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Armed Treasury agents lead to lockout at schools

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Archuleta School District (ASD) schools were on lockout the morning of May 23 due to agents from the U.S. Department of the Treasury who did not notify law enforcement of their presence in the area.

According to ASD Superintendent Linda Reed, maintenance person Davey Belarde was on the roof of Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) installing an air handling unit when he noticed what appeared to be two people, with one wearing a holster, near a vehicle.

The two people were located in a parking lot along Lewis Street, adjacent to PSMS.

Belarde notified PSMS Assistant Principal Aaron Freed, who in turn notified law enforcement.

PSMS also entered into lockout protocol.

According to Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) Chief William Rockensock, the call came

■ See Lockout A8



Kyleah Coss leads the charge in pulling a fire truck during Saturday's festivities after the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, while other youngsters help and onlookers cheer them on.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Court halts Village land swap

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Nearly two years after it was approved, the land exchange that would help facilitate the controversial Village at Wolf Creek in its current iteration was halted in federal court late last week.

Senior District Judge Richard P. Matsch, U.S. District Court judge for the District of Colorado, issued the 40-page Order Setting Aside Agency Action on Friday, May 19.

"What NEPA [National Environmental Policy Act] requires is that before taking any major action a federal agency must stop and take a careful look to determine the envi-

■ See Village A11

Medical center to add oncology services

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors approved an oncology business plan Tuesday evening, paving the way for additional services to be offered at Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) later this year.

Per the plan, oncology services are anticipated to begin at PSMC on Oct. 1.

"The idea of doing it is very popular with community members that have spoken to us many times about need, and it has a ... potentially positive financial impact," PSMC CEO Brad Cochennet said in introducing the topic

to the board Tuesday.

This is the second time PSMC has anticipated adding oncology to its roster of services, with a business plan prepared in 2013 regarding adding chemotherapy to the infusion services it already offered as an outpatient service.

"Our delay was primarily about operational readiness," Cochennet said, explaining that oncology requires special skills and is a "complex service line."

"At that time, PSMC was limited as to the types of infusions that could be offered because the pharmacy did not have laminar flow capabilities (i.e., a compounding

■ See Oncology A8

PFPD fights two different fires Tuesday

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to two separate fires on Tuesday.

The first was a fire that occurred around 7 a.m. at a residence off of North Pagosa Boulevard.

According to PFPD's Colton Calavan, when PFPD units arrived to the scene, the homeowner was in the backyard of the residence using a garden hose to fight the fire.

Calavan explained that no structures were really

threatened, and that the fire wasn't spreading very rapidly.

He explained that while he dispatched a battalion vehicle, a brush truck and a water tender truck, PFPD personnel only needed to use the hand tools on one of the trucks and the garden hose for containing the fire.

Calavan explained that, total, PFPD units were on the scene for about an hour and a half.

Calavan, PFPD Chief Randy Larson, PFPD Deputy Chief Karn Macht and two volunteers all responded to

■ See Fires A8



Photo courtesy Mike Buckingham

This bear finds a place to rest in a ponderosa tree in Twincreek Village on Saturday. The bear is one of several spotted recently around the county. Folks living in bear country are reminded that if you take away the food, you will take away the bear. Reduce bear attractants by taking down your bird feeders and putting away all pet food.

Memorial Day ceremonies

American Legion

By Roy Vega
Special to The SUN

Mullins-Nickerson American Legion Post 108 will be holding Memorial Day ceremonies Monday, May 29, first at the Legion building, 287 Hermosa St. at 9 a.m., then again at Hilltop Cemetery at 10 a.m., where veterans who have passed on since last Memorial Day will be remembered.

The graves of veterans will have been marked with American flags the day before by Legionnaires and Boy Scouts from Troop 807 sponsored by Community United Methodist Church.

Weather permitting, the Hilltop Cemetery ceremony will this year, for the first time, feature a Missing Man

■ See Ceremonies A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Remembering our soldiers: An effort to honor Archuleta County's veterans

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

For 96 years, U.S. flags have adorned the graves of veterans buried in Hilltop Cemetery on Memorial Day.

The purpose? "Let no grave of our soldier or sailor dead be unhonored and unmarked."

The Mullins-Nickerson American Legion Post 108 organizes the annual effort, often with the help of Boy Scouts from Troop 807, in order to honor Archuleta County's deceased veterans.

"Memorial Day is officially set aside for remembering the men and

women who died while serving their country. Veterans Day, on the other hand, celebrates the service of all military veterans, not just those killed during wartime. Our post has taken some liberty with those traditions and places flags on all graves of all veterans on Memorial Day. This is done as a matter of respect for all of our veterans," former Post commander Ed Robinson wrote about the activity.

But keeping track of and locating the graves of Archuleta County's deceased veterans is no easy task, and has fallen to a number of people over the years.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Ceremonies will honor those who served

Memorial Day weekend heralds the unofficial beginning of summer for Pagosa Country.

While many people are heading out for a picnic, taking a hike or spending the day at a family barbecue, others will be honoring those who gave their lives for our country at local ceremonies.

Mullins-Nickerson American Legion Post 108 will be holding Memorial Day ceremonies at both the Legion building and Hilltop Cemetery. The graves of veterans will be marked with American flags by Legionnaires and Boy Scouts from Troop 807. An aerial salute in the form of the missing-man formation flyover by the San Juan Flying Squadron will also honor the fallen.

In the afternoon, the Post Honor Guard will be providing a flag raising, rifle salute and taps at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County (VMPAC). A complete schedule of events can be found on page one of this week's paper.

In 2013, a local board was formed with the mission "to develop and maintain a Memorial Park in honor of all past, present and future Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America; to be a place for veterans, their families and the public to remember, reflect and contemplate the sacrifices of these individuals; and to serve as an educational venue."

In October 2014, the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association deeded a 6.9-acre park site off Vista Boulevard to the county, which in turn gave it to the VMPAC board to be developed as a memorial park and public recreation site.

While some of the members of the board of directors of the VMPAC are also members of other local veteran organizations, the VMPAC organization and its board of directors are dedicated solely to building a memorial park in Archuleta County and are not affiliated with any other veteran organization.

The group explored options and concepts for development of the park. They identified items to be incorporated into the park — a main memorial to recognize all who have served in the military: Air Force, Navy, Army, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine, and the following conflicts: War of Independence, War of 1812, Mexican-American War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Iraq wars and Afghanistan war.

Thoughtful planning has gone toward creating a special place for veterans and community to rest, walk and contemplate. Plans include gazebos, trails, picnic areas and a pavilion.

The website for the memorial park states: "Duty, Honor, and Country are words that proudly describe the men and women who have served our country as veterans for the United States.

"If you look at a history of your family and friends, you will likely find a father, a mother, an uncle or aunt, a nephew, niece or a friend who served their country in order to protect our way of life. You might find a veteran who, as President Lincoln said, 'gave the last full measure of devotion'. It is time for us to honor those who served in order to ensure our safety and freedom."

In 1884, Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. gave a Memorial Day speech that ended with the following: "Our dead brothers still live for us, and bid us think of life, not death — of life to which in their youth they lent the passion and joy of the spring. As I listen, the great chorus of life and joy begins again, and amid the awful orchestra of seen and unseen powers and destinies of good and evil our trumpets sound once more a note of daring, hope, and will."

Our local veterans groups are coming together this Memorial Day to trumpet a note of daring, hope and will to remember those who made the sacrifice for the numerous freedoms that many take for granted.

We should never forget.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

What advice do you have for the high school class of 2017?



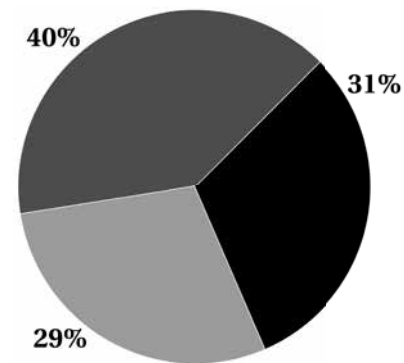
Joica Archuleta
"Have fun, make mistakes, live life, go to school and get those degrees."



Mildred Pegram
"Do your best."



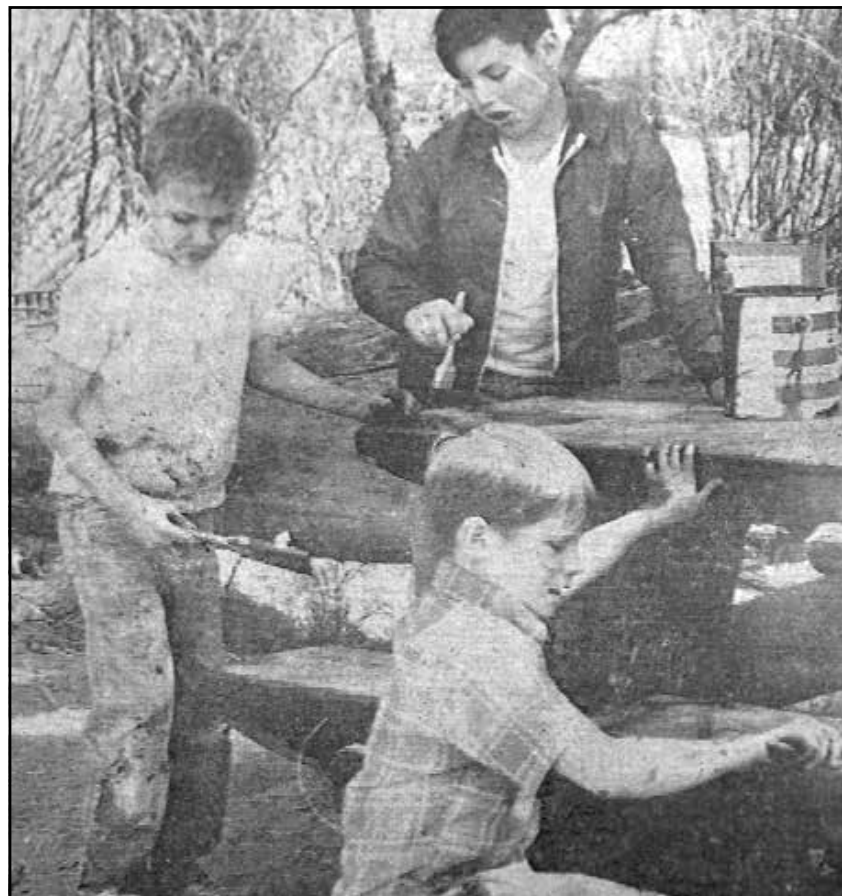
Sally Parrino
"Be all you can be — and more."



