were searching for the best five dogs they could find to comprise the initial Shelter to Service training class. Would we consider transferring Oliver to them? To participate in a program that could help promote the concept that shelter animals are not throwaways, and at the same time benefit military veterans, without hesitation our answer was an unqualified yes.

The director of American Humane's military affairs, Dr. Amy McCullough, traveled to Pagosa Springs to meet Oliver in person, did some additional testing and confirmed he was an excellent candidate for the new service dog program. After having his hips and elbows x-rayed to make sure he was in tip-top shape, Oliver was officially transferred to American Humane's care. To get Oliver to his special service training on the east coast, the HSPS shelter staff went to extraordinary lengths to arrange transport for Oliver with a cross-country truck driver. Arrangements made and rendezvous met, Oliver was soon riding shotgun and trucking his way to Baltimore for several months of intense training.

Star of the class

Over the next few months, Amy sent regular updates to our shelter staff on Oliver's progress in the training program. Turns out that Oliver, the unwanted dog from Pagosa Springs, was the star of the class. As he easily mastered all the

skills needed for graduation, Oliver's trainer quickly concluded he was one of the two or three smartest dogs he had ever worked with.

After months of rigorous training, the first Shelter to Service class was ready to graduate in early July. Oliver and his new adopter, John, appeared together at the graduation ceremony. John is an honorably discharged Marine who was deployed in Iraq and fought in the Second Battle of Fallujah, where he survived several IED explosions. John has been diagnosed with both PTSD and CBI and sometimes struggles with the demands of daily life.

Television star

Later in July, Amy again emailed the HSPS shelter to say, "Oliver is a star!" and included a link to a CBS News article entitled "Iraq War veteran and PTSD service dog form instant bond." The article described the new American Humane program and focused exclusively on Oliver and his adopter John. CBS News highlighted some of Oliver's extensive training, which included learning how to keep safe space between John and others, sensing when John was becoming stressed and even retrieving any medications he might need.

In recounting his first meeting with Oliver, John explained, "It was an emotional experience. Me and him clicked right away. He started giving me hugs. We were a match the first minute I touched his leash." John described how Oliver can be both a play dog and a work dog, noting that "when he puts that [service dog] vest on, he's all business. He's hyper-vigilant. He looks around. He stays on my left side and he will not move unless I tell him." John went on to describe Oliver as his new

best friend and how grateful he is to have a companion to help him meet the continuing challenges he faces every day.

Oliver's new adventure puts me in mind of Dr. Seuss's wonderful last book, "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" It's a book often given to new graduates, encouraging them to stay open to the many, varied, and sometimes unexpected opportunities of life. Who knew that an unwanted shelter dog from Pagosa Springs would embark on one of the grandest dog adventures of all, serving as a companion and potential life-saver for his deserving adopter, John? Think of the possible places the two will go and the things they'll do together that neither, alone, would experience otherwise.

Two more chosen

In a postscript to Oliver's story, American Humane recently contacted the HSPS shelter about possible candidates for their second service dog training class. Our shelter staff recommended two additional dogs as good potential candidates. Based on our staff's recommendations, those two dogs are currently enrolled in the second Shelter to Service training class and on their way to becoming companions and helpers to two more deserving military veterans.

Exploring options

Oliver's adoption story may seem a bit atypical, yet it is emblematic of how our staff explores a variety of options to find adoptive homes for

Ballot

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The language points out that a mill levy rate of one mill was originally approved by voters in 1987.

The ballot question, if passed, would also allow district debt to be increased to up to \$2 million, with a maximum repayment cost of \$2,885,803.80.

According to the ballot question, the water storage project would be used "TO MEET THE NEEDS OF DISTRICT RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS, AND FOR NON-CONSUMPTIVE USES, SUCH AS RECREATION, CONSERVATION, FIRE CONTROL, AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND OTHER PROPER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT PURPOSES..."

The board also considered approving the drafted language for the ballot information booklet (Blue Book), but opted to continue to fine-tune the booklet before approving it.

"The ballot language is the one that has to be done tonight, because that's going to have to go in to June (Madrid) before our next meeting," explained SJWCD chairman Rod Proffitt to the board. "The rest of it we can work out."

"I move we accept the ballot language so that it can move forward in

the process, subject to legal review," moved district member Al Pfister, with member John Porco seconding the motion. It was approved unanimously, with board member Ray Finney absent.

The board approved a motion to have a panel of individuals discuss their feelings about the project, although individuals have yet to be chosen specifically.

The idea was originally brought up by SJWCD Administrative Assistant Denise Rue-Pastin. Proffitt added that he was hoping to have a presentation about the headwaters project prepared in time for the SJWCD's next meeting.

One member pointed out that, if there was going to be a panel, the district would need to have speakers who oppose the project as well as proponents for the project, so as to not make the panel one-sided.

The board discussed hypothetical speakers who could be on the panel that oppose the project, with some board members suggesting names such as JR Ford, or Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District board member Mike Church.

"(Ford) hasn't exactly been a proponent of the project, but he knows the area, he knows the layout, he

mended euthanasia as a humane end to suffering. Euthanasia can be a last resort to end suffering for a terminally ill or severely injured animal, or to ensure the public's safety from a truly dangerous animal. But every dog or cat that enters our shelter is treated with the respect and compassion they deserve, and our staff goes to extraordinary lengths to find adoption options, whether locally or elsewhere, for every adoptable animal that finds refuge at the HSPS shelter.

Whatever success our animal shelter has attained would not be possible without the support of our local community. We would like to acknowledge and thank all those people who volunteer their time at the shelter and all our foster homes that provide temporary care for animals outside of the shelter. We would especially like to thank everyone who has adopted a shelter animal, from HSPS or any other shelter or rescue. Our gratitude also goes out to all the donors who support the animal shelter with their generosity.

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County

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at which point Willard interrupted, asking if the county had received preliminary costs.

County Administrator Bentley Henderson added that the county was well beyond having preliminary costs, and hired architects about a year ago.

During continued conversation with Willard, Whiting pointed out that the facility came down in cost, not up.

"So that's a bright side to this, we came from \$28 million to \$18," he said, also noting that the decision that day was not to spend the money, but to ask the voters if they wanted to spend the money. "All we're going to do today is vote to present a question to you all."

He noted that the commissioners had "come way down from a bloated, Titanic project on the wrong location, so we've done some hard work. The voters will decide whether or not we've done hard enough work here."

Audience member Bill Hudson presented information from the county's 2015 budget regarding sales tax that showed the volatility of the revenue, suggesting, "You've picked the wrong kind of tax."

He asked what happens if sales tax revenues were to decrease 8 or 10 percent, with Walton noting that the period of time referenced by Hudson actually saw an overall 3 percent increase, despite being the deepest recession of his lifetime.

Walton further noted that a reserve is created immediately to allow for fluctuations.

Tate explained that, with a revenue bond, the county's only exposure is the pledged revenue (the sales tax increase), with investors unable to go after the county's general fund or other resources, and couldn't make the county raise taxes to meet the obligations.

Hudson suggested the county would then be raising 25 percent more than was necessary, versus a general obligation bond, where only what is needed is collected.

With general obligation bonds, Tate explained, taxes can continue to go up in order to meet debt service payments.

Hudson further suggested the facility was too large, with Wadley urging Hudson to hear the sheriff's presentation later.

Whiting later noted following more discussion that the matter before the board was not what kind of tax, but a ballot issue for a sales tax.

JR Ford, the next audience member to speak, noted that while a jail tour made him believe a new facility was needed, he believes the proposal is an oversized facility for the size of the community.

He noted it is twice the cost to house inmates locally versus elsewhere, and suggested that the county scale to what it needs now and allow

for room to grow, and suggested that the county continue to transport some inmates.

He further opined that there were several other projects in need of funding.

After noting that judges are excited about programs that allow fewer people to be sent to facilities, he said, "You don't have to grab the whole enchilada today," which garnered an "Amen" from the audience.

Ford suggested cutting \$5 million from the cost.

Audience member Cynda Green questioned wording in the ballot language concerning the borrowing instruments, with Tate explaining there were several options for borrowing the money, which would be determined if the ballot question passed.

Sheriff's comments

Valdez explained that the facility also holds inmates arrested by the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado State Patrol and Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and that other agencies cannot be charged for housing the inmates if they are arrested on a charge within state statute.

"I think the biggest ... issue is, is the fact that we're bound by statute to build a jail," Valdez said. "It's not whether we want to build one, but we have to build a jail. And, it's interesting because we've done a lot of research over the last few years."

He later added, "Mr. Ford brings up good points, but the bottom line is, we did sit down with the architects, and we did sit down with the people. We sat down with the experts and made these determinations."

Valdez indicated the county has outgrown its 34-bed facility.

"Currently, we have a 34-bed facility. We have ... about 34 inmates that are in there now. That doesn't include that, out of those 34 beds, six are just for females," he said.

He added that 55 to 65 people are in pretrial and alternative sentencing programs, with 20 to 30 percent of those individuals violating, meaning they should be housed in a facility, but are instead being given breaks, which is a risk.

He further noted the laws he has to follow, such as for segregation of inmates.

He indicated that while it may be easy to look at the extra space as unnecessary, "It's easy to say it, but your name's not going to be on the lawsuit..."

He further explained that the locker room was not just for officers after working out, but that officers regularly come into contact with bodily fluids that are then taken home to the officers' families, which could cause exposure to others and is how communicable diseases spread.

He continued, "We've thought about this stuff. The size of the facility is because of the segregation."

Too, he noted the need for a kitchen because of the difficulty in finding inmate meals.

He explained that the hospital stopped making meals for the jail and that Old Town Market was the only place willing to provide meals that fit the dietary and other restrictions. He added an in-house kitchen could mean \$3 per meal instead of \$7-9.

The administrative side of the facility, he noted, is basic offices and interview rooms, with a need for a separate interview room to fit the requirements to conduct forensic interviews with children.

After noting, "we keep hearing \$15 million," Valdez said, suggesting that the \$17.9 million figure included a 20 percent contingency. "Take that out and we're there."

BoCC comments

Following Valdez, Wadley commented that when he moved here the jail was already full and inmates were being housed elsewhere.

He suggested that cutting beds would not save much because all the same infrastructure (kitchen, control room, laundry) would be required.

He noted that overcrowded jails is an issue statewide, with Archuleta County lucky to have access to space in La Plata County.

Commissioner Ron Maez stated he feels the facility meets 2018 needs, and noted that the county was designing to allow for future expansion, and pointed back to the fact that the current jail was built because of a lawsuit, which the county could face due to the current transportation of inmates.

Whiting noted that the county has spent two years working on this project, and said it was "unfortunate" that the original work group on the facility didn't persist.

While praising the transparency of the commissioners with each other on the project, Whiting suggested that he still felt the facility was "too big and too costly," but that he wanted the measure to pass or fail "on its own merits."

He said he was tempted to vote yes, suggesting he didn't want to be a scapegoat if the measure fails at the polls.

Following a brief recess, Wadley accepted a motion.

That motion came from Maez. "I would love to have been able to vote yes on this," Whiting noted.

Maez noted he was voting with the insight of the history of the community and the mistakes of the past, and Wadley again noted the county had had "extensive meetings" and thought the facility was at a good size.

The resolution approving the ballot language was approved 2-1.

More information

The SUN will provide additional information regarding the ballot initiative in future issues.

knows a lot about it," Pfister said. "I think he would be an excellent panelist, whether it's a pro or a con type of panelist."

"I like the balanced approach, because if we go up there as a board, it does look like it's kind of a one-sided proponent discussion," commented Proffitt. "Whereas, if it's balanced, then nobody can say that we cut out the other arguments to this thing."

One member posed the question of who could serve on the panel as a proponent of the project that isn't currently serving on the SJWCD board, with Proffitt suggesting Archuleta County resident Bob Formwalt.

"He's an agricultural interest, former county commissioner, state water engineer ... Bob would be a fantastic person for that," Proffitt said, later suggesting Pagosa Springs resident Jim Morehouse as well.

"I move that we have a panel of four, with each of the four doing a presentation on their perspective on the San Juan River Headwaters Project," stated Pfister, with Porco seconding the motion.

The motion proceeded to pass unanimously, with the panel being scheduled for Sept. 7.

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Sales

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Retail increased 5.2 percent, or \$109,840.

Real estate and rentals increased 19.8 percent, or \$22,209.

Information increased 3 percent, or \$4,611.

Construction increased 1.3 percent, or \$1,058

The following categories were

down over the same period in 2016.

Manufacturing decreased 2.1 percent, or \$4,083.

The "other services" category was down 7.5 percent, or \$5,511.

Professional, scientific and technical services decreased 26.3 percent, or \$3,863.

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Stolen

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had allegedly driven a pickup truck and a flatbed trailer full of property to the San Juan Trading Post, and that Beavers was able to verify that at least several items of property were stolen. Beavers went on to call Archuleta County Combined Dispatch and requested that an officer respond.

"Lt. Brown located the couple and the truck and trailer on Lewis Street and he stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver, Timothy Luttrull (49 years old), and the passenger, Katherine Henson (36 years old), both of Jackson Missouri," reads the press release.

The release goes on to state that subsequent investigations by the PSPD revealed that a large amount of the property in the truck and the trailer was reported to have been stolen from at least two residential burglaries in Conejos County, which involved at least \$60,000 in stolen property and over \$20,000 in damages.

Luttrull and Henson were arrested on charges of theft, a class 4 felony, and Henson was also charged with providing false information to a pawnbroker, a class 6 felony.

"Approximately \$30,000 worth of stolen property was recovered in Pagosa Springs, including several firearms and a large amount of high end sporting equipment, household appliances, electronics and a large number of other misc. items," states the press release.

The release goes on to state that Henson and Luttrull were booked into the Archuleta County Jail and held on a \$10,000 bond, and both have since posted the bond and have been released.

"Later the same day that Luttrull and Henson bonded out of the jail, warrants were issued for each of them out of Conejos County for two counts of Burglary and theft, with a \$25,000 bond," reads the press release.

Continues the press release, "At approx. 8:00 pm on Saturday, August 12th, PSPD Officer Justin Taylor located Luttrull riding a bicycle near Hwy 160 and S. 10th Street. When Officer Taylor attempted to contact Luttrull, he jumped from the bicycle and fled on foot south of the highway, where he hid in some thick brush."

PSPD Officer Logan Gholson

responded and located Luttrull and took him into custody for the Conejos County warrant.

"Luttrull was additionally booked on new charges of Obstructing a Police Officer and resisting arrest," reads the press release. "Henson remains at large and is still wanted on the warrant for Burglary out of Conejos County."

The release explains that Brown credited Beavers' alertness and decisive actions for the arrests of Luttrull and Henson and the recovery of "tens of thousands of dollars" in property.

"The Police Department and the victims in this case can't thank the San Juan Trading Post and Mr. Beavers enough for his assistance in this case," Brown said. "All too often we are not able to catch suspects with the goods and the property is never located and the suspects may never be apprehended. Thanks to Mr. Beavers, that's not the case this time."

Maxwell added that the PSPD and the Conejos County Sheriff's Department are cooperatively continuing the investigation.

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More road construction on the horizon

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Country will soon be seeing even more road construction. On Tuesday afternoon, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners awarded a contract to Strohecker Asphalt and Gravel to do large asphalt patching. The meeting's agenda outlines the work to be done: "The project entails county personnel marking the areas to be patched. The contractor will remove asphalt and base gravel within the area, county

engineering personnel will assess the sub-base material. If necessary, the sub-base material will also be removed and the underlying fill will be evaluated by county engineering personnel. Then based on findings, the area will be refilled in layers and compacted and then the area will be patched with a minimum of 3 inches of asphalt or matching existing thickness if more than 3 inches." Strohecker's was the only bid received, coming in at an estimated cost of \$523,750. "The bid was evaluated on cost and the contractor's qualified abil-

ity to perform the work requested. Davis Engineering Service, Inc. was the design consultant for this project," the agenda notes. "Both Davis Engineering Service, Inc. and Archuleta County staff recommend awarding the 2017 Large Asphalt Patch contract to Strohecker Asphalt & Gravel, Inc. in the amount of \$523,750." The bid, however, was over the engineer's estimate for the project, which was \$499,960. It was noted both on the agenda and during the meeting that the bid received is within 5 percent of the engineer's

estimate. "The majority of the bid involves working in relatively small areas, removing gravel and in some cases underlying materials and then replacing and compacting new materials and waiting for engineering evaluation of materials for each patch all is time consuming," the agenda explains. During the meeting, Archuleta County Public Works Director Susan Goebel-Canning said she anticipates about 60 days for the work to be completed. randi@pagosason.com

'Just put down the phone and drive': Cell use results in rollover

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Emergency personnel responded to a rollover on Thursday, Aug. 10, that occurred due to using a phone while at the wheel. According to Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) Chief William Rockensock, the crash occurred at the intersection of U.S. 160 and 10th Street. The driver of the vehicle was trying to pull up a GPS application on his cellphone while driving and looked up to see he was heading off road, then proceeded to overcorrect the vehicle.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Police Department
A vehicle sits on its side after rolling on the morning of Thursday, Aug. 10. The rollover occurred due to smart-phone use at the wheel, and, fortunately, didn't result in any injuries.

The vehicle hit a guardrail and proceeded to tear out five or six posts before rolling over, Rockensock explained. Lt. Marvin Johnson with the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) explained that when he arrived to the scene, the vehicle was lying on its driver's side. Johnson explained that he was actually about five cars behind the accident when it occurred, so he was on scene practically at the same time that an emergency page went out. The man and his wife were the only occupants in the vehicle and were uninjured. PFPD units were dispatched at 9:23 a.m., with Johnson arriving at 9:23 a.m.

