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Charter school opens

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 Chris Mannara and Randi Pierce
Pagosa Springs' first tuition-free charter school in the county to be authorized by the Archuleta School District opened its doors on Tuesday morning, with 72 students in attendance. Pagosa Peak Open School is a project-based and place-based learning school serving grades K-4 during its first year. Enrollment was at capacity for all grade levels for the opening of the facility, which is located in the Parelli building.



School district named in suit

By **Randi Pierce**
 Staff Writer

Editor's note: Due to the nature of the allegations, The SUN has chosen not to include the names of the individuals involved or details of the actions alleged out of respect to those involved.

A lawsuit filed in District Court on Aug. 31 alleges that a 13-year-old special needs student molested

a 6-year-old student while on an Archuleta School District 50 Jt. (ASD) bus in 2016.

The civil suit, which was filed by attorney Jason C. Eley — of the Tucker, Burns and Hatfield Law Firm — on behalf of the victim and her family, names the school district, a district bus driver, the 13-year-old and that student's

■ See Suit A8

Suspect caught in robbery, vehicle chase

By **Marshall Dunham**
 Staff Writer

A man has been arrested after he allegedly assaulted a woman, stole her pickup truck and led law enforcement officers on a multi-county pursuit.

Gabriel Martinez, 35, is in the custody of the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office (RGCSO) on active

warrants, and charges for vehicular eluding and attempted assault with a motor vehicle are expected to be filed soon.

According to Detective Scott Maxwell with the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD), a call came into dispatch at 2:08 p.m. Tuesday stating that a red Ford

■ See Robbery A8

Sheriff's Office closed, services still available

By **Randi Pierce**
 Staff Writer

Until further notice, those looking to carry out business with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) should do so by calling Archuleta County Combined Dispatch at 731-2160.

The ACSO's location in the courthouse closed Tuesday morning and will remain closed until further notice to due to environmental concerns.

"We continue to have concerns about the environmental quality of the building, and we are taking appropriate steps to investigate those

concerns to see if they are real and what steps need to be taken," said County Attorney Todd Starr Tuesday morning.

Starr noted that the concerns are centered around the western end of the building, with the eastern portion of the building remaining open.

On Wednesday, County Administrator Bentley Henderson reported that an industrial hygienist would be on-site in the coming days to perform air quality and other testing in the affected portion of the building.

■ See Sheriff A8

School board election canceled: Dryburgh, Lindner retain seats

By **Chris Mannara**
 Staff Writer

Archuleta School District (ASD) has canceled this fall's school board election due to lack of contested races.

The two seats that were up for election have been retained by Brooks Lindner, representing District 1, and Bruce Dryburgh, representing District 5.

Lindner was elected to the Board of Education (BOE) in November

of 2013, while Dryburgh was also elected to the BOE in November of 2013.

A resolution passed on Aug. 15, stated that the election would be canceled "if the District receives only one or fewer candidates for District 1 and District 5 on or before September 1, 2017 at 3:00 p.m."

Because of the terms of the resolution, Robyn Bennett, the designated election official for ASD,

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Folk Festival: The perfect end to summer

It was the perfect end to summer. Thousands of people of all ages converged from all around the country for three days of live performances, workshops, campfire jams and children's programs for the legendary music-filled weekend known as the Four Corners Folk Festival.

Pagosa Country was blessed to host some of the most incredible artists in the history of the 22-year-old festival in the 140-acre ponderosa pine forest on Reservoir Hill.

Crowds danced and sang to music from Los Lobos, Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn, The Wood Brothers, Sarah Jarosz, The Lil' Smokies, John Fullbright, We Banjo 3, The East Pointers, Session Americana, The Accidentals, Ghost of Paul Revere, The Drunken Hearts, Freddy and Francine, Quiles and Cloud, and FY5.

Even Pagosa Springs' own Bob Hemenger got into the act and joined Fullbright on stage for his set.

There was much more than the amazing music on two stages; the festival also featured music workshops, arts and crafts vendors, a food court, beer and wine garden, morning yoga sessions, guided walks of Reservoir Hill and plenty of picking circles in the campgrounds.

There was an abundance of things to do and see at the family-friendly festival including crafts, face painting, juggling shows by Andy the Juggler, balloon animal artistry by Ruby Balloon and a meet-and-greet improv session with staff from the Whatchamawhozits program of Pagosa Springs' own Thingamajig Theatre Company in the Four Corners Kids Tent.

We don't think we've ever seen as many festivalgoers lined up for camping spots at the base of Reservoir Hill, just waiting for the gates to officially open before the festival.

Sitting down with SUN staff before the festival last year, event director Dan Appenzeller explained that while the festival may have been his notion, the festival would have never continued if not for his wife, Crista Munro. "She's the reason why the festival actually exists. She was born with wisdom that I have never, ever found in anyone else."

Munro is the festival's executive director. Her article in last week's PREVIEW stated, "This year marks the 22nd annual Four Corners Folk Festival in Pagosa Springs, and what a journey it's been. Since 1996, we've gathered quite an impressive family of volunteers, staff, musicians and, of course, our amazing audience."

"We've looked on as a generation of young people have grown up coming to the festivals and we celebrate the continuity of life as witnesses to the growth of their own beautiful young families. We've also shared in the sorrow of the passing of countless friends and loved ones over the years who, though gone, will live on in our memories. Through it all, the one thing that's remained constant is the music itself and its power to unite, heal and create joy."

Munro and Appenzeller moved away from Pagosa Springs a few years ago due to health issues. Yet, they return twice a year to bring world-class festivals to the festival meadow — the same meadow where they exchanged their wedding vows just one month after they first made the 140-acre ponderosa pine forest on Reservoir Hill come alive with the sound of music.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

Should Reservoir Hill be wheelchair accessible?



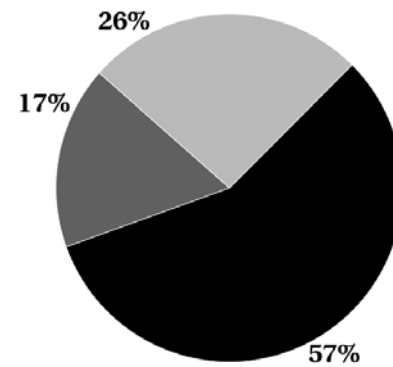
Amelia Ramirez
"Some parts of it."



Kerie Ross
"Yeah; I didn't know it wasn't."



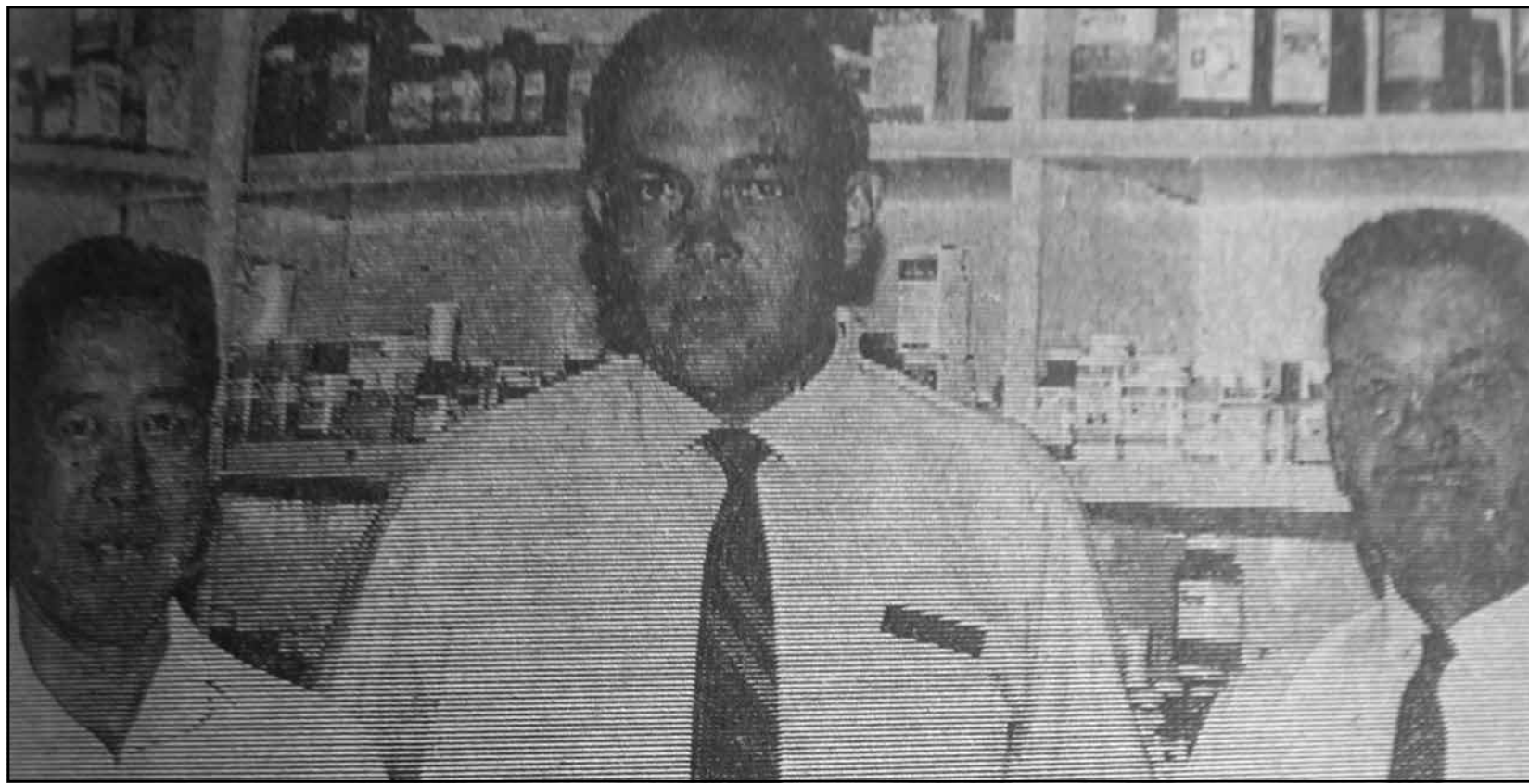
Jen Faubion
"Absolutely."



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Yes — 57 percent
No — 17 percent
Yes, parts of it — 26 percent

This week online: What can be done to improve test scores in local schools?
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LOOKING BACK



From the September 10, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. PHARMACISTS — Three registered pharmacists are now available at Jackisch Drug. They are, left to right, George Yamaguchi, Ben L. Lynch, and Ben K. Lynch.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 2, 1927
C.M. Van Pelt, new owner of the Springs property, has commenced construction work on the new outdoor swimming pool, which will be approximately 100x150 feet in size and will be located near the river bank just east of the San Juan and directly south of the San Juan street bridge. This work will be pushed to an early completion, the plunge to be "fed" from the main spring. Excavations also started this week on the auxiliary plunge to be constructed in addition to the present men and women's plunges, all three of which will be covered by a new and single structure. In addition there will be installed lockers, tubs, dressing rooms, steaming room, etc. — in fact everything needed that is conducive to the health and comfort of the bather.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 11, 1942
The total enrollment on Tuesday in the Pagosa Springs Schools was 321, as against 330 enrolled in Sept. 1941. Elementary school enrollment was 210, with the junior and senior high school numbering 111. There are 24 different courses offered to senior high school students this term, with as many as 4 classes in one course, such as typing. The first assembly program on Wednesday afternoon was an occasion for introducing the members of the faculty to the student body.
The R.T. Browns report a blackout in their district Friday night. Seems the telephone rang long and loud, and they and the Defoes, Deckers, Dunns, Wrights, everyone on the line, "doused de glim" and went to bed. Turned out to be a short at the switchboard.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 7, 1967
Roy Brown was named to head the Red Ryder Roundup rodeo association for the coming year. The election was held last Friday night with almost 50 persons present to elect officers and hear reports on the last year's rodeo and race meet. Lou Poma was named secretary and Eldon Gibson was named to the Board of Directors.
The evidence is in again this year and the verdict is unavoidable. The school buildings are overcrowded and the quality of education our young people receive is suffering because of the space shortage. The answer to the problem may not be as easy to see. It is certain that the best solution is more space and soon. How to get it is not so certain.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 10, 1992
Owners of Wolf Creek Industries know they have to deal with protests targeted at their local logging operations and they have considered several approaches to the situation: one being to sue protestors who deprive the company and its subcontractors of valuable work time. On September 2, eight protestors from Ancient Forest rescue and San Juan Earth First! attempted to stop a 200-acre timber sale at Quien Sabe Mountain, north of Pagosa Springs, in Mineral county. An Associated Press report in the Rocky Mountain News stated the company was proceeding with the plan to take protestors to court, but Wolf Creek Industries co-owner Art Lance said Wednesday the company will take a "practical approach" to the problem for the time being.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

.. AND WHERE WE WILL SEE WHO TEACHES WHO!

Air quality health advisory issued

By Claire Ninde
Special to The SUN

Intermountain West and Pacific Northwest wildfires are affecting local air quality.

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 region should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion.

San Juan Basin Public Health advises that if visibility is less than 5 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 gases 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.

Learn more: 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>.

Letters

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taxes, but this one is absolutely necessary. You might ask, then why am I concerned. I am concerned because more citizens need to get involved to help inform others and spread the word that this sales tax ballot needs to pass in November.

Carol Mellberg

Help for Houston

Dear Editor:

If you are looking for a way to help the Houston area victims of Hurricane Harvey and want to make sure that every cent of your donation goes to the victims, here is a good option. My nieces and nephew are in the most flood devastated portion of southeast Houston. Luckily their houses didn't flood but everything for miles around did. Like so many other Americans, they could not sit by and watch everyone else suffering without jumping in and helping. While their husbands are out in flat bottom boats rescuing people off their roofs, Stephany Winegar, Holly Kent and Nicole Hicks have created a registry in Amazon.com so that those of us that want to help from afar can purchase tools and supplies needed to assemble Hurricane clean up kits. They receive these items, assemble them and deliver them to families in neighborhoods as they return to their homes, putting them directly into the hands of the people who need them. Tens of thousands of their neighbors are going to need these and nearby stores are already running short of supplies. Amazon presents a good alternative. If you want to help, go to www.tinyurl.com/harveyhelp2017.