Poll results (224 Votes)
Follow your dreams. — 31 percent
Work hard and good things will happen. — 29 percent
Get a job. — 40 percent

This week online: Would a town moratorium on impact fees be unfair to existing business that paid those fees?
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LOOKING BACK



From the May 28, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. **COLOR IT GREEN** — Members of the Silver Spruce 4-H Club are busily engaged in painting a picnic table in the town park. The tables were repainted, repaired and made attractive by the members of the club as a community service project. They are, left to right, Rodney Hendricks, Bruce Alley, and Randy Sorenson.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 20, 1927

The state highway steam shovel on Saturday completed a fine piece of work at the "Catchpole Mistake," about three miles up the San Juan river from Pagosa Springs. The grade has been extensively lessened, the road about doubly widened, and the whole now represents a safe and secure roadway for motor or other traffic. The shovel has proceeded upward and, after cutting out some of the curves near the ranger station, will continue to the Laughlin grade for additional work.

Federal Prohibition Agents of Durango paid this county an official visit Tuesday, and after spending the greater part of the day probing over one ranchman's place, pronounced it a "duster" so far as any spirituous beverages that violate the Volstead act are concerned.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 29, 1942

Mrs. Samuel O. Valdez received official notice from the War Dept. Wednesday that her husband has been reported as missing. The notice said that Sam was in the Philippines with the U.S. forces when Corregidor fell May 7. Valdez had volunteered for army service Mar. 11, '41, and had written The Sun of the beauty of Hawaii, and of his many interesting experiences there. He had been stationed at Fort Armstrong at Honolulu, until very recently.

Fred Flaugh received a copy of the official notice of Bart Pinson's being missing from Mrs. Stella Clay, of Colorado Springs. The War Department states that Pinson was in the service of his country in the Manila area when that station capitulated.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 25, 1967

The June issue of Reader's Digest carries an article about the exploits of a Navy group of fighting men, called the SEALs. This unit is in combat in Vietnam and many students of the war there say it is the most deadly combat outfit in the history of military warfare. The article is written by John G. Hubbell and is a factual account of various military operations of the group. It also tells of the fact that Lt. Cmdr. Franklin Anderson is the commanding officer of SEAL team one. Lt. Cmdr. Anderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Anderson of Pagosa Springs and is a graduate of the local schools. The article notes that the Navy has so far been able to produce about 200 men to meet the exacting qualification of the SEALs. To be the commanding officer of the group requires unusual ability in a great many fields.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 28, 1992

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall will be placed in Pagosa Springs Town Park from June 2 to June 8 — a testament to the men and women who gave their lives in Vietnam, and a tribute to those who served with them. The Moving Vietnam Wall brings this tribute to residents throughout the nation who are unable to travel to the Wall at Washington, D.C.

The United States Postal Service and Midtown Construction of Pagosa Springs signed a contract last Friday on the job of constructing the new Pagosa Springs Post Office. Midtown entered a bid of \$1,423,000 to build the 12,000-square-foot facility that will be located south of the Oak Ridge Motor Inn on Light Plant Road, at the intersection with Spring Street.

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Obituaries

William Gardner Church

William Gardner Church passed away on May 8 at home with his beloved family gathered together. We know that we will all be together again and this is only a temporary separation. Bill's passing is just goodbye for now.



Bill was born and raised in Santa Ana by Clarence and Perus Church along with his brother, Robert, and sister, Mary. Bill's parents raised him to be a man of integrity, character and honor.

Bill attended UCLA and Fresno State, graduating with a degree in civil engineering. He met and married Mary in California. They were loyal, loving companions for 56 years. Together they raised two sons, of whom they are very proud, and spent the past 16 years on their ranch in Pagosa Springs watching their grandchildren, Michelle and Brandon, grow up. Bill lived to the fullest and loved the life he had built for his family.

In 1964, Bill opened Church Engineering in Irvine, Calif. The company would grow to three offices in southern California and Nevada. Church Engineering played a significant role in the infrastructure of Orange County including toll roads, highways and land development.

Bill's early passions was with his boys, Mike and Brian, racing off-road cars and trucks, winning the Baja 1000 twice. The reputation of Bill Church is still well known and respected in off road and racing today.

Bill's latest passion was building and living the ranch life in Pagosa Springs. He was most happy riding horses and training his great Pyrenees. For many years, he traveled with his granddaughter, Michelle, to horse shows, where their Tennessee walkers became national champions in both English and Western competitions.

Bill helped establish the local Trinity Anglican Church and served on the vestry. His deep faith gave him much comfort as he fought hard to stay with us as long as possible. Bill is survived by his wife, Mary Church; sons Mike and Brian Church; daughters-in-law Julie and Jennifer Church; and his grandchildren, Michelle and Brandon Church. We will miss our patriarch tremendously, but are so thankful to God for the incredible years we had together.

The family held a private memorial service on the ranch for Bill on Saturday, May 13.

Jerry B. Gazaway

Jerry B. Gazaway, 75, former resident of Pagosa Springs, went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, May 23. He was living near his daughter in Duncan, Okla., the last few months of his life.



Funeral services will be Friday, May 26, at 2 p.m. at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church, at which he was a long-time member. Burial will follow in Eastlawn Memorial Park in Early, Texas. Visitation will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Davis-Morris Funeral Home, 800 Center Ave., Brownwood, Texas.

Jerry was born to J.B. and Julia Ann (Jan) Gazaway on June 27, 1941, in Seminole, Texas. He married the love of his life, Judy Ann Wester, on June 4, 1960, in Las Vegas, N.M. To this incredible loving relationship were born their two children, J. Byron and J'Nell Lynn. Throughout Jerry and Judy's 52 years of marriage, they lived in numerous communities over the states of New Mexico, Utah and Colorado, with Pagosa Springs, Colo. (1978-1996), and Brownwood, Texas (1996 to February 2017), being the two communities in which they spent most of their married lives.

Jerry was an accomplished metal fabricator and machinist. He was one of the early pioneers

of the shaving baler industry. He and his dad started baling shavings in the early 1970s. He designed, built and marketed the Real Tuff Shaving Baler. He owned and operated The Machine Shop that was located on South Hwy. 84 in Pagosa Springs from 1980-1996. Jerry and Judy moved to Brownwood, Texas, to be closer to family, where he continued to market the Real Tuff Baler from his Real Tuff Industries machine shop until his retirement in 2007. After his retirement, his greatest accomplishment, which he was most happy to do, was to build the fence around the playground and the swing set at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church.

Jerry was a great man of faith. Because of his faith, he desired to follow the commands of his Lord which led him to being a loving husband, dad, grandpa, brother, uncle and friend. His greatest desire was for all his family to put God first. He loved to serve his church family. In every church he attended, he served in some capacity. Most often he was a Sunday school teacher, which he enjoyed tremendously, and in several churches he was also music director. He was also a very generous man. He received much joy meeting the needs of others, never wanting repayment.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, J.B. and Jan Gazaway, and his loving wife, Judy. He is survived by his son, J. Byron, and his wife, Adela, of San Antonio, Texas; his daughter, J'Nell Ash and her husband, Greg, of Duncan, Okla.; his granddaughters, Brianna Ghosn, and husband, Jay; Kimberlee Ash and Bexy Carpenter and her husband, Gary; his grandsons, Jeffrey Ash and Jason Gazaway; and his great-grandsons, Preston and Isaiah Estrada and Jaxon Gazaway and great-granddaughter, Alaina Ash; one sister, Boby Harris, and her husband, Ken, of Brownwood, Texas; one brother, Tom Gazaway, and his wife, Judy, of Lemon Grove, Calif.; his nieces, Kathy McClure and Terry Goodman; his nephews, Jeff Harris and Keith Gazaway; and cousins and close friends.

Online condolences may be sent to www.davis-morrisfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the Missions

Fund of Coggin Avenue Baptist Church of Brownwood, Texas.

Constance Kirby Ruth Wilson

Constance Kirby Ruth Wilson's battle with cancer ended Tuesday, May 16 (Sept. 4, 1949-May 16, 2017). After her diagnosis in November of 2016, she spent her time wrapping up her work and traveling to spend with loved ones and friends. Connie was preceded by her father, Marion Austin Kirby. She leaves behind her mother, Frances Monday, of Quitman, Texas; her five siblings; her husband, Richard Souza; her ex-husband, David Wilson; her daughter, Ashley Wilson, and her grandchildren, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.