PFPD personnel helped clean up leaking fluids from the accident and then assisted with traffic control while waiting for a tow truck to arrive. In addition to Johnson, an engine

with two fire fighters was dispatched to the scene, as well as the PFPD Chief and PFPD Deputy Chief. The PFPD cleared the scene at 10 a.m., explained Johnson. "Smartphone use while driving can have a significant impact on your life," Rockensock wrote in an email to The SUN. "Even a brief distraction can cause a crash, and

cost you more than just money and property." Concluded Rockensock, "Just put down the phone and drive." marshall@pagosason.com

Telecommunication infrastructure project allows for tax credits

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

A telecommunication infrastructure project being approved as an enterprise zone contribution project will allow donors to be eligible for tax credits. "The regional, Southwest Colorado Council of Government's (SWCCOG) Telecommunication Infrastructure Project was approved as an Enterprise Zone Contribution Project by the State Economic Development Commission (EDC), June 15th," reads a press release from Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado Program Administrator Terry Blair-Burton. The press release explains that individuals who donate \$250 or more will be eligible for a 25 percent state tax credit and a 12.5 percent state tax credit on in-kind donations. "The project will develop middle mile broadband infrastructure to

connect the five county region of SW Colorado," reads the press release. "The SWCCOG spearheaded an initial \$4.25 million dollar project to connect 17 governmental jurisdictions, and last year completed a regional strategic broadband plan that identifies the infrastructure still needed." The press release goes on to explain that the project cost is an estimated \$55 million to \$60 million dollars for roughly 325 new miles of broadband infrastructure. The costs will cover trenching, conduit, fiber, easements, permitting and engineering, and will be open access, the press release states. "In 1986, the Colorado State Legislature approved the Enterprise Zone Tax Credit program to assist economically distressed areas of the state. In Southwest Colorado, all of Montezuma, San Juan, and Dolores Counties are enterprise zone areas," reads the press release. marshall@pagosason.com

"La Plata County & Archuleta have some census blocks that are not considered distressed, and thus not included." The press release goes on to explain that, currently, 30 projects are designated in Southwest Colorado. "Some of Archuleta County's census tracts were excluded from the 2016 EZ designations but most businesses and residences in Archuleta County are still part of an Enterprise Zone, especially north of US 160 and east of US 84," explained Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation President Jason Cox in an email to The SUN. A list of eligible Enterprise Zone projects and program information is available online at www.scan.org or by calling Region 9 at 247-9621. The SWCCOG can be reached at www.swccog.org, by calling (970) 779-4592 or by emailing info@swccog.org.

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Outdoors

Prescribed burns planned for Turkey Springs/Brockover Mesa area

By Ann Bond
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Ranger District is planning to burn approximately 1,000-1,500 acres in the Turkey Springs/Brockover Mesa area northwest of Pagosa Springs.

The burn units are located adjacent to the Turkey Springs (Forest Road 629), Newt Jack (Forest Road 923) and Brockover (Forest Road 919) roads. Several area trails will be closed for short periods during burn operations.

Operations may begin in mid-August and could continue through the end of October. The actual dates of operations will be dependent on weather and fuels conditions.

Ignition operations may take place over sev-

eral days. The burn areas consist of ponderosa pine, Gambel oak and grass. All burn units have received previous fuels-reduction treatments, including thinning and mowing of brush and small trees. Some small piles of pine limbs and tops resulting from thinning operations will also be burned.

This Turkey Springs/Brockover Mesa project expands upon prescribed burns which took place in August/September 2016. It is part of an overall fuels reduction project involving both mechanical treatment and prescribed fire covering approximately 5,000 acres.

Burning operations will be conducted by district personnel and other fire resources from the San Juan National Forest and cooperating agencies. The purpose is to reduce hazardous

ground fuels, reduce the risk of unplanned catastrophic wildfire, restore ponderosa pine ecosystems and improve wildlife habitat. Ponderosa pine forests are a fire adapted ecosystem, which historically experienced frequent, low intensity fires on a large scale. Prescribed fire replicates that fire regime under controlled conditions. Prescribed fires will only be ignited when all weather, fuels and smoke requirements are met.

For additional information, please contact Fred Ellis, assistant fire management officer (fuels), Pagosa Ranger District, 264-1541.

Smoke from wildfires and prescribed fires may affect your health. For more information, please go to: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

Fencing removal project benefits wildlife

By Al Pfister
Special to The SUN

The Weminuche Audubon Society (WAS) is working with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) on a fence removal project to eliminate hazards for wildlife near Jackson Mountain just east of Pagosa Springs.

The approximately 62-acre Laughlin Park parcel came under USFS ownership and management five years ago as part of a land exchange with a private landowner. This parcel is characterized by a large meadow containing wetlands and a man-made pond, with forested edges of ponderosa pine, Douglas fir and aspen. The parcel is surrounded by USFS lands, so inclusion of this land helps keep the ecosystem intact by preventing development and impact to the surrounding lands.

Summarizing the situation, Brandy Richardson, a USFS wildlife biologist stated, "Laughlin Park is such a beautiful area and the land exchange that occurred back in 2012 provided us the wonderful opportunity to manage it. Through this volunteer effort, the Weminuche Audubon Society is helping to make the area safe and accessible for both the public and wildlife. This collaborative project is a great demonstration of the public showing personal ownership and desire to care for our public



Photo courtesy John Porco

The Weminuche Audubon Society works with the U.S. Forest Service on a fence removal project to eliminate hazards for wildlife near Jackson Mountain just east of Pagosa Springs.

lands."

A four-strand barbed wire fence and associated posts need to be removed to eliminate the likelihood of wildlife becoming entangled in the wire or associated posts. The first phase of this effort occurred

on July 27 when 12 enthusiastic volunteers undertook the challenge of dismantling the fence and piling the disassembled fence in strategic locations to be picked up at a later date. The only injury that occurred during the day's festivities was a

slightly disabled T-post remover that has since been repaired. Continuation of this effort will take place on Aug. 24 and Sept. 7. If you would like to assist in these efforts, please contact Al Pfister at (970) 985-5764 or westernwildscapes@gmail.com.

Award-winning Creeper Jeepers Gang to work on Elwood Pass

By Patti Brady
Special to The SUN

The Adopt-A-Road program with San Juan Mountains Association/San Juan National Forest/BLM began in the year 2000. Joining the program at that time were the Creeper Jeepers Gang (CJG) of Durango.

This club has a broad base of hardworking members who adopted "Black Bear" forest road on the Columbine Ranger District on the San Juan National Forest side to the top bordering the Uncompahgre

National Forest.

The road is rough and steep and many recreationists travel it for the excitement of the terrain, views and challenges.

The CJG started doing trail maintenance on Black Bear by repairing water drainage, trash pickup and restoring natural soil/vegetation conditions from off-road travel. After many years of labor-intensive actions on this road, CJG has won national honors for this project and has received two "Outstanding Trail Maintenance" awards amounting to around

\$7,500 from B.F. Goodrich. Part of the repair expenses on this road have been paid for by the CJG out of these awards.

Another segment of road/trail maintenance for CJG is Elwood Pass on the Pagosa Ranger District that it adopted with the Adopt-A-Road program. Brush cutting, log/debris clearing and trash removal is its priority there, also.

On the Rio Grande National Forest/San Isabel Pike National Forest, this group has accomplished the same recognition from B.F. Goodrich of an award amounting to \$4,000 for

improving 6.5 miles of the Blanca trail/road projects.

This year, 2017 repair work by CJG on the East Fork Forest Road will take place in August. The marshy area at the bottom of the old military road called Elwood Pass has seen recreationists widening the road by driving around the deep water. This club will be hauling in gravel and bringing in heavy equipment and manpower to repair the damage that has been done to this segment of the road/trail. Some of the award money that has been given the club will be spent on this project.

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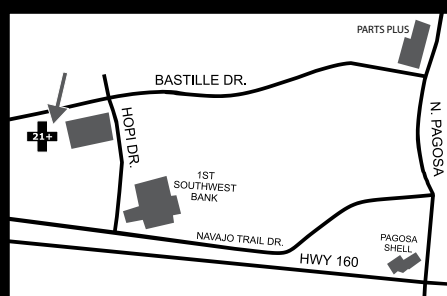
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Protecting your vision during the upcoming solar eclipse

By Tara Weghorst
Special to The SUN

As America gears up for the upcoming solar eclipse, there are a few vital points to remember when it comes to protecting your eyes and those of your loved ones.

The two most important things to keep in mind are that it is only safe to view the sun without eye protection for people in the total eclipse zone during a total eclipse (see below) and that sunglasses (prescription or not) are not safe for viewing the sun, during an eclipse or otherwise.

Please take the time to educate yourself prior to this year's eclipse with the following recommendations from the Colorado Optometric Association.

What is a solar eclipse and how could it harm you?

Solar eclipses occur when our moon gets between the sun and

our planet, obscuring the sun temporarily. A total solar eclipse only occurs when the sun is completely obstructed by the moon and is the only brief time it is safe to view the sun's corona (atmosphere) without eye protection.

On Aug. 21, a total solar eclipse will occur from coast to coast across the United States, beginning near Lincoln Beach, Ore., and cutting diagonally across the country until ending near Charleston, S.C. The following list are those states along its path and thus, most directly impacted: Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Although Colorado is not included among those states to experience a total eclipse, it remains vital to educate yourself, as well as your family and friends, regarding how to protect yourselves from harm while enjoying this sometimes once-in-a-lifetime astronomical wonder.

Tips to prevent serious eye injury

This year's phenomenon will last less than two hours in its entirety, with totality (only viewable in certain cities) lasting less than three minutes. The total solar eclipse will turn day to night and drop temperatures by as much as 25 degrees.

It is never safe to look directly at the un-eclipsed or partially eclipsed sun. Although the specific states listed above may experience a brief "totality" phase, during which the sun may be viewed safely with the naked eye, outside of this, failure to follow proper observing methods for the eclipse may result in permanent eye damage and severe vision loss.

To prevent injury, all observers are advised to wear eye protection in the form of approved eclipse glasses that meet occupational eye and face protection standards (ANSI Z81.1/ISO 12312-2). These types of "eclipse glasses" have a thin layer of chromium or alu-

minum deposited on the surface that protect our eye from harmful infrared and visible light rays. Sunglasses (prescription or not; polarized or not) and smoked glass do not contain these layers and as such are never safe for direct viewing of the sun.

According to Dr. Jon Pederson, president of Colorado Optometric Association, "The main eye health concern regarding direct sun exposure is 'eclipse blindness' or retinal burns caused by high-intensity visible light. This exposure causes damage to the light-sensitive rods and cones of our retina, known as solar retinopathy. This damage may result in temporary or permanent vision loss and often takes hours, not seconds, to appear or manifest."

For more information about the eclipse, go to www.visioncare.org.

Please contact the Colorado Optometric Association at (303) 863-9778 if you would like eclipse glasses. They are free to the public while supplies last.

Participate in preserving the past for the future: Raffle for the Rocks

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

Chimney Rock National Monument (CRNM) is a sacred place, a celestial observatory and a natural, seasonal calendar that marked the equinox for the Ancestral Puebloans who lived here over 1,000 years ago.

Archaeological ruins and artifacts, abundant wildlife and its setting in the breathtaking San Juan National Forest make Chimney Rock a vital part of our community as a tourism destination. Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA), a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at CRNM, is dedicated to making Chimney Rock an attraction for over 12,000 visitors annually and to preserving, protecting and educating the public on this culturally significant place.

Guests visiting Chimney Rock most often comment on the powerful connection that they feel to the people and the place when they visit.

From May through September, CRIA offers guided and self-guided tours seven days a week. You'll walk in the footsteps of the fascinating and enigmatic Ancestral Puebloans of the Chaco culture, following primitive pathways that haven't changed for 1,000 years.

Our tour guides are all volunteers with different backgrounds and areas of expertise. With unscripted narratives, no guided tour of Chimney Rock is ever the same. The self-guided tour offers an audio device to accompany this exploration, so you can hear a scripted narrative to maximize your tour.

CRIA gives you the opportunity to view the moon and the stars with over a dozen archaeoastronomy programs throughout the season. At the Stars and Galaxies and Our Solar System programs, you'll view the night sky through telescopes from a truly dark wilderness spot; or you'll hike to the Great Kiva to see the moon rise over the San Juan Mountains to the accompaniment of

a Native American flute player at the monthly Full Moon Program. You'll descend the lantern-lit prehistoric trail to arrive back at the base with an unforgettable memory.

CRIA offers several free programs to the public as a way of giving back to our community including free tours for school groups and the annual Life at Chimney Rock Festival which welcomes over 600 annually.

Nearly 650 visitors attended free school and youth group tours this season so far, including the entire third-grade class from Pagosa Springs Elementary School and the Pagosa Springs K.I.D.S. camp. CRIA's Education Committee has created the Junior Archaeologist Workbook and Badge, an educational video, and an outreach mobile classroom kit to provide an enhanced experience for these young people in the hope they will value sites such as Chimney Rock and continue efforts to educate the public and preserve the cultural heritage.

Without public support, CRIA would be unable to provide free tours for all these children or the services that keep the interpretive programs at Chimney Rock National Monument a local attraction. Financial support for CRIA is derived from tour and program fees, merchandise

sales, grants, and generous donations from Friends of Chimney Rock. Since becoming a national monument, visitation to Chimney Rock has increased and will continue to do so, but CRIA has not been given any state or federal funding. Therefore, public support is vital for continued programming and site preservation.

CRIA invites the public to support their efforts to provide increased numbers of visitors with a meaningful, enjoyable educational experience through interpretive tours and special programs and to the long-term preservation of Chimney Rock National Monument by participating in the Raffle for the Rocks. By purchasing a \$50 raffle ticket, you will be entered into a drawing to win up to \$3,125. Only 250 tickets will be sold and the winner will receive 25 percent of the money collected. The drawing will be held at noon on Labor Day and you do not have to be present to win. To purchase a raffle ticket by credit card, you may call the monument at 883-5359 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Raffle tickets can also be purchased at the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce located at 105 Hot Springs Blvd., and The Choke Cherry Tree in Talisman Plaza.

Nature arts and crafts and solar eclipse activities planned at Navajo State Park

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Navajo State Park invites the public to special programs this weekend.

Nature arts and crafts will be taking place on Saturday, Aug. 19, at 10 a.m. in the conference room of the Visitor Center. This week, visitors will be making mason jar nature candle holders.

On Sunday, Aug. 20, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., there will be a presentation and display on the solar eclipse in the pavilion next to the visitor center. Kids can enjoy a few small

solar eclipse activities as well.

Visitors will be able to watch the solar eclipse using special glasses here at the park on Monday, Aug. 21, from 11 a.m. to noon, at the Visitor Center. There will also be a small display table as well.

These programs are free with the purchase of a \$7 daily pass per vehicle or an annual pass for \$70. All materials and gear will be provided.

If you have any questions, please call Navajo State Park at 883-2208. Navajo State Park is located along Colo. 151 southwest of Pagosa Springs.

Grass seed available for landowners

By Cynthia Purcell
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Conservation District is offering local landowners the opportunity to purchase a variety of seed mixtures for different conservation uses such as erosion control, weed suppression and grazing land improvement.

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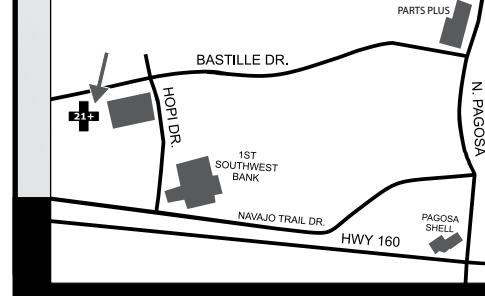
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Education

A childhood dream to visit China comes true

By Jack Foster
Special to The SUN

When I was just 3 years old, I had just gotten out of the hospital after emergency surgery. It was Christmastime and the first thing my mother had gotten me was a stuffed panda bear. After she gave me that, it became my childhood dream to travel to China.

Later, when I found out that Pagosa Springs Middle School was planning an Education First tour to see Beijing, Xi'an and Shanghai, I jumped at the opportunity. This June, that trip became a reality.

The first city on the itinerary was Shanghai, one of the most enormous and ultramodern cities in the world. The true size of the city becomes apparent at the top of the 474-meter-high observation deck of the Shanghai World Financial Center. From there, there are constant skyscrapers as far as the eye can see, or at least, until they fade into the smog. Twenty-four million people call this city home, roughly the same population as the entire continent of Australia.

We spent a little under a day and a half in Shanghai. After eating red bean dumplings for breakfast, (which are delicious, by the way), our group went to see the Jade Buddha Temple. As the name implies, this temple housed the Jade Buddha statue, one of the few religious relics to survive the Cultural Revolution. Later on, we left for Nanjing Road. This road is closed off to cars, a bit like the 16th Street Mall in Denver and it is where most of Shanghai's shopping is. (If you ever get a chance to try the yogurt smoothie drinks they sell on Nanjing Road, or throughout other areas of China, then we definitely recommend it.) We ended the day off with a few other minor attractions, and soon we were off to Xi'an.

Xi'an (pronounced "shee,-an") has a population of 7 million people; medium-sized by Chinese standards. It is home to what is essentially the Eighth Wonder of

the World: the Terracotta Warriors. These 8,000 warriors, officers, generals and horses are all individually unique, colorfully painted and armed with actual bows and spears. If that doesn't sound impressive enough, consider the fact that they were all built 2,200 years ago, and required 2 million people to construct — about 10 percent of China's population at the time. This monumental project was done for the sole purpose of providing Emperor Qin ("cheen") an army with which he would protect himself forever during the afterlife.

We had arrived in Xi'an in the afternoon, and after a decent amount of trouble trying to use the Chinese-labeled vending machine at the airport, we headed to the City Wall, one of the few ancient walls that has survived to the present day. (Most other city walls have been torn down by the communist government.) Our group was lucky enough to have a six-dumpling dinner that night, part of which tasted almost Indian because of Xi'an's proximity to Tibet. After spending a night at the hotel, our first order of business was to see the Terracotta Warriors. Or at least, one-eighth of them. Currently, about 1,000 of the 8,000 warriors buried there have actually been unearthed. This is because as soon as the warriors' colorful paint is exposed to air, it fades away, so all the remaining statues have been left where they are for the sake of preservation. In other words, the three enormous pits lined with statues that we witnessed were just a fraction of the Emperor Qin's entire army. After seeing all this, the group then moved on to a Muslim street market, which served such food as fried squid (on a stick), prawns and quail eggs. But before we knew it, it was time to move on to the next part of our trip.