Lisa Peters

LPEA board

Dear Editor:

Last April, 53 percent of voting La Plata Electric Association coop members elected two of three candidates who ran on an explicit "renewable energy" program. This clear member interest in renewable energy generated record turnouts for LPEA's presentations this spring discussing renewable options. Our LPEA board unanimously approved an initiative to raise the contractual 5 percent limit on locally-produced

renewable energy imposed by our coal-energy provider, Tri-State. Yet LPEA's Tri-State representative, Kohler McInnis, voted against LPEA's initiative at the Tri-State meeting — a betrayal keenly felt by the coop's 53 percent wanting to invest in renewable energy. When complaints were raised, Board President Montoya published an 8.5.17 letter disparaging coop members who dare speak at LPEA meetings, then — at the 8.16.17 LPEA meeting — shouted down a member who protested this poor treatment.

We can make a fight of it, by silencing coop members and scuttling alternatives to the 50-years-of-coal contract with Tri-State. But this is too important: our children's futures — and the local economy

The fact is that renewable energy sources create three times as many jobs as fossil fuel sources do. Those who are currently employed in the fossil fuel sector would be welcomed into this rapidly expanding field. Most plans for economy conversion include re-training of such workers for solid, new careers. Both wind and solar energy have expanded more than 20 percent for many years running, and wind turbine technician is easily the fastest growing career in the country (google "Occupational Handbook").

Installing community energy systems has up-front costs, as with any investment. But these costs are plummeting. Any research of energy costs shows 2 trajectories: fossil fuels rising, and renewable energy dropping, year after year — now at the break-even point. So clean energy systems cost virtually the same as dirty energy that drains our economy. Except we get to own and control the clean energy system, and pass it on to our kids.

Right now LPEA pays out \$70 million/year for electricity that is 64 percent coal-based. Coal is the worst possible source of energy. Burning coal creates "black carbon," which presents large, light-absorbent surfaces. Airborne black carbon can soak up a million times as much energy as an equal amount of carbon dioxide. And ask someone with COPD about its health effects.

Economics homework: search "Tony Seba June 2017 YouTube": a

Stanford economics professor, expert in technology "disruption" patterns (what happens when new technologies displace old ones by becoming superior and cheaper). Watch all 15 minutes. Around minute 12: "Tucson (AZ) Electric has signed a PPA (Power Purchase Agreement) for 100MW solar, plus 30MW/120 MWh battery storage, to deliver dispatchable solar for less than 4.5c/kWh. Solar portion is less than 3c/kWh." Compare these prices to our air-polluting 7.4c/kWh coal diet.

There is no better investment for a region's economy, or for local health, than dollars put into a locally-owned renewable energy system. Such a system will provide more solid jobs, keep dollars in the community, protect our health, and protect our precious environment.

Karen Pontius
Durango

Know contractor

Dear Editor:

This is a simple story of despair. I had my driveway asphalted by a local contractor. I will not say the name of this individual so I'll call him "Jay." "Jay" talked a good line. His words were easy to understand and he seemed to know well what was needed and so I went with him.

Well, it turns out that his "word" was not what one would say is genuine. He started right off with his lies. He started the job before my permit start date. He said that he worked it out with PLPOA and it was OK, I got fined by them and had to pay \$100. Also, I had to go before the Board of Directors to have an additional \$300 penalty waived. "Jay" didn't even know that the asphalt plant closed for the season and so he had a special small batch made to finish his job. Well, the batch was made but never set hard. He removed the base and told me "the base is good." It turns out that he was into clay and that is one of the problems. In the spring cracks were evident and "Jay" said that he would fix the bad areas. I now have a pothole the size of a washtub and two more developing that will be the size of bathtubs. Things are still pushing up through the asphalt and as it turns out I will be replacing it all. My \$8000 cost will turn out to be at least double.

"Jay" has lied to me for two years and finally he stopped returning my calls. I see him working on different projects, patching holes and sealing asphalt but my driveway continues to deteriorate. I hope that your asphalt job doesn't turn out like mine. Take a drive by at the intersection of Sweetwater and Twin Creek Circle to check it out.

Know your contractor. Don't hire "Jay."

Sandy Sandoval

See you in church

Dear Editor:

School days resume, daily lives return to what is "normal" (whatever that is) and beautiful fall weather causes us to be thankful. Summer is a time to "lay aside" some of our usual habits, enjoy a vacation from the "usual" and that's OK if we don't allow our inner light to dim.

Fall is a wonderful time for renewal. I recently read a letter written by one of our local pastors that truly caught my attention and admiration. He stated that, when one tries to define "tithing," they consider only pieces of money; but he stated that we also need to consider time and hours spent volunteering to meet the needs of others, that too is money in a sense — true goodness — is not that what Christ expects of us? After all, he had no money but he showed us the way to live and practice God's love with forgiveness. His humble ways impacted humanity for eternity.

I imagine that some of our young families avoid church attendance, thinking that they cannot afford it, that somehow they could not feel welcome if they cannot afford much of that money stuff named, the "tithing." Still, they live lives of goodness every day. Yes, churches need funds to operate, we give what we can and no one questions it. Church attendance is a way to enjoy fellowship with other believers and celebrate God's gift of love. Goodness is what it is all about. Hope to see you in church. Know you are loved.

Patty Tillerson



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Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory Hobbs to speak at the 11th annual Water 101 and 201 Seminar in Pagosa Springs

By Elaine Chick
Special to The SUN

Tens of millions of people, billions of dollars of agricultural production and an enormous amount of economic activity across a vast swath of America from California to the Mississippi River are all dependent on rivers born in the mountains of Colorado.

In a time of mounting demand and limited supply, the need for all citizens to better understand and participate in decisions affecting this critical resource is paramount. Colorado's population is expected to double by 2050, with a good

portion of that occurring on the Western Slope. Where will all that water come from?

To discuss this, as well as a multitude of other issues, Pagosa Springs will once again be the location for the educational 11th annual Water 101 and 201 seminars.

Sponsored by the Water Information Program, the seminars will take place on Oct. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Oct. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Ross Aragon Community Center (451 Hot Springs Blvd.).

The seminar qualifies for 11 continuing education credits

(CECs) for Realtors and six CECs for lawyers for completion of both days. The seminars are open to the general public as well.

Topics include water law, an explanation of water-related agencies and organizations, the Colorado Water Plan and implementation, as well as discussion about timely and important water topics and issues. The 201 session will provide more in-depth information on water law to include compacts and the water court process.

The seminar features a lineup of qualified speakers, including the keynote, Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory Hobbs (retired), as

well as representatives from federal, state and local agencies.

Space is limited, so register early. The early-bird registration fee is \$40 before Sept. 22 for the 101 workshop, \$30 for the 201 session before Sept. 22, and \$60 for both days. For those seeking CECs, add \$10 to each of the preceding. The registration fee includes snack and an information packet both days, as well as lunch on Oct. 5.

For more information or to register, go to: <https://swgcd.org/event/water-101-201-seminar>, contact the Water Information Program at 247-1302 or visit www.waterinfo.org.

Chimney Rock National Monument announces September events

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

Chimney Rock National Monument's 2017 season is winding to an end, but there is still time to visit this spectacular monument where the Ancient Puebloans once resided.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) offers monthly programs, annual events and daily guided and self-guided tours that are fun and educational for the whole family through Sept. 30.

Night Sky programs

The Stars and Galaxies Program will be held Friday, Sept. 22.

The Stars and Galaxies program is timed for when the moon is absent from the sky.

sent from the sky.

For the program, the evening begins with an interactive discussion at the Visitor Cabin. After the presentation, visitors drive to the High Mesa parking lot, where volunteer astronomers await with telescopes to provide a closer look at the wonders of the night sky. This program is perfect for young families and those with limited mobility. Tickets are \$12 (adults) and \$5 (children 5-12) plus booking fee, and are nonrefundable. Please check our website for times and to make a reservation.

Lecture Series

CRIA's Lecture Series on Thursday, Sept. 14, will feature a special presentation by Dr. Laurie Webster: "Ancient Textiles, Baskets, Wood and Hides from Southeastern Utah: Latest Findings from the Cedar Mesa Perishables Project."

During the 1890s, local "cowboy" archaeologists excavated thousands of prehistoric perishable artifacts from alcoves in southeastern Utah. Most were shipped to museums outside of the southwest, where they were largely forgotten by archaeologists and the public. Who were these early collectors, where did these objects go, and what insights do they provide about the ingenuity and daily lives of the early inhabitants of southeastern Utah?

In this presentation, Webster will discuss her recent research with these collections and highlight

some of the extraordinary 1,000- to 2,000-year-old textiles, baskets, hides, wooden implements and other perishable artifacts from sites in this region.

Webster is an anthropologist who specializes in the perishable material culture of the American Southwest. She is a visiting scholar in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Arizona and a research associate at the American Museum of Natural History and the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center. Her publications include the edited volume "Beyond Cloth and Cordage: Archaeological Textile Research in the Americas" and the books "Navajo Weaving: The Crane Collection at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science" and "Collecting the Weaver's Art: The William Claflin Collection of Southwestern Textiles," as well as numerous articles about prehistoric perishable technologies. She lives in Mancos, Colo.

The lecture is free of charge and will begin at 7 p.m. at The Springs Resort and Spa (Ecoluxe building) located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

The public is invited to join CRIA for its social hour preceding the lecture at 6 p.m. Please bring your favorite finger food to share and join our volunteers to learn more about this nonprofit organization that operates the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest.

Autumnal Equinox Sunrise Program

The Autumnal Equinox Sunrise Program will be held on Sept. 22.

Watch the sun rise over the San Juans this first day of autumn and discuss how the ancients may have lived and why they celebrated the equinoxes. This two- to three-hour event begins at the Sun Tower, a place not visited on regular tours. Tickets are \$15 and reservations are required. The Colo. 151 gate will be open from 6 to 6:05 a.m. Sunrise is at approximately 6:56 a.m.

More information

Chimney Rock National Monument is located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs and three miles south on Colo. 151.

The site is also accessible for guided walking tours at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Audio-guided Kiva Trail tours are available between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The cost of the tour is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and under 5 are free.

For monthly program tickets, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center. Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for the monthly and annual programs. Most programs are at full capacity prior to the event, but we will accommodate walk-ins if space is available.

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Unitarians to hold Water Communion

By Devina Babayon
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a service titled "Water Communion," with Devina Babayon, this Sunday, Sept. 10.

The Water Communion, sometimes called the Water Ceremony, was first used at a Unitarian Universalist (UU) worship service in the 1980s. Many UU congregations now hold a Water Communion once a year, at the beginning of the new church year (September).

Attendees bring to the service a small amount of water from (or to represent) a place that is special to them. During the appointed time in the service, people one by one pour their water together into a large bowl. As the water is added, the person who brought it tells why this water is special to them. The combined water is symbolic of a shared faith coming from many different sources. It will be used to water a living plant whose bounty will be shared with the Fellowship at Thanksgiving.

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

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

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Authorities searching for missing hiker

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

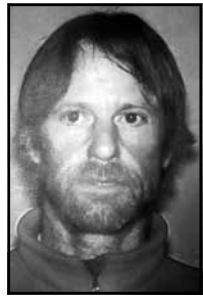
A search is currently underway for a man who went missing after calling 911 and explaining that he was lost on Sept. 4.

According to Archuleta County Deputy Director of Emergency Management Christina Kraetsch, a call came in from 51-year-old Matthew Johnston around 2 p.m. on Sept. 4 explaining that he was lost.

"He said that he'd gone up Wolf Creek Pass and had hiked up from the overlook," Kraetsch said. "At

the same time, he mentioned that he had tried to turn on some faucets at a ranger station campground, but he couldn't get any water and he was massively dehydrated."

Kraetsch explained that emergency personnel tried to assess where Johnston



Matthew Johnston

could be by looking for ranger stations with sinks and bathrooms that are located near the overlook, but that nothing was matching up.

"The next day we got Flight For Life, and they flew the area by Sheep Mountain and did a grid search for that whole area from West Fork to Sheep Mountain," said Kraetsch. "We put some people on the ground, and we ended up finding his car parked at the overlook, also."

Kraetsch went on to explain that Johnston's car looked as if it had been broken into, and that a rock

had been thrown through one of the windows.

She explained that on Wednesday, Sept. 6, a briefing was held, and that, due to this case mainly taking place in Mineral County, the case was handed off to Mineral County.

She added that Archuleta County would continue to assist in the search, and that dog teams from La Plata County were also being used.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Mineral County Sheriff's Office at (719) 658-2600. marshall@pagosasun.com

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. 28 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
- Aug. 28 — Animals running at large, unlawful ownership of vicious dog, Fireside Street.
- Aug. 28 — Failed to observe or disregarded traffic control device, made U-turn where prohibited, false reporting to authorities, U.S. 160.
- Aug. 28 — Second-degree assault-aggravated assault-weapon, false imprisonment, Badger Place.
- Aug. 28 — Littering of public or private property, Dawson Place.
- Aug. 28 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.
- Aug. 29 — Suicide, Eight Mile Mesa.
- Aug. 29 — Animals running at large, Dichoso Street.
- Aug. 29 — Information only, Rainbow Drive.
- Aug. 29 — Animals running at

- large, Down And Out Road.
- Aug. 29 — Unlawful ownership of vicious dog, Monument Avenue.
- Aug. 29 — Two counts of warrant arrest, South 6th Street.
- Aug. 30 — County warrant, San Juan Street.
- Aug. 30 — County warrant, San Juan Street.
- Aug. 30 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
- Aug. 31 — Unattended death, U.S. 160.
- Sept. 1 — Obstructing highway or passageway, County Road 600.
- Sept. 1 — Found property, third-degree burglary-coin operated machine, Colo. 151.
- Sept. 1 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, expired license plates, Eagle Drive.
- Sept. 2 — Second-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, Hurt Lane.
- Sept. 2 — Compounding, East Pagosa Street.
- Sept. 2 — Warrant arrest, reckless driving, compounding, East Pagosa Street.
- Sept. 2 — Warrant arrest, East Pagosa Street.
- Sept. 2 — Information only, Chestnut Court.