Connie spent 25 years working and raising her daughter in Pagosa Springs, and though she disliked the snow, made good friends and good memories.

Her last few years of semi-retirement were spent in Visalia, Calif., making some wonderful new friends and attempting to learn how to retire.

She returned to Pagosa during the last two months of her life to spend time with her daughter and grandchildren.

Connie's memorial service will be held Wednesday, June 7, at Restoration Fellowship in the fellowship hall, from 6 to 8 p.m. A short service will be held followed by dinner and a time for friends to remember her. If you would like to help with food, contact Ashley at (970) 403-2558.

We ask that you bring a note with your favorite memory of Connie for the family to have.

In lieu of flowers and cards, Connie (Mimi) wished for people to contribute to a local charity or to contribute to Sofia and Livia's college fund. The Connie Wilson Memorial Fund is set up at Citizens Bank; you may go in to either branch and ask any of the tellers for information.

With love and remembrance Connie was welcomed into heaven.

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Cards of Thanks

Beautification Kickoff

The mayor's Committee on Beautification would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who came to work and celebrate during the first annual Beautification Kickoff on May 20.

A special thanks to the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership, Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Jack Ellis, The San Juan Mountain Boys and Choke Cherry Tree for making the day a success. We would also like to thank all of the businesses and nonprofits that signed up to adopt a bike planter. Mark your calendars for the second annual Beautification Kickoff on May 19, 2018.

Martinez

Thank you from the family of Eva Martinez.

Thank you to our Catholic family for your support during our mother's preparation to meet God, specifically, Father Kenny and staff (Cathy and Veta). We appreciate the help provided by Rosie Griego for the Rosary/Velorio and the Mass at IHM and the musical leadership provided by Marcus, Joseph and Bobby Rivas for singing heartfelt Spanish songs during the Mass and especially for singing "Flor de Las Flores" for Mom. The reception and the meal could not have happened without the backing of the members of the Guadalupana Society and the use of the Knights of Columbus tent and equipment, so thank you to Juanita Archuleta, Bennie Gallegos, Manny Trujillo and Gene Tautges. A special thank you to Diane Morrell for organizing the meal and to our family and friends (Ronnie Martinez, Lucas Martinez, Moises Martinez, Pat Candelaria, Lucy Gonzales and

many members of the community) for providing and serving the meal. Thank you to Chris Gallegos and the city employees, Lucas Martinez, Tod Miller and Laurence Martinez, for the preparation and caring of the grave sight. Thanks to Ryan Phelps and the team at Hood Mortuary for bringing everything together. Finally, thanks to our local and wonderful Hospice of Mercy for their service. Dr. Pruitt, Bev Sondag, Earl Caudil, Dan Straw, Dan Keuning, Marissa Marchand, Kim Coleman, Heidi Crider, Jennifer Brown and especially Stacey Formwalt provided us with invaluable support and council during this process and we are grateful. Many more helped us during this time and we offer our heartfelt appreciation to them and to this community for your support.

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Elementary school

I would like to thank Aubrie Limebrook, Renea Smith, Laura Jenkins, Mrs. Lisa Hartley, Dan Burch, Sanya Peterson, Cade Cowan and Hayley Mitchell for creating another excellent talent show at Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Your work, time and efforts are greatly appreciated and the kids (and their parents) will have memory that lasts a lifetime. Thank you.

Justin Cowan

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Friday, May 26

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LEGISLATURE

Final week of session: Conversations and compromises

I've had an exciting first year as your state representative. Several of my bills have passed through the gauntlet of House, Senate and governor, all with bipartisan support. I'm doing my best for House District 59 in Southwest Colorado.

• HB 17-1219 has been signed into law. It is a pilot program encouraging farmers to follow their land, then lease the water to municipalities. It will help maintain the health of the land, retain water rights and assist municipalities.

• HB 17-1003 is a priority of mine because it will help address Colorado's teacher shortage. It is awaiting the governor's signature. It directs the Department of Higher Education to work with other stakeholders to perform their annual survey of teaching conditions, then report back to the legislature with specific and strategic plans on how to attract and keep teachers in Colorado. It will also investigate why so few students are applying to teacher education programs.

• HB 17-1176 also awaits the governor's signature. It gives teachers who have retired with PERA benefits the ability to return to rural school districts and teach, without harming those benefits. It will help

rural districts find qualified, certified teachers to alleviate the shortage.

• HB 17-1306 is ready for the governor. It provides funding for school districts to test for lead, starting with older elementary schools. Larger districts have already tested, which covers 44 percent of Colorado's student population, so this bill targets middle-sized and smaller districts who may never have found the money for the procedure. There is no safe level of lead in children.

• HB 17-1374 died in committee. It offered free, lifetime fishing and hunting licenses to all veterans who have served for at least two years, and who have lived in Colorado for at least two years. It was a way to pay respect to those who have served our country so valiantly.

• SB 17-302 is a simple fix for a problem many did not know existed. It adds silvicultural equipment to the property tax exemption list



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for our agricultural communities. It awaits the governor's signature. Silvicultural equipment, by the way, is used for planting, growing, maintaining or harvesting trees, particularly in our beetle-kill forests.

• HJR 17-1015 is naming Colorado Highway 3 in Durango as the Captain Jeff Kuss Memorial Highway.

While these bills have certainly kept me busy, I have also been proud to co-sponsor legislation that implements the Colorado Water Plan, promotes equal pay for equal work, helps veterans earn college credit for their military training; they also focus on paid family and medical leave, accountability for student loan services, affordable and accessible health care, attainable housing, broadband and the protection of our public lands for the next generation.

Other big bills the General Assembly is working on include:

• HB 17-1279 is the Construction Defects Bill. It passed through the gauntlet, giving homeowners a strong voice if they discover construction defects, without tying the hands of the construction industry. It is a giant step toward helping the industry start building more afford-

able homes.

• SB 17-267 removes the Hospital Provider Fee from the general fund and puts it into an enterprise fund, and thus out of TABOR constraints. The masterfully crafted bill will end up helping both rural and urban hospitals, small businesses, transportation, education, rural schools and senior citizens.

• SB 17-296 is a cooperative effort of charter schools, school boards, rural schools, unions and traditional public schools to share money on an equitable, instead of equal, basis. It is best for students because the money will follow those in need, and is not dependent on the school they attend. Schools will be getting more per student next year, and the negative factor will not increase.

We are required to balance the budget every year, and finding the final pieces of legislation to make that happen took a little longer than usual, primarily because those pieces were so large and so important to Colorado. After late-night sessions during our last week of session, we all rose to the challenge. It took many difficult conversations, compromises and stakeholders to make good government work.

Focusing on forest management and water rights

Recent hearings in the House Natural Resources Committee have focused on healthy forest management and the protection of privately held water rights — two issues that are critical in Colorado.

During an oversight hearing in the Subcommittee on Federal Lands, I had the opportunity to discuss solutions for effective forest management and wildfire prevention with our panel of witnesses. It is far more efficient and cost effective to proactively manage our forests; but, unfortunately, federal efforts to responsibly manage forests and prevent the conditions that lead to catastrophic wildfires have been hampered by an unwieldy regulatory framework.

I believe that empowering states to work collaboratively with the federal government to make forest

management decisions in high-risk areas on National Forest System lands and lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management will help restore forests to healthy conditions.

In previous sessions of Congress, I have introduced the Healthy Forests Management Act, which is a bill that would allow state governors, in consultation with county governments from affected counties and affected Indian tribes, to designate high-risk areas and develop emergency



Rep. Tipton's Report

hazardous fuels reduction projects for those areas. Additionally, the bill would allow forest treatment projects to move forward under a streamlined review process.

Language from the Healthy Forests Management Act passed the House of Representatives as part of the Resilient Federal Forests Act in the 114th Congress and I am confident that we will be able to get this bipartisan effort across the finish line in the 115th Congress.

I also had the opportunity to participate in a hearing in the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, where a draft of my bill to protect privately held water and property rights was up for discussion.

In recent decades, directives from the U.S. Forest Service have attempted to require the transfer of privately held water rights to the federal government as a permit condition on National Forest System lands. There is no compensation for the transfer of these privately held rights, despite the fact that many stakeholders have invested millions of dollars of

their own capital in developing them.

These federal attempts to manipulate the federal permit, lease and land management processes to circumvent long-established state water law and hijack privately held rights have sounded the alarm for all nonfederal water users that rely on these water rights for their livelihood. The Water Rights Protection Act would provide certainty by upholding longstanding federal deference to state water law.

I appreciated the discussion on the Water Rights Protection Act and I know that many of my colleagues are committed to ensuring western water users have the certainty they need to prosper and thrive in the arid West. I look forward to finalizing and introducing this bill in the 115th Congress.

Too often, issues like forest management and water rights don't make it into the news, but they have profound impacts on Coloradans. I remain committed to ensuring voices from the West are heard in the policy discussions happening in Washington.

CDOT encourages bicyclists to be safe in work zones

Special to The SUN

With bicycle tours and race events slated for many communities across the region, cyclists have taken to area roads for training. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) reminds bicyclists that they must follow the same traffic laws that motorized vehicles are required to obey.