Beijing was the final stop on our tour and it had some of the most interesting landmarks and activities out of the whole trip. It's the capital of the country and a major center of

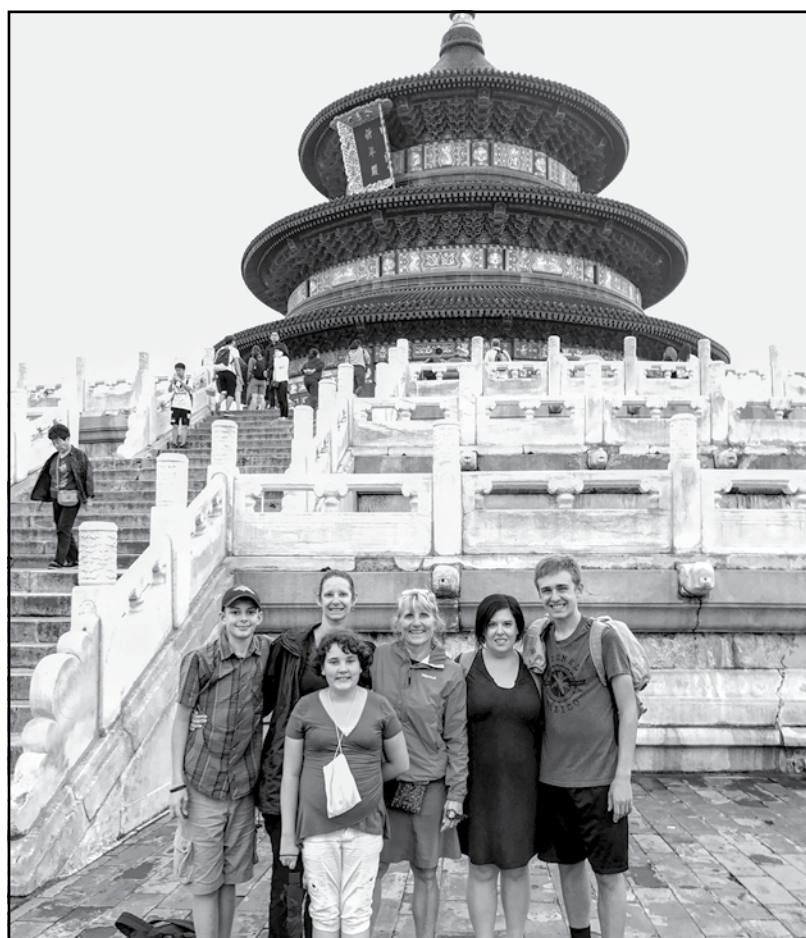


Photo courtesy Laura Foster
Posing at the Temple of Heaven in Beijing, left to right, are Jayden Keating, Carrie Keating, Skylar Sherman, Andrea McGinn, Laura Foster and Jack Foster.

both modern and ancient Chinese culture.

As soon as we got off the plane, we headed to the Beijing 2008 Olympic Stadium and then later through a hutong, a kind of Chinese shantytown. The next day, we visited the heart of Beijing: Tian'anmen Square; the place where all central government buildings are located.

The Forbidden City was right next to it, which is a nearly 600-year-old row of traditional buildings that used to be the home of the emperor and the seat of government. It is known as the Forbidden City because until 1911, when the last Chinese dynasty fell, anyone who wasn't a government official could not enter.

But our favorite place in Beijing, and probably in all of China, was the Summer Palace, a series of brightly colored temples and walkways surrounding an artificial lake hundreds of years old. We also spent a short time at the Great Wall, but the weather was poor at the time, so we didn't have the opportunity of climbing it. Still, it was an amazing experience and it was a great part of our time in Beijing.

Personally, I want to thank Andrea McGinn for making this trip possible, as well as Carrie Keating, Jaden Keating, Skylar Sherman, and my mother, Laura Foster, for making it so much fun. You guys are the best and you made the trip so much better.

Colorado Department of Education: 'It's complicated'

Education? "It's complicated." Have you ever asked a question and been given the answer, "It's complicated?" Me, too. It's a frequently used phrase around the Colorado Department of Education.

Recently, I was having a conversation with constituents when the following question was raised: "What are we doing for our high achieving students?" Well, it's complicated.

In May 2009, the Colorado State Legislature passed House Bill 09-1319 and Senate Bill 09-285, the Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act. The concurrent enrollment program is defined as, "the simultaneous enrollment

of a qualified student in a local education provider (high school) and in one or more postsecondary courses, including academic or career and technical education courses, which may include course work related to apprenticeship programs or internship programs, at an institution of higher education."

Basically, dual and concurrent



Joyce Rankin
State Board of Education

enrollment are terms used interchangeably to describe college courses students take while in high school. They can be taught by qualified high school instructors or through an agreement with a local community college or four-year college.

The 2009 bill also creates another program for students completing 12 post-secondary credit hours prior to the completion of 12th grade. The Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) program provides qualifying high school students a fifth year of tuition-free college. At the end of the fifth year at their local education provider (high school), the student will receive their high school diploma.

Advanced Placement (AP) is another way for students to take content rich courses over a wide range of information. Currently, 34 courses are offered by highly qualified teachers in some Colorado high schools. Every May, AP Examinations are administered to evaluate the skills learned in these courses. The tests are not mandatory, however, students taking the tests and performing well can earn college credit and advanced placement at many colleges.

Early college is also a chance

for students to gain college credit. In this case, enrolled high school students have the opportunity to graduate with either an associate's degree or 60 credit hours toward the completion of a postsecondary credential.

These are a few of the opportunities currently being offered in Colorado high schools. Of course, there are also blended learning classes that allow for coursework helpful in attaining certifications and college credit.

At our August board meeting, the education department will give us an overview of Postsecondary Workforce Readiness and, yes, it's complicated.

Register now for The Incredible Years Parenting class

By Lynne Bridges
Special to The SUN

The Incredible Years Parenting class is a free opportunity offered to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow.

This class is created for families with children between the ages of 2-8 years.

The parenting class will be offered on Tuesday nights (5:30-8 p.m.), for 14 weeks, starting Tuesday, Sept. 5, at Pagosa Springs Elementary School. A free dinner will be offered for the entire family and childcare will be provided at no cost.

The Incredible Years Parenting class will help strengthen children's social skills, emotional regulation and school readiness skills. You will

learn to use praise and incentive to encourage cooperative behavior, learn to use positive discipline (rules, routines and effective limit setting) and learn how to best handle misbehaviors.

A local father said "At first, I was not all that eager to give up another night of my free time for 14 weeks, but over time, the other class members became friends. I was astounded at the degree of effectiveness from the class. My son was responding very positively to the techniques I had learned and began implementing at home. This class became a weekly meeting that I looked forward to each week as a positive gathering of friends."

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Back to school: Supply lists released, supplies provided to some students

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

School is just around the corner, and the shelves of local stores are stocked with supplies, leaving parents wondering what their students need to be ready for the upcoming school year.

With the first day of school set for Sept. 5, Archuleta School District 50 Jt. (ASD) has released supply lists.

And, once again, the Archuleta County Department of Human Services (ACDHS) will provide school supply kits to some students of Archuleta School District 50 Jt. (ASD).

This is the fourth year ACDHS has assisted in purchasing school supplies for community students.

"It is a pleasure to be a part of a community which works together in such an outstanding way!" ACDHS Director Matt Dodson stated in an email to The SUN.

The kits will be distributed by the school district.

"ACDHS and the School District have partnered again to assist eligible households with acquiring school supplies," wrote Dodson. "Utilizing Colorado Works / TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) federal funding this partnership promotes school success for those who may otherwise be unable to purchase school supplies on their own. The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program is designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency. The four purposes of the TANF program are to:

- Provide assistance to needy families so that children can be cared for in their own homes

- Reduce the dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work and marriage

- Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies

- Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families

"Research demonstrates that children who succeed in school are less likely to have unwanted pregnancies, are more likely to succeed in employment settings, and to have positive self-esteem."

As Dodson previously explained to The SUN, "Each school supply kit

has been developed to contain essential, age-appropriate items that will help promote student achievement throughout the school year."

Elementary school supplies

The supply lists for Pagosa Springs Elementary School as listed on the school's website are as follows.

Kindergarten

- Two Elmer's glue sticks
- Two bottles Elmer's glue
- Two boxes Crayola crayons (24 count)

- Two Pink Pearl erasers
- One box Mr. Sketch markers (12 count)

- Two pocket folders
- One box Kleenex

- One box Ziploc bags — girls bring gallon size, boys bring quart size

- Backpack big enough to hold a 9-by-12 folder

- You do not need to label school supply items. Feel free to donate extras.

First grade

- Two 16-count Crayola crayons
- Two large glue sticks
- Two large pink erasers
- Two sturdy pocket plastic no brads

- One package four-count black dry erase markers
- Two boxes of tissues
- One large backpack clearly labeled with child's name

- 8-inch-by-5-inch plastic supply box (can be found at the dollar store)

- Additional supplies may be requested by individual classroom teachers.

Second grade

- Twenty-four pencils, Dixon Ticonderoga brand
- Two pink erasers
- One wide-ruled composition book

- One pack of loose-leaf, wide-ruled notebook paper
- Four wide-ruled spiral notebooks

- Four plastic pocket folders
- One large container of disinfecting wipes

- Two glue sticks
- One box of colored pencils
- One box of markers

- One box of tissues
- Girls: One package quart-size Ziploc bags
- Boys: One package gallon-size Ziploc bags

Third grade

- Two single-subject spiral notebooks
- No. 2 pencils
- Large pink erasers
- Eight water-based markers
- One package colored pencils or crayons

- Two glue sticks
- Two yellow highlighters
- Two Expo markers
- Two boxes of facial tissue
- Two pocket folders
- Three boxes of crackers (for snacks)

- Hand sanitizer
- Please be prepared to bring in another round of supplies after the second quarter to replenish the supplies.

Fourth grade

- Three single-subject spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)
- Two composition notebooks
- Two packages loose-leaf, wide-ruled paper
- Three dozen No. 2 pencils
- One box colored pencils
- One box markers
- Two glue sticks
- One small pencil sharpener with lid
- Five pocket folders
- One ruler (inches and centimeters)
- Two large boxes of Kleenex
- Two pens for grading
- Girls: One bottle of disinfecting wipes
- Boys: One box of gallon-size Ziploc bags

Middle school supplies

The Pagosa Springs Middle School website reads:

"Note to parents: The Department of Human Services has donated school supply starter kits. You may pick one up for FREE for each of your students at the office. These kits have many of the items listed below."

The supply lists for PSMS as listed on the school's website are as follows.

Fifth grade

- Pencils (4-5 dozen) — replenished throughout the year
- Two composition notebooks (any color, marbled, not spiral, 100 sheets) language arts and reading
- One large three-ring binder used for all subjects
- Package of dividers
- Glue sticks — multiple
- Two one-subject spiral notebooks
- Three packages loose-leaf, lined paper (not college ruled)
- Three-four pocket folders
- One 1-inch, three-ring binder for math
- Colored pencils

- Two composition notebooks (any color, marbled, not spiral, 100 sheets) language arts and reading
- One large three-ring binder used for all subjects
- Package of dividers
- Glue sticks — multiple
- Two one-subject spiral notebooks
- Three packages loose-leaf, lined paper (not college ruled)
- Three-four pocket folders
- One 1-inch, three-ring binder for math
- Colored pencils

Sixth grade

- Pencils (4-5 dozen) — replenished throughout the year
- One composition notebook (any color, marbled, not spiral, 100 sheets) language arts
- One three-subject spiral notebook (math)
- Three packages of loose-leaf, lined notebook paper
- Glue sticks
- Ziploc bags, one box for science: boys — quart size, girls — gallon size
- Colored pencils

Seventh grade

- Pencils (4-5 dozen) — replenished throughout the year
- Two binders with dividers (science/math)
- One binder with pocket folders (language arts)
- Three packages loose-leaf, lined paper
- Colored pencils
- Ruler
- Highlighters (multiple colors)
- Calculator
- Glue sticks
- Red pens
- Erasers
- One three-subject spiral notebook (math)

Eighth grade

- Pencils (4-5 dozen) replenish throughout the year
- Package of graph paper
- Three packages loose-leaf, lined paper
- Dry erase markers
- Two-three folders
- One package colored pencils
- Two bottles of rubber cement
- Blue or black pens and red pens
- Two 9-volt batteries

Seventh and eighth grade physical education

Students must dress out for this class. Black or navy shorts/pants with white/gray shirt. Students must wear gym shoes. Lockers and locks are provided.

High school supplies

School supply lists for Pagosa Springs High School have not been produced since classes require varying supplies.

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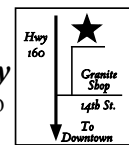
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Pagosa Family School holds open enrollment for K-8

By **Jane Parker**
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Family School is open for enrollment. Pagosa Family School is currently enrolling students for the 2017-2018 school year for kindergarten through eighth grade.

Pagosa Family School is a shared-schooling program through the Archuleta School District offering

courses in Spanish, art and choir for all homeschool, private school and public school students.

Classes meet from 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Pagosa Springs Middle School.

If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.family.mypagosaschools.com or with additional questions, contact Jane Parker, jparker@pagosa.k12.co.us or 264-2228, ext. 408

Tuition is free.

Benny Lohman Scholarship Endowment Fund created

By **Charlotte Ann Jones**
Special to The SUN

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County is proud to announce the creation of a high school scholarship fund. The name of the scholarship funds is the Benny Lohman Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The designated fund is supported by the life membership of Veterans for Veterans and the scholarships will be given to three deserving students that are graduating from high school each year. The recipients

will be family members of veterans.

Anyone may donate to the scholarship fund that honors the military service of Benny Lohman. Lohman served in World War II as a lieutenant in the Navy, first as a recruiter and then in the Women's Auxiliary Emergency Service (WAVES). Throughout her 98 years of life, she has always participated with the military services through her family. Lohman attends Vets 4 Vets regularly.

Donations may be sent to Vets 4 Vets, P.O. Box 5331, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Please designate "Scholarship Fund" on your check.

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Thank you!

Zachary DeVoght would like to thank Bank of Colorado for purchasing his Grand Champion 4-H Steer in the 2017 Jr. Livestock Auction.



Zachary would like to thank the following for purchasing his steers during his 4-H career. Your support was greatly appreciated.

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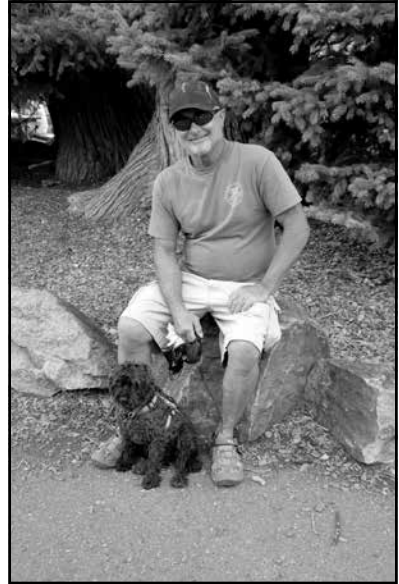
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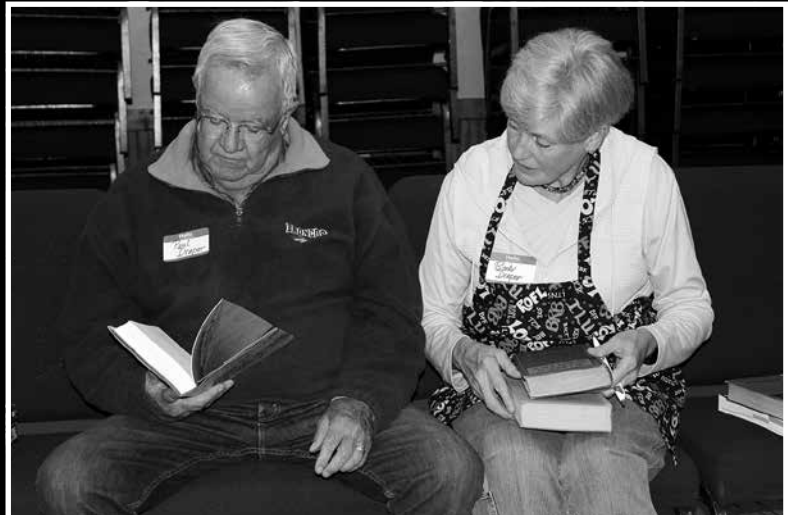
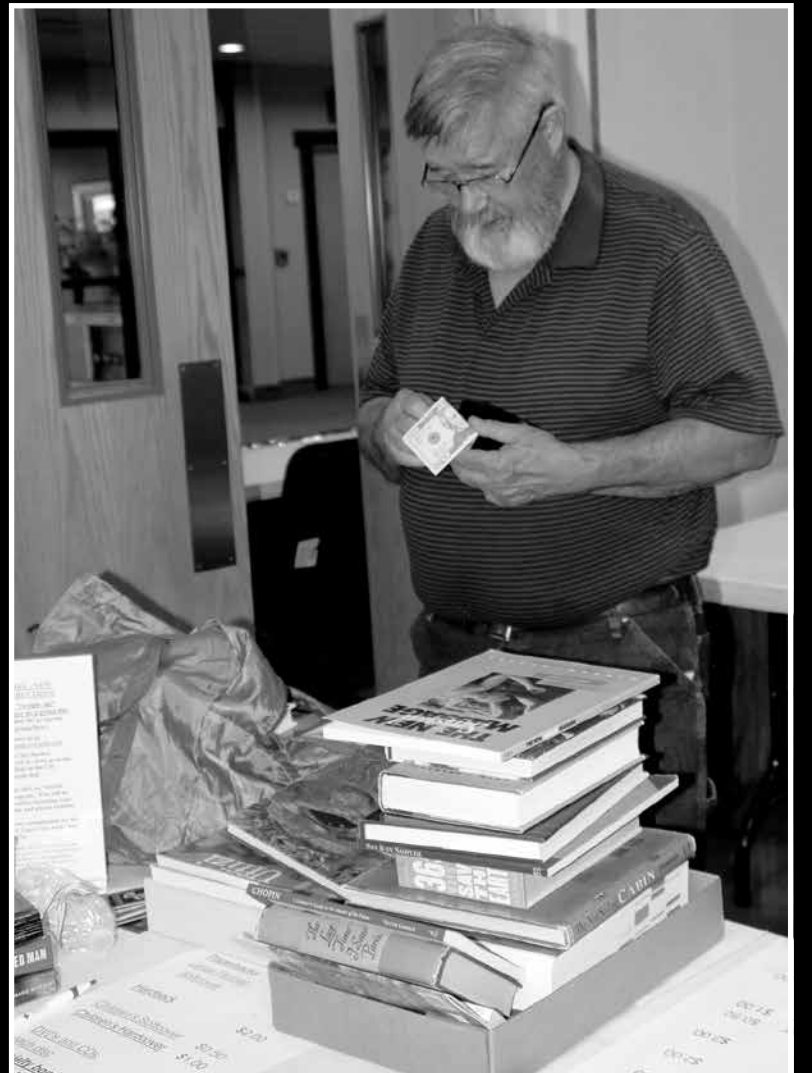
Residents and visitors enjoy a day in Town Park watching duck races, keeping their fingers crossed for luck and enjoying great food and good friends. The Knights of Columbus hosted the annual Duck Race on Saturday.