- Sept. 3 — Information only, South 5th Street.
- Sept. 3 — Careless driving, Meadow Lark.
- Sept. 3 — Two counts of warrant arrest, South 6th Street.
- Sept. 4 — Violation of restraining order, reckless driving, U.S. 160.
- Sept. 4 — Drove vehicle when license canceled, glass in vehicle did not permit normal vision, Aspen Village Drive.
- Sept. 4 — Failure to appear (bench warrants), Lakeside Drive.
- Sept. 4 — Information only, U.S. 160.
- Sept. 4 — Information only, U.S. 84.
- Sept. 5 — Three counts of warrant arrest, Lakeside Drive.
- Sept. 5 — Expired license plates, drove vehicle when license suspended, Lakeside Drive.
- Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**
- Aug. 28 — Agency assist, North Pagosa Boulevard.
- Aug. 28 — Agency assist, Ute Drive.
- Aug. 29 — First-degree assault, South 5th Street.
- Aug. 31 — Third-degree assault, San Juan Street.

- Aug. 31 — Prohibited use of firearm, San Juan Street.
- Sept. 2 — Agency assist, East Pagosa Street.
- Sept. 3 — Traffic/suspended license, U.S. 160.
- Sept. 3 — Third-degree assault, North 5th Street.
- Sept. 3 — Failed to secure child in safety belt, U.S. 160.
- Sept. 3 — Criminal mischief, South Pagosa Boulevard.
- Sept. 3 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- Sept. 3 — Agency assist, San Juan Street.
- Sept. 4 — Second-degree burglary, Pagosa Street.
- Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson**
No report.
- Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**
- Aug. 30 — Darryl L. Zito, driver's license-instruction permit violation, fines and costs — \$172.50.
- Aug. 30 — Tamara J. Terrell, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$110.50.
- Aug. 30 — Cedar L. Mortenson, careless driving resulting in injury, fines and costs — \$139.50.
- Aug. 30 — Tanner T. Valencia, careless driving, fines and costs — \$283.50.
- 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**
- Sept. 5 — Eugene P. Lobato, driving under the influence with 3+ priors, 48 hours community service, three years probation, 90 days jail, fines and costs — \$3,362.50.

Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management work to keep Coloradans safe on social media

By Annie Skinner
Special to The SUN

Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman announced recently that her office is partnering with the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's READYColorado program to promote safe social media habits in honor of National Internet Safety Month.

Follow @StopFraudCo and @READYColorado on your favorite platforms or search for the #SocialMediaSafe hashtag to get involved.

Social media sites such as Instagram, Twitter and Facebook are widely used for connecting with friends, catching up with the news and buying products and services, which make them prime platforms for scammers to find victims.

Practicing good safety and security habits is essential when using social media, no matter a person's age or level of tech savviness.

"Unfortunately, we are seeing more and more people fall victim to Internet and social media scams," said Coffman. "We want to encourage all Coloradans to be extra cautious about putting information out on social media accounts, which can make them easy targets for scammers and fraudsters. Keeping personal identifying information and physical locations private can help keep consumers safe."

Social media scams range from get-rich-quick schemes to identity

theft and phishing. Thieves use fake profiles to impersonate legitimate financial businesses and obtain your personal information. Others impersonate public officials and promote fake grants, sweepstakes or lotteries that promise big payments in return for paying taxes up front. Posts promoting "money flipping" in a consumer's newsfeed also promise big returns for a small investment.

Identity thieves are highly adept at tricking social media users into disclosing Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, home addresses and other personal information. If a person posts personal information on a public page identity thieves often won't even need to contact them directly.

Ways for consumers to protect themselves while using social media

- Regularly check security settings on all social media channels. Security settings should be set up and adjusted regularly to limit people who see the accounts. Use a private setting and do not feel obligated to accept new friend requests. Don't provide information like your birthday and where you went to school if you are not sure of the security settings.
- Report inappropriate posts and suspicious activity. Many platforms let consumers report inappropriate posts including scams directly to the site. If a person suspects fraud or has seen suspicious activity, they

can report it directly to the content platform. Take screenshots of the posts and make a report at www.StopFraudColorado.gov and www.IC3.gov as well.

- Conduct thorough research online. Before contacting a social media account promoting an "investment" or business opportunity, search online for their username and phone number. Previous victims may have posted complaints or other information. Check with state regulators like the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies for appropriate licensing information.

- Prepaid debit cards equal cash. Treat prepaid debit cards as if they are cash. Anyone with the card number and pin will be able to withdraw the money. If you wouldn't give a stranger cash, then don't give them the account information.

Social media has become a daily means for communication in our lives. Be careful with what you share. Just because you may keep things private, your posts on other people's sites may get out into the world and into the wrong hands. If you have been a victim of a social media scam or wish to report suspicious activity, please file a report at www.StopFraudColorado.gov.

Want more tips and ideas? Head over to our website and follow @StopFraudCo and @READYColorado on your favorite social media platforms. Use the hashtag #SocialMediaSafe to get involved.

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Sports

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball finishes strong at Glenwood Springs tourney

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate Volleyball team left last weekend's tournament in Glenwood Springs with a record of 2-2, improving its season record to 4-2.

The Lady Pirates began the tournament on Friday by losing to the Steamboat Springs Sailors in three sets.

Senior Morgan Lewis led the team in kills with nine of the team's 25, senior Faith Ahlhardt and sophomore Taylor Lewis had seven and five kills, respectively, and senior Isabelle Pajak led the team with four aces.

Down 1-0 after losing the first set 25-17, the Lady Pirates took one back from the Sailors by a score of 25-16 to tie it 1-1. However, the Sailors won the final set 15-11 to defeat Pagosa.

Ahlhardt and Morgan Lewis led the team defensively in digs with Ahlhardt totaling six digs and Lewis having five.

Later that evening, the Lady Pirates squared off with the Denver Christian Thunder, losing in three sets.

After the Thunder won the first

set 25-15, Pagosa took the second set from the Thunder by a score of 26-24, but ultimately did not prevail in the third set, losing 15-10.

In that game, Ahlhardt and Morgan Lewis led the team in kills with Ahlhardt recording a team high of 10 and Lewis adding another five.

The Lady Pirates, however struggled in the aces category, only having two for the entire match.

Morgan Lewis and Pajak added eight digs apiece to the team's total of 39.

"While both those opponents were strong, we really struggled with communication on the court," coach Connie O'Donnell wrote in an email to The SUN.

O'Donnell mentioned that those skills needed to be worked on in preparation for the next two games.

The team heeded their coaches' suggestions as they came away with a win in the first game against the Grand Valley Cardinals in two sets.

Both sets were in favor of Pagosa, with scores of 25-19 and 25-12.

Ahlhardt had an impressive 13 kills for the Lady Pirates, which totaled 68 percent of the team's kills.

Seniors Keena Murphy, Morgan

Lewis and Ahlhardt all added two aces each to contribute to the team's eight.

The last game of the tournament resulted in another win for the Lady Pirates as they defeated the Roaring Fork Rams in two sets.

Both sets were entirely in the Pirates' favor, with Pagosa taking both by scores of 25-3 and 25-9.

Ahlhardt led the team in kills with seven with Morgan Lewis following with six. Morgan Lewis also had a team high in aces with five.

Taylor Lewis contributed defensively with two blocks.

Sophomore Teagan Stretton added a team high 10 assists to aid the Pirates.

"Our strength this weekend was serving," O'Donnell wrote, "Against our competition on Saturday we served really well and our stat sheets were filled with aces."

O'Donnell noted that while it is tough to have dropped the first two matches, the loss is made easier because it was against two good opponents.

"We hate that we dropped two matches, but I think that both of those teams will have good seasons

and it won't effect our RPI too much for postseason play," O'Donnell wrote.

The Lady Pirates will look to add to their 4-2 record in matchups against the 4A Durango High School Demons on Saturday in Durango, and in New Mexico against the Farmington High School Scorpions on Tuesday.

The game time against the Demons has been moved from 6 p.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Action in Farmington is set to kick off at 6 p.m.

"We are excited to have Durango back on the schedule for the first time in a couple of years," O'Donnell said. "They are always a great competition and a little bit of a rival."

O'Donnell also mentioned that the Lady Pirates will need to be more disciplined on their blocks and attacks, and hopes that their strengths in serving will be used to their advantage.

"We are still getting used to each other and figuring out our game, but we are improving all of the time," O'Donnell said.

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FOOTBALL

Pirates bested by Spartans, face Falcons Saturday

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team lost its first game of the season against the Salida Spartans 30-22 on Friday, Sept. 1.

"I think we played fairly well offensively and defensively," said coach Myron Stretton. "We still made some mistakes that we need to correct."

Stretton described the mistakes as little penalties, such as holding and being offside.

He stated that some offensive and defensive plays could have been executed better, but that the only way to remedy this was to continue to practice those plays.

"I think they understand where they're at and where we need to be, and that's why you practice," Stretton said. "We're way ahead of where we were last year, which is to be expected."

Stretton commented that the team's practices usually last two hours, but sometimes last upwards of two and a half hours.

The Pirates' next opponent will be the Centauri Falcons.



Photo courtesy Justin Cowan

Senior Ty Kimsey makes a mad dash for the end zone while his teammate, sophomore Paden Bailey, blocks an incoming Spartan in the background.

"I'm confident. They're a good football team, but so are we," said Stretton. "I think they're better than

they were last year, but we are too. They've got some big kids that we're going to have to deal with."

No stats from the game were available by press time Wednesday.

This Saturday, Sept. 9, the Pirates will travel to La Jara to battle the Centauri Falcons, with the game scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

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RECREATION NEWS

It's time to register for youth basketball, gymnastics

By Darren Lewis
Special to The SUN

The Town of Pagosa Springs Recreation Department is currently accepting youth basketball registration for ages 7-8 through Oct. 2.

The cost is \$35 and you may register at the Ross Aragon Community Center or online.

Gymnastic registration

The Recreation Department is currently accepting gymnastic registrations for ages 3 and up through Sept. 11.

The cost is \$35 and you may register at the Com-

munity Center.

This four-week class will run Sept. 11 through Oct. 4. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Class size is limited, so register early.

Online registration

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

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CROSS-COUNTRY

Pirate harriers head to the high country, take 9th and 12th

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams headed to the high country last weekend, taking part in the Lake City Invitational in Leadville.

The boys' team finished 12th at the meet, with the girls' team taking 9th. Both squads were part of a field of 22 teams.

"It wasn't a stellar meet for us, but, overall, I'm happy with what we have," coach Scott Anderson said. "It's a great group of kids to work with. We have some pieces and it's our job to help them put it all together."

At the meet, which included a number of larger schools, the Pirates continued to work on running as a team and moving forward through the crowd over the course of the race.

Anderson reported that there were approximately 140 runners on the guys' side, and nearly 120 runners on the girls' side.

He also noted that it was a slow course at a high altitude with a number of hills.

Because the meet was hosted by a 2A school, only three runners contributed to the team score.

On the boys' side, Kaleb Buffington led the Pirates, finishing 40th in 20 minutes, 29 seconds. He was followed by Noah Gorman, who finished 43rd in 20:35.

"Overall, Kaleb and Noah were at the front for the guys and they did well," Anderson said. "They had solid races."

Trent Buffington was the next Pirate finisher, taking 70th in 21:39, followed by Cole Cayard, who crossed the finish line 81st in 23:17.

Jack Foster was the next Pirate finisher, logging a time of 23:42 to finish 89th.

Trey Wilson finished 99th with a time of 24:40.

"They had a really good race," the



Photo courtesy Jami Harms

Pirate junior Kaleb Buffington strides to the finish line, leading the Pirates in the boys' race Saturday in Leadville. The team finished 12th at the meet, while Buffington finished 40th overall.

coach noted.

Carson Grose finished 100th in 24:43, with Anderson noting that Grose "had a solid race."

On the girls' side, the Lady Pirates were led by Megan Greenly, who finished the course in 24:36, placing her 39th overall.

Shelby Cronin followed in 42nd, logging a time of 24:43.

"Shelby was right on the heels of Megan. They had good races," Anderson said.

Sarah Ross was the next across the line, finishing 57th with a time

of 25:36, with Emma Heidelmeier following in 63rd in 26:07.

Celia Taylor was the next Lady Pirate to finish, logging a time of 26:26 and finishing 69th.

"Celia made her first trip back to the racing scene after having a small injury," the coach explained, adding that they were "overly cautious" with Taylor's injury.

Annabelle Bowles finished 85th in 28:06, and Taleah Hauger crossed the line 93rd in 30:12.

Following the high-altitude meet and pushing hard prior to

this week's start of school, Anderson indicated the teams rested the remainder of the long weekend before preparing for Saturday's Joe Vigil Meet in Alamosa.

The coach said the Alamosa meet will be combined varsity and junior varsity, and will be the first meet that the Pirate teams will be on their own, versus focusing on packing together as a team.

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

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Middle school fall sports in full swing

By Aaron Freed
Special to The SUN

Fall sports are in full swing at Pagosa Springs Middle School, with each team either having an event this week or already having played a few games.

Football

The Pagosa Springs Middle School football teams got their seasons off to a strong start as they hosted Cortez Middle School on Aug. 24.

With 47 players out this season, both the A and B teams played regular rotations of players to stay fresh throughout the evening.

The B team sealed a 12-8 win.

The A team held Cortez scoreless with a 42-0

win.

The football team traveled to Durango to play Escalante on Aug. 31. Both teams were shut out in losses as they faced strong defenses.

They face Miller on Sept. 7 before returning home for a 2 p.m. scrimmage/game on Sept. 9 against Center.

Volleyball

The volleyball teams started their season against Escalante on Aug. 31.

The volleyball teams have over 50 girls participating and, like the football team, were able to run full rotations to stay fresh throughout all games.

The A team won set one 25-19 and set two 25-13.

The B team won both of their sets with scores of 25-16 and 25-11.

Next up for the volleyball teams are 4 p.m. home games against Cortez on Sept. 7.

Cross-country

Much like the other sports, numbers are strong on the cross-country team. Around 35 runners, double the size of last year's team, have been out practicing for the first meet of the season this Saturday in Alamosa.

Coaches and runners feel good about their progress and are looking forward to a strong season of meets in the area.

A full middle school fall athletics schedule can be found on the athletics tab of the middle school website at mypagosaschools.com.

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Pirates prey on Miners, fall to Demons

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate soccer team saw mixed results over the last week, defeating the Telluride Miners Friday, but dropping a game to the Ridgway Demons the following day.