Recent incidents, observed by traffic control personnel within several construction projects has prompted CDOT to issue the warning.

Bicyclists have been reported riding through work zones when traffic was stopped, in order to avoid the short traffic delays required from time to time in the course of construction activity.

"This endangers both the bicyclists and the construction workers," said Jo Heinlein, CDOT Traffic and Safety Program manager. "When traffic stops are enforced, that means workers and equipment need space

and time to carry out the activity of the construction site. These stops are typically short in duration."

When traffic is stopped by a flagger in either direction, the bicyclists must also stop. When traffic is released, the motorized vehicles will be released first and any bicyclists in the queue will follow at the very rear of the queue. This is the fastest, safest and most efficient way to get both cars and bicycles through the work zone.

State law

Bicyclists are reminded that it is written in Colorado state law (42-4-1412) that, "Every person riding a bicycle ... shall have all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle ... riders shall comply with the rules set forth ... when using streets and highways within incorporated cities and towns ..."

For more information about Colorado's bicycling laws, visit www.ColoBikeLaw.com.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Tuesday, May 30

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

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 9:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting. 11 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, com-

missioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Wednesday, May 31

Pagosa Springs Town Council work session. 6 a.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners facilities presentation on Harman Park site. 10 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

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Business

CHAMBER NEWS

Town offers incentives for ADA improvements

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

Small rural communities such as Pagosa Springs have been the target for litigious suits involving businesses that are not within ADA compliance guidelines.

Because some of Pagosa's businesses fall into the historic district, owners believe that they are "grandfathered" into exemption. Not so. Some owners rent space, so they believe it is the owner's responsibility to bring the building into compliance. Not so. All businesses need to make an effort to comply with ADA regulations, whether you are the owner or renter of a business.

The Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce has written about this issue in the past; however, with summer coming, crowds increasing and the desire for our community to be ADA-friendly, we are going to highlight this topic again.

Pagosa Springs and Durango were two communities that were positively highlighted in a recent Channel 7 news story about communities in Colorado offering incentives to businesses for undertaking ADA improvements.

The Town of Pagosa Springs is offering businesses up to a \$2,000 match for ADA improve-

ments made to their facilities. It could be something as simple as new door handles throughout the building or widening the entrance to a bathroom. It could be more complicated such as new doors or a ramp leading to an accessible entrance. The point being, if you make an effort to identify the business' ADA improvement needs and take steps to rectify those issues, your business is less likely to be cited in a lawsuit.

Another question that businesses have is the difference between having a pet-friendly place and allowing service dogs, especially in food-service establishments. Businesses cannot refuse verified service dogs from their establishment nor charge extra for the dog. The dog should be clearly and legitimately marked as a service animal. There are also some new laws for persons fraudulently claiming their dog is a service animal. Businesses should take care to provide quality service to those with disabilities as well as those having a service animal in their care.

In addition, more and more people are traveling with their pets. Does your business provide an area that people can eat outside with their pet? Does your business provide little niceties like a water

bowl or treats for people with their pets stopping by your business? Is your business, especially lodging facilities, listed on one of the pet-friendly travel websites? Most of these sites offer free listings—what an easy way to market to this growing clientele of travelers.

There are several websites that can help businesses conform to the laws for service dogs. The Chamber or the Town of Pagosa Springs can also assist you in finding out how you can better comply with ADA laws so that your business is protected. Don't wait until it is too late. Look at your facility, start making changes and welcome those individuals with less mobility into your establishment.

'American Pickers' coming to Colorado

Do you have a barn or storage unit that might have a large collection of antiques? Do you think you have a fun story or hidden treasure that "pickers" Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz might find interesting?

The hit TV show "American Pickers" is returning to Colorado in July to film the back roads and rural areas of Colorado.

If you or someone you know has a private collection or an accumulation of antiques that the

pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call (855) OLD-RUST.

Who knows what treasures lay buried in Pagosa.

Veterans Memorial Park invitation

This Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, everyone is invited to the ground-breaking ceremony at the planned Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County located at U.S. 160 and Vista Boulevard.

The ceremony and celebration begin at 1 p.m. Fundraising efforts for this park began in 2013 when the group received its 501(c)19 status. The park is planned as a memorial site and public venue for all to enjoy.

The park board invites the community to pay homage to our veterans this Memorial Day and celebrate the first phase of this exciting community project.

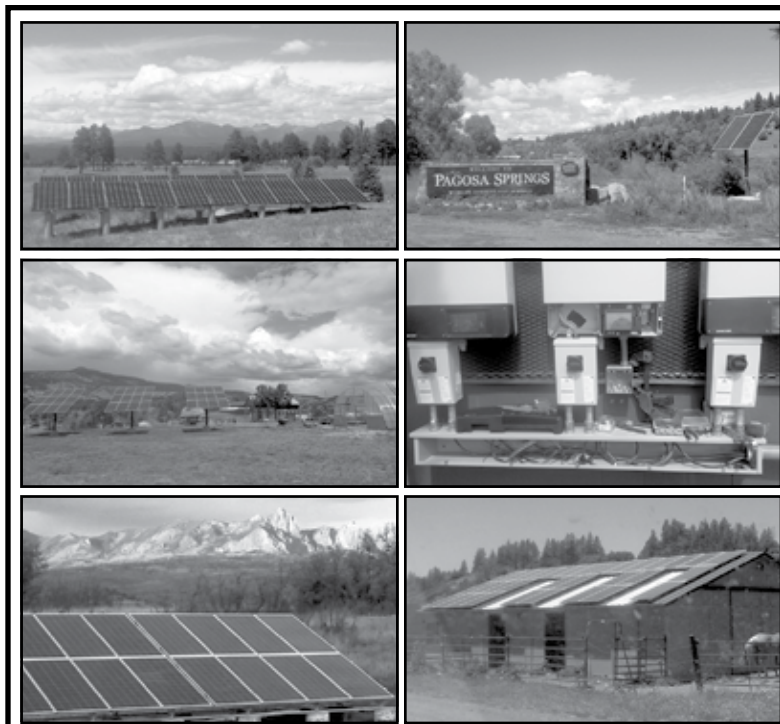
Membership news

Just a reminder that the Chamber offices will be closed on Memorial Day, May 29. We will be back open for business on Tuesday, May 30, putting the finishing touches on a very busy June schedule.

Our new member this week is Angela Franklin with Franklin Associates.

We were busy with renewals this week. Welcome back to PS Froyo; Pagosa Mountain Sports; Rocky Mountain Balloon Adventures; Jim Smith Realty; Ears 2 U Hearing Aid Center; The Loft at the Metro; Weminuche Drafting; Wilson, Rea Beckel and Associates; and the San Juan Water Conservancy District. From out of the area, we welcome back FrederickZink and Associates accounting firm from Durango.

The Chamber wishes everyone a safe holiday weekend.



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Adoptees of Bike Planter Program announced

By Jennifer Green
Special to The SUN

The Town of Pagosa Springs is pleased to announce the bike planter adoptees for the 2017 Beautification Initiative.

The following businesses/non-profits are receiving bike planters for 2017: Farrago Market Cafe; Pagosa Art Co-op; The Pagosa Source; 4 Generations Antiques; Antiques on Main; Hart Construction; Riff Raff Brewing; Courtney King Studios/Yoga Clarity; Pagosa Health Solutions; Ski and Bow Rack; EXIT Realty Advantage Pagosa, located at GGP site in Centennial Park; Pagosa Peak Volleyball Club, located at The Springs Resort and Spa; Two Old Crows; The Pagosa

Springs SUN; Old Town Market; PS Froyo; Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy; Wyndham Resort; Alpine Inn of Pagosa Springs; Mountain Landing Suites and RV Park; Angela's Flower Shop; Walmart; Sonlight Christian Camp, located at Visitor Center; First Southwest Bank; The Hub; Homespun Comforts; The Choke Cherry Tree; Pagosa Feed and Nursery; Pagosa Springs Medical Center; and High Country Title.

As a part of this summer's beautification efforts, the tourism board is launching a scavenger hunt in conjunction with the 30 new bike planters adopted by businesses and nonprofits throughout the community. Do not fret if you missed out on adopting a bike—we still have ways to help drive our visitors to your door.

Scavenger hunt participants will bring their completed puzzles to the Visitor Center to spin a prize wheel. Prizes will range from business donations to Pagosa-branded gifts. We are now soliciting donations from area businesses. Make sure your business is part of this exciting new campaign.

Area visitors will spend a few hours exploring town to complete the scavenger hunt; donating a prize will drive visitors to your business and show your appreciation in participating in a scavenger hunt to learn more about the town. The scavenger hunt launches on June 8.

Please contact the Visitor Center by email at visitorcenter@visit-pagosasprings.com or by calling 585-1200 to get involved.

Local students to attend Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

Local high school juniors Liam Doctor, Brianna Downing and Justus Logan have been selected by La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) to participate in the Colorado Electric Education Institute Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, an all-

expenses paid educational/leadership camp set for July 15-20 at Glen Eden Resort outside of Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Each summer, the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp brings together approximately 100 high school students selected by electric cooperatives in Colorado, Kansas and Wyoming to learn about the

organization and operation of a cooperative, as well as to build leadership skills designed to assist students in meeting future challenges.

Doctor is a junior at Pagosa Springs High School and an honor student and member of the Academic All-State team. Active in ■ See Leadership A9



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Remembering

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Until 1925, grave registration was done by the GAR Ed Hatcher Post 104. From 1926 to 1972, Ben Baldwin assumed the duty.