Friends of the Library Annual Meeting & Potluck

SUN photos/Terri House

Members of the Friends of the Library gather for the organization's book sale and potluck dinner on Aug. 11. The proceeds of the sale, which was held for the public on Aug. 12, support the many fine events and programs that the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library's director, Meg Wempe, and her staff provide on an ongoing basis.



Sports

CROSS-COUNTRY



The Pagosa Springs High School cross-country team holds training camp at the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve last Thursday through Saturday. Pictured, front row, left to right, are Taleah Hauger, Sophia Raymond, Kylie Keuning, Peyton Khung, Shelby Cronon and Megan Foster. Middle row, left to right, are Emma Heidelmeier, Halie Severs, Katriel Davies, Celia Taylor, Annabelle Bowles, Sarah Ross, Megan Greenly and Grace Thompson. Back row, left to right, are Carson Grose, Kaleb Buffington, Cole Cayard, Keanan Anderson, Liam McNeill, Clayton Cayard, Jack Foster, Noah Gorman and Trenton Buffington.

Photo courtesy Jami Harms

GOLF

Pirate golf season rolls on with home tournament today

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate golf team is back in action for its second tournament of the season today at Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

By the end of tomorrow (Friday, Aug. 18), the 19 members of the team will be nearly halfway through the current regular-season schedule.

Official practices for the sport began on Aug. 7, with the first tournament taking place only four days in — last Thursday in Cortez at the par-72 Conquistador Golf Course.

“We’ve never had one that quick,” coach Mark Faber said, later adding, “For a first tournament, I thought they did alright, I really did.”

Six Pirates represented PSHS at the tournament, with Nathan Smith leading the team with an 81.

Jonathon Robel followed with an 89, Tanner Peart scored a 97, Roland Sanchez finished with a

105, Jake Smith notched a 109 and Devon Jacquez rounded out the day with a 114.

“They played alright,” Faber said, adding, “A couple of them played pretty well.”

He explained that the team finished in the middle of the pack, with about a dozen teams competing.

“At this point, the kids that spent the time and worked all summer, ... it really showed up,” the coach said. “The kids that are just kind of coming out as the season starts, we’ve got some more work to do.”

Faber also noted the wide variety of experience amongst the team’s 19 players, from those just picking up the sport for the first time to the team’s more experienced members.

And, with that wide range of experience, Faber’s biggest goals for the team to accomplish in practices are playing the game and having fun doing it.

“I’m just wanting them to play,” he said.

Now, the team will take part in two tournaments in two days, beginning with today’s home action — the only home tournament of the season.

The tournament, which begins at 9 a.m., is open to the public, and Faber encourages locals to go support the team.

“It’ll be a nice tournament,” Faber said Wednesday, adding, “We’d love to have people come out.”

He added further, “We’ll have some fun tomorrow.”

The next day, the team will be at work in Alamosa, teeing off at the Cattails Golf Course at 9 a.m.

That tournament will be the third of the seven regular-season tournaments currently on the schedule. However, Faber noted that the Inter-mountain League Tournament has yet to be scheduled.

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Good luck, Pirates!

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Change in hours:
Monday, Sept. 7, The Pagosa Springs SUN office will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

USFS turns lightning strike fire into controlled burn

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

On Aug. 9 and over the course of the week, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) took advantage of a fire that was caused by a lightning strike by turning it into a controlled burn.

According to USFS spokesperson Ann Bond, the fire began Aug. 1 in the HD mountains near Bayfield.

A press release from Bond dated Aug. 9 states, "Firing operations are tentatively planned for later today for expansion of the perimeter of a small lightning-caused wildfire in the HD Mountains to improve forest health and reduce future wild-

fire danger. The 842 Fire, now at 13 acres, is smoldering and creeping on the surface about 13 miles southeast of Bayfield between the drainages of Turkey Creek and Bull Creek."

"Firefighters will be using drip torches working to expand the perimeter of the fire within the predetermined containment lines," said Lance Martin, Type III incident commander. "Exact timing of the firing operations will depend upon weather conditions and fuel moistures."

Fire crews on-site included a Type II initial attack crew from Wyoming and local crews from

the USFS, Upper Pine River Fire Protection District and Durango Fire Department.

Throughout the week, USFS personnel monitored the fire, with the controlled burn eventually glowing.

As of late Wednesday morning, InciWeb reported the fire as being 1,025 acres and 65 percent contained.

"Today, firefighters will continue to monitor and patrol areas of the fire that were previously burned on the northwest flank while others will be scouting for burnouts planned for tomorrow on the southwest flank," reads a press release dated

Aug. 14 from USFS Public Information Officer John Thompson. "Once these areas are surveyed, strategies will be developed and the prep work will begin. Both heavy equipment and fire crews will be on the ground making this happen. Good preparation is crucial and will facilitate operations once the plan is implemented."

Concludes the press release, "Visitors are reminded that, while there are currently no restrictions in the area, they should be aware that fire activity could increase at any time and should avoid the area, if possible."

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Senior Center offers health and wellness services

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN Columnist

Meals on Wheels drivers are needed, as are substitute drivers. We have downtown and uptown routes. Gas vouchers are also available. Please call 264-2167.

Medical equipment for seniors

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.

Health and wellness

The Pagosa Senior Center has a pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring, or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next Wellness Event will be Aug. 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Computer center

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

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, Thursday, Aug. 17 — Chicken Milano, polenta cake, eggplant medley, zucchini medley and salad bar.

Friday, Aug. 18 — Beef shepherd's pie, herbed green beans, salad bar and brownie.

Monday, Aug. 21 — Roasted turkey breast, mashed potatoes, turkey gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, dinner roll, salad bar and peach crisp.

Tuesday, Aug. 22 — Beef lasagna, spinach, roasted cauliflower with red peppers, focaccia bread and salad bar.

Wednesday, Aug. 23 — Beef meatloaf, gravy, mashed potatoes, Irish carrots, salad bar and chocolate chip cookies.

Thursday, Aug. 24 — Teriyaki salmon, whipped sweet potatoes, roasted broccoli 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.

Air quality health advisory for the 842 fire

Special to The SUN

Areas of smoke from the lightning-caused wildfire near Bayfield will be more visible as fire crews are adding 300 more acres to produce a low-intensity fire. This will prevent the wildfire from advancing while also reducing heavy fuel loads on the landscape.

If smoke is thick or becomes noticeably thicker in your area, you should remain indoors or, if possible, seek out locations where air is filtered. Unusually sensitive people throughout the HD Mountains and Chimney Rock National Monument area should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion. The public can expect to see moderate amounts of smoke in these areas along Colo. 151 and U.S. 160.

San Juan Basin Public Health advises that if visibility is less than five miles, smoke has reached levels that are unhealthy. This is especially true for those with heart disease, respiratory illnesses, the very young and the elderly. Consider limiting outdoor activity

when moderate-to-heavy smoke is present. People with heart or lung disease, older adults and children should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion; everyone else should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion. Consider relocating temporarily if smoke is present indoors and is making you ill.

Other tips to protect yourself:

- Close windows and doors and stay inside. However, do not close up your home tightly if it makes it dangerously warm inside.
- Only if they are filtered, run the air conditioning, your evaporative cooler or the fan feature on your home heating system (with the heat turned off). Keep the outdoor air intake closed and be sure the filter is clean. Filtered air typically has less smoke than the air outdoors. Running these appliances if they are not filtered can make indoor smoke worse.
- Use HEPA room air filtration units if you have them.
- Avoid smoking and/or secondhand smoke, vacuuming, candles and other sources of additional air pollution.

- Do not use paper dust masks; these do not filter out the particles and gasses in smoke.

As temperatures cool in the evening, inversion conditions worsen and smoke in low-lying areas may become thicker, especially if the outdoor air is still. It tends to be worst near dawn.

- Close bedroom windows at night.
- To prepare for nighttime smoke, consider airing out your home during the early or middle of the afternoon when smoke tends to be more diluted. Use your best judgment. If smoke is thick during the day, follow the tips above.

Please contact your primary health care provider if symptoms persist or become more severe.

Updates for the 842 Fire can be found on the San Juan National Forest website. Smoky conditions serve as a reminder to prepare individual plans to stay safe from wildfire and to prepare emergency kits in case of a wildfire emergency. For information about getting prepared, visit <https://www.ready.gov/wildfires>.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Aug. 17

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting and work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. Town council goals and objectives work session follows meeting.

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District board meeting. 5 p.m., PAWSD administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave.

Friday, Aug. 18

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) Economic Forum. 11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. The cost is \$20 for CDC members

and \$25 for nonmembers.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

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

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

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

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

S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, Aug. 23

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

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

Friday, Aug. 25

Pagosa Peak Open School board meeting. 4 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

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.

Monday, Sept. 18

Housing Task Force work session. 1 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. Meeting is to review the Draft Housing Needs Assessment Report compiled by consultants and provide comments before the assessment is presented to Town Council and Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners.

Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosajun.com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.

VETERAN'S CORNER

Questions and answers about Veterans Choice Program

By Raymond Taylor
SUN Columnist

The Veterans Choice Program (VCP) is a benefit that allows eligible veterans to receive health care from a community provider rather than waiting for a VA appointment or traveling to a VA facility.

1. Am I eligible for the Veterans Choice Program?

To be eligible for the program, you must be enrolled in VA health care and must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- You are told by your local VA medical facility that you will need to wait more than 30 days for an appointment.
- Your residence is more than a 40-mile driving distance from the closest VA medical facility with a full-time primary care physician.
- You need to travel by air, boat or ferry to the VA medical facility closest to your house.
- You face an unusual or excessive burden in traveling to the closest VA medical facility based on a geograph-

ic challenge, environmental factor, medical condition, or other specific clinical decisions. Staff at your local VA medical facility will work with you to determine if you are eligible for any of these reasons.

- You reside in a state or a United States Territory without a full-service VA medical facility that provides hospital care, emergency services and surgical care, and reside more than 20 miles from such a VA medical facility. Note: This criterion applies to veterans residing in Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Also note that some veterans in New Hampshire reside within 20 miles of White River Junction VAMC and are therefore not eligible for the Veterans Choice Program.

2. What if I think I am eligible?

• Call the VCP Call Center at (866) 606-8198 or visit the Veterans Choice Program website to verify eligibility and set up an appointment here.

3. Can I call my non-VA doctor to make an appointment?

- No, please call the VCP call center at (866) 606-8198 to verify eligibility and set up an appointment.

4. How is the 40-mile calculation determined?

- This calculation is based on the driving distance from your permanent residence (or active temporary address) to the closest VA facility, including community-based outpatient clinics and VA medical centers. You are eligible if you live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility that has a full-time primary care physician.

5. If I am eligible for the Veterans Choice Program, can I receive Beneficiary Travel for travel to appointments with a VCP provider?

- Yes, the Choice Act does provide funding to pay for travel to VCP providers for veterans who are eligible for Beneficiary Travel. However, it did not provide any new Beneficiary Travel eligibility.

6. If I didn't get my Choice Card or I lost my Choice Card, what do I do?

- You do not need your Choice Card to access the VCP. If you didn't

receive a Choice Card or lost your Choice Card, simply call (866) 606-8198 to find out if you are eligible and to make an appointment.

For more information

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.

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Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT,
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs,
CO 81147
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160

Plaintiff: MARA LYNNE MILLER REVOCABLE TRUST

Defendants: M.G. SIBLEY and ETHEL MARJORIE YOUNG a/k/a ETHEL MARJORIE HARTH

Submitting Attorney:
Paul Kosnik, #38663
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
556 Main Ave.
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
E-mail: pkosnik@e-klaw.com
Case Number: 2017CV03072

SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)

PLAINTIFF: MARA LYNNE MILLER REVOCABLE TRUST

TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response to the attached Complaint. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you within the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 21 days after such service upon you. If service of the summons and complaint was made upon you outside of the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after such service upon you.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within the applicable time period, judgment by default may be entered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

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

A tract of land located within the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 31, Township 34 North, Range 1 West of the New Mexico Principal Meridian further described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest 1/16 corner of said Section 31, said corner being a 3 inch aluminum cap on a metal post stamped "BLM 1988";

THENCE S 05°52'26" E along the eastern boundary of said SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 31 for a distance of 1158.88 feet to the West 1/16 corner of Section 31, T.34N., R.1W., and Section 6, T.33N., R.1W., N.M.P.M., said corner being a 2 ½ inch aluminum cap on 2 inch aluminum post stamped "BLM 1987";

THENCE S 89°08'23" W along the southern boundary of said Section 31 for a distance of 354.63 feet;

THENCE N 00°08'37" E for a distance of 1164.11 feet to a point on the northern boundary of said SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 31, said corner being a rebar with a 1 ½ inch aluminum cap stamped "LS 23894";

THENCE N 89°57'06" E along the northern boundary of said SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 31 for a distance of 232.92 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Respectfully Submitted this 11th day of July, 2017.

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Eggleston Kosnik LLC

/s/ Paul Kosnik
Paul Kosnik, #38663

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On June 1, 2017, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.

Original Grantor(s) MONTY KIRK CUNDIFF and BROCKE ANN CUNDIFF

Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC

Date of Deed of Trust April 23, 2009
County of Recording Archuleta

Recording Date of Deed of Trust April 28, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20903029

Original Principal Amount \$194,746.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$171,065.43

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 15, COX EAST ALLISON SECOND SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED MAY 9, 1960, AS RECEPTION NO. 59078, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.

Also known by street and number as: 440 BARTON CIRCLE, ARBOLES, CO 81212.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCOMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 09/29/2017, at 449 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorney's fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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What SUP Event

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Pagosa Lakes and the Young Professionals of Pagosa Springs (YPOPS) host the inaugural What SUP (stand-up paddleboard) Event and Expo on Lake Forest on Saturday. The event included a yoga class, the "Givin' it a Tri" triathlon, Kids Expo, Mini Tri, SUP-er Hero Contest, free paddle and water disc golf along with live music, good eats, drinks and a great view.



The Blotter

Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident.

- Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**
 Aug. 7 — Second-degree criminal trespass, County Road 700.
 Aug. 7 — Agency assist, Eaton Drive.
 Aug. 7 — Under investigation, Hot Springs Boulevard.
 Aug. 7 — Theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.
 Aug. 7 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order, San Juan Street.
 Aug. 7 — Information only, Mary Fisher Circle.
 Aug. 8 — Information only, Piper Place.
 Aug. 8 — Suspicious activity, County Road 542.
 Aug. 10 — County warrant, San Juan Street.
 Aug. 11 — Information only, South 9th Street.
 Aug. 12 — Drove vehicle wrong way on one-way street or roadway,

- criminal impersonation, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, false reporting to authorities, East Pagosa Street.
 Aug. 12 — Owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, expired license plates, U.S. 160.
 Aug. 13 — Domestic violence, criminal mischief, Great West Avenue.
 Aug. 13 — Domestic violence, false imprisonment, second-degree assault-aggravated assault-weapon, Shenandoah Drive.
 Aug. 14 — Under investigation, San Juan Street.
 Aug. 14 — Information only, Bastille Drive.
Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department
 No report.
Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson
 No report.
Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
 Aug. 9 — Hunter A. Macdonald, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$98.50.
 Aug. 10 — Shana Lyn Stegman, weapon-prohibited use-drunk with gun, violation P/O-criminal, 24 months

- probation, 35 days jail, fines and costs — \$1,597.50.
 Aug. 10 — Tobin Ervin Sinclair, assault 3-knowingly/recklessly cause injury, 24 months probation, 60 days jail, 59 days electronic surveillance, fines and costs — \$1,492.50.
 Aug. 10 — Dominick Michael Joseph Heid, violation P/O-criminal, six months probation, fines and costs — \$544.50.
 Aug. 10 — Renissa K. Ramos, driver's license-not on person, fines and costs — \$145.50.
 Aug. 10 — Arthur Araujo Aguillar, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$339.50.
 Aug. 10 — Nicholas R. Smith, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.
 Aug. 10 — Emanuel Estrada, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.
 Aug. 10 — Roberto M. Contreras, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.
 Aug. 11 — Savannah D. Grant, speeding 10-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$274.50.
6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
 No report.



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When: Monday, August 28, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

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Seating is limited. Light snacks will be served.

To register call 970-764-3999.