The Pirates are now 1-2 on the season and 1-1 in league play heading into tomorrow's tournament at Coal Ridge High School in New Castle.

The Pirates handed the Miners their first loss of the season Friday in 3-2 fashion at Golden Peaks Stadium, with coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason noting that the Pirates were "on fire."

Following an hour and a half of lightning delays, the Pirates scored three goals in the first half against the Miners, with those goals coming from Josue Monterroso, E.J. Monterroso and Michael Candelaria.

The Miners countered with one goal in each half.

Keeper Paul Farrah, who was named the team's player of the game, logged 10 saves in the game.

"He's improving every game," Kurt-Mason said.

The next day, however, was not as successful for the Pirates, with the team falling to the Demons 10-2.

Kurt-Mason indicated that many of the team's players also played in Friday night's junior varsity game, meaning they played three games in close succession.

"I don't really have enough players for two full teams right now," the coach said, indicating that some of the players ran out of steam.

Too, the coach said the team lost its shape on the field and stopped stepping to the ball.

"In the first game against Tel-



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate freshman E.J. Monterroso looks to outpace a pair of Telluride defenders during Friday evening's 3-2 victory over the Miners. Monterroso scored in the game.

luride, they were mentally just jazzed about it and I had to calm them down before the game," Kurt-Mason said, adding that the following day was the opposite, with the coach having to encourage the athletes before the game.

Pagosa's two goals in the affair with Ridgway came from Josue Monterroso and E.J. Monterroso.

Farrah notched 17 saves in the game.

Now, the team is looking forward.

"The teams, they rebounded in that we came back to practice and

just got back to work," Kurt-Mason said. "You've got to look at the big picture. I think the mistakes are going to get fewer and fewer."

Specifically, Kurt-Mason said the team will be keeping in mind its defensive posturing and marking defenders this weekend at Coal Ridge, in addition to keeping shape offensively and moving up the field together while on offense.

"You should be able to win a game with two goals," Kurt-Mason said.

Too, the team will continue to work on its communication, with

the coach noting, "It's got to be a notch better."

Pagosa's first game of the tournament will be against Coal Ridge, with that game set to begin at 6 p.m. on Friday.

The following day, the Pirates will play either Telluride or Fountain Valley, with Saturday's game time determined at the tournament.

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GOLF

Golf back in action this week with three tourneys

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team will be back in action this week, with three tournaments in five days.

The Pirates' last tournament was on Aug. 15.

Since that time, the Pirates have focused on building experience in practice.

"It was probably not a bad couple weeks," coach Mark Faber said, adding that the hiatus allowed him to spend a lot of time working with the team, especially the less experienced members of the team.

Too, the coach said that some of the team's leaders — Nathan Smith, Jonathon Robel, Tanner Peart and Roland Sanchez — "all seem to play better and better."

Now, the team will see how that extended practice time translates to tournament play, beginning with a Saturday tournament at the Monte Vista Golf Club beginning at 9 a.m.

"I'm looking for some pretty good stuff over at Monte," Faber said.

After the Monte Vista tournament, the Pirates will turn around and play back-to-back tournaments in Durango on Monday and

Tuesday.

Monday, the team will be at the Hillcrest Golf Course, with Tuesday's action taking place at the Dalton Ranch Golf Club, with both tournaments also beginning at 9 a.m.

Faber reported that Monday's tournament will be one of the biggest tournaments the Pirates will play in this season.

The trio of tournaments will also serve as a tool to help determine who will represent the Pirates in the postseason, Faber indicated.

"We're getting down toward the end," he said.

Following Tuesday's play in Durango, the Pirates have one remaining regular-season tournament before regionals.

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Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Tate Hinger
Soccer



Year in school: Senior
Favorite subject: English/writing
Comments from coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason: "Every now and then an athlete comes along that has the character of a Hero, a true Leader. Forbearance, kindness, goodness, and self-control. This summer, Tate Hinger showed up at youth soccer camp to fix the nets with duct tape and rope. When we

ran Wolf Creek Pass, Tate wanted the team to keep together and push for a faster finish time. Tate probably ran twice the distance for our team. Tate gathered the trash at Pasta night and took it to the ranch for disposal. Tate Hinger scored against Thomas Randolph, Pueblo West, and Salida in the competitions we have had thus far. He has raised the bar in many ways for our team."

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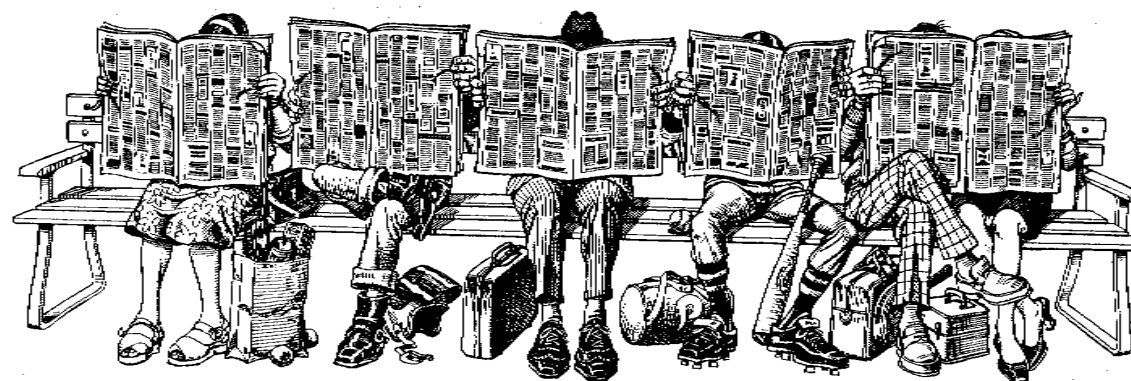
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Rural people will have fewer insurance choices next year

By **Trudy Lieberman**
Special to The SUN

As Obamacare (the Affordable Care Act, ACA) approaches its fifth sign-up season, policyholders in many parts of the country are facing a marketplace with fewer choices and higher premiums.

A New York Times analysis has found that 45 percent of U.S. counties probably will have either just one insurer or no insurers to choose from. That means some 3 million people in nearly 1,400 counties might have only one carrier and about 35,000 people could have none.

Many of those counties are in rural states like Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi and North Carolina.

In dollars and cents, that means those living in areas without a carrier must buy coverage in the regular marketplace, where they will get no subsidies to help pay their

premiums. Subsidies are available only for people buying Obamacare policies on the state shopping exchanges. About 85 percent of the 12 million Americans with Obamacare policies get subsidies, which make it possible to afford coverage.

For people with a single carrier in their county, limited options could mean high premiums for the policies available.

"Blue Cross is out of Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska," said Washington, D.C., insurance consultant Robert Laszewski. "In Tennessee, Blue Cross is out of two major cities and for the carriers staying in, the rate increases are through the moon."

The carrier will also be out of Ohio next year, a state where it had been a major insurer.

This is not exactly the outcome that supporters of Obamacare had hoped for. The politicians who wrote the law and its advocates tried to defy the basic laws of insurance. They wanted to keep the

private insurance market and still allow everyone sick or well to get coverage. In other words, Obamacare tried to square the circle.

But insurers make money by selling to healthy people while trying to minimize the claims they get from the sick. The ACA called for insurers to issue policies to everyone regardless of their health status. That meant thousands of very ill people came into the risk pool, and in many areas not enough healthy people signed up for coverage to balance them out. Laszewski noted that only 40 percent of eligible people signed up, a recipe for trouble in too many counties.

"The most difficult place to make the marketplace work is in rural areas," said Timothy McBride, a health policy professor at Washington University in St. Louis. "It's an intractable problem in some places," largely because rural communities have low populations, and the percentage of unhealthy people tends to be higher than in

the cities. "Policymakers were hoping they'd get this fixed, but they haven't been able to do that."

Many carriers leaving the market, however, are blaming the Trump administration for causing market uncertainty. A press release from Blue Cross Blue Shield announcing a 21-percent rate increase in the parts of Tennessee where it will continue to sell noted "two significant uncertainties." How will the risk pool change if the requirement to buy insurance is no longer enforced? (The Trump administration has loosened enforcement.) Will the government continue providing cost-sharing subsidies to people with low incomes? This year individuals with incomes below \$30,000 and a family of four with about \$62,000 get extra help paying deductibles and coinsurance.

I have no clue how politicians will solve this. I do know one thing: The cost of medical care continues to rise and that will be factored into everyone's premiums each year. Unless there's some serious cost control built into whatever comes out of Washington, premium increases could become very steep in the coming years taking health insurance out of reach for many Americans.

Cost containment has barely been discussed. It's the elephant in the room. For one thing, insurers' operating costs, which eat up about 18 cents of every premium dollar, are about twice as high as those costs in other countries. They include: determining eligibility, processing claims, enforcing controls on care like preauthorizing procedures — and negotiating fees with thousands of hospitals, doctors and other sellers of care.

Then there's the matter of new health care technology and more use of older technology, which may account for as much as 50 percent of the increase in annual health care costs.

At the end of June, for example, the New York Legislature passed a law mandating insurers pay for 3-D mammography without requiring women to pay deductibles or coinsurance and without the blessing of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, which has made clear that evidence for its use is lacking and "many important questions remain." The cost of a mammogram could rise by one-third.

This is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. I will explore technology and its costs in a future column.

How do you think medical costs should be controlled? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa's Tate Hinger goes one-on-one with the Telluride goalie Friday evening. While Hinger's shot may not have been successful, the Pirates were able to defeat the Miners 3-2 to win their first league game of the season.

It's almost time for college-bound seniors to fill out the FAFSA

By **Tim Ballard**
Special to The SUN

High school seniors planning to attend college or technical school next fall should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also called the FAFSA, as soon as possible beginning Oct. 1.

The information on the FAFSA determines if students qualify for federal grants and student loans. It is also required to apply for state grants and scholarships. In addition, many colleges use the

information to award their own grants and scholarships. Therefore, students should submit the FAFSA even if they feel it is unlikely they will qualify for aid.

The FAFSA asks for information about income, assets and expenses. A formula set by Congress determines eligibility for federal and state aid. If the student is considered a dependent under federal guidelines, both the student and parents must provide financial information. Nearly all students going directly to college

from high school are considered dependent.

Some student aid programs have limited money and provide funds on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is important to submit the FAFSA as soon as possible.

Students can submit the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov. Students who do not have an FSA ID must first visit fsaid.ed.gov to set one up. Parents of dependent students must also set up an FSA ID. The FSA ID is needed to file the FAFSA.

Discarded fishing line, dangerous to wildlife, kills osprey

By **Colorado Parks and Wildlife**
Special to The SUN

Fishing line can help you reel in the big one, but when monofilament is left carelessly along a lake or river it can be harmful to wildlife.

In early August, Colorado Parks and Wildlife received a call about a dead osprey on the banks of Trout Creek in the Routt National Forest in northwest Colorado. The person who made the report said it looked like the bird had been shot. When CPW Wildlife Officer Andrea Sponseller investigated, she found that

the bird had become entangled in fishing line.

"The line was wrapped around the osprey's feet and neck," Sponseller said. "Anglers should never discard fishing line, hooks or bait along a waterway. All of these can be harmful to wildlife."

Every year throughout the state, CPW receives reports from people who have found birds ensnared by fishing line.

"I've seen quite a few birds tangled and killed by fishing line in the last few years. Anglers should just put unneeded line in their

pocket or tackle box and then throw it away properly," Sponseller said.

Some anglers also clean their catch next to the water and then leave the guts on the bank. That can attract bears and other wildlife. Fish should be cleaned well away from a lake or river and the entrails disposed of in a dumpster or garbage can.

"If you see discarded line or other fishing gear, please pick it up. You'll help keep fishing areas clean and remove a hazard that could kill Colorado's wildlife," Sponseller said.

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Pagosa Peak Open School open house

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Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) hosts a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house celebration on Aug. 30.

The event marked the grand opening of the first tuition-free charter school in the county to be authorized by the Archuleta School District (ASD).

PPOS board president Ursala Hudson spoke to the crowd, asking, "But what happens when a project succeeds? When you make something out of nothing? When a little spark of an idea turns out to be more than just be a dream?"

Other speakers included ASD Superintendent Linda Reed, ASD board president Greg Schick, Linda Parelli, Mark Weiler and PPOS School Director James Lewicki.

Community members enjoyed a taco bar, cake and camaraderie at the event.



Meeting to center on educational choices in Pagosa Springs

By Julie Church
Special to The SUN

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, the Archuleta County Republican Women will have three speakers offering information on school choices here in town.

Our main speaker, Bruce Dryburgh from the Archuleta School

District Board of Education, will bring us up to date on what our school board is facing in the current political climate. With a professional background in financial planning, Dryburgh has spent numerous hours sorting through the budget and visiting other school districts where successful remodeling and upgrading of facilities has taken place.

In addition, Stephen Porter, founder of Pagosa Valor Academy, will explain their hybrid program of "brick and mortar" Christian education and coordinated curriculum home schooling.

Ursala Hudson, a founding member and the school board president for Pagosa's newest publicly funded charter school, Pagosa

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By Joyce Holdread
Special to The SUN

Do you want to learn English? The Archuleta County Education Center (ACEC) is offering brand new English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to be held every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

In addition, if there is sufficient interest or other areas of language need, this time may be extended.

Free child care during the classes is also offered.

The classes are free and open to anyone whose first language is not English. Adults at any level of English proficiency, from beginning to advanced, are welcome to participate.

An open house where you may register for this season of classes will be held Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 5 p.m. in Room 203 (upstairs) of the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. — the same location as the classes. The first class will begin Sept. 14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This new program will provide comprehensive instruction in all skill areas of learning English: lis-



Photo courtesy Kathy Holthus

The Archuleta County Education Center welcomes new English as Second Language Instructors Leah Ballard and Joyce Holdread. An open house and registration will be held Tuesday, Sept. 12.

tening, speaking, pronunciation, grammar, reading and common writing. Although this is a serious program for eager students, the classes are conducted in a very supportive, understanding atmo-

sphere. A simple evaluation tool will be administered at the first class to determine the best level for each student. It is expected there will be at least two separate classes held at the same time.

Kicking off this new program are two new teachers to the Pagosa Springs area.

Leah Ballard, who hails from Las Vegas, Nev., has recently been certified in the International TEFL (Teachers of English as a Foreign Language) program. In her "free" time, you can find her smiling broadly while waiting tables at Riff Raff.