Then, in 1973, the duties fell to Rick Girardin and Ron Willett, with the men carrying out the work until 2014, with Girardin passing away the same year and Willett retiring from his duties as post historian and honor guard member.

But, while Willett may not track the grave registrations actively anymore, he remains keenly aware of those buried at Hilltop.

An information page provided to The SUN by Willett reveals that 334 veterans are buried in Hilltop, 22 are buried in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery (part of Hilltop), and 36 are buried in local and private cemeteries in Colorado and New Mexico.

In addition to books and scrapbooks filled with history on the post (Willett won state and national awards for his work as historian), Willett's collection also includes several maps and a binder nearly

an inch thick that includes, among other things, lists of all of the veterans buried in Hilltop alphabetically, by their year of death, branch of service and grave location.

Willett said he was close friends with Girardin, who knew where "nearly everybody" was buried at the cemetery, and convinced him that they needed to keep records of the grave locations.

Then the work began. Willett said Girardin, with the help of some other community members, would locate the graves and the information, and would come back and tell Willett where each person was buried.

Once they obtained a map of the cemetery, they would measure by the inch the location of each veteran's grave in order to accurately mark it.

"Knowing where the graves of all veterans are located is essential to maintaining our tradition of honoring each veteran," Robinson wrote. "There are graves at Hilltop dating back to those who served in the Civil War. Over the years, cemetery

record keeping has sometimes suffered. In addition, family members have died off or moved from the area. Consequently, those graves may go unattended. If it were not for a few dedicated individuals such as has been the case with Ronnie Willett and Rick Girardin, many graves would be simply forgotten and never rightfully honored."

Willett also noted that knowing the location of every veteran grave possible was a public service, with the Legion then able to assist people who would come into town looking for the grave of a loved one.

But knowing the locations wasn't enough.

Between 1973 and 2014, flag holders were placed on every veteran grave to accommodate the Memorial Day flags.

The flag holders were first painted with red, white and blue stripes, but, when the paint wore off, Willett undertook the effort of using designer tape to put the stripes on the PVC holders.

An average of 15-20 missing or damaged holders were replaced

annually for 41 years, Willett said, in addition placing flag holders on an average of five new graves per year.

"I didn't count the hours," Willett said of the years of work.

Willett, himself a veteran who joined the American Legion in 1974, said, "It's important to me to honor our veterans who risked their lives for our country. A lot of them had some pretty wild stories about the wars."

Willett's wife, Betty, noted that the work is also just a part of what the American Legion does, stating, "That's just part of the American Legion, to help veterans and honor veterans in any way that they can."

"It is a matter of simple respect that flags are placed and honors are rendered to our veterans by our Legion Post," Robinson wrote. "We are doing our duty. Memorial Day should not just be looked upon as just the start of summer. It is, after all, a day we should pause and remember those who served their country, and certainly those who sacrificed all for their country." randi@pagosasun.com

Ceremonies

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Formation flyover by our own local San Juan Flying Squadron.

In addition, the Post Honor Guard will be providing a flag raising, rifle salute and taps at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County, 220 Vista Blvd., at 2 p.m.

The public, and especially veterans of the armed forces, are invited to either or both of the Memorial Day ceremonies, as well to the Veterans Memorial Park groundbreaking ceremony as a fitting way to remind ourselves what the true meaning and purpose of this holiday weekend is all about.

Veterans are reminded that, by act of Congress, they may honor the presentation of colors and the playing of the National Anthem by rendering the military hand salute instead of the hand-over-heart respect shown by civilians.

Veterans Memorial Park

By Karin Daniels
Special to The SUN

The board of directors for the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County (VMPAC) is pleased to invite the community to the groundbreaking for the first phase of this exciting park project. Please join us on May 29 beginning at 1 p.m. for a ceremony and celebration at the site located north of U.S. 160 on Vista Boulevard.

VMPAC is proud to celebrate the commencement of its mission to develop and maintain a memorial park in honor of all past, present and future veterans of the armed forces of the United States of America; to be a place for veterans, their families and the public to remember, reflect and contemplate the sacrifices of these individuals; and to serve as an educational venue.

Fundraising efforts have been ongoing since the organization received its tax-exempt status as a 501(c)19 in 2013.

Fires

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truck. "Once we got it under control ... we released the other agencies and just finished with PFPD resources," Calavan said.

Calavan stated that PFPD units were on scene by 12:39 p.m., contained the fire by 2 p.m., began mopping up the fire at 2:34 p.m., and cleared the scene around 4 p.m.

Larson, Macht, Calavan and nine other personnel responded to the fire on behalf of the PFPD.

Calavan urged residents in the community to take extra precautions when doing controlled burns.

"Even though the ground moisture is high, the field moisture in the trees and surrounding area is not as high, which we noticed (Tuesday)," said Calavan.

Burn permits can be purchased through the PFPD by visiting Station 1, located at 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

The cost of a burn permit is \$10, and are good from the date they are purchased until the end of the calendar year.

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Oncology

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aseptic isolator, commonly referred to as a "hood"), the current business plan's introduction states. "Hoods provide a sterile work environment for compounding both non-hazardous and hazardous drugs. Since then, two hoods have been added to the pharmacy. The chemotherapy plan was not implemented because the pharmacy director position turned over several times and there was no physician guidance available. Thus, the plan was put on the back burner."

"We reached a point this last year that we believe we're ready to do that and had this business plan developed again," Cochenet said. Now, the plan notes, the pharmacy director is experienced in chemotherapy and is "interested in bringing this important service to PSMC."

And, as part of the remodeling work that is currently underway at PSMC, a three-bed infusion/chemotherapy area is being developed where the surgery waiting area was formerly, and the pharmacy is being relocated to the medical center's former meeting space, which will allow space for the equipment needed to compound the chemotherapy drugs.

Too, PSMC has been working with an oncologist for several years, with that oncologist informing the business plan and prepared to be the program's director.

"This business plan provides the foundation for an oncology program that would be implemented in October 2017 under the full-time leadership of Dr. Bill Jordan, a board-certified oncologist who owns a home in Pagosa Springs and will become a year-round resident in the near future," the plan's project overview states.

During a 2015 presentation to the senior leadership at PSMC, the plan notes, Jordan presented the concept of a program that could include several components: medical oncology, infusion services, pharmacotherapeutics, diagnostic imaging, laboratory, surgical oncology, oncology support, research and education.

"While this list of possible components is far more robust than PSMC originally envisioned," the

plan states, "it is likely that the program would begin with basic services and expand as appropriate."

The plan later notes that Jordan "is experienced in starting oncology programs in communities similar in size to Pagosa Springs."

The financial outlook for the program anticipates a slight loss in 2017, with "a \$207,000 contribution margin in 2018, growing to \$1.1 million by 2022."

But that predicted loss in the current year drew attention from the USJHSD board Tuesday evening, given that the medical center has cash obligations related to the current remodeling work.

Board members Dr. Jim Pruitt and Greg Schulte, both of whom sit on the Strategic Planning Committee, indicated the committee had approved the concept conditionally and moved it on to the finance committee, with the condition being that the Finance Committee approved the plan.

Board chair Mark Floyd said the Finance Committee approved the plan, but had some "general reservations about cash at the end of the year."

"Because ... the plan for this program in its first quarter is not profitable, but within six months, it at least breaks even, so our only concern was with the bond covenants," Floyd said, adding, "Management has indicated that they feel like we can meet all of these objectives at the end of the year."

He noted that management would keep the committee up to date on the medical center's cash situation.

"If cash becomes an issue, then we'll be prepared to delay up to a certain point," he added.

"I would only add that the business plan was excellent. Well done," board member Jerry Baker, who sits on the Finance Committee, said. "There's only a \$68,000 loss the first year, which is really the first quarter. Positive cash flow from then on out. I don't know how you wouldn't want to do it."

Board member Matt Mees echoed the sentiment that the business plan was well done.

Later in the discussion, Schulte

stated his support for offering the services, but revisited the cash concerns, asking if there was any "further clarity" on other factors affecting PSMC's cash flow through the end of the year.

Chief Financial Officer Dennis Wilson said PSMC now knew it would receive Hospital Provider Fee funding, though it was too early to know how much would be received or when.

He said that the hospital had not received any further information on another specific funding issue Schulte mentioned, the 2013 Medicare settlement.

Schulte indicated he would continue to ask about those funding concerns, stating those two items could be large enough to steer the opening of the oncology program, asking, "Will we know before we hit the point of no return?"

Board member Dr. Richard Zak, after discussing the marketing plan, asked about the experience of PSMC's nurse who will serve the oncology program.

Chief Nursing Officer Kethee Douglas noted that, while the nurse is oncology-certified, she does not have experience with infusing chemotherapy, though the nurse navigator, who does have experience, would be mentoring her.

In response to another question, Douglas noted that they have made arrangements with a Colorado Springs oncology unit to allow PSMC's oncology nurse to spend time on that unit prior to PSMC opening the program.

The motion to approve the business plan passed unanimously.

The need

According to the business plan's market analysis, PSMC's oncology program would serve a service area of about 18,000 people, 66 percent of whom live in the Pagosa Springs area.

That service area, the plan states, "All have better access to Pagosa Springs Medical Center than to providers in Alamosa, Salida, and Santa Fe."