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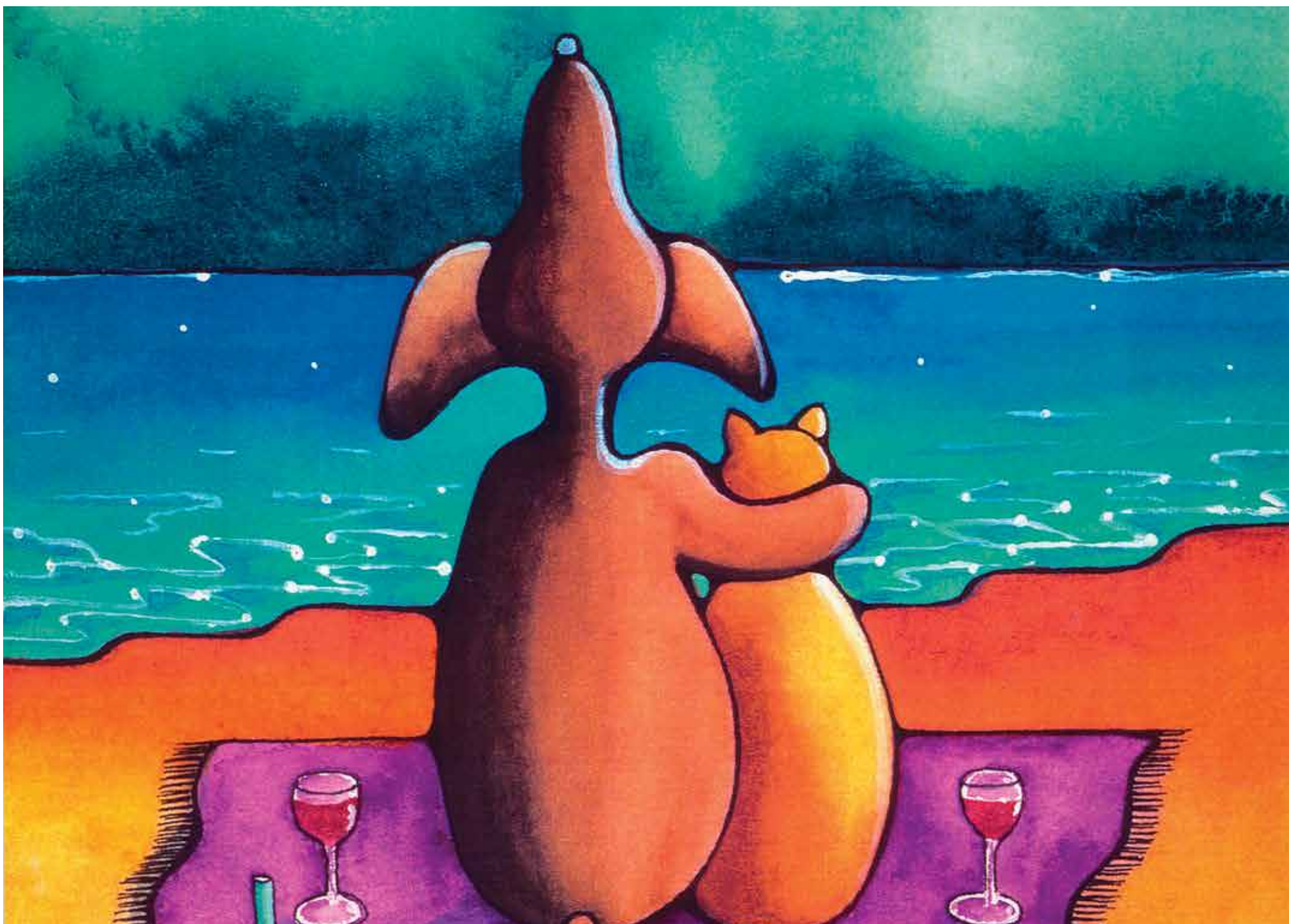
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ARTS & LIFE

Auction for the Animals

Friday, Aug. 25 • 6 p.m. • Ross Aragon Community Center



Live Performers



Thursday
Borde Rio: Dan Lavoie, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Bruce Mandal, 6 p.m.
Shooters and Shenanigans: Tim Sullivan, 7 p.m.

Friday
Borde Rio: Nolan Redman, 6 p.m.
Rez Hill Grill: Broke with Expensive Taste Trio, 7 p.m.
Riff Raff Brewing Company: San Juan Mountain Boys, 6 p.m.
Shooters and Shenanigans: Kombat Kitty, 7 p.m.

Saturday
East Side Market: Open Mic with Steve Rolig, 9 a.m.
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Brooks-i Duo, 6 p.m.
Shooters and Shenanigans: San Juan Mountain Boys, 6 p.m.; DJ Daniel, 9 p.m.

Sunday:
Borde Rio: Jazz with Bob Hemenger, 4 p.m.
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Ben Gibson Duo, 6 p.m.

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

Wednesday
Shooters and Shenanigans: Karaoke, 8:30 p.m.



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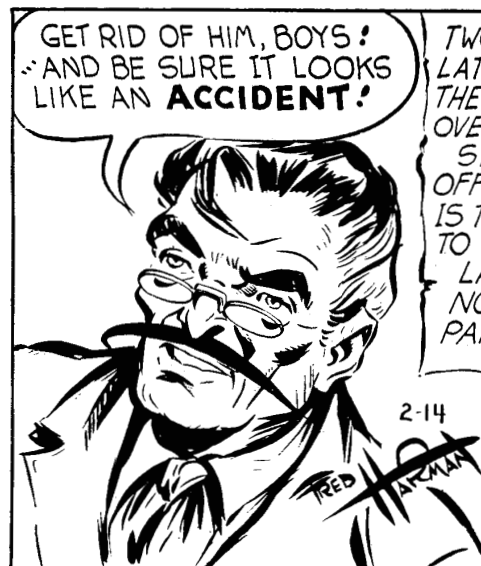


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The Pagosa Springs SUN thanks longtime Pagosa Springs supporter Mrs. Shirley Slesinger Lasswell for the privilege of being the only newspaper in the United States to publish the 'Red Ryder and Little Beaver' comic strip. The ongoing adventures of Red Ryder and Little Beaver which began appearing in the Preview section with the December 26, 1996, edition of the SUN first ran in major daily newspapers across America from December 25, 1938 through December 4, 1963. Drawn by the late Fred Harman, the comic strips are under the registered copyright restrictions of Red Ryder Enterprises, Inc.

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By Fred Harman



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Items galore at the Auction for the Animals

By Mike Stoll
Special to The PREVIEW

The 23rd edition of the Auction for the Animals on Friday, Aug. 25, is right around the corner.

The annual auction is the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs' major fundraiser of the year and always features some awesome items to bid on in both the silent and live auction portions of the evening. This year is no exception.

Have you ever wanted to visit the Emerald Isle? Win a six-night trip for two to Ireland that includes stays in Dublin, Ennis and Killarney, a visit to the Guinness Storehouse, daily breakfast, rental car, a choice of an overnight stay in an historic castle or two rounds of golf and more.

Would you like to adorn yourself with exquisite jewelry? Jewelry pieces include pendants and necklaces.

How about a new fly rod and gift certificate, or a great car-camping package that includes a two-burner Coleman stove, Weber barbecue, tools, four-person tent and much more?

Are you a craft beer person? Spend a day developing and brewing your own recipe under the tutelage of a local brewmaster.

This year's auction also features several very unique items. You do not have to be a musician to enjoy the exquisite grand piano in our live auction. The Yamaha C2PE Conservatory Grand piano will provide any pianist the opportunity to play a fabulous instrument, and for the non-musician the discretely installed Yamaha Disklavier system allows the piano to play itself from prerecorded discs—you can entertain guests with a beautifully played Beethoven sonata or Chopin etude even when a pianist is not available. This unique piano will appeal to not only musicians but to anyone who would like to add a gorgeous piece to a well-appointed home. The piano is be-

ing donated by the original owner and had a value of \$30,000 when purchased new, nine years ago. It is in pristine condition and bidding will start at a reserve price.

On another end of the music spectrum, a second unique live auction item is a Fender guitar autographed by Jimmy Page and Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin fame. The guitar is tastefully mounted and framed and comes with a certificate of authenticity. Bring a memorable piece of rock and roll fame and history into your home with this awesome autographed guitar.

Two more unique items in the live auction are a Remington 700 BDL, America's most popular bolt-action rifle of all time, in .30-06 caliber, and "The Boss," an original 24-inch by 60-inch framed oil painting by local artist Rick Unger. "The Boss" is a magnificent painting of a Texas Longhorn and the spirit of the West captured in all its majesty. There will be a reserve price on the painting.

Other wonderful items in the live auction include a beautiful black leather Australian trail saddle, a collection of copper bars and copper Eagle and Lady Liberty coins (.999 fine copper), an Apex weightlifting machine and a giant basket chock-full of chocolates and other goodies. For the large family or person who likes to entertain, there is a gorgeous natural-edge 8-foot dining table with an 8-foot bench. The table is approximately 3-feet wide by 3-inches thick and 31-inches high.

The silent auction portion of the evening will feature a wide array of wonderful items as well. There will be something for everyone, at a price point for everyone. Silent auction items include jewelry, ski passes, round-trip tickets for two on the Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge train, an aerial tour over Pagosa with a retired commercial pilot, Native American pottery, ■ See Auction on page 5



Big Changes at Terry's Ace Colorado Home Supply!

Terry Smith has announced his retirement from the firm effective August 31st. The Store has been purchased by Grace Estep Smith and her brothers Max and Quinn. Grace will lead the day to day business activities as the controlling partner. She is supported by the same fabulous staff that is ready to continue our efforts to be the best retail store in Pagosa. Grace is dedicated to the same level of great service for our customers as well as continuing the great brands and unique selection of products.

Mr. Smith says, "I am so proud to keep the business in the family and continuing on as a Pagosa tradition."

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Photos courtesy Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

The 23rd edition of the Auction for the Animals on Friday, Aug. 25, features a wide variety of items in both the live and silent auctions. The annual auction is the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs' major fundraiser of the year.

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Photo courtesy Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

This year, the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs received a very special donation for its live auction: an Ebony Yamaha Conservatory Grand Piano in pristine condition. Sure to appeal to the music lover, this beautiful auction item should also appeal to anyone who would like to add a gorgeous piece of furniture/art to an already well-appointed home. Off-site bidders will be able to participate in bidding on this live auction item. The 23rd annual Auction for the Animals will be held on Aug. 25 at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Auction

■ continued from page 3

baskets and blankets, a huge selection of gift certificates and gift baskets from area merchants, as well as sporting goods, memorabilia, and much more. Don't miss the opportunity to purchase a special treat for yourself and do some early holiday shopping for friends and family, too.

Any remaining tickets for the inaugural Raining Cats and Dogs Raffle will also be for sale at the auction. Raffle tickets are \$100. One winning ticket will be drawn during the live auction portion of the evening, and the winner will receive one-third of the raffle ticket proceeds. If all 300 tickets are sold, that means the winner will receive \$10,000. The cats and dogs at the shelter will benefit from the other two-thirds of the ticket proceeds, which will provide a much-needed boost to cover the rising costs of shelter operations. For additional raffle information please call 264-5549.

All the exciting auction fun is happening Friday, Aug. 25, at the Ross Aragon Community Center. The gala evening features a delicious seated dinner and dessert, along with a selection of fine wines, great beers and soft drinks from the cash bar. Tickets are \$40, available only in advance. The auction has sold out the last three years, so don't delay. Any remaining tickets may be purchased at the Humane

Society thrift store or by calling 264-5549.

Community Center doors will open at 6 p.m. Festivities will begin with the silent auction followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m. and then the live auction. Live music will be provided by Tim Sullivan and Thad McKain will be the evening's emcee. A professional auctioneer will handle the bidding activity and be ably assisted by local auction spotters Mike Branch and Mark Crain. The theme of this year's auction is Upscale Cowboy so wear your best western clothes, or any other Pagosa-fancy dress will do (in other words, jeans are okay).

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs serves our community by providing homeless and lost animals with temporary shelter and care until they can be reunited with their owners or an adoptive family can be found. We also operate the Humane Society thrift store downtown which serves the needs of so many in our community by offering low-cost and high-quality gently used household items, clothing and much more.

Please plan to attend one of the most enjoyable evenings of the year in support of a great cause. Our local Humane Society does not receive any funding from the Humane Society of the United States, American Humane, the ASPCA or the United Way. The animal shelter relies on revenue from private

donations, our thrift store and fundraisers such as the Auction for the Animals to create a safe haven for animals in need.

For more information on the event, please contact the Humane Society at 264-5549. See you at the auction Aug. 25.

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Local quilter semifinalist in international quilt show

Special to The PREVIEW

Charlotte Ashbrook from Pagosa Springs is a semifinalist for the 2017 American Quilter's Society QuiltWeek — Fall Paducah, Sept. 13-16, at the Schroeder Expo and Carroll Convention Center in Paducah, Ky.

Ashbrook has been chosen to display the quilt, Mountain High, along with 369 others in this first annual contest. Three quilting authorities will judge this elite group in Paducah, awarding first-, second- and third-place prizes in 15 categories, along with Judges' Recognition. Seven overall awards will be decided by public vote from among the 15 first-place quilts.

Winners will be announced at the AQS Winners Showcase, which takes place at the Walker Hall Events Center in Paducah at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15. Cash awards totaling \$121,250 will be granted, including \$20,000 for the best of show; \$11,000 for the best wall quilt; \$10,000 for first place overall; \$9,000 for second place overall; \$8,000 for third place overall; \$7,000 for fourth place overall; and \$6,000 for fifth place overall.

Regardless of how Mountain High places in the final judging, all semi-finalists' quilts will be displayed at the show, which is expected to draw more than 30,000 people.

Ashbrook's quilt was created and appliqued for her son, Stephen, to reflect mountains he has climbed. The longarm stitching was done by Pam Thompson of Pagosa Springs.

AQS Founder and President Meredith Schroeder says, "We are excited to display these beautiful works of art at the first ever AQS QuiltWeek in Fall Paducah. This event is an art show with fibers as the medium."



Photo courtesy Charlotte Ashbrook

Charlotte Ashbrook is a semifinalist for the 2017 American Quilter's Society QuiltWeek — Fall Paducah, Sept. 13-16, in Paducah, Ky. Ashbrook will display her Mountain High quilt in this contest.

Quilts were entered in this international contest from 41 U.S. states and 14 other countries. Come see a wide range of special exhibit quilts including: New Quilts From an Old Favorite: Flying Geese; SAQA: The Declaration of Sentiments 1848 — The Struggle Continues; Hoffman Challenge 2016; Australia Wide Five; Statler Challenge: Fall in My World; Quilting Impressionist Landscapes: Quilts by Noriko Endo; Freehand Patchwork by Danny Amazonas; Pam Holland — A Journalist in Fabric: The Stories Behind the Quilts; Vintage Made Modern Quilts: Collection of Brenda Groelz; and the AQS Authors' Showcase.

The American Quilter's Society hosts several shows annually, each with its own quilt contest. Besides

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Sarah Jarosz will perform on the festival main stage on Sunday, Sept. 3, at 5 p.m. at this fall's Four Corners Folk Festival.

Sarah Jarosz and Quiles and Cloud join the Folk Festival lineup

By Crista Munro
Special to The PREVIEW

The 22nd annual Four Corners Folk Festival is upon us, taking place here in Pagosa Springs on Reservoir Hill Park Sept. 1-3. Thousands of people from the Four Corners region and beyond will stream into the town to enjoy three days of live musical performances from internationally touring musicians.

This year's lineup includes Los Lobos, Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn, The Wood Brothers, The Lil' Smokies, The East Pointers, John Fullbright, We Banjo 3, Session Americana, The Accidentals, The Drunken Hearts, Freddy and Francine, Ghost of Paul Revere, the FY5 Band and this week's featured artists: Sarah Jarosz and Quiles and Cloud.

Sarah Jarosz

"I really like that word," Jarosz says of the title of "Undercurrent," her fourth Sugar Hill album. "If you look up the definition, it's 'an

underlying feeling or influence' or 'a flow of water moving below the surface.' To me, that really encompasses the feeling behind this record."

That evocative imagery is appropriate for "Undercurrent," whose 11 original songs seem to reveal new lyrical depth and sonic nuance with every listen. A gifted multi-instrumentalist, a singularly expressive vocalist and a songwriter of rare insight, Jarosz has been described by The New York Times as "one of acoustic music's most promising young talents: a singer-songwriter and mandolin and banjo prodigy with the taste and poise to strike that rare balance of commercial and critical success."

Although it's her fourth album, "Undercurrent" is a milestone for Jarosz in more ways than one. It's her first release since graduating with honors from the New England Conservatory of Music and her first since relocating to New York City. It was selected as the International

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Folk Music Award Album of the Year and won the Grammy Award for Best Folk Album. A track on the record, “House of Mercy,” won the Grammy award for Best American Roots Performance.

“Undercurrent” is a sublimely resonant song cycle anchored around a haunting quartet of songs written and performed solo by the artist: “Early Morning Light,” “Everything To Hide,” “Take Another Turn” and “Jacqueline.” The album features several numbers co-written by Jarosz with a variety of collaborators who also contributed to the recordings, including Luke Reynolds (“Green Lights”), Jedd Hughes (“House Of Mercy”), Parker Millsap (“Comin’ Undone”) and Aoife O’Donovan (“Still Life”). The latter track features O’Donovan, of Crooked Still fame, as well as Nickel Creek co-founder Sara Watkins, Jarosz’s bandmates in their extracurricular trio I’m with Her. Undercurrent also includes two songs co-written with the Milk Carton Kids’ Joey Ryan, including the nostalgic “Back Of My Mind.”

While “Undercurrent” is a creative landmark for Jarosz, she’s been making music for most of her life. Growing up in Wimberley, Texas, she began singing in early childhood. Receiving a mandolin for Christmas when she was 9 years old, she worked tirelessly to master the instrument, and learned to play guitar and clawhammer banjo along the way. When she was 11, she performed at her first bluegrass festival; over the next few years, she gained an impressive reputation as a young phenom on the festival circuit, absorbing a world of traditional influences while honing her own highly original songwriting sensibility.

“From an early age, I’ve had a strong desire to create music,” Jarosz states. “I was also fortunate to be surrounded by older, accomplished musicians who were my mentors. From the very beginning, all of my heroes looked out for me and challenged me in the best ways. It was great being raised in music that way. I always felt completely supported, and I think that that attitude affected the way I approach music now.”

In the summer of 2007, after performing at Colorado’s Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Jarosz met Sugar Hill Records AandR rep Gary Paczosa, who was impressed enough to invite her to Nashville to record some of her compositions. The following year, the 16-year-old artist signed with Sugar Hill and began work on her 2009 debut album, “Song Up In Her Head.” Jarosz’s second album, “Follow Me Down,” arrived in 2011, and expanded the artist’s sound as well as her fan base, while her tireless touring efforts won her new fans from across

the musical spectrum.

The year 2013 saw the release of Jarosz’s third album, “Build Me Up From Bones,” which once again featured an expanded sonic and compositional palette. It also won Jarosz some of the most enthusiastic notices of her career, as well as Grammy nominations for Best Folk Album and Best American Roots Song. Jarosz toured to support “Build Me Up From Bones” for a good part of 2014, criss-crossing the U.S. and making two trips to England, Scotland and Ireland. One of the highlights was her first appearance at the Cambridge Folk Festival.