Joyce Holdread recently moved to Pagosa from the Denver area. She has taught both ESL and Spanish in Colorado and abroad — Spain and Mexico — for 25 years. She is also certified to do written Spanish-English translation.

The ACEC was founded in 1989 with the mission of offering high-quality, cost-effective educational programs to residents of Archuleta County and to provide workforce training and life skills for responsible citizenship.

For more information, please call the ESL program coordinator, Joyce Holdread, at (720) 595-6707, or send an email to joyce.holdread@yahoo.com. Information about all the programs offered by ACEC can also be found on the ACEC website: www.theACEC.com.

School board to consider conflict of interest policy Tuesday

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its Aug. 15 meeting, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) heard the first reading of an amended board conflict of interest policy.

The second reading of the policy is on next week's agenda, with that meeting slated to be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

The amendment to the policy follows a June 13 decision by the board to suspend a portion of the policy for the current hiring season in order to allow BOE member Brooks Lindner to serve as a Spanish teacher within the Pagosa Family School.

"Policy BCB states that a School Board member can not be an employee of the District," the agenda for the June meeting explains. "It is being requested the Board consider changing this policy to allow the employment of a school board member. To allow for a member to apply for currently posted positions, it is requested the Board suspend this section of the policy until the policy can be changed."

However, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed indicated during the same meeting that a school board member had already been interviewed.

"We have a particular position that is probably a hard-to-fill position, and that is a Spanish teacher position," she said at the June meeting. "And we have done interviews and we're looking for the highest-quality candidate, and one of our colleagues certainly fits the bill."

At the Aug. 15 meeting, Lindner opened discussion on the matter.

"I'd like to start the discussion by providing some clarifying information for the public in regards to our vote to suspend Policy BCB in June," he said, "and the first is that the position that was offered to me by the district is the position of teaching one two-hour per week class in the Pagosa Family School (PFS)."

Lindner continued, explaining that he had received clarification, including that PFS teachers are paid according to the district's stipend salary schedule, not the regular teacher salary schedule.

Too, he said, he had received clarification that if the BOE were to vote on a matter that included the stipend salary schedule, it could be removed to be voted on separately, allowing him to recuse himself from that portion of the vote.

"... I think that that eliminates the most significant, or really the only significant, conflict of interest in regard to that position, and I certainly don't have any doubt in my ability to continue to perform my duties with integrity and fidelity," Lindner continued.

Lindner then addressed the successes of PFS.

"Pagosa Family School is a huge success in our district and a big part of that success is providing foreign

language instruction for elementary and middle school students," he said. "I have over 20 years of teaching experience teaching Spanish to children, and I'm very excited to be able to bring that experience and help that strengthen that program that is doing great already."

Lindner ended his statement by noting that rural school districts face a lot of challenges, "the least of which" is finding qualified teachers.

"Sometimes we have to do things a bit different to get things done in our district and do what's best for our kids," he said, adding that he believes the BOE acted "in alignment with our principle of doing what's best" for district students when it suspended the policy in June.

Board president Greg Schick agreed with Lindner, echoing Lindner's statements about living in a rural community and doing what is best for students.

Board member Bruce Dryburgh said there were really two issues, the first concerning if Lindner was the best teacher, stating "yes."

Secondly, Dryburgh explained that he was "very concerned" that such a policy existed.

Dryburgh further called it a "terrible mistake" to not allow person-

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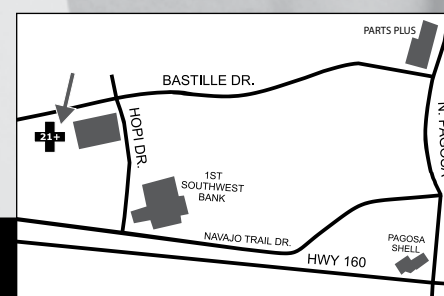
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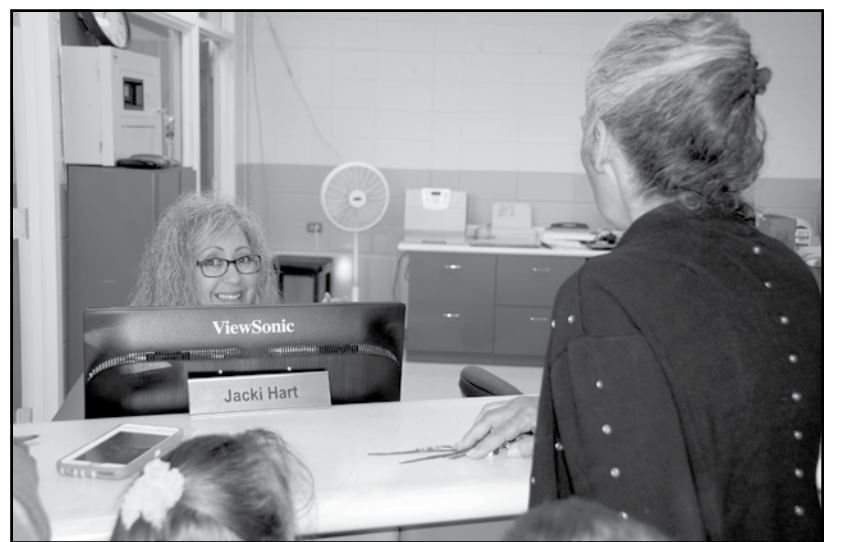
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Start of a new school year

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Families prepare themselves for the start of a new school year at Pagosa Springs Elementary School. The playground was buzzing with activity on Tuesday as parents waved goodbye, snapped pictures and coaxed their little ones into lines. Some children greeted teachers with exuberance and big smiles, while others looked skeptical, but it won't be long until it is all routine and learning is in full swing across the district. Preliminary totals released by the school district shows 566 students at the elementary school to start the year, with 1,593 students in the district.



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Four Corners Folk Festival

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SENIOR NEWS

Volunteers needed for meal delivery

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN Columnist

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Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 7 — Barbecued chicken breasts, corn on the cob, green peas, salad bar and pineapple/orange cake.

Friday, Sept. 8 — Roast pork with lentils, roasted red potatoes, glazed carrots and salad bar.

Monday, Sept. 11 — Chicken

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Tuesday, Sept. 12 — Beef pot roast in gravy, salad bar and cherry crumble pie.

Wednesday, Sept. 13 — King Ranch chicken, refried Mexican black beans, Mexican beets and salad bar.

Thursday, Sept. 14 — Moroccan tilapia fish, baked sweet potato, spinach, salad bar and buttermilk pie.

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Second annual Yappy Hour set for Saturday

By Mike Stoll
Special to The PREVIEW

On Saturday, Sept. 9, the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs (HSPS) and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) will present the second annual Yappy Hour event from 2 to 4 p.m. at the community dog park on the grounds of the animal shelter. The dog park and shelter are located at 465 Cloman Blvd., just a half mile east of Lake Pagosa.

Yappy Hour is family-friendly and will feature live music, vendors, food, fun pet games and a bounce house for the young folks. Bring your dog for some fun on the animal shelter's agility equipment and see how your pet fares going up, over and around a variety of obstacles. It's enjoyable for owners and dogs alike.

Do you have an affectionate pet? Bring your pet to the kissing booth and have your photo taken getting a smooch from your pooch. Pets are welcome and must be on leash and current on their vaccinations.

If you have never visited the animal shelter and dog park, or it has been a long time, this is a great opportunity to tour the facilities, visit the dogs and

cats, and take in some of the best mountain views in the county from our serenity garden and shelter grounds. Representatives of the PLPOA will be available to answer your pet-specific or general PLPOA questions, and Rapid Rewards Dog Training will be on hand to answer training questions and give a general demonstration.

You can also find out more about the HSPS animal shelter, how we care for the animals and learn about our various programs and community services.

For instance, did you know that HSPS provides vouchers to income-qualifying pet owners to pay the entire cost of their pet's spay or neuter surgery through our Fix-It-Free program, or that we offer financial assistance to pet owners facing unexpected veterinary medical emergencies through our Emergency Medical Fund? Did you know that HSPS humanely traps, vaccinates and sterilizes feral cats to keep the local unowned cat population under control? In the past six years, we have trapped and sterilized nearly 1,000 cats. Did you know that HSPS also operates the only pet cremation service in the county? Our animal shelter


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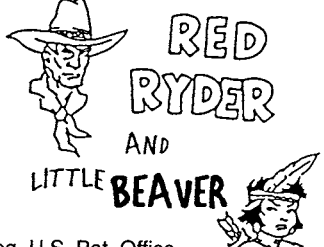
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By Fred Harman

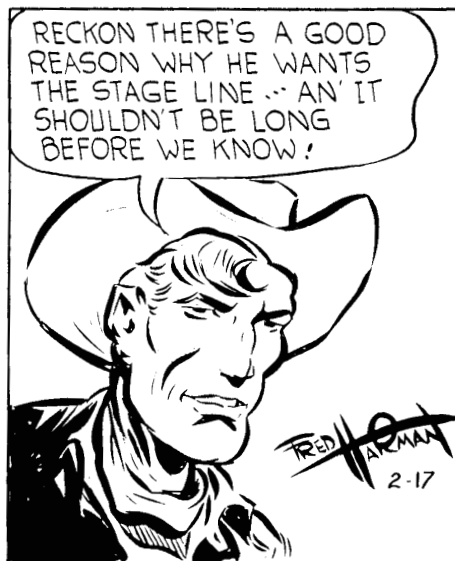




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Curtains Up Pagosa's youngest actors take a break from rehearsing "Hollydaze Too" in 2015. This winter's production is made for a young cast, with tomorrow's auditions open to those aged 8-18.

'Elf the Musical Jr.' auditions tomorrow for youngsters 8-18

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

It's that time again. We are seeking actors from 8-18 for Curtains Up Pagosa's (CUP) production of "Elf the Musical Jr."

Auditions will be held in the music room at Pagosa Springs High School on Friday, Sept. 8, from 2 to 8 p.m.

Please prepare one verse of your favorite Broadway tune, bring your sheet music and show us what you've got. Reading from

script and a group dance will be part of the audition requirements.

CUP is in its 28th year of performing and supporting the performing arts in Pagosa Springs. We are also looking for adult volunteers to work in areas of sets, painting, costumes, rehearsal and pit pianists, vocal and acting coaching.

Come join us on and off the stage in this modern holiday classic to start off your 2017 holiday season. Join our CUP family and long history of mentoring and excellence in performance.

Call Director Dale Johnson at 946-1500 with any questions, or visit us at curtainsuppagosa.org and on Facebook.

Yappy

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staff will respectfully handle your pet's after-life care with compassion and understanding.

You can learn more about all of these HSPS programs as well as get great information from the PLPOA on pet-related and property owner topics, along with food, music and fun games, at this Saturday's Yappy Hour. It's all happening from 2 to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the HSPS animal shelter and dog park located at 465 Cloman Blvd. See you at the park.

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Sunday Night Unplugged to feature NightSong Trio

By Heidi Tanner
Special to The PREVIEW

On the second Sunday of each month, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church hosts a special meditative service that features local musicians. The service begins at 5 p.m. and is open to the public.

The sanctuary is decorated by members of the Episcopal church, who always create an inviting atmosphere. There are readings given that are tailored to the current month or to current events of the day, which give pause to critical thinking and introspection.

But the central feature of the Sunday Night Unplugged service is to listen to beautiful music that is performed by local musicians and spans from classical string and woodwind music, to native flute, to jazz saxophone and trumpet and even exotic string instruments such as the sitar. The music which is performed is intended to promote a quiet time for meditation and thoughtfulness and when combined with the artfulness of the decorations and the readings which spur us to consider our inward workings this service is very meaningful and spiritual.

This Sunday's Unplugged service will feature the NightSong Trio, whose members are Sally Neel on piano, Jessica Peterson playing flute and Heidi Tanner on the violin. Our trio has played together for approximately five years and, over this time, we have grown musically and become fast friends.

The group stumbled together, in a sense, when we were each playing independently in a program and decided to collaborate on a piece written by Sally Neel. When we did, we had so much fun and received so much enjoyment from playing together that we have never stopped.

Community choir rehearsals begin next week for Christmas concert

By Richard Bolland
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) music room will be bustling with activity at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, as preparations for this year's edition of the Pagosa Springs Choral Society's annual Christmas Concert will begin.

Singing under the direction of Dan Burch (PSHS's music department head), the choir of 50-70 members of the community will begin preparing musical selections under

■ See Rehearsals on next page



Photo courtesy Heidi Tanner

NightSong Trio will be the featured music at this month's Sunday Night Unplugged service, which will be held at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church this Sunday, Sept. 10, at 5 p.m.

Each of us is involved in a variety of musical endeavors in and around Pagosa Springs.

Neel is the music director at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and has served as the music director of Curtains Up Pagosa, whose productions she has overseen for the last several years. She hails from the Dallas, Texas, area and is an accomplished pianist and organist.

Peterson grew up in Pagosa Springs, but then moved to New York City and later attended North Texas State, where she studied music. Currently, Peterson teaches flute, is a member of the Pagosa Springs Community Band and is the owner and craftsman of a company that makes handmade native flutes.

Tanner is a member of the Community Band and serves on its board, plays in Curtains Up Pagosa productions and the high school productions, and collaborates with other chamber ensembles. Tanner studied music in her youth in the Tulsa, Okla., area.

We invite you to attend this Sunday's service and enjoy the blending of the piano, flute and violin in a variety of classical pieces which range from the baroque period to traditional Celtic flavored pieces and perhaps a sprinkling of more modern pieces by living composers.

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Pagosa Springs Community Band to start rehearsals Monday

By Heidi Tanner
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Community Band will be starting rehearsals for its fall concert on Monday, Sept. 11.

Rehearsals are held on a mixture of Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School band room.

The band's fall concert is scheduled for Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The Community Band is a full concert band composed of percussion, brass and woodwind instruments. Orchestral string instruments are also welcome and represented in the band.

Many of our players played
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Photo courtesy Heidi Tanner

The Pagosa Springs Community Band at last year's fall concert. Rehearsals begin for this year's fall concert on Monday, Sept. 11. If you play an instrument, come join the band.

Rehearsals

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the theme of Noel including: "French Chorale of Praise," "All Is Well," "Such A Small King" and the beloved "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah." Additionally, a select jazz ensemble will perform two selections to celebrate the season.