This includes, according to the plan, Pagosa Springs; Arboles; Chama, N.M.; Tierra Amarilla, N.M.;

the two men in the van were Department of the Treasury agents.

"Upon investigation by law enforcement, it turned out that the people were actually US agents who had not notified law enforcement of their presence here," reads an email from Reed sent to the parents and guardians of district students. "They subsequently did so."

"I contacted the two treasury agents to make sure they were who they said they were, and they explained to me that they were parked there for the purpose of gearing up to go look for somebody a few blocks from that location," Rockensock said. "They never did notify me that they were going to be in the area, that they were going to be in an unmarked vehicle, that they were going to be doing this, otherwise this could have been completely avoided."

Continued Rockensock, "I explained to them that it probably wasn't the best decision to do that across from a school ... Once we figured out that that's what was occurring, the lockdown was lifted and things went back to normal."

In an interview with SUN staff,

Reed stated that she contacted the Department of the Treasury office in Denver and told them that a better location for the agents to prepare could have been found.

"It was a drill that wasn't really a drill," said Reed, adding that she appreciated the vigilance of maintenance staff.

"While we live in a very safe community and are thankful that Law Enforcement is so responsive to our requests for support, we also must remain vigilant at all times," reads Reed's email. "While a Lockout can be a bit of an inconvenience, the safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. A special thank you to our maintenance crew for their prompt action."

"It was absolutely the best case scenario. It couldn't have turned out any better than what it did," Rockensock said. "Everything worked the way it should have, which is a good thing, but it could have been completely avoided if we just had prior knowledge of what was occurring."

Calls to the Department of the Treasury seeking comment were not returned by press time Wednesday. marshall@pagosasun.com

Lockout

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into dispatch at 8:45 a.m., with law enforcement officers being dispatched at 8:50 a.m.

Rockensock stated that the call originally reported two white males with holsters and firearms near a black SUV, but it was later reported the two males were driving a red or maroon minivan instead.

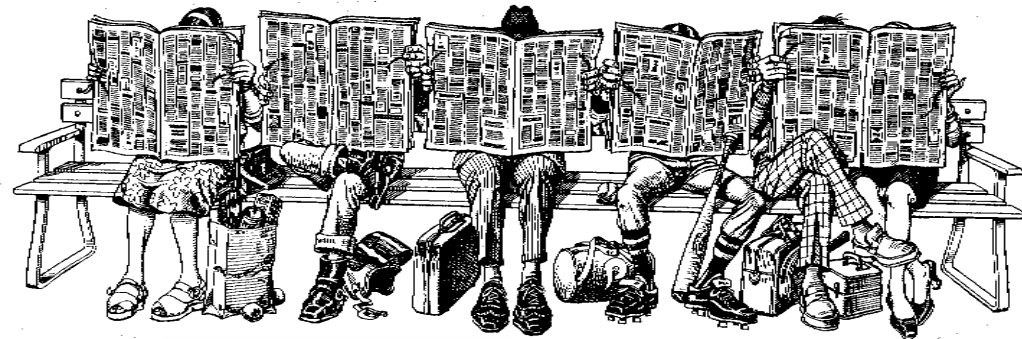
He added that when a law enforcement officer arrived to the scene, he found that the van had left.

When the two men loaded up into the van and drove away, ASD administration advised that all schools go into lockout.

Students that were in a nearby park at the time were escorted back to the school.

"The officer on the scene notified everybody to start looking for that vehicle and patrolling the other schools to make sure that they hadn't gone to another location," explained Rockensock, adding that, about 14 minutes later, the PSPD received information from Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Detective Sgt. Warren Brown that the van had come to the Sheriff's Office and that

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County's unemployment rate decreases to 2.5 percent

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County dropped to 2.5 percent in April, with 6,491 people in the labor force and 165 of those claiming unemployment.

In March, there were 6,382 people in the county's labor force, with 191, or 3 percent, claiming unemployment. The total workforce gained 109 people over the month, while the number of unemployed people was down by 29, causing a .5 percent decrease in unemployment.

Since last year, the employment situation has improved even more. In April 2016, there were 6,102 workers in the county, of which 223, or 3.7 percent, were unemployed. April 2017's rate is down 1.2 percent by comparison.

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

highest unemployment rate for the month at 4.5 percent, while Baca and Yuma counties had the lowest rate at 1.3 percent.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate for the state decreased three-tenths of a percentage point in April to 2.3 percent.

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

The number of people actively participating in the labor force increased 12,100 over the month to 2,945,300 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 19,500 to 2,876,900, causing the number of unemployed to decrease 7,300 and the unemployment rate to decline to 2.3 percent.

In comparison, the national unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point in April to 4.4 percent.

The unemployment rate, labor

force, labor force participation, total employment and the number of unemployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

However, nonfarm payroll jobs estimates are based on a survey of business establishments and government agencies, and are intended to measure the number of jobs, not the number of people employed.

The business establishment survey covers about seven times the number of households surveyed and is therefore considered a more reliable indicator of economic conditions. Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by worksite and the other measuring persons employed and unemployed by household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seem-

ingly conflicting results.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 45,700, with an increase of 44,800 in the private sector and an increase of 900 in government.

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

Mining and logging and information declined over the year.

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

In April, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.2 to 33.6 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$27.42 to \$27.72.

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PAWSD nixes contribution to Pinon Lake fountain costs

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Thursday, May 18, the board of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) declined a request by the Town of Pagosa Springs to help meet the operating expenses of the Pinon Lake fountain.

A comment on the request by Director Paul Hansen, the board's treasurer, captured the group's sentiment: "I like the fountain," he said, "but its not [PAWSD's] responsibility."

"I don't believe our customers want to operate a fountain," Hansen added. "If they do, they can contribute" to the cost directly.

The town's request came in a

May 2 letter to PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey from Town Manager Greg Schulte, who asked the district for funding to help meet the electrical costs of operating the fountain.

The letter pointed out that Pinon Lake, where the fountain operates, is not actually inside the town, although U.S. 160 runs along its southern shore, which sits near the commercial district that was annexed to the town many years ago.

Although the fountain is outside town limits, Schulte's letter states the town has taken responsibility for its maintenance and operating costs, "in the best interests ... of ... the entire community."

It is "a nice visual amenity for our residents and visitors," Schulte wrote. And in addition, his letter

suggests, operation of the fountain "helps circulate the water in the lake thereby reducing algae and [increasing] water clarity."

The water in the lake is owned by PAWSD. However, according to comments during the discussion of the town's funding request, PAWSD does not use the water to supply customers, and it is primarily used as a source of water for the adjacent, privately operated Pagosa Springs Golf Course.

According to information provided to the board during last week's meeting by PAWSD Business Manager Shellie Peterson, the golf course pumps water directly out of the lake and pays only a nominal fee for it. That arrangement has been in place since the

district acquired the rights to the water during the bankruptcy in the 1990s of Fairfield Communities Inc., the Pagosa Lakes community developer.

Schulte told The SUN on May 22 that Walmart, which operates a store across U.S. 160 from Pinon Lake, and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, which includes much of the neighboring residential area, have agreed to requests made by the town to them for help in meeting its costs to operate the Pinon Lake fountain.

He added that the town is waiting for responses from Wyndham Pagosa and the operators of the golf course, to similar requests made to them.

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Leadership

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youth soccer and baseball, he also participates on the 4-H Council, among other activities. He intends to pursue study in biotechnical engineering.

Applicants are required to pen an essay on leadership and, in his winning essay, Doctor observed that a leader is, "... a person who has a vision, someone who is optimistic and who truly believes. Someone who tries their best to do what is right, and most important of all, someone who understands the value of those whom he or she

is trying to lead."

A junior at Pagosa Springs High School, Downing is involved with drama, band/music and photography, and is a member of the National Honor Society. She plans to focus on music in her college career.

In her essay, Downing wrote, "True leaders carry a lot of burdens, yet they stand strong as they carry them ... True leadership comes from the heart. Not their head."

Pagosa Springs resident and home-schooled student affiliated with Pagosa Springs High School, Logan is a Junior Firefighter and

EMT who participates with San Juan Search and Rescue. His focus is to become a professional firefighter, and is currently advancing his career in firefighting school.

In his essay he stressed, "True, good leadership cannot be accomplished without true character and integrity. Leadership should

display honesty, wisdom, humility, creativity, confidence and commitment ... Communication, understanding, passion and truth."

Applications for the 2018 Colorado Electric Education Institute Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp will be available in November 2017 at LPEA's offices in Durango and Pagosa Springs, through area high school counselors, or on the Web, www.lpea.coop. To learn more about the opportunity to participate, contact Jeannie Bennett, jbennett@lpea.coop or 382-3505.

Births

The following are April births with parents from Pagosa Springs, as reported by Mercy Regional Medical Center:

Elijah Ben, Wendy and Christian Theys, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, 2:41 a.m., April 25.

Phinehas James, Kelly and Nathanael Ward, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, 1:57 a.m., April 27.

Parents are invited to submit photos of their baby and an official announcement to editor@pagosasun.com to be printed in the newspaper.

Class of 1982 reunion announced

Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs High School Class of 1982 Reunion Committee invites you to celebrate with all the familiar faces that you have missed the past decade. Come join us as we renew friendships, reminisce about days gone by and share life

experiences both past and present.

Join us at 5 p.m. on July 2 at Borde Rio restaurant and tavern, 356 E. Pagosa St.