Jarosz spent much of 2015 touring widely as one-third of I’m With Her, the mini-supergroup she shares with kindred spirits Watkins and Aoife O’Donovan. “After singing my own songs for so many years, it was eye-opening to shift gears and be a part of something different,” Jarosz observes. “We’ve only been a band for a year, but I’ve learned so much from it already, and I definitely brought some of those lessons to ‘Undercurrent.’”

“I’m just trying to become more focused and more honest, and trying to be a better listener and observer of the world around me,” she asserts. “That’s what I tried to do on ‘Undercurrent,’ and I’m really pleased with how true this record feels to me. In some ways, it feels like my first record, in the sense that it was the first time I could focus all of my energy on it. Everything felt like it was leading to this moment.”

Jarosz will perform on the festival main stage on Sunday, Sept. 3, at 5 p.m.

Quiles and Cloud

When Maria Quiles (vocals and guitar) and Rory Cloud (vocals and guitar) met in 2011, both were adrift. Quiles had quit her job, given up her San Francisco apartment, and moved in with her uncle in order to pursue music full time. Cloud had left behind a stable schedule of gigs and music lessons in southern California to seek a new music community elsewhere. He eventually wound up living out of his Toyota Corolla in San Francisco, where he first heard Quiles at an open mic. “As a lead guitar player, I could immediately hear myself in her songs,” Cloud remembers.

They started playing together shortly thereafter and it was an instant fit. As Cloud puts it, “At the time, I had no commitments. I was living on food stamps and busking in Sausalito, and occasionally getting 50 dollars for gigs. It was a challenging transition in my life, but it was very intentional. I wanted the freedom to live a life with music that really spoke to me, and so did Quiles. The beauty in that was being untethered to the point

where, every single day, I could say the same thing to her: ‘Hey, do you want to do this again tomorrow?’”

Cloud and Quiles dubbed their new project Quiles and Cloud. They played together nearly every day, and recorded their first album five months after they first met. They began touring almost immediately — often for months at a time. The duo’s experiences on the road caused them to open themselves up even further — both to one another, and to the people they met along the way — becoming more receptive to the kinds of connections that they could create through music.

“It was really exciting,” Quiles remembers. “We threw ourselves on the mercy of this traveling life. We relied on a lot of people, and it really opened my heart. There are so many amazing, connectable people in the world. When you put yourself out there and travel to new places, life becomes sort of technicolor. We were having very intense experiences, and wanted to put them in the music.”

Several years of touring and spending nearly every day together allowed Quiles and Cloud to develop a unique sound — one that is characterized by soulful melodies, close harmonies, and interweaving guitar lines that owe as much to jazz and classical music as to folk and bluegrass. The addition of Oscar Westesson (upright bass) in 2013 pushed them even further as songwriters, resulting in darker, more complex and more dissonant arrangements.

Their sound has struck a chord

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Quiles and Cloud will play the late night stage on Friday, Sept. 1, at approximately 9 p.m. and will follow that up with a main stage set on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 11:30 a.m. at the Four Corners Folk Festival.

Festival

■ continued from previous page with audiences all over the country. Folk Alley has lauded the group's "continued ability to combine subtle precision with stark grit and creative exploration." Acoustic Guitar has called them "a compelling new voice on the Americana scene." Quiles and Cloud have now played hundreds of shows, won the 2014 FreshGrass Duo Award and caught the attention of Grammy Award-winning banjo player Alison Brown — who produced their third album *Beyond The Rain*, which comes out on Compass Records soon.

Beyond The Rain is stripped-down, yet dense. There are musical and lyrical traces of the blues, bluegrass, folk, rock, soul and classical music. In addition to their original songs, there are reinterpreted versions of the traditional blues number "Deep Ellum Blues," the traditional folk tune "Worried Man Blues" and Bob Dylan's "You

Ain't Goin' Nowhere." One gets the feeling of being on a widescreen road trip through America's past and present, with multiple eras and traditions folding in upon each other. The result sounds familiar and road-worn, yet completely new — a quality that Quiles and Cloud share with some of American music's greatest innovators.

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The Four Corners Folk Festival is produced by FolkWest, a 501(c)3 nonprofit and is funded in part with a grant from Colorado Creative Industries.

Information on schedules, artists and tickets can be found online at www.folkwest.com or by calling 731-5582. There are still a few volunteer spots open for the upcoming event; volunteers earn three-day

festival admission; if interested check the website for details.

(Artist bios and interviews courtesy of Sarah Jarosz and Quiles and Cloud.)



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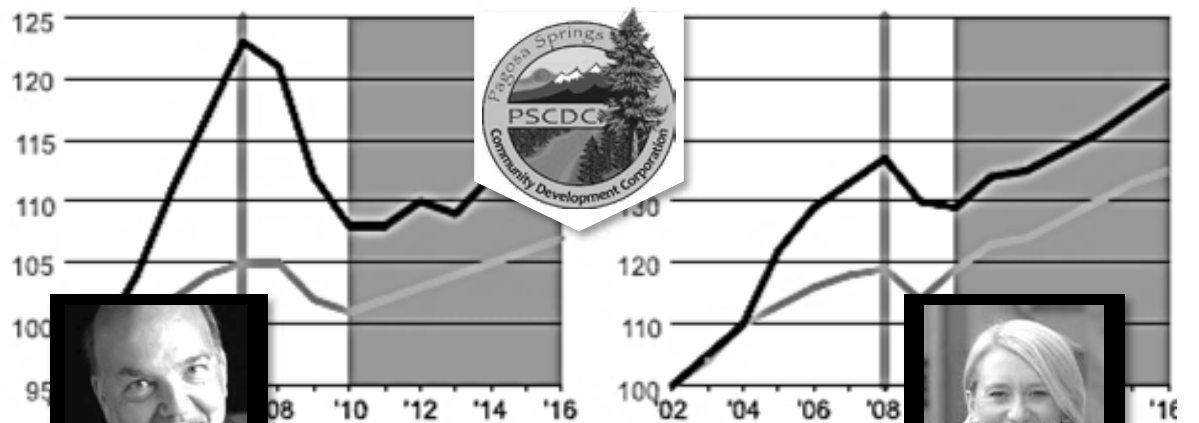
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Auditions for the 2017-2018 Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will be held next Thursday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Middle School band room.

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir to hold final auditions next Thursday

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

Girls who will be entering grades five through eight have another opportunity to become a member of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) for the 2017-2018 school year. A final audition will be held on Thursday, Aug. 24, in the Pagosa Springs Middle School band room at 7 p.m.

For the audition, girls will be asked to sing "America" ("My Country 'tis of Thee") without accompaniment. They will also be asked to echo-sing simple melodic patterns and echo-clap rhythmic patterns.

In addition to performing throughout the year, girls in the choir also have the opportunity to study voice privately during the regular rehearsal time. The PSGC has two staff members who serve as vocal coaches, working individually with girls who so choose. This service comes at no charge to the girls.

"We're very excited to bring this extra learning to our girls. Many of our girls want to study voice privately but can't either because of time or financial constraints," said Linda Parker, director of the PSGC.

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir has just completed a very successful year, having performed at many events. Community concerts are favorite performance opportunities for the girls, because it gives the girls the chance to meet arts supporters in Pagosa and people

who enjoy music. This past year, their performances included singing at the Veterans Breakfast, for the Sullivan Foundation fundraiser and Over the Rainbow (a Pagosa Springs Girls Choir fundraising event). Finally, the girls performed their own concert at Christmas, Sing with the Angels, and a spring concert, It's a Grand Night for Singing, as well. They have become very well-known in our community as an excellent and exciting musical group.

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir also offers a summer activity designed to enrich the arts education of each girl by focusing on a specific genre of music. The girls have studied opera (summer '14) and professional musical theater (summer '15), the symphony orchestra (summer '16) and choral music (summer '17). These trips are possible because of our generous sponsors and through all of our fundraising efforts that take place during the year.

"It's fun to travel with these girls and see the excitement that they have when attending live performances and participating in workshops. They are wonderful young women who have much to offer. We want them to know about possibilities that might be available to them now or later in their life, since music is a lifelong skill," said Parker.

Rehearsals for the choir will be held on Monday afternoons from 4

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Shamrock Festival: An evening with friends to benefit food pantry

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., will hold its annual Shamrock Festival on its back lawn on Saturday, Aug. 26, beginning at 4 p.m.

A delicious lasagna dinner will be served from 5 to 6 p.m. under the big tent by St. Patrick's Men's Group and a dessert of homemade tiramisu will be provided by the Episcopal Church Women. The meal also includes one drink (wine, beer or nonalcoholic beverage).

Tickets for the event are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under. A food-themed silent auction will be held in conjunction with the event with beautiful baskets of food, wine, gift certificates and other fine dining related items.

In addition, the lucky winner of the fly rod raffle will be drawn. Only 300 tickets are being sold for this beautiful Sage fly rod, Gunnison reel with line and backing, plus a gift certificate. There are only a few raffle tickets left, so contact the church office at 731-5801 to purchase a \$20 raffle ticket or tickets

for the Shamrock Festival.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the St. Patrick's Food Pantry ministry. The ministry gives out boxes of food every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each box contains over \$20 worth of food, given free to those who are in need.

"We give away 30-40 boxes each week, which really adds up," says Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "This ministry is run through donations and grants. It is not budgeted in our church's administrative budget. Our food

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Auditions

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to 5 p.m. in the middle school band room with the first rehearsal taking place on Sept. 11. The tuition fee for the PSGC is \$200 per year for each girl. There is a \$10 audition fee which will be applied to the payment. A payment plan for the tuition will be offered and scholarships for all who need assistance are available.

Parker stated, "No one will ever be turned away due to an inability

to pay. If there is a need for financial assistance, we will help the family find it." An audition packet is available by calling Parker at the number below or visiting the PSGC website, www.singpagosa.org. A scholarship application is included in the packet.

Girls in the choir learn to perform high quality choral music in a variety of styles. Some music includes choreography and props. They spend a great deal of time on

vocal and choral techniques, but the girls also concentrate on stage presence and musicianship.

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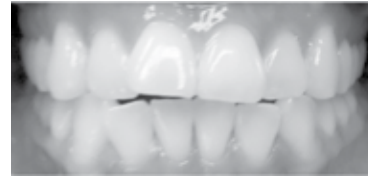


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Aida (Jameelah Leandra) and the Nubians perform the song “The Gods Love Nubians” in Thingamajig Theatre Company’s performance of “Aida” at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Thingamajig Theatre winds down for the summer season — only three more performances of ‘Aida’

By Simon Fuger
Special to The PREVIEW

If you have been thinking about attending a performance by the Thingamajig Theatre Company in residence at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts or you have not yet seen all four of the wonderful musicals on offer, then you might want to jump off the couch and get a reservation.

There are only 12 performances left before the final curtain comes down on the summer season. Those 12 performances are spread out between “Aida,” “Hairspray,” “Sister Act” and “Big River,” so options are limited and performances are selling out.

All four of the shows are very different, but each showcases the extraordinary talents of the 28 cast members.

“Aida” draws on the universal and primal instincts of love. Not much has changed over the last thousand years. In this case, a forbidden and dangerous love in a time of war.

“Hairspray,” set in 1950s Baltimore, is a raucous romp through a changing time both in music and social mores.

“Sister Act” will have you dancing in the isles with the story of

a young lady of questionable background who learns to find joy amongst the cloistered nuns. The nuns in turn embrace her enthusiasm and newfound ways to get closer to God through music and at the same time save the convent.

Finally “Big River,” based on the Mark Twain novel, “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.” This quintessential piece of American literature is set in the time of slavery and man’s inhumanity to man as seen through the eyes of young Huck. Although there is a common human and social thread that is timeless that links these productions, the portrayals are all very different.

The featured musical today is “Aida.” It is the most epic and sweeping of the summer productions, with music by Elton John and lyrics by Tim Rice (long time collaborator with Andrew Lloyd Webber).

Set in the time of the Egyptian Pharaohs and their conflict with the Nubians, Aida (Jameelah Leandra), the daughter of the Nubian king, is captured by Radames (Luke Hefner) a captain in the Egyptian Army.

Despite being betrothed for the last nine years to the Pharaoh’s daughter, Amneris (Heather Mc-

Call), Radames is drawn to Aida by her brash self-confidence. The questions of love and destiny, however, are timeless. Radames, proclaims that he “will search through a thousand lifetimes to find her again.”

Then, right there in the modern day Egyptian exhibit at the museum, two strangers are inexorably drawn to each other under the watchful and knowing gaze of the statue of Queen Amneris. Is this fixed fate or coincidence?

“Aida” is based loosely on the opera of the same name by Giuseppe Verdi, but the music is far from opera. It is an eclectic mix of gospel, rhythm and blues, pop and even a little reggae for

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Everybody has a chapter they don't read out loud. It might be the most important thing that happens to them in their life story and the most embarrassing. It could be that moment when we fall below our standard and discover who we really are.

I have had those chapters in my life, which I don't even pretend to write about. Believe me, those were the most significant and hardest times. After I went through the experience, I said, "I needed that lesson. I don't think I could have learned it any other way."

In our writers' group, we were to interview someone and ask them to tell their story. Talk to a person who we pass on the street. It might be the waitress, the grocery clerk or the UPS man.

I chose my friend, Lynne Jubilee Cumming, to interview. She is continually being challenged and questioned as to how her life looks to other Christians. They do

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



not understand her and have been critical of her. She is a butterfly and flies over fences. No one can hang on to her, especially men who pursue her. They want to capture her and change her.

I have learned when God calls us, it never goes along with people's logical line of reasoning. We must learn to live and write our own story. If not, someone else is holding the pen and they will tell us how our story should play out.

Someone called her a traveling prophetic evangelist. I asked her to explain what that meant? Being a woman, how did that fit into this kind of a ministry? Always be-

ing away from home and driving across the country when she is called to ministry. She might sleep in her car and put herself in danger. She works alone, but also has a team of men with whom she travels to Mexico and other countries.

She said, "I didn't know what traveling prophetic evangelist meant. I hadn't heard that expression before."

I reminded her that is what she does. I have witnessed her over a 45-year friendship and the effectiveness she has had in others' lives. She loves to travel. A phone call will take her across the country or to another country.

One of her biggest challenges was not smuggling 18 Bibles into China, facing a Chinese jail, but her contradictory lifestyle. People perceive her a certain way and want to change her.

I know a lot about my good friend, but I wanted to know more. I told her God has called both of us to a new place. We understand the next chapter of our book, but others can't. It takes courage to live our lives the way they were meant to be lived.

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Theatre

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good measure. The voices of Aida, Radames and Amneris blend in seamless harmony. No more so than in "A Step too Far" or the duet with Aida and Radames "Written in the Stars." This song reached No. 2 in the billboard charts for Elton John and LeAnn Rimes. They are supported by the entire ensemble cast and in particular Robert Poole as Mareb and Steven Sitzman as Zoser. With stunning costuming and choreography, "Aida" will leave a lasting impression.

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Flag retirement, disposal ceremony set

By Roy Vega
Special to The PREVIEW

Mullins-Nickerson American Legion Post 108 will hold a flag retirement and disposal ceremony Saturday, Aug. 19, at 9 a.m. at the Legion building, 287 Hermosa Street. The public is welcome.

A very large number of unserviceable flags were turned in to Legionnaires and at the collection points and the Post wishes to acknowledge and thank the public for its awareness that our national symbol, as well as state flags, deserve an honorable and respectful end to their service.

Lane

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Cumming is the oldest heir to the Backus family on her mother's side. Her great grandfather, a magnate, was one of two of the richest men in the United States at the turn of the century. His family's business, Backus Lumber Company, produced the lumber for the whole country. They owned three islands on the Minnesota side across from Canada.

Her father was a poor boy who fell in love with Mr. Backus' daughter. He supported his way through college to become a doctor. Cumming's principles came from her father, not her mother, thus her dad was the biggest influence in her life.

It was never about money for Cumming. She pays her own way to help other people. She has never charged for her services. She said she made a vow to God that she wanted to be a gift to the Body of Christ. Hundreds of thousands of lives have been changed by a simple touch or word from her.

She came to the Lord at the age of 12 and felt the call upon her life. She sold out to God. After Bible College, she joined Campus Crusade for Christ and was part of the team who opened up Europe to the gospel. Europe, in 1965, was known as the darkest continent in the world. Not Africa, but Europe. The condition of Europe made it the mission field of her generation. She had an overwhelming desire and passion to go and show them the light.

Traveling to over 36 countries, she was involved with taking 2,500

Bibles to Moscow. It was just after the Berlin Wall came down in 1989. She said, "I walked up to each guard who stood at Lenin's Tomb in Red Square and handed each a Bible. They took them. They were hungry to know the truth."

She has gone to Mexico for over 25 years. With her team, she has started churches and given the people the gospel. She has seen people walk and delivered from demons. She would have missed God's miracles if she had lived a different life.

I asked her to explain her life in a nutshell. She said, "To me, it is all about the heart and we speak to people about their hearts. I was a girl with a vision who had a rebellious heart to become a woman with a greater vision who has a submissive heart."

I believe I could use her words to describe my own life. When I've doubted God's call, thinking I was foolish, I forged ahead anyway. I've stayed true to my calling. It was not always the popular thing to do, but it was God's truth in me.

Final brushstroke: Everyone has a story. Cumming's story makes sense to me. It has helped me discover me among the pages of my life. "Sometimes God redeems your story by surrounding you with people who need to hear your past so it doesn't become their future." Jon Acuff

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The view from the other side of the street

By **Richard Gammill**
Special to The PREVIEW

One of India's national newspapers, The Hindu, carried a story about a bus striking a man riding a bicycle.

The bus stopped on top of the bicycle, trapping the cyclist. He bled profusely as he struggled to free himself.

A crowd of onlookers gathered around. Smartphones came out, capturing still pictures and videos. No one volunteered to rescue the man from under the bus. The crowd stood waiting to photograph whatever happened next.

Paramedics eventually arrived and extricated the man from his mangled bicycle. They loaded him into a van and took him to a hospital, where he died of his injuries.

The article went on to discuss the implications of taking pictures of a dramatic event while being unmoved by the tragedy. A "Good Samaritan" law had recently been enacted, but it did not encourage anyone to step forward and help.

When Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan, he mentioned two men who crossed over to the other side of the road to avoid making contact with the traveler who had been beaten and robbed.

A Matter of Faith

These men — a priest and a Levite — might have been expected to lend a helping hand. But if they had defiled themselves by touching blood, they would have been rendered unclean and prevented from performing their religious duties.

On their side of the Jericho road, there was no mercy, no compassion. Instead there was only a desire to maintain ritual purity and rush past to avoid this unpleasant business. It is the side of the road traveled by many, whether they stop to take pictures or not.

The Samaritan's side of the road took him to the injured victim. Because he stooped and lifted the wounded traveler, the Samaritan is called "good." He dressed the man's wounds and took him to where he was safe. He did not stop there, but made provision for the cost of the man's full recovery.

We might not see ourselves as being on the "other" side of the street, with our cameras out to record the evidence of how danger-

ous the road has become. We might consider our self "good" when we call attention to bad situations needing to be fixed by "someone." We are good when we send a generous contribution to the latest victims of an earthquake, hurricane or flood. Putting a few dollars in the church offering plate makes us feel good. Just let us stay on the safe side of the street.

A man we know in scripture as a "rich young ruler" came to Jesus asking what he had to do to be certain of getting into heaven. When Jesus responded by mentioning several of the Ten Commandments, the man was relieved, for a moment. "I'm a good person; I've always observed all those things from my youth."

However, he was still on the wrong side of the street.

"If you want to be perfect, it means selling everything you have and give to the poor," Jesus said.

His wealth kept him on the easy side of the street, and he went away sorrowful (Matthew 9:16-22).

We might criticize that poor victim who should have known better than to ride a bicycle where the traffic is so dangerous, but if we are a "good" neighbor, we will cross the street to bind up the wounds of the person needing our help.

Faith articles

Send your "Matter of Faith" articles to tkzilhaber@yahoo.com.

Religious education registration set for Aug. 23 at Parish Hall

By **Anne McGarry**
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Catholic community is registering youth and adult students on Aug. 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall on Lewis Street.

The registration event will feature a free movie, free school supplies and a free gift for each student registered.

Students will have the opportunity to meet teachers, view a fun movie with their family and stock up on school supplies. The high school youth will provide a concession stand featuring hot dogs, pizza, popcorn, baked goods and drinks, which will be available for purchase.

Religious education classes will be provided for students pre-kindergarten through adults. Not only will courses feature the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, Confirmation and Matrimony, but will also include Holy Heroes, lives of the saints, Bible stories, Catholic prayers and traditions. Everyone is welcome to be a part of religious education classes.

Whether Catholics have been away from the Catholic Church for a short time or for a long time, Rev. Kenny Udumka is inviting them to come back. "There are many reasons why Catholics are not at-

tending Mass," Father Kenny says. "Regardless of the reasons, we are inviting them to rediscover the truth and mystery of the Catholic faith. Even though every situation is different, sometimes a simple conversation can straighten things out."

Udumka has spoken to several people this week who want to become a Catholic. "Whether a person wants to become a member of the Catholic Church or is simply interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, he or she is welcome to come and ask questions," says Udumka. He encourages all who are interested in becoming Catholic and those Catholics wanting to return home to register now for the RCIA/RCIC class.

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‘Unitarian Universalism: Liberal but Not Religious?’

By Dean Cerny
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a service titled “Unitarian Universalism: Liberal but Not Religious?” with Pastor Dean Cerny, this Sunday, Aug. 20.

Despite our political and religious beliefs, we all truly share a commonality of needs. Finding a place of spirituality where we can express these deepest needs and earnestly listen to the yearnings of others is a most welcome place.

Cerny’s interest in religious concepts has always been motivated by his passion to question religious orthodoxy. This reasoned approach

led him to obtain an undergraduate degree in religious studies from Arizona State University and a master of arts degree in religion and theology from United Theological Seminary in Minnesota. Of prime interest to Cerny is the relationship between religion and spirituality, wherein religion serves as a language to articulate spiritual experience.

Cerny lives with his partner of 38 years, John Ehlert, and their three dogs in an off-grid home in rural Kanab, Utah. He serves as part-time pastor at the Pagosa Fellowship, leading services twice each month, and is soon to become a part-time resident of Pagosa Springs.

This program reflects the Uni-

tarian 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.

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

‘Moving Forward From the Heart’ at PCNT Aug. 20

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

“Moving Forward From the Heart” will be the message this Sunday, Aug. 20, at 10 a.m. at Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT). The guest speaker will be Rev. Jami Lee Martin, who is visiting from Sedona, Ariz.

Martin will speak on topics such as “Inspiration is the New Courage,” “Trusting the Heart” and “The Alchemy of Love for the New Paradigm.”

Combining over 15 years of New Thought ministry and 10 years in the study of the esoteric, Martin demonstrates a committed path to the awakening journey. Her passion is to inspire and celebrate the journey of remembrance of the Divine nature of all life and to usher in celebration for the new paradigm of The Golden Age of the Heart.

At the evening discussion group,

which is held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21, we will be discussing “Cause and Effect: The Manifestation of Spirit.” Participation in previous discussion groups is not necessary.

We welcome everyone to come and join us — lift your heart and spirit in song, prayer and meditation. You will do amazing things. Welcome home. We’ve been waiting for you.

Weekly Sunday gatherings and Monday evening discussion groups are held at the PCNT center at the ReMax building at 390 Boulder Drive.

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 PCNT on Facebook or at the website www.PagosaNewThought.org.

Workshops will focus on town becoming powered 100 percent by renewable energy

By Karen Goodwin
Special to The PREVIEW

Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS) and the Pagosa 100% Campaign are hosting four workshops during August and September that will focus on moving our town toward a goal of being powered by 100 percent renewable energy.

Electricity generated by fossil

fuels continues to increase air and water pollution, impairing human health and degrading the global environment. Not only are solar and wind clean sources of energy, they are now the cheapest forms of new energy generation.

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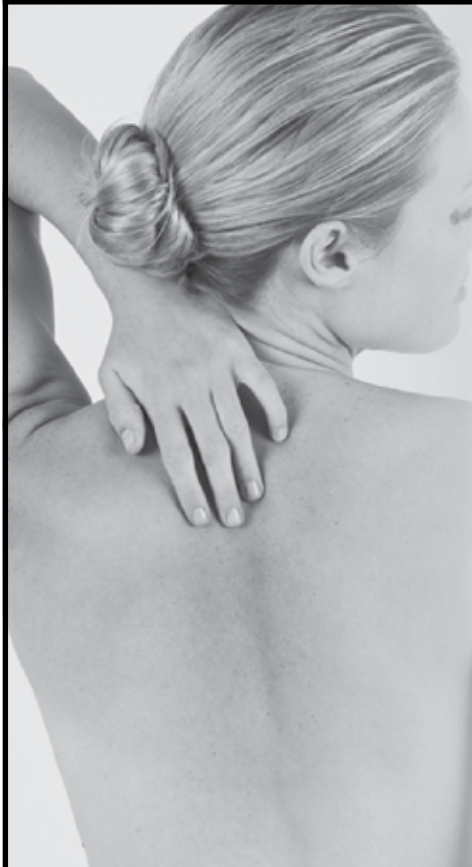
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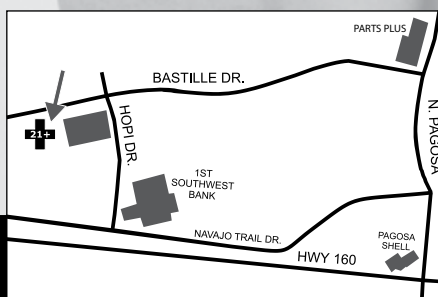
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Looking back at the county fair

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

What a county fair! I can honestly say that the Archuleta County Fair is a spectacle to see. Carnival rides, the chuckwagon dinner and live entertainment added that special touch to what is already a wonderful event of celebrating the 4-H youth and their accomplishments. It's exciting to see their faces shine when they see the ribbons on their projects or their placings in the show ring. They know they did a great job and can be very proud of their hard work throughout the year. It was nice to see all of the open projects from the residents that came in, too.

The most impressive thing to me, besides the youth and their awesome attitude, are all the volunteers and their willingness to help wherever help was needed. There are over 150 volunteers who lend their time to a long week to make sure all the details were covered and everyone has a good time.

The organization of these volunteers is done by the leadership of the 4-H coordinator, the fair board and the manager. They all do a great job of keeping everyone on task and making sure things run

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smoothly. Even when things didn't run so smooth, most attendees didn't know due to the volunteers' professionalism. Even after the fair was over, many volunteers came back to help tear down, take inventory and get the fairgrounds back to normal. To all of these volunteers, I say thank you.

Another important part of producing the county fair is the sponsorships from individuals and businesses. Without your support, the county fair would not happen. Thank you to all of the sponsors to help make the county fair a success.

4-H is a family affair and it's easy to see that Archuleta County families make it a priority. It is so nice to see all the families helping and supporting not only their kids, but other kids and their families, too. It makes for a cooperative learning atmosphere and creates a sense of belonging. It also generates a friendly competitive environment

where youth and families alike are cheering on their fellow competitor. Not everyone can win grand champion, but all come out on top when the positive attitudes are shared with a genuine smile and a pat on the back. Way to go 4-Her's and families.

I think the highlight for me was to see the participation of the parents during the Parent Master Showmanship on the last day of the fair when everyone including the animals were officially exhausted. There were 18 parents who donned their show duds and skills in the arena starting with swine and turkey. The elimination rounds with the goats and sheep brought out the more competitive side of some parents (and siblings) in the ring. It was great to see them take it seriously but have a good time in the process. Congratulations to Sarah Martin for winning the Parent Master Showmanship belt buckle.

The Archuleta County Fair is truly a community event. Everyone pulls together to make this a focal point for the county and I am honored to be a part of it. Now that the fair is over, I hope all families, fair board, volunteers and staff will get some much needed rest. The next county fair will be here before we know it.

Energy

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ment in U.S. wind and solar energy is growing 12 times faster than in other industries.

On Thursday, Aug. 17, you are invited to a potluck supper and group discussion at 5:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., off Vista Boulevard. The topic will be "Why We Must Bring Clean Energy to Southwest Colorado." SOS President Denise Rue-Pastin and

Pagosa 100% Chair Holly Metzler will lead the discussion. Drinks and dinnerware will be provided.

Workshops on Aug. 31, Sept. 14 and Sept. 28 will also be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse. On Aug. 31, Dan Harms from La Plata Electric Association will talk about the challenges of bringing clean energy sources to rural electric coops. On Sept. 14, Leslie Glustrom from Clean Energy Action will talk

about how we can effectively campaign for renewable energy. And on Sept. 28, Richard White, mayor of Durango, will discuss community planning for a 100 percent clean energy future.

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'Citizens of Archuleta County desire to change their name to Logan County'

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We've been quoting from a news article in the Del Norte Prospector. We've learned when the



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

newly elected officials, all of them Hispanic, held their first meeting for the purpose of organizing and conducting county business, a gang of armed gringos from Pagosa Springs led by E.T. Walker, interrupted the meeting and threatened the elected officials with various forms of physical violence unless they resigned. Walker was carrying a hat box sporting a hangman's noose. One of the commissioners, by the name of C.D. Scase resigned. The other two, J.P. Archuleta and J.B. Martinez, refused to resign. We continue now with the Del Norte newspaper article.

"The mob deserves a little credit for coming out boldly instead of writing more anonymous letters, which some of them have certainly done before this time. If the people of Archuleta County can find no way to stop this bulldozing, they need not to expect to increase their 140 votes of last election. We understand the people opposing the commissioners have called a special meeting for the election of three commissioners, which is certainly illegal."

The same newspaper reported a short time later, "These are red hot times for the people and commissioners in Archuleta County. The citizens of Archuleta County desire to change their name to Logan County." And still later the editor of the Prospector wrote, "The Pagosa troubles have called out much comment all over the state. One of the Archuleta County Commissioners has been making himself [scarce] of late. When they get tired of county administration, they simply drive the commissioners into the woods."

Scarce they were. There are no entries in the commissioner's meeting book between Jan. 20, 1887, and Sept. 24 of the same year. A grand jury convened in Durango Oct. 5, 1887. Under indictment for riot were the following leading citizens of Pagosa Country: E.M. Taylor, John Dowell, Frank Cooley, H.D. Bowling, John Kemp, Jacob Dowell, Charles Chambers, E.T.

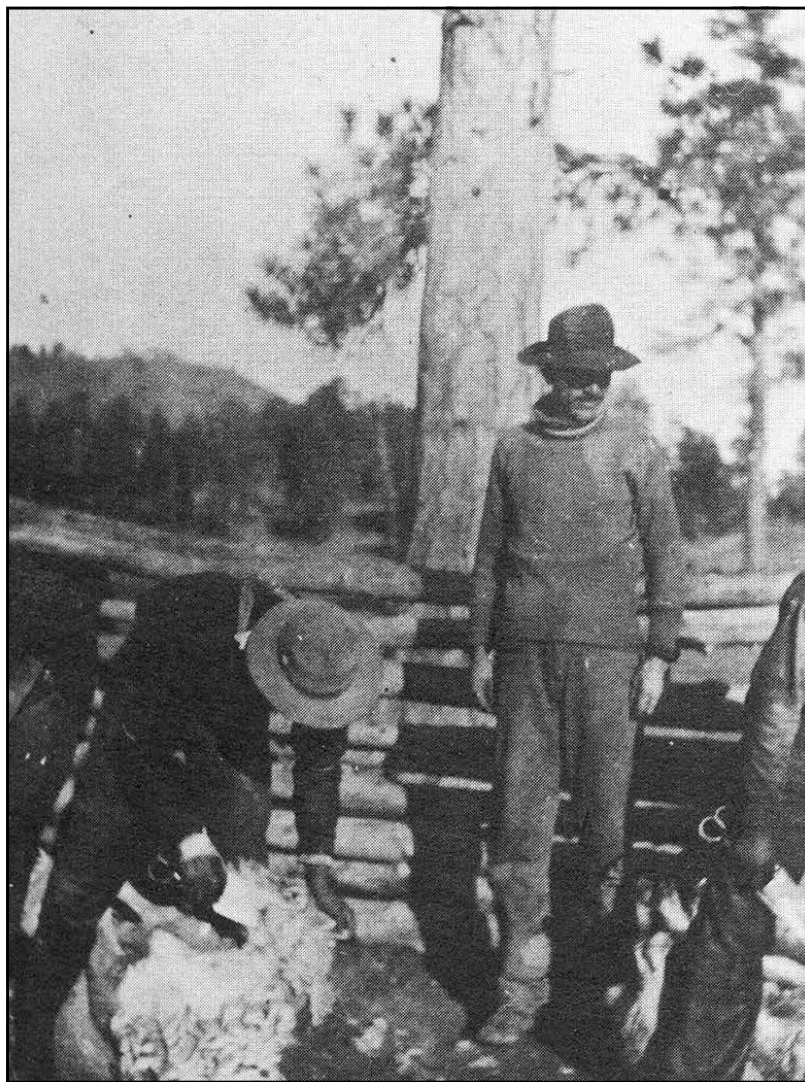


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J.T. Martinez and his family were members of the Hispanic community who battled with the Anglos for political control of Archuleta County during the early years of settlement here. The Martinez family contributed much to the growth and development of the county. Martinez Creek is named for this family. In this photo, J.T. is overseeing the shearing of his sheep. Sheep were an important economic asset during those early years.

Walker, Tully Kemp, J.H. Hallett, and R.J. Chambers. District Court Judge George T. Summers heard the case brought by the People of the State of Colorado versus the above defendants. Summers entered a nulle prosequi (unwilling to pursue), filed certain communications with the court, dismissed the defendants and excused the witnesses. Barzillai Price, A.C. Poor, and Tully Kemp were appointed to examine the county books.

The events of this conflagration were also recorded in the memoirs of one of the West's most famous investigators, Charles Siringo, who went undercover to investigate the power struggle in Pagosa Country. Siringo was apparently in contact with Eudolphus M. Taylor and reported to the grand jury at the trial we just described.

Witnesses to the riot, in an unrelated trial held in 1890, said the riot had resulted from a contest for political control of the county, between 10 or 15 Mexicans living in the southern part of the county and English speaking people from Pagosa Springs. They affirmed

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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Aug. 17

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

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

Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, 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.

TeenWriters. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For 7th-12th grade. Calling all teen writers. Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction. It's all welcome. We will meet in the small meeting room. Call 264-2209 for more information.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. This exciting program is for children ages birth to 5 years old. The goal is to read 1,000 books with your child before she or he starts kindergarten. Join us for this kick-off event featuring storytime, crafts, games, snacks and an introduction to this reading program. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Southwest Organization for Sustainability and Pagosa 100% Campaign. 5:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A potluck supper and group discussion. The topic will be "Why we Must Bring Clean Energy to Southwest Colorado."

Dust2 Mountain Bike Race Series. 6 p.m., Shaeffers Track. At each race, there will be an A loop for those who want an extra challenge, a B loop for those who want to just get their feet wet and a Kid's Rippin for racers under 18. This year registration is \$10 for adults and \$5 for racers 18 and under. Visit www.dustx2.com to register and 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.

Friday, Aug. 18

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

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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.

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC). 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Forum luncheon. Speakers will be Richard Wobbekind, executive director of the Business Research Division and senior associate dean at the CU Leeds School of Business and Meridith Marshall, health and wellness champion and senior manager for Regional Development with OEDIT. The cost is \$20 for CDC members and \$25 for nonmembers.

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

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

Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. 7th-12th grade. We will discuss "Burn Baby Burn" by Meg Medina and enjoy snacks. Call 264-2209 for more information.

All Ages Movie. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Princess Merida uses her bravery and archery skills to battle a curse and restore peace to the Scottish Highlands after she makes a wish that puts her entire kingdom in jeopardy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies. 7 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is timed for when the moon is absent from

the sky, enabling visitors to enjoy the night sky in a truly dark-sky environment. Your evening will begin with an interactive discussion. For more information and ticket purchase, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

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Saturday, Aug. 19

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

Millins-Nickerson American Legion Post 108. 9 a.m., American Legion building, 287 Hermosa St. A flag retirement and disposal ceremony. All are welcome.