New choir members are welcome to participate in the choir, in addition to those who will be returning. It should be noted that those wishing to audition for the jazz ensemble will be chosen from those singing in the community choir.

Beginning Sept. 12, rehearsals

will be held each Tuesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Each participating choir member is asked to pay \$20 to defray the cost of music.

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Rookery Bay flora and fauna. On Sept. 14, Randy McCormick will give a presentation titled “Sea to Summit: We’re All Connected.”

‘Sea to Summit: We’re All Connected’ topic of next Photography Club meeting

By Gregg Heid
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will hold its September meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Photography Club normally meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room of the Methodist Church.

The September Photography Club meeting will feature Randy McCormick. He has a master’s in environmental education, along with a lifelong gift of curiosity. Now

semiretired, he works six months a year as an interpretive naturalist, boat captain and backcountry tour guide at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Naples, Fla. The rest of the time he calls the “greater metropolitan Pagosa Springs area” his home range.

McCormick will be giving a presentation titled “Sea to Summit: We’re All Connected.” It’s about how the underlying characteristics of the Everglades and the Continental Divide ecosystems are united and offer similar experiences to give people a sense of place on planet Earth.

Photography can be a useful tool that allows us to “see” that

which is often obscure. John Muir said it best: “When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.” This presentation is an attempt at visual/conceptual macramé of Earth’s ecosystems.

Members can bring 10-12 pictures you would like us to view and critique after her presentation on a flash drive. Longtime photographers and those just starting out are welcome.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact our president, Andy Butler, at (512) 581-1470.

Band

■ continued from previous page their instrument in their youth and then put it down due to life’s demands, but have dusted them off and learned to play again. The moral of the story is, don’t be shy if you haven’t played for a few years as, with a little practice, you will be up and running again.

Our band has three talented conductors who share duties of leading our band. First, Larry Baisdon, our founding conductor, who plays trumpet and was a professional educator who lead a successful large high school band program in the Houston, Texas, area.

Second, we are privileged to have Larry Elginer, also a trumpet player and vocalist and also a professional music educator from the Los Angeles, Calif., area. Elginer is well known in Pagosa Springs for his work with the Pagosa Springs

Community Choir and with the late John Graves.

Third, we also enjoy Malinda Fultz-Burnett, who was born and raised in Pagosa Springs and is currently the Pagosa Springs Middle School music director.

Our band performs three concerts a year: Our fall concert, our spring Band-O-Rama concert in which we feature our school bands alongside our band, and our patriotic Fourth of July concert.

We do ask members to contribute \$15 at the beginning of the season, which assists in covering music and administrative costs. However, we will make arrangements if players are unable to pay the fee.

Registration will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, in the high school band room. We welcome new members, so dust off those instruments and come and join us.

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Tickets are available now for Sept. 16's Breakfast with Balloons, part of ColorFest. The event includes a gourmet breakfast, live entertainment and a view of the rising hot air balloons.

Breakfast with Balloons: ColorFest at its best

By Roberta Tolan
Special to The PREVIEW

ColorFest is just around the corner and only a few tickets remain for this premier event.

Celebrate ColorFest in style at the second annual Breakfast with Balloons on Sept. 16 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) amphitheater in Centennial Park.

View the graceful ascension of hot air balloons over the San Juan River while enjoying a gourmet breakfast, a mimosa trimmed with mint and fresh fruit, and the live sounds of Bob Hemenger, one of our favorite local musicians. ColorFest doesn't get any better than this.

Tickets are \$40 (\$20 for youth age 12 and under) and can be purchased at Exit Realty, the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and on the GGP website at pagosagreen.org. This event sold out last year, so purchase your tickets today and don't miss this one-of-a-kind Pagosa event.

The GGP is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching youth and adults how to grow food year-round using renewable energy. Hundreds of local residents, tourists and students have visited the Education Dome and taken classes. The dome will be open during Breakfast with Balloons for your enjoyment and amazement.

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Photo courtesy Jacque Aragon

Roasted green chiles are a sure sign of fall, and a sign that the Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic is just around the corner. The competition is part of the Mountain Chile Cha Cha, which will be held rain or shine on Sept. 30 in Town Park.

Attention all green chile enthusiasts: Sign up now for the Green Chile Classic

By Jacque Aragon
Special to The PREVIEW

Enrollment is open for the 10th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic (PAGCC).

The cost to enter is \$10 and all participants in this community event will receive a entry gift.

Winners in the meat, vegetarian and overall people's choice categories will receive \$200 each and trophies, while second- and third-place winners receive medals and bragging rights.

Registration is first-come, first-served, so don't miss your chance

to participate in this event.

We have added a new feature to heat up the competition: a commercial/restaurant category. Commercial entrants pay \$25 and are competing for a different prize. Commercial entries are also eligible for People's Choice award for first, second and third place.

PAGCC is part of the Mountain Chile Cha Cha. The event will be held rain or shine on Sept. 30 in Town Park. This event is free and also features a music concert by the Brooks-i Band, several races hosted by GECKO (Giving Every Child Knowledge of the Outdoors,

visit www.joingecko.org for more information), Mexican beer garden, margarita contest, green chile roasting on-site and an all-day kids' corner.

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Partygoers check out the auction goods at a previous Little Black Dress Affair. This year, the auction will be even more fun, with creative locals providing unique masterpieces.

Little Black Dress with an auction twist set for October

By Dee McPeek
Special to The PREVIEW

Remember how excited you were to go to your prom? You couldn't wait to see your girlfriends all dressed up, and you couldn't wait to show off your new prom dress.

Prom Night at the Little Black Dress Affair will be just as exciting. You'll see all your Pagosa girlfriends dressed to impress. But you have to hurry — the tables are filling up.

Join us on Oct. 14, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center to show off your style and help at-risk preschoolers at the same time.

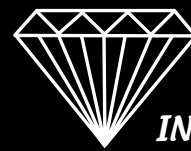
This year our silent auction committee worked to think "outside the gift box" to delight you. The result is that while you are "seeing" and "being seen," you'll enjoy bidding on unique items created just for our silent auction by extraordinarily talented local individuals. These exceptional

friends of Seeds are unleashing their imaginations and donating the results to help raise funds for our most vulnerable students.

Even more unique, instead of asking our businesses for donations, these artists are actually purchasing items locally to add to their masterpieces. We can't thank our generous local merchants enough for their amazing support of this event over the past nine years. For a change this year, we hope to make a "buy" instead of an "ask" from many of you.

Don't miss this fun evening. Tickets are all reserved for \$55 this year and you can still set aside your special table for eight. Reserve your seat at Seeds of Learning, 575 S. 7th St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call for more information: 264-5513.

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Thursday, Sept. 7

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.

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.

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

Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

How Rocks and Minerals are Formed. 5-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Join Calvin Webb as he shares his passion about how rocks and minerals are formed using various rock and mineral specimens. He is a retired chemist with a strong knowledge of all things related to geology. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Friday, Sept. 8

Pickleball. 8-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

of well-being.

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

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

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

Auditions for Curtains Up Pagosa's 'Elf the Musical Jr.' 2-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School band room. No a cappella auditions; we need to hear you sing with the piano. Script read and group dance are also part of the audition. All roles are currently open to actors ages 8-18. For more information, contact Director Dale Johnson at 946-1500.

Saturday, Sept. 9

Devil Mountain Ultra 50/50. 6:30 a.m. Join us for a 50-mile and 50k ultra. This remote and legendary classic ultra brings runners together for two days in the pristine forest of the South San Juan Mountains around Pagosa Springs. There will be a bonfire at the finish line and pancake awards breakfast. Register online at www.joingecko.org.

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

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 in 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 in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For youth ages 5-12. We've got the LEGOs, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Fundamentals of Buddhism: A Practice and Study with Debra Quayle. 10 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Suite B-15, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are welcome.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 10 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. Fall is in the air and we will

have show and tell of completed projects, and brainstorming new projects with an eye toward Christmas. Visitors are welcome to share in the creative spirit and refreshments.

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A group to provide support sessions for people who are experiencing grief because of the death of a loved relative or close friend. For more information, call 731-3185.

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.

Yappy Hour. 2-4 p.m., Dog Park, Humane Society Animal Shelter. Yappy Hour is family friendly and will feature live music, vendors, food, fun pet games and a bounce house for the young folks. Bring your dog for some fun on the agility equipment and see how your pet fares on the obstacles. Pets are welcome and must be on leash and current on their vaccinations.

Sunday, Sept. 10

Pagosa Catholic Community Picnic. Noon, Town Park. The Ethan Sabay Folkloric Group will be performing. There will be a picnic lunch, music by the Retro Cats, a brown-bag raffle,

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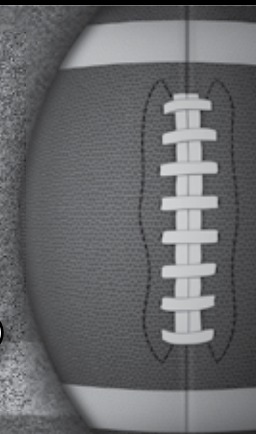
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Allison, Arboles, Tiffany Reunion. 12:30 p.m., Allison Grange Hall. Come by and eat, visit and see our friends and family. This is a potluck; paper goods and drinks will be furnished.

Sunday Night Unplugged. 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. We invite you to attend this Sunday's service and enjoy the music of Night Song Trio.

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, Sept. 11

Pickleball. 8-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

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

Earth Community. 9:45 a.m., Sisson Library. Dr. Fran Korten, Yes Magazine editor, will speak.

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

Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Computer Class. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. This week we will learn about Internet searching. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tween Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For those in the 4th-8th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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

Pagosa Springs Community Band Fall Concert Registration and Rehearsal. 6-8:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School band room. Rehearsals are held on a mixture of Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m.

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 to 7 p.m. on Mondays before the

club dance. Contact Steve at 731-0044.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

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

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop-in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Archuleta County Republican Women. Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Bruce Dryburgh from the school board will give his assessment of the current

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state of our public schools in Pagosa Springs. Also present will be representatives from Pagosa Peak Open School, the new charter school; Pagosa Valor, the private Christian school; and representatives who will speak about their alternative choices for education. All are welcome.

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

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Book Club for Adults. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. We will discuss "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult. For a copy or for more information call 264-2209.

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

Grief Support. 4 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. The purpose 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 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Adult ESL (English as a Second Language) Open House. 5 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. New and returning students can register for the upcoming school year and meet the new instructors. Contact ACECmanager@gmail.com for more information.

First Place 4 Health. 5:30-7 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. First Place 4 Health is an international program that offers a healthy living option to weight loss. Focus will be on the four essentials for overall health and well-being: the mind, emotions, body and spirit. For more information, call Marie Rascoe at 731-3185.

The Incredible Years Parenting Class. 5:30-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. This class is created for families with children ages 2-8 years. The class will help strengthen children's social skills, emotional regulation and school-readiness skills. For questions and to register, call Michelle Carpenter at

946-0664 or Lynne Bridges at 264-5513. Class size is limited.

Pagosa Springs Community Choir Christmas Concert Registration and Rehearsal. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School band room. Registration and welcome time with refreshments. Each member is requested to pay \$20. Subsequent rehearsals are held each Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Pat-tye Holton at 731-1495.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Pickleball. 8-noon, Community Center. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

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

Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Join us for socializing at 6 p.m. before the 6:30 p.m. meeting. The September meeting will feature Randy McCormick. He will be giving a presentation entitled "Sea to Summit: We're All Connected." For more information, call Andy Butler at (512) 581-1470.

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

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most

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Thursday, Sept. 14

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

Mountain View Homemakers. 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. Our speaker will be Joan Ward, a member of the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA). Potluck will be provided by members. Carpooling recommended. For more information, call Tozi Rubin at 731-3360.

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

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Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

Archuleta County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Meeting. 5-6:30 p.m., Emergency Operations Center, 777 CR 600 (Piedra Road). Citizens, elected officials and emergency responder personnel are encouraged to attend. The purpose will be to discuss the update of the county's hazard mitigation plan, with an emphasis on hazards such as floods, wildfires, avalanches and landslides. For more information, contact Mike Le Roux at 731-4799.

Southwest Organization for Sustainability and Pagosa 100% Campaign Speaker. 5:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Leslie Glustrom from Clean Energy Action will talk about how we can effectively campaign for renewable energy.

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

and ages.

CRIA Lecture Series: Ancient Textiles, Baskets, Wood and Hides from Southeastern Utah: Latest Finding from the Cedar Mesa Perishables Project. 7 p.m., The Springs Resort. Join us as Dr. Laurie Webster, an anthropologist, discusses her recent research. For more information, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

Friday, Sept. 15

Pickleball. 8-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

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

ColorFest Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival. 6-9 p.m., Town Park. Sample wines from around the world and enjoy delectable food from local restaurants while listening to live music. Tickets are \$45. To purchase tickets and for more information, go to www.pagosasachamber.com.

Saturday, Sept. 16

Second Annual Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Breakfast with Balloons. 7:30-10 a.m., GGP Amphitheater. Tickets are \$40. Gourmet breakfast, mimosas and live music during the ColorFest hot air balloon mass ascension.

ColorFest Balloon Ascension. 8 a.m., downtown Pagosa Springs.

ColorFest Color Run. 8 a.m., Turkey Springs Road. This 5k is for the entire family. Bring everyone out to become running rainbows as you pass each color station. This is an untimed, noncompetitive event. You can walk, skip, jump or roll your way to the finish line. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with the race starting at 8 a.m. Register at <https://2017colorrun.eventbrite.com>.

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

Baby Storytime. 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. For babies 0-12

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1 Hearty dish
 5 Ill will
 10 Sit (down)
 14 Uber alternative
 15 Knight's protection
 16 Latest thing
 17 Gulf leader
 18 Sot
 19 Archipelago part
 20 Coin collector?
 22 One of Alcott's "Little Men"
 23 Orangish yellow
 24 Alluring
 27 Hang loosely
 30 Made helpless
 31 Nasty biter
 34 With intensity
 36 Type of flow
 38 Browser action
 39 Faze
 40 Type of bypass surgery
 42 Long letter
 43 Bono's nonprofit
 44 Leak stopper
 46 Arroz ___ pollo
 47 Forerunner
 49 Thread holder
 52 Word of disgust
 53 Inflexible
 57 Homecoming guest
 58 Food on a stick
 60 Piece of cake
 61 ___ mortals
 62 Dome dwelling
 63 A whole bunch
 64 "Duck soup!"
 65 Impoverished
 66 Vortex

DOWN

1 Flower holder
 2 Break, in a way
 3 Way out
 4 Tech magazine
 5 Parked oneself
 6 One with a gift
 7 Bestow
 8 Hammer
 9 Blow it
 10 1953's "House of Wax" actor
 11 Secure, in a way
 12 Look like a creep
 13 Kind of review
 21 Warm-up at the Belasco
 23 Raphael or Rembrandt
 25 Platoon member
 26 Demeanor
 27 Key ____, FL
 28 Singer of the 80's hit "Loverboy"
 29 Throb
 31 Bit of mischief
 32 Sudden burst
 33 Primp
 35 Young one
 37 "___ show time!"
 41 Coleslaw vegetable
 42 Adult life, for some
 45 At risk
 47 Comfortable
 48 Dentist's order
 49 Bar order, with "the"
 50 Nolo contendere, e.g.
 51 Couple's pronoun
 54 Embellish richly
 55 Frigid
 56 ___-eyed
 58 Reunion folks
 59 Little guy

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Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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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 in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Group to provide support sessions for people who are experiencing grief because of the death of a loved relative or close friend. For more information call 731-3185.

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.

ColorFest Music and Microbrew Festival. 4-8 p.m., Town Park. Enjoy tasting some unique new brews while listening to live music. There will be food vendors and kids' activities to enjoy. As the sun sets, you will be able to see the balloon glow. General admission tickets are \$10, or \$25 for a souvenir glass and beer tasting. For tickets and

information, go to www.pagosa-chamber.com.

Sunday, Sept. 17

ColorFest Balloon Ascension. 8 a.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

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.

Dust2 Mountain Bike Race Series. 6 p.m., Sonlight Camp. 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.

Monday, Sept. 18

Pickleball. 8-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

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

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

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

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, Sept. 19

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.

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Pagosa Country pioneers: E.M. Taylor

We've been writing during recent weeks about Pagosa Country pioneers who had a major influence on local history. Last week we completed a series focused on Ethereal Thomas Walker, who played a major role in the struggle between Anglos and Hispanics for control of Archuleta County during



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

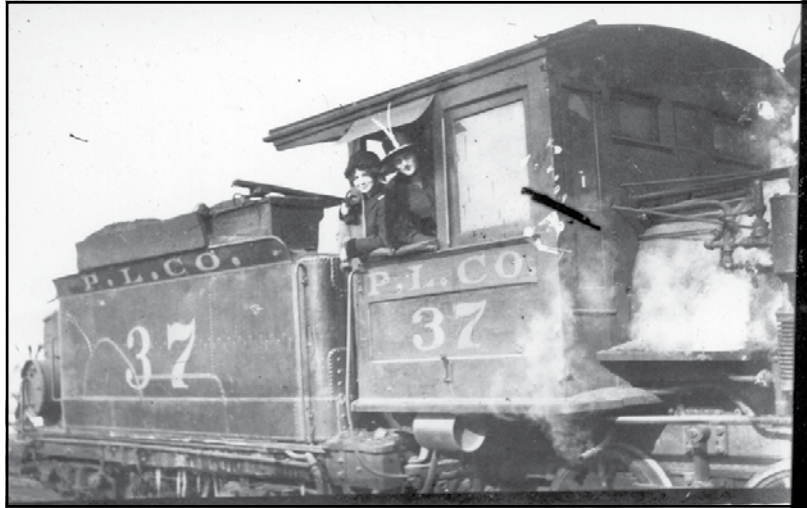


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E.M. Taylor's daughter (on left) with friend posing in Pagosa Lumber Company Engine No.37, probably parked at the depot in Pagosa Springs.

In the years prior to Pagosa Country having a bank, Taylor was a money lender.

the years immediately following the county's creation, roughly 1885 into the early 1900s. Walker came to Pagosa Springs in 1879 and remained until he passed away June 4, 1916.

Our next pioneer of interest had a first name rivaling the name Ethereal Walker's parents hung on him. Eudolphus M. Taylor visited Pagosa Springs in 1881 and obtained a contract to supply wood for the troops stationed at Fort Lewis. When Fort Lewis shut down he moved to Michigan for a year and returned permanently to Pagosa Springs in 1885.

Much of Taylor's life paralleled that of Walker. Taylor was born in New York in 1846 and joined the Army of the North at age 17 and fought in the Civil War. You'll remember that Walker was born in Virginia and joined the Confederate Army at age 17 and also fought in the Civil War.

Taylor apparently had some money and engaged in raising sheep and cattle in Pagosa Country. In the years prior to Pagosa Country having a bank, Taylor was a money lender. He was also deeply involved in politics and shared with Walker and others in the conflict with Hispanics for control of Archuleta County.

Taylor probably served more years in more elected positions in Pagosa Country than anyone else, before or since. He was the first county clerk and also the first town clerk and served in both positions for a number of years. He also served as court clerk and county judge.

Back in those days before computers, all town and country records were handwritten in ledgers.

Taylor's handwriting in those ledgers is a work of art in its clarity. In the interest of history, we should note that the writing had to be done in ink and fountain pens had not been invented. Consequently, Taylor wrote with a straight pen that had to be dipped regularly in a small bottle of ink. A blotter was kept nearby to soak up any spills. The ledgers I have read show no indication of blotting. Neither did they have removable pages.

On a personal diversion, I and folks my age had to practice handwriting in elementary school with the same tools Taylor used. In the fourth grade I was attending a country school called New Hope a few miles outside of Grants Pass, Ore. The year would have been 1944. It was a two-room school house. The teacher lived in one room and the other room was a classroom for grades one through eight. There were four or five rows of desks facing the teacher's desk in front of the room. The left row started at the front with the first grade and the grades progressed

from front to back with the eighth grade at the rear of the far right row.

There were two of us in the fourth grade. A girl with pigtails sat in front of me. An ink well containing a small bottle of ink resided at the front right of each desk. We were practicing handwriting. I couldn't help noticing how the girl in front of me's pigtail was really close to my ink. I couldn't help dipping that pigtail into the ink. What I hadn't noticed was the presence of our teacher coming up from behind on the aisle on my right. She got my attention really quick with a hard slap to the face.

There were several eighth-grade boys in that class. In those days, eighth-grade boys were considered men and a lot of them went to work after graduating from the eighth grade. Those boys resented what the teacher did to me and en masse they stomped out of the classroom. End of school for that day; end of story.

Next week we'll continue with E. M. Taylor and the time he shot his son-in-law.

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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship announces new children's, teen programs

By Jennifer Banks
Special to The PREVIEW

"We are Unitarian Universalists: many windows, one light; many waters, one sea; all lifted hearts are free."

At Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, we are a community of spiritual seekers guided by the principle of honoring the inherent dignity of every person, including diversity of spiritual beliefs and lifestyles. In fact, our motto is "More curiosity, less judgment."

We believe in outreach and supporting Pagosa Springs with many community projects. Education and lifelong learning are important aspects of who we are. And now, part of who we are includes children and teenagers. We hope to honor their voices and spirits in our new program.

This fall, we are excited to announce that we will be offering a Sunday program for children 5-12 on the third Sunday of every month. We are excited to offer a robust and diverse curriculum that incorporates spirituality and science, mind

and body, and Eastern and Western perspectives on spirituality — all tailored to our wonderful kiddos.

In addition to our children's program, we are offering an open house for teenagers ages 13-18 on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. We are building a radically inclusive community where you can explore your identity without boxes: we are multiracial, Latino/a, Asian, black, Native American and white; rich, middle class or poor; young and old; and lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, straight and anything in between. We are spiritually diverse and know "we need not think alike to love alike."

Parents and caregivers are welcome to join the partnership we offer in raising children who will become kind, respectful, fair-minded, caring and strong enough to stand up for what is right. Through religious education programs and the inclusion of children in worship, social justice work and multigenerational gatherings, our communities reinforce what parents teach at home. We nurture truth-seeking, spiritual-

ity and progressive moral values that will continue to shape and support our children as they grow.

This fall, the program will be facilitated by Jennifer Banks. Banks recently moved to Pagosa Springs in November 2016 and works as the Stepping Stones therapist for Pagosa Springs Elementary School.

She wears many hats and, in addition to her main role, she also teaches yoga, participates in community organizing and food justice efforts, and is civically engaged. Banks approaches religious education much like counseling and works to ensure quality curriculum is provided by meeting folks where they are at. Banks has been walking the spiritual path since she was a child and hopes to impart lessons of love and service to all who attend.

Please come join us on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. or Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Greenbriar Plaza, Unit B-15, to learn more about us and to experience our welcoming community.

For more information, email or call Jennifer Banks at jenfobanks@gmail.com or (970) 444-2930.

New Thought to tackle concept of forgiveness

By Janet Wyrick
Special to The PREVIEW

"Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it" — Mark Twain.

Join with the Rev. Janet Wyrick this Sunday, Sept. 10, at Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) to tackle the concept of forgiveness with love, compassion and humor. You are "pre-approved" to forgive and to be forgiven. We are reclaiming our absolute, God-given, preordained approval.

You have full permission to explore the path and possibilities of the wonderful expression of God that is you. You are approved to choose and to co-create, meaning that our creative powers are vested primarily in the wonderful ability to choose. We are approved to manifest a higher co-creation, where we are choosing to let God express through us as us.

We have the opportunity to realize that we are indeed pre-approved to forgive and to be forgiven.

PCNT is being created to allow a place for individuals to gather and learn new adventures of thinking outside the box, into a beautiful realization that we are meant to live joyous, fun, prosperous lives. Please join us for an uplifting discussion on tackling forgiveness. Lift your heart and spirit in song, prayer and meditation. You will do amazing things. Welcome home. We've been waiting for you.

At the Monday evening discussion group, we will be viewing and discussing the film "Discover Your Soul Purpose" featuring Jack Canfield, author of "Chicken Soup for the Soul" and "The Success Principle." We welcome everyone to come and join us.

Weekly 10 a.m. Sunday gatherings and 6 p.m. Monday evening discussion groups are held at the

PCNT center in 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 us on Facebook or at our website: www.PagosaNewThought.org.



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The moral of 'The North Wind and the Sun'

By April Holthaus
Special to The PREVIEW

When I was a little girl, my mother would read to me from "Aesop's Fables." The original version had the most wonderful ink drawings. They illustrated moral tales written by a Greek slave observing human nature. One of my favorites fables was "The North Wind and the Sun."

The story is about a quarrel these two who had to decide which one of them was the stronger.

It begins: "As they were disputing, a Traveler passed along the road wrapped in a cloak. 'Let's agree,' said the Sun, 'that he is the stronger who can strip Traveler of his cloak.'

"Very well," growled the North Wind, and at once sent a cold, howling blast against the Traveler."

The first gust of wind whipped the cloak around the Traveler's body and he immediately wrapped it closer to himself. The harder the

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Wind blew, the tighter he held it. The North Wind tore angrily at the cloak, but all his efforts were in vain.

Then the Sun began to shine. At first his beams were gentle and in the pleasant warmth after the bitter cold of the North Wind, the Traveler unfastened his cloak to hang loosely over his shoulders. As the Sun's rays grew warmer and warmer the man took off his cap and mopped his brow. At last he became so heated he pulled off his cloak and found welcome shade under a tree by the roadside.

The moral of this fable, and there's always a moral, is that gentleness and kind persuasion win where

force and bluster fail.

The thought that brought this fable to my memory is this: In the past when people were going through difficulties, I prayed their hard times would turn them to God for help and wisdom.

Recently, I recognized a powerful new way to pray for others no matter their circumstances. God wants people to experience the warmth of His love, not howling winds of perceived adversity. Today my prayers are for others to experience God's incredible love under the shade of His everlasting arms. There they will be encouraged by His unfailing compassion. It is not up to me to determine the outcome of their faith or lack of it. My desire is to share His love.

Psalm 36:7 reads, "How precious is your unfailing love, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings" (New Living Translation).

Homemakers will focus on Chimney Rock National Monument Sept. 14

Tozi Rubin
Special to The PREVIEW

Joan Ward from the Chimney Rock Interpretative Association (CRIA) will be the guest speaker at the Mountain View Homemakers' upcoming meeting on Sept. 14.

Ward will be presenting the fascinating history of Chimney Rock National Monument, and she will describe the role of CRIA volunteers, who work in coordination with the U.S. Forest Service.

In addition, members of the Homemakers will be voting to select five local nonprofits for a generous donation from this organization. Voting will take place prior to the Chimney Rock presentation.

We invite all area women to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, at Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. We socialize before we enjoy a potluck lunch provided by members. First-time visitors are not expected to bring food. This is a wonderful opportunity to

make new friends in the community.

Our monthly programs this year have been tremendously successful and appreciated. Join us on Sept. 14 if you can.

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

Mountain View Homemakers is a 50-year-old monthly gathering of area women who are interested in

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LPEA to host member appreciation luncheons

By Indiana Reed
Special to The PREVIEW

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) will host two complimentary luncheons for cooperative members, on Thursday, Sept. 14, in Durango, 45 Stewart St. (Bodo Industrial Park), and Thursday, Sept. 21, in Pagosa Springs, 603 S. 8th St.

“We’re your friends and neighbors who serve you as part of your rural electric cooperative,” said Mike Dreyspring, LPEA CEO. “The luncheons are an opportunity for us to get together, get to know each other, talk about your concerns and remind us all of the spirit of being part of a cooperative. We truly enjoy meeting and talking with our members in person.”

All LPEA members — those who pay their electric bills to LPEA — are invited to drop by either LPEA office between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the scheduled luncheon dates. No reservations are required.

The casual buffet meals will be catered, and the Bar D Wranglers will provide entertainment in Durango, with Tim Sullivan set to serenade in Pagosa Springs.

“The lunches will be held in LPEA’s truck barn/warehouse facilities at both locations,” said Ron Meier, manager of engineering and member relations. “It will offer our members a ‘behind-the-scene’ look at LPEA’s operations. These areas are not regularly open to the public.”

Members are asked to park out front at both offices, though handicapped parking will be available, and parking attendants will direct those requiring assistance. Golf cart shuttles will also be available for those who don’t wish to walk across the LPEA facility yards to the lunch locations.

“We really look forward to connecting with our members in a casual environment,” said Dreyspring. “As we remind folks, at LPEA we’re ‘part of everything you do,’ and you’re important to us.”

For further information, visit www.lpea.coop or call 247-5786.

Homemakers

■ continued from previous page making their lives, the lives of their families and the community more enjoyable. The meetings include lunch and a speaker or activity.

We meet on the second Thursday of every month. There are no dues or membership requirements and every interested woman is welcome. No special skills are necessary. If you live in a home, you are a homemaker.

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How to help your children grow to be readers

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

A recent New York Times article headlined “How to Raise a Reader” by Pamela Paul and Marcia Russo offers easy and practical tips on how you can make sure your young children grow up being readers.

On Aug. 3, the “Library News” column covered their tips on how to help your babies and toddlers grow up loving to read. Today we review their suggestions for supporting emerging young readers:

1. Mix it up. When children start to pick out words, allow them to read to you some of the time. But don't make it a test. Help them by pointing to words you know they will recognize.

2. Don't abruptly withdraw your reading services. Being read to is part of your bond and you don't want your child to think that becoming an independent reader jeopardizes that special time together. Continue reading aloud picture book favorites and start on more sophisticated books they can't yet read on their own.

3. Every child learns to read at a personal pace. There is no correct age for independent reading and no special formula to get every child to read by a certain age. If you focus on raising a reader, it will happen.

4. Don't make reading work. Reading at home should fun. Don't put pressure on your child to meet particular targets.

5. Check in with the teacher, but don't get nervous if your child is not reading at the same level as his or her peers. Late readers often grow up to be better, more enthusiastic readers. On the other hand, if you or your child's teacher suspect a reading challenge like dyslexia, get a formal evaluation.

Watch for articles in future “Library News” columns on how to

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keep your children loving books as they grow up.

‘1,000 Books before Kindergarten’

You can sign up any time at your library for a new free early literacy reading program called “1,000 Books before Kindergarten” for children from birth to 5 years old. You will receive a folder with bubbles to keep track of the books you read to your child.

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. You'll get a free book when you complete the program.

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.

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 and put them up for sale at bargain prices at your library.

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. It will be helpful to be able to start the next round of donations with a clear

workroom.

Book drop at City Market

We hope you know that we have a 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.

Rocks and minerals talk today

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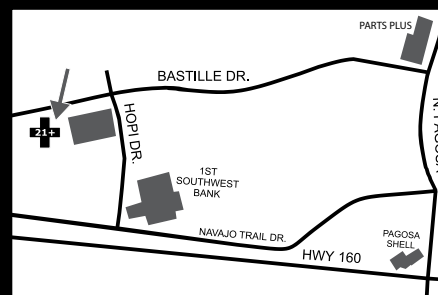
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Teen advisory board today

Today, Thursday, Sept. 7, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your family and friends tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 8, from 2 to 3:15 p.m.

LEGO Club

Kids aged 6-13 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — this Saturday, Sept. 9, from 11 a.m. to noon for LEGO Club.

Book club for adults

Our book club for adults meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles. On Sept. 12, we will discuss “Small Great Things” by Jodi Picoult. If you need a copy, please stop by your library. No registration is required.

Teen role-playing game

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Wednesday, Sept. 13, 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

Now that school is back in session, our PALS program — Pagosa Adult Learning Services — has expanded its hours to three days a week: Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help with high school equivalency, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

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. Sept. 11 is Internet searching, Sept. 18 is email basics and Sept. 25 is phone storage. No registration is required.

Tween gaming

Free gaming for fourth- through eighth-graders is Monday, Sept. 11, from 4 to 5 p.m. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Teen gaming

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

Tech Time

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.

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 in everyday family life.

Toddler storytime

Every Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m., join us for 30 minutes of free stories, songs and fingerplays with open play afterwards. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life.

Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults.

Nonfiction

“Wild Things: The Joy of Reading Children's Literature as an Adult” by Bruce Handy revisits the classics of American childhood. “The Importance of Being Funny” by Al Gini shows why we need more jokes in our lives. “Ayurveda” by

Heidi E. Spear offers 50 exercises for finding health, mindfulness and balance. “Life Lessons” by Julia Cameron provides 125 prayers and meditations that are a powerful but simple approach to God. “Jorge Bergoglio Francisco” by Andrea Tornielli is a Spanish-language book about the life and ideas of the pope. “The Education of a Coroner” by John Bateson is a memoir of the coroner of Marin County in California. “Who are You, Really?” by psychologist Brian R. Little shows you how to shape your personality for a thriving life.

Mysteries and thrillers

“I Know a Secret” by Tess Geritsen is a Jane Rizzoli and Maura Isles suspense story. “A Stranger in the House” by Shari Lapena begins with a phone call the heroine hoped she'd never get. “Sulfur Springs” by William Kent Krueger follows a couple looking for the reasons for their son's murder.

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“Deadfall” by Linda Fairstein is an Alexandra Cooper thriller. “Sulfur Springs” by William Kent

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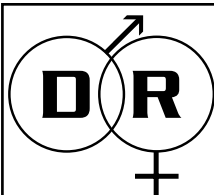
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Earth Community speaker to discuss hope for the future

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

The Earth Community Pagosa Springs is so happy to have Dr. Fran Korten returning to Pagosa Springs to visit her sister and be willing to speak to us at the Ruby Sisson Library on Monday, Sept. 11.

She will be speaking at 9:45 a.m., with coffee, tea and a potluck breakfast starting shortly after 9 a.m. when the library opens. Don't feel you must bring something to attend. We will be providing treats, but would be pleased if a few others could, without much work, add to what we have.

Korten is the editor of Yes Magazine and the wife and working partner of Dr. David C. Korten, who wrote "When Corporations Rule the World" and "Change the Story, Change the Future."

Having lived and worked around the world, they have an exceptional

and unique perspective on the world situation and the way human structures on our planet will progress. I am certain that she will be bringing to us the latest and best information on what is going on and how we can best contribute our efforts.

Some people have asked why the Earth Community Pagosa Springs is not more active. Actually, members are actively doing many important things in our community. David Korten wrote about the Empire Model, which the world has had for the past thousands of years and the new Earth Community Model, which still is "in vitro."

The Earth Community Model is outside politics and right now we are in the middle of a political crisis around the world. Within the Empire Model, we have long passed through the time of kings and governments and are now deep into the phase where corporations, banks and money are ruling our

planet, but it is unsustainable to have a few getting richer and the rest paying for it. People will not allow it to continue.

The wild card is in the timing, which no one can predict. The Empire Model is not over and its death throes will be horrendous. We must do what we can to aid the process. But, we can share the hope and perspective that someday the Earth Community Model will be the way life is and we have an early view of what that can be and can aid in its early development.

We will be having more gatherings to discuss the insights of Yes Magazine, which comes out each quarter. Fran Korten will be bringing some sample copies. We will also be having a book study on "Change the Story, Change the Future: A Living Economy for A Living Earth."

Get your copy, start reading and sign up on Monday. I hope to see you for this realistic, inspiring and fantastic talk which may "make your entire year."

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Krueger follows a couple looking for the reasons for their son's murder. "The Burning Girl" by Claire Messud mixes fable and a coming-of-age tale. "Love Like Blood" by Mark Billingham is a crime story set in Britain. "The Last Tudor" by Philippa Gregory features Lady Jane Grey, queen of England for nine days. "Devil's Cut" by J.R. Ward is the finale to the Bourbon Kings series. "Paradise Valley" by C.J. Box follows the search for a serial killer. "The Late Show" by Michael Connelly launches a new mystery series featuring Renee Ballard.

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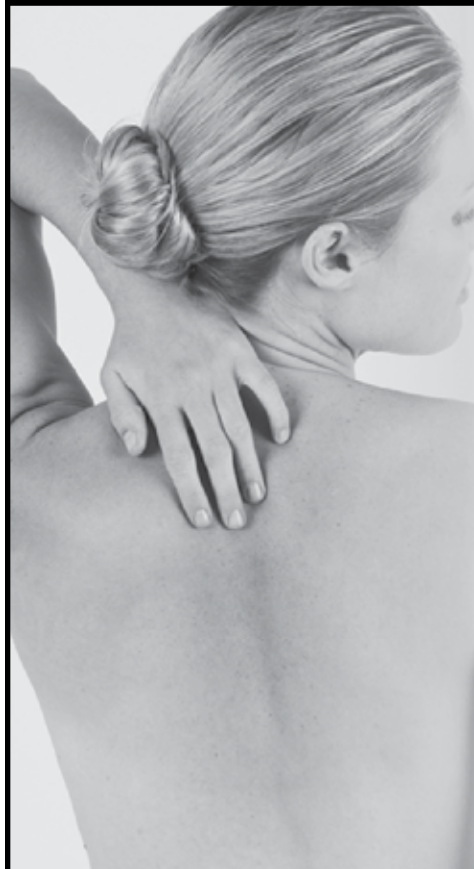
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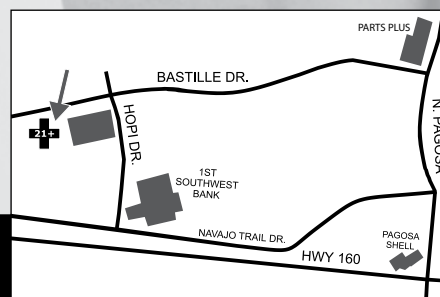
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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a **Scheduling/ Pre-Registration Specialist.** The Scheduling/ Pre-Registration Specialist will receive requests for services/ procedures, coordinates the exam times per protocol with convenience considered for the patients and departments. Responsible for the accurate and efficient pre-registration of scheduled patients by gathering and recording the patient demographic and insurance data into the computer system. Applications may be picked up at PSMC registration or downloaded from www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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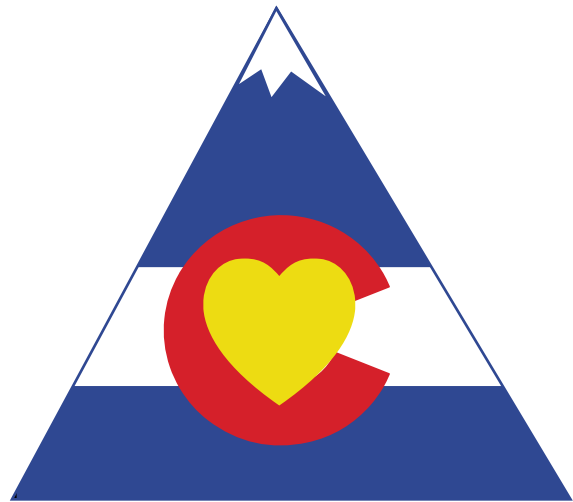
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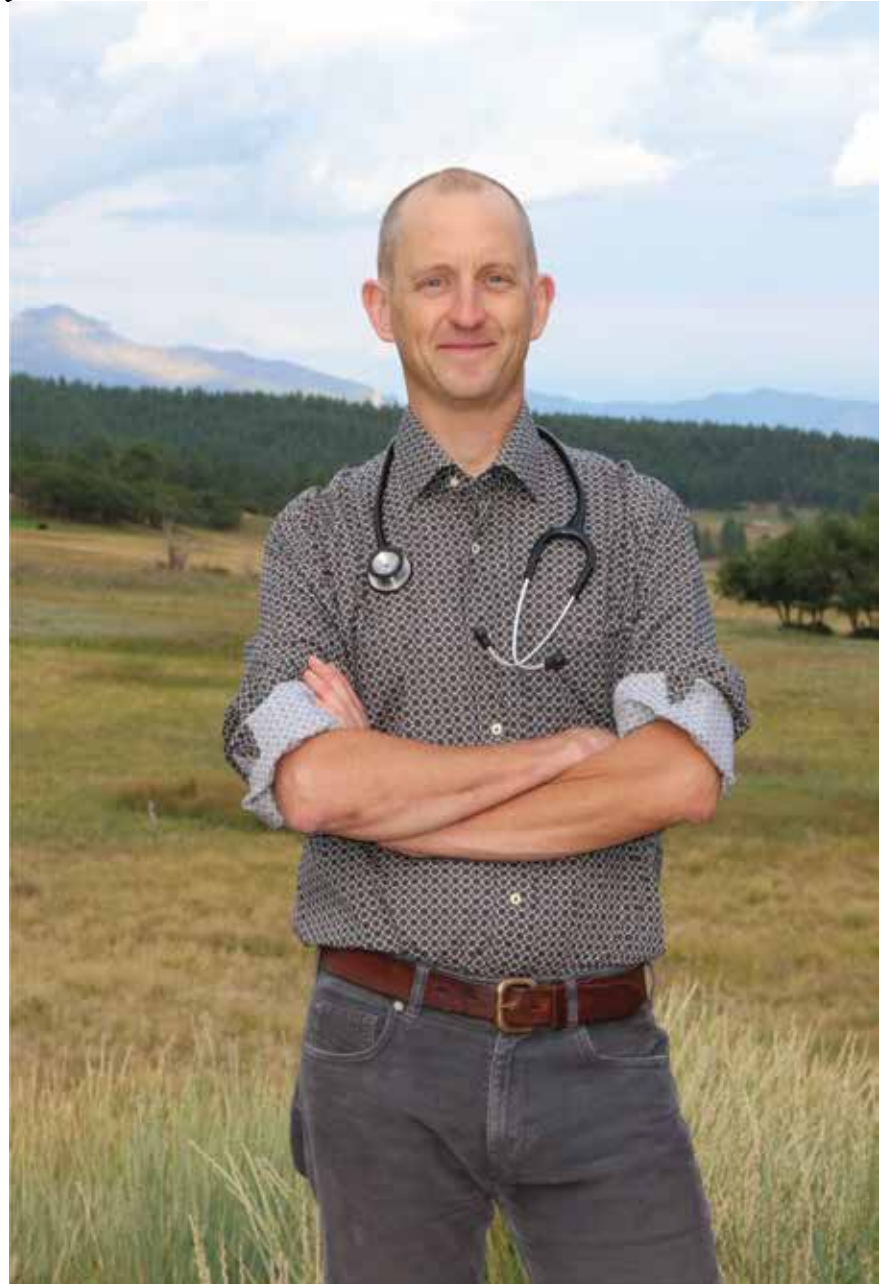
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