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Hunter education Internet Conclusion Class offered

By Don Volger
Special to The SUN

A hunter education Internet Conclusion Class will be held on June 10 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center, South Conference Room, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. (next to Town Hall).

There is no charge, however, you will need to pay for your "proof of completion" for the Internet course.

If you were born on or after Jan. 1, 1949, you are required to have a hunter education card before you can purchase a hunting license. To register for this class, students should go to wildlife.state.co.us/hunting. Click on "Hunter Education," then "find a course at a place and time to fit your schedule" at the top of the page and

simply follow the directions.

Please note that this Internet Conclusion Class will be open to all. Students taking the Conclusion Class must complete an approved online course and bring proof of completion on June 10.

All programs, services and activities of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) are operated in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need accommodation due to a disability, please contact Don Volger at 264-2197. To assure that CPW can meet special needs, please notify Volger at least seven days before the class.

This course is sponsored by the Pagosa Springs Police Department in conjunction with CPW, with support from the local chapter of the Friends of the NRA.



Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

These Canadian geese take a stroll with their goslings in Chromo last week.

Responsibly grazing in the riparian zone

By Shaan Bliss
Special to The SUN

There are many rivers and creeks that run through our county. You may be lucky enough to own property that has direct access to a river or creek. The green vegetation belt that rides from the water's edge and up into the flood zone is called the riparian area.

This zone is typically full of water-adapted species that evolved with being under water during some extended period of time. Riparian areas are important for the filtering of runoff from the uplands, armoring of the stream banks during high flows and providing habitat for many wildlife species.

Grazing animals, from domestic to wildlife, seek refuge and find forage in these areas. Grazing by livestock and horses on your property can have detrimental effects on these areas if they are not managed correctly.

Reliable clean water for grazing animals can be hard to come by in our county. It can at first seem to make sense that having your cattle and/or horses drink from the river/creek as an easy solution. In some situations, that is totally fine as long as you have a plan in mind for how this area will be used during the entire growing season.

Season-long grazing in a pasture by a river/creek can lead to some serious issues. Ultimately, it is not the length of time cattle are in a pasture, but the amount of time they are actually in the riparian area of that pasture which impacts the riparian area.

Livestock given free access to all the riparian area in a pasture can lead to loss of riparian vegetation, lower water quality and increase sediment in the creek/river from trampling.

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has a few alternatives to this approach to improve water quality, reduce erosion and improve wildlife habitat for upland and aquatic species, while allowing livestock to use the area in a sustainable way.

Water quality is an issue that can ultimately limit the health of your animals and, for ranchers, lower their overall profit yield. Research shows that overall cattle weight gains are diminished when given a lower water quality water source and that they will prefer a clean water source if given the free option to choose between sources.

If your cattle get water from the river/creek, they are susceptible to all the field runoff from upstream users. In an example of the tragedy of the commons, excessive grazing in the riparian areas and not caring about downstream water quality diminishes the overall resource. Adding a new watering location with a stock tank away from the river/creek, using salt and mineral blocks away from the river/creek, and limiting riparian use with fencing are a better approach.

Another hazard of grazing riparian areas is that poisonous plants can thrive in these areas and sicken or kill your animals. Whorled milkweed and water hemlock are two poisonous plants that grow in our area and have been known to sicken or kill livestock and horses.

In a typical riparian zone, it can be hard for grazing animals to decipher what plants are being consumed. If you suspect you may have these poisonous plants on your property, give us a call or take a photo to help identify exactly what plants may be of concern.

One approach to grazing the riparian area is to build a fence around most of the stream/creek reach, but leave a gap or lane in one area to allow animals to access water. The benefits of this design are to protect the majority of that riparian area from grazing animals. The fence will keep your animals from loafing and staying in these areas. The alleyway gap can even be reinforced with a honeycomb polypropylene material filled with gravel.

If you live in an area that has a high volume of elk or deer coming through your pastures in the winter, you can design your fence to be wildlife-friendly and as a laydown fence. A wildlife-friendly fence has a top line max height of 42 inches, with 12 inches between the top two wires to allow for deer and elk to not get hung up on the fence. Another feature of a wildlife-friendly fence is to make the bottom wire smooth. This allows young deer and elk to crawl under the fence without getting hung up.

Tired of fixing miles of fence every spring? Another aspect to consider, especially around riparian areas, is to have sections of a laydown fence that is constructed to drop down to the ground after the grazing season is complete. A laydown fence is set up with wooden stays with a metal loop that holds it to a wooden post. There is no guarantee that you won't have fence repairs, but if you know you have a lot of wildlife moving through the property, have forest right up to the fence line or have high snow drifts that push up against your fence, you may consider your time and money well spent on a new layout.

Another technique to reduce

grazing intensity in the riparian area is to install water tanks away from the riparian areas. These sources provide cleaner water and, properly placed, can entice cattle to travel up fairly steep hills as long as forage is available. Developing water away from the riparian area may include all the associated infrastructure such as pipelines, spring developments and solar pumps.

Using a temporary electric fence is another option to keep animals out of the riparian area. The benefit of a temporary electric fence is the reduced cost to setup and take down versus a more permanent fence layout. The downside is that you need to train your animals on an electric fence before you put them on a pasture that is utilizing it. Temporary electric fence is a good option if you know you have a small or irregular-shaped riparian area that doesn't make sense to invest the cost of a permanent fence. The fence can be pulled out once the riparian vegetation has rehabilitated and a management system has been developed.

The first step is to call to setup a site assessment and start the planning process to develop a conservation plan. The NRCS has financial programs that can help you to improve the riparian area and grazing management if you qualify. The development of a conservation plan is a requirement for these programs. Please call or email if you would like to have a field evaluation completed for your property. There are no charge for these services.

Shaan Bliss, rangeland management specialist for the NRCS, can be reached at 731-3615, shaan.bliss@co.usda.gov or at 505A County Road 600, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Spring warning issued: Wildlife on the move

Special to The SUN

One evening in early April, southwest Colorado resident Deb was traveling on U.S. 160 near Mancos when she hit a deer.

"Well, that deer actually hit me," Deb explained. "I did not have a moment to react! This doe was running full-force and ran right into my front end. I pulled over only to find my hood bent, fender damaged and headlight gone. I realize this could have been a life-threatening situation and I'm certain this will result in a couple thousand dollars in damage."

Deb, who is also an employee of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), is well aware of the education efforts of the "Wildlife on the Move" program which cautions motorists statewide to be attentive to wild animals crossing the roads.

Be aware

"Be aware, drive with caution and slow down, especially at dusk and dawn, when the majority of animals are active and wildlife vehicle collisions (WVCs) occur — just like Deb's crash," said Colorado State Patrol (CSP) Capt. Adrian Driscoll.

Driscoll also offered this advice: "The best practice for drivers is to be diligent and super observant. If you see one deer or elk, expect others. Scan the sides of the road for signs of movement and watch for those shin-

ing eyes of animals that reflect car headlights at night."

If a wildlife collision does occur, "brake, look and steer." Brake: slow down and concentrate on retaining control of the vehicle. Look: be aware of your surroundings, especially other vehicles. Steer: move your vehicle to a safe position off the road.

To help prevent these types of crashes with wildlife, CDOT partners with other entities like Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to design and construct mitigation features along state roadways, identifying locations where these mitigation structures will be the most beneficial.

Wildlife projects

In the southwest corner of the state, two large roadway projects incorporated a number of wildlife mitigation features. Large arch underpasses were installed with wildlife fencing and escape ramps to allow wildlife safe movement under the highway on U.S. 550 near the community of Colona and along U.S. 160 between Durango and Bayfield.

Stay informed

For more information about wildlife and our highways, visit the CPW website at www.cpw.state.co.us/ or CDOT's Wildlife Program webpage at www.codot.gov/programs/environmental/wildlife.

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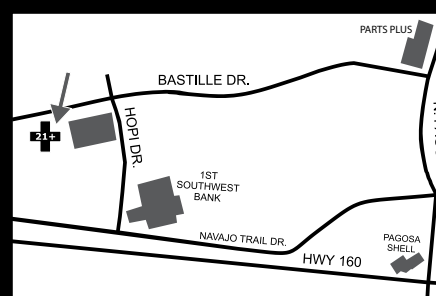
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ronmental impact of that decision, and listen to the public before taking action," the order states. "The Forest Service failed to do that in the Record of Decision. The duty of this Court is to set it aside."

The Record of Decision (ROD) referenced in the order dates back to May 21, 2015, when Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) Supervisor Dan Dallas approved the proposed land exchange between the government and Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture (LMJV).

That decision was to allow the conveyance of approximately 177 acres of privately held land to the RGNF in exchange for approximately 205 acres of National Forest System land managed by the RGNF. The land exchange creates a private land parcel of approximately 325 acres extending to U.S. 160 and would accommodate year-round vehicular access.

But, almost immediately, the decision found its way into court in multiple lawsuits, with opponents alleging manipulation of the analysis, "undue influence," and inadequate analysis regarding the Canada lynx, an endangered species in the area. One of the lawsuits resulted in the May 19 order halting the swap.

That lawsuit was filed by four environmental organizations: Rocky Mountain Wild, San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council, San Juan Citizens Alliance and Wilderness Workshop.

It was levied against Dallas, Deputy Regional Forester Maribeth Gustafson, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). LMJV is named as the intervenor in the suit.

"This ruling is an incredible victory for the flora and fauna that rely on Wolf Creek pass for their survival," stated Tehri Parker, executive director of Rocky Mountain Wild, in a press release. "This order specifically recognizes the 'unique' environmental qualities of this region, and the role that it plays as a wildlife movement corridor between the Weminuche and South San Juan Wilderness areas."

"Defendants failed to consider important aspects of the issues before them, offered an explanation for their decision that runs counter to the evidence, failed to base their decision on consideration of the relevant factors, and based their decision on an analysis that is contrary to law," the order states.

Several times in the order, Matsch states that USFS actions were "contrary to law" and not consistent with previous actions taken by the USFS regarding the Village at Wolf Creek.

Lawrence Lujan, regional press officer for the Rocky Mountain Regional Office of the USFS, noted that the USFS is evaluating the court's ruling and had no further comment.

Clint Jones, a representative of LMJV, did not return a call seeking comment by press time Wednesday.

Scenic easement

Matsch's order references a scenic easement several times, with that easement put into place through the 1987 land swap that created LMJV's private inholding on Wolf Creek Pass.

"The easement's stated purpose was 'to provide a specific level of control of the type of development ... to assure that said development is compatible with the Wolf Creek Ski Area,' but was 'not intended to conflict with or intrude upon the land use controls of the State of Colorado, Mineral County, or other unit of local government as specified herein,'" Matsch's order states.

The order later states multiple times that the USFS failed to apply that scenic easement to the federal land that LMJV would acquire, with the USFS stating it had no control over development at the site.

"In light of this prior history on the very same property, there is no legal or logical basis for Defendants' position in the FEIS [Final Environmental Impact Statement] and ROD that the Forest Service had no power or jurisdiction to limit or regulate development on the federal lands being conveyed to LMJV in the present exchange," the order states, adding later, "The 1987 Scenic Easement demonstrates the Forest Service's actual power to control development."

The order further states: "The Forest Service's express refusal—based on a perceived lack of jurisdiction—even to consider any limitations, restrictions, controls, or other measures designed to ensure compatibility of development with surrounding National Forest System lands was arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of discretion, and contrary to law. The Forest Service entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem, offered explanations for its decision that run counter to the evidence before the agency, failed to base its decision on consideration of all relevant factors, and was wrong as a matter of law."

Endangered species

The order also reviews how analysis was completed with regards to the Endangered Species Act.

"In addition to its analysis under NEPA, the Forest Service consulted with the FWS pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act con-

cerning whether the land exchange would jeopardize the continued existence of the Canada lynx or the Southwestern willow flycatcher, the two species in the project area listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act," the order explains.

The order further explains: "... a consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act typically occurs when a federal agency contemplates taking action that may impact an endangered species, in which case consultation between the 'action agency' and the 'consulting agency'—here, the Forest Service and FWS, respectively—is required. When there is no 'federal nexus' to a proposed action and strictly private action is contemplated, such as development on private land, the typical procedure is an application by the private party under Endangered Species Act Section 10. Section 10 requires the applicant to follow specific procedures including preparation of a habitat conservation plan and separate NEPA analysis of the development."

"In this case, Endangered Species Act analysis and compliance efforts were undertaken pursuant to Section 7 consultation between the Forest Service and the FWS. Consistently with its position in the NEPA analysis, the Forest Service considered the proposed federal action for Endangered Species Act purposes to be the land exchange, alone. As a result, the Forest Service determined that upon completion of the exchange it would have no involvement in or control over LMJV's intended development. This raised a question whether Section 7 procedures could apply to any consideration of LMJV's development activities."

In later analysis on the topic, Matsch's order notes there is no precedent for the use of Section 7 to "in effect, circumvent Section 10 compliance with Section 7 by a non-federal party. Endangered Species Act legislative history strongly suggests that Section 10 compliance should have been required."

The order also states that conservation measures agreed upon by the FWS and LMJV were "not adequate to meet Endangered Species Act requirements."

The conservation strategy is later called "an abuse of discretion and contrary to law."

Year-round access

The order also calls into question the determination that the access allowing for "reasonable use and enjoyment" of the property (as is required under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, or ANILCA) is year-round access.

"Defendants also misconstrued their legal authority under ANILCA, adding to their erroneous restriction of the scope of their analysis," the order states, adding later, "Even assuming the Forest Service correctly determined that LMJV's reasonable use and enjoyment of its property was as a year-round resort village, for which all-season access is required, the Forest Service erred as a matter of law in determining that ANILCA limited its power to restrict or regulate the nature, scope, or density of LMJV's development of federal property being conveyed to it."

Following discussion on land exchanges and ANILCA access and how the two work together, the order states, "Therefore Defendants' categorical refusal to consider restrictions on the federal exchange parcel based on ANILCA was arbitrary, capricious, and contrary to law."

Bias, public interest

The order also notes there appears to be a bias on the part of the USFS to have the outcome be consistent with the 1987 land exchange.

The order also notes the high level of public interest regarding the project and environment.

The order states: "This new land exchange was initiated by LMJV in 2010. Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding LMJV retained and paid the contractors who did the studies required by the NEPA process. In reviewing and relying on that work there appears to be a predictive bias in the Forest Service to make the outcome consistent with the 1987 decision that a ski resort complementing the Wolf Creek Ski Area would be in the public interest, even though that decision was made without benefit of an environmental impact statement or public participation. Public awareness of the fragility of the natural environment has greatly increased in the intervening thirty years and the need for a scientifically based analysis of the impact of the Forest Service decisions in managing National Forest System lands to support a decision is imperative in explaining the decision to the public. The 900 public comments in the record show this heightened public awareness of the effects of human disruption of the native environment. The Rio Grande National Forest has two designated wilderness areas near the area involved in this action. It has unique features. Notably, responses to the public comments were prepared by the contractors who did the work. They would not be expected to find that work to be flawed."

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"... there appears to be a predictive bias in the Forest Service to make the outcome consistent with the 1987 decision that a ski resort complementing the Wolf Creek Ski Area would be in the public interest, even though that decision was made without benefit of an environmental impact statement or public participation."

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Education

Trio of grants help charter school meet funding goal

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

Following the receipt of a trio of grants in recent weeks, Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) has met another of its pre-opening conditions imposed by Archuleta School District (ASD) — raising an additional \$50,000.

PPOS announced on May 15 that it had been awarded a start-up grant of \$38,000 by the Walton

Family Foundation.

PPOS is a new charter school, authorized by ASD to begin operations this fall. Its facilities will be at the Parelli headquarters, along U.S. 160 west of downtown.

The school will provide classes at the kindergarten through fourth-grade levels, using a curriculum that the school states in its press release announcing the new grant, “is based on an innovative blending of Project-Based learning and

“Place-Based Education.”

PPOS School Director James Lewicki told The SUN that the school will utilize student-created projects as the major vehicle to achieve growth in traditional academic skills, by capitalizing on the students’ interests.

The Walton grant, he said, will provide “support to build our capacity to meet our goals.”

The Walton Family Foundation, according to its website, makes

grants to support “transformative change,” with a focus on education and the environment.

In education, it seeks “to expand opportunities and empower children and families with choice.”

The website adds, that “Since 1992, we have invested more than \$1.3 billion in K-12 education and supported a quarter of the 6,700 charter schools created in the United States.”

A May 18 email from PPOS an-

nouncing the Walton grant also noted that PPOS had received a \$2,500 grant from the Ballantine Fund.

Then, on May 24, the school announced it had received a flexible planning grant from the Colorado League of Charter Schools in the amount of \$7,500.

The grants, along with additional funding received previously, put PPOS over the ASD threshold for funding, keeping the school on track to open.

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Twenty-three kiddos graduated from Seeds of Learning preschool education center on Thursday, May 18.

Seeds of Learning graduates 23 students

By Allyson Jones
Special to The SUN

Twenty-three kiddos graduated from Seeds of Learning on Thursday, May 18.

These children have a head start in life that researchers have documented extensively.

Nobel Laureate Professor James Heckman dispelled the myth of fadeout citing his own research and review of many other projects that outline the continuing ben-

efits of preschools such as Seeds of Learning.

Gold Standard studies with long-term follow ups such as the Perry Preschool Program continue to study adults now in their 50s that attended preschool. They found:

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Heckman stated, “these positive later life effects are consistent across other programs with long-term follow-up and speak to the need to invest in programs that develop the whole child with a full range of skills.”

Our very own David Hamilton with Archuleta School District pro-

claims that students that have the benefit of preschool are more ready for school. He reminds us that the planning of prison construction is based on third-grade reading scores.

Seeds of Learning is a nonprofit, high-quality early care and preschool education center in Pagosa Springs. If you are interested in learning more about the center or how you can contribute to the success of its young children, please call 264-5513 for more information and a tour of the center.

Pagosa Springs High School seniors help with trail project

By Ann Bond
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Ranger District would like to thank the Pagosa Springs High School seniors for spending a day helping the Forest Service finish a trail construction

project in May.

It was the first time the district had worked with the high school, although we have worked with Pagosa middle-school students in the past. We hope it is the first of future partnership projects with the high school.

The project entailed constructing a half-mile reroute of a popular mountain bike trail in the Turkey Springs area to avoid damage to a delicate meadow that was sustaining resource impacts as a result of poor initial trail location.

Pagosa District Trail Crew Boss

Tyler Albers coordinated the