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Past

■ continued from previous page that the English people won the contest. In 1890, the Archuleta County Commissioners denied a claim from C.D. Scase for \$2,538.26 to replace a building burned during the political riot of 1886.

Next week we'll look into the

memoirs of John Taylor, an Archuleta County school teacher (not related to the currently retired John Taylor, school teacher) who was personally involved and helped end the so-called Hispanic illegal voting from the southern part of the county.

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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. For babies 0-12 months. Twenty minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills into everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Toddler Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For toddlers 12-36 months. A half hour of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills into everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Nature Arts and Crafts. 10 a.m., Navajo State Park. Visitors will be making mason jar nature candleholders. These programs are free with the purchase of a \$7 daily pass per vehicle or an annual pass for \$70. All materials will be provided. Call 883-2208 for more information.

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.

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Sunday, Aug. 20

Weminuche Trail Project. Reservations required. This five-night workshop provides quick access to the Continental Divide Trail on the Weminuche Trail. We have multiple tasks that provide diversity to the project. Contact Stacy Boone, info@stepoutdoorscolorado.com.

Solar Eclipse Presentation. 9:30-10:30 a.m., Navajo State Park. Kids can enjoy a few small solar eclipse activities. These programs are free with the purchase of a \$7 daily pass per vehicle or an annual pass for \$70. All materials will be provided. Call 883-2208 for more information.

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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, Aug. 21

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

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOAVista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

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

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

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

Solar Eclipse Streaming. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sisson Library. The library will show a live stream of the solar eclipse courtesy of NASA. We will have some solar eclipse glasses to share during the event. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Photoshop function
- 5 "Hamlet" has five
- 9 Speck in the ocean
- 14 Tennis score
- 15 Sneaker, e.g.
- 16 Letter before iota
- 17 Inundate
- 19 Exercise unit
- 20 Skin layer
- 21 Came down
- 23 Classic art subject
- 24 Pupils take part in it
- 26 Second hand
- 28 Soldier's leg wrap
- 30 Photographer's request
- 32 Cable network
- 33 Social know-how
- 38 Greek salad ingredient
- 40 Intimidate
- 41 Cut out
- 42 Nonconformist
- 45 Hang back
- 46 Golf outing
- 47 Trick-taking card game
- 49 Like a girl in a Billy Joel tune
- 52 Provide, as with a quality
- 53 City light
- 54 Ski lift
- 57 Theatrical play
- 60 Lock site
- 62 Daffodil's kin
- 64 Bicker
- 65 Mediocre
- 66 Engrave with acid
- 67 Batter's position
- 68 Misrepresent
- 69 Curds and ___

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- 2 Amble
- 3 Lay on thick
- 4 Sanction
- 5 ___ Wednesday
- 6 Con
- 7 Kind of call
- 8 18-wheeler
- 9 "___ show time!"
- 10 Woodland plant
- 11 Slacken
- 12 Piano piece
- 13 Slender candle
- 18 W-2 information
- 22 Missing hotel floor?
- 25 Recruit, in a way
- 27 "The Lord of the Rings" figure
- 28 Type of pastry
- 29 ___-friendly
- 30 In good shape
- 31 Luxurious fur
- 34 Hardly humble

- 35 Reason for a trip to the doctor
- 36 Bring up
- 37 Lip
- 39 Hot air balloon pilot
- 43 Haul
- 44 Reddish
- 48 Sandpiper relative
- 49 Open, as toothpaste

- 50 Steinbeck gem
- 51 Neighbor of Fiji
- 52 Obliterate
- 55 Low in pitch
- 56 Every which way
- 58 Cheese nibblers
- 59 Gray
- 61 Brand of jeans
- 63 Column's counterpart

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Solar Eclipse. 11 a.m.-noon, Navajo State Park. Visitors will be able to watch the solar eclipse using special glasses. Free with the purchase of a \$7 daily pass per vehicle or an annual pass for \$70. Call 883-2208 for more information.

TEFAP Food Distribution. Noon-2 p.m., Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Dr.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Bridge Tournament Fundraiser.

1:15-4:15 p.m., Senior Center. Players will be asked to donate \$10, and the proceeds will be contributed to the Senior Center. Participants are asked to bring finger foods to share. All bridge players are welcome. Call Andy Charlton at (512) 921-1455 or Jan Starnes at (210) 245-1876 for more information.

Computer Class: Instagram. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to learn a useful or fun technology or application. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS). 3:30 p.m., Visitor Center. Everyone welcome. Call Phyl Daleske at 731-4589 for more information.

Otaku. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. 5th-12th grade. If you are into anime or manga, this class is for you. Come and watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga.

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 Club Dance. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Mainstream and Plus Squares dancing with Jim Park calling. The beginning lesson will be from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays before the club dance. Contact Steve at 731-0044.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

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.

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Adult Education. 3-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Grief Support. 4 p.m., Community United Methodist church. Purposes of the sessions is to help people who have experienced the loss of a family member or friend. Call 264-5508 for more information.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. X-box 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. 7th-12th grade. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners. 4:30 p.m., River Pointe Coffee House. Presentation on "The Permaculture Garden: Mimicking Nature to Live in Abundance."

Wednesday, Aug. 23

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

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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.

Movie. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rummikub. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Do It Yourself (DIY) Butterfly Craft. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. This activity is an easy art project that transforms plastic bottles into butterflies that can be used to decorate your home or office. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

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

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

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Eleven Cub Scouts from Pagosa Springs attend the District Summer Camp in Durango. They were among 180 participants from nearby towns who gathered for the “Bug Hunters” camp. The scouts are pictured with Pagosa resident John Moore, who is the district executive who helped organize the event. Pictured, from left to right, are: Hunter Martinez, Owen Burns, Daniel Cobden, Taylor Hancey, Jayton Ross, Liam Sherman, Peyton Jackson, John Moore, Alec Jacquez, Jonah Sherman, Eric Smith and Van Halterman. Cub Scout Pack 807 will start this year’s program with a camping trip at the end of September. Den meetings are held Wednesdays after school at the United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. For more information, please contact West Jackson at 946-8687.

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Thursday, Aug. 24

Weminuche Audubon Society: Fencing Removal Project. A four-strand barbed wire fence and associated posts need to be removed to eliminate the likelihood of wildlife becoming entangled in the wire or associated posts. If you would like to assist in these efforts, contact Al Pfister at (970) 985-5764 or westernwildscapes@gmail.com.

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

Business Bites Breakfast: Marketing in the Digital Era. 8:30-10 a.m., Chamber of Commerce. Jeff Herr, vice president of Ballentine Communications will be on hand regarding marketing in the digital age. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Seating is limited. To register go to www.pagosachamber.com or call 264-2360.

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

Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rum-mikub. 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.

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir Final Auditions. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School band room. For any girl wishing to audition entering grades five through eight. For more information, call Linda Parker at 264-1434, email singpagosa@gmail.com or visit the PSGC website: www.singpagosa.org.

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Comedian Night with Mike Williams. 7-9 p.m., Centerpoint Church. Join us for an evening of good clean comedy to benefit THRIVE. Tickets are available at THRIVE or Pagosa Chamber. Call 264-5963 for more information.

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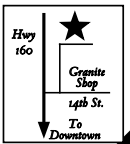
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'1,000 Books Before Kindergarten' launches today

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Today, Thursday, Aug. 17, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. is the launch of a new free early literacy reading program called "1,000 Books before Kindergarten" for children from birth to 5 years old.

The concept is simple: Read 1,000 books to your newborn, infant or toddler — yes, you can repeat books — before your precious one starts kindergarten.

That may sound like a huge number of books, but it's not really. If you read just one book a night, you will have read 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you may think.

The kickoff event at your library today features storytime, crafts, games, snacks and an introduction to this important new early literacy program. Please join us with your child and make a priceless investment in his or her future.

Donations hiatus

We are taking a temporary break from accepting donations until Sept. 15 to process the ones that did not sell at the Friends book sale, put them up for sale at bargain prices at your library, thus cleaning out our workroom. Everyone on the staff, especially Dona, works very hard all year to process the incredible number of items that you, our generous community, donate to us — and especially so at this time of year. It will be helpful to be able to start the next round of donations with a clear workroom.

Activities calendars available

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library,

Library News

we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults.

New book drop at City Market

We hope you know that we have a new book drop at City Market. As you face the front door of the grocery store, you'll find it tucked behind the fifth post on the left, between the wood storage and propane tanks. To start, contents are being picked up three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Two special requests to make this new service work for everyone: First, please put your Nooks in the media side of the box so they are not damaged by heavy books. Second, the book drop is not for donations. They need to be brought to the library, as some people donate a lot and that will fill the box faster than it is emptied, not allowing people to return their library materials. We hope you understand that the purpose of the drop box is for convenient item return, not item donation.

Teen writers group today

Join Claire today, Thursday, Aug. 17, from 4 to 5 p.m. for our free teen writers meetings for seventh-through 12th-graders. This new group is a spinoff from the highly popular Fan Fiction Club and it includes stories, poetry, graphic novels and fan fiction.

All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 18, 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.

Teen bookclub tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 18, from 2 to 3 p.m., seventh- through 12th-graders will discuss "Burn Baby Burn" by Meg Medina and enjoy free snacks.

New computer/technology classes

Join us each Monday from 2 to 3 p.m. to learn a useful or fun technology skill or application. Topics will vary each week. Aug. 21 is Instagram and Aug. 28 is Cloud Library (e-books and e-audio books). No registration required.

Otaku for teens

The Otaku (Anime/Manga) Club meets on Monday, Aug. 21, from 4 to 5 p.m. Join us to watch anime, talk about manga and Asian cultures and enjoy snacks. This free club is for fifth-12th grades.

DIY for adults

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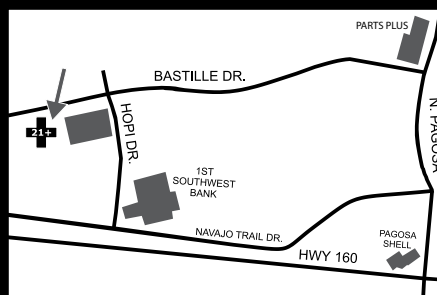
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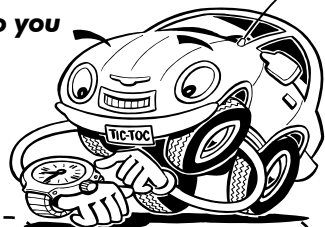


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Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens every Tuesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the seventh- through 12th grades. Enjoy X-box 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.

Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Thursday, Aug. 24, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Adult education

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.

Nonfiction

"The Complete Guide to Traditional Native American Beadwork" by Joel Monture is a study of authentic tools, materials, techniques and styles. Peterson's 2016 "How to Get Money for College" describes how to get money from your school and state. "How to Get a Green Card" is an updated guide to qualifying for permanent U.S. residency. "Plants Behaving Badly" tells of carnivorous plants and orchids.

CDs

"Devolver al Remitente" by Julia

Alvarez is a story about a Vermont family and migrant Mexican workers in Spanish. "Nuevo Testamento" is part of the Spanish-language Bible series. "Creerle a Dios" is a Spanish-language guide to living with faith. "Age of Swords" by Michael J. Sullivan is book two of the Legends of the First Empire fantasy. "Wedding Toasts I'll Never Give" by Ada Calhoun is an exploration of modern marriage.

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Mysteries and thrillers

"The Cutthroat" by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott is an Isaac Bell turn-of-the-century adventure. "Crime Scene" by Jonathan and Jesse Kellerman is the start of a new thriller series.

Other novels

"The Dust That Falls from Dreams" by Louis de Bernieres follows childhood chums scattered after the outbreak of World War I. "Mrs. Fletcher" by Tom Perrotta follows the life of a middle-aged woman after her son goes to college. "Dragonsworn" by Sherrilyn Kenyon is book 28 in the Dark-Hunter series. "The Bedlam Stacks" by Natasha Pulley is set in 19th century Peru.

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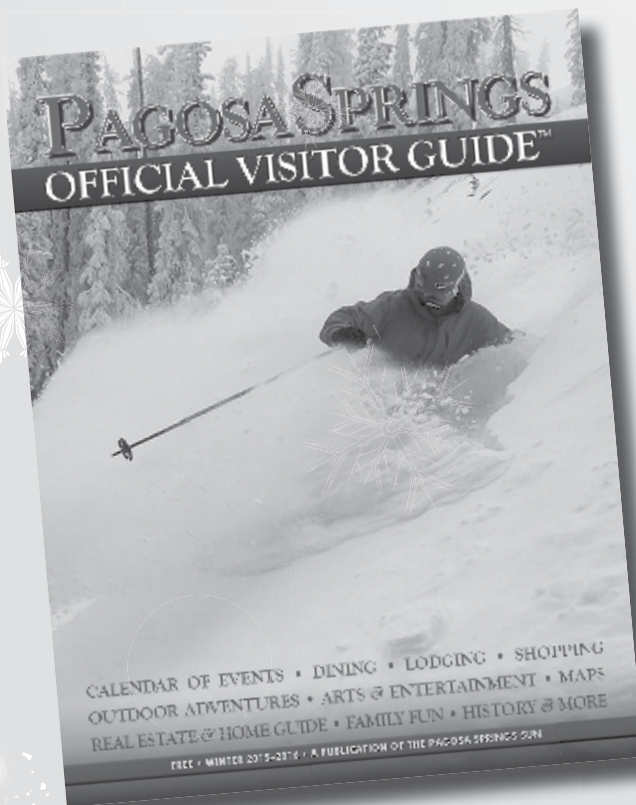
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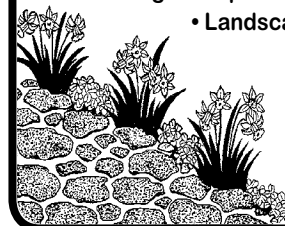
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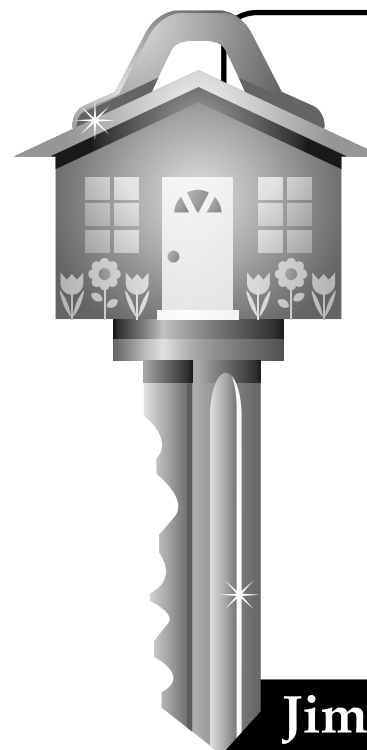
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Free gardening talk: Permaculture — A new lens to gardening

By **Leslie Wustrack**
Special to The PREVIEW

Free and open to the public, the Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners present their ninth free gardening talk in the summer-long series.

On Tuesday, Aug. 22, at 4:30 p.m., John Wesley O'Rourke and Issac Manobia of South Fork will be discussing "The Permaculture Garden: Mimicking Nature to Live in Abundance."

The presentation will be held at the River Pointe Coffee House, 445 San Juan St. on the riverwalk in downtown Pagosa Springs.

Pagosa Farmers Market participants O'Rourke and Manobia will

be discussing the "hot" topic in the gardening world, "permaculture." They will explain the design theory and explore how it applies to a home garden. They will present a comprehensive look at the ethics, principles and applications of permaculture and relate the information to their daily practices on their organic homestead farm. Attendees will leave with a basic understanding of permaculture, a greater inspiration for the natural environment and a new lens in which to view the world.

Actually coined in the late '70s by Bill Mollison, an Australian professor and field biologist, and his graduate student, David Holmgren, permaculture combines

two words: permanent and agriculture. Its base meaning is an agricultural system that works with nature rather than against it. The basic approach is to create sustainable systems that provide for their own needs and recycle their waste. Mollison realized that by applying design to agriculture, humans can build systems that obey ecological principles by placing the right elements together so they sustain and support each other.

Based on scientific principles, its ethics are based on caring for the earth, caring for its people and a reinvestment to those ends. Mollison demonstrated that rather than "fight" with nature, we can use its resources to provide all our food and energy. It is deemed self-reliance at the core.

The Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners invite you to visit the prolific Pagosa Springs Community Garden at 5th Street on the San

Juan River. Over 20 local gardeners have plots with different emphasis.

The popular summer-long series is an avenue for learning and sharing of knowledge and experience. Please join us for this interesting discussion which will be followed by a question and answer period. For more information, email PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com or visit [facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden](https://www.facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden).

Eclipse: Moon will block about 80 percent of sun here

By **Joan Mieritz**
Special to The PREVIEW

The Aug. 21 solar eclipse is almost here. This may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The moon will block about 80 percent of the sun to viewers in Pagosa Springs.

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association will have a memorable program (including glasses), that day; before, during and after the eclipse. Reservations are needed for the program.

The special viewing glasses are absolutely necessary for safe viewing without permanent eye damage. No kidding; not an exaggeration. Seriously, do not damage your eyes by not using them.

There are only three more Star Parties at Chimney Rock this summer. On Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. and Sept. 22 at 5 p.m., there will be Stars and Galaxies Programs and Viewing. On Sept. 1 at 5:30 p.m., which is Labor Day weekend, will be the last solar system program and viewing including our moon.

The San Juan Stargazers are part of the Astronomical League, which includes clubs all over the U.S. The website is www.sanjuanstargazers.com; email address, sjstargazers@gmail.com and phone number, 335-8286.

Anyone interested in learning more about our amazing universe should attend a San Juan Stargazers event.

Eclipse live stream at the library Aug. 21

By **Brad Glover**
Special to The PREVIEW

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial library will be showing a broadcast of the total solar eclipse courtesy of NASA TV on Monday, Aug. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This live-stream event will allow everyone to watch the eclipse if they do not live in the path of totality or if clouds obscure our view of the sun.

The eclipse live stream can also be accessed by visiting NASA's website for the eclipse: <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/eclipse-live-stream>.

A limited number of eclipse glasses will also be available to use at the library to view the partial solar eclipse. The library has run out of eclipse glasses to hand out to the public.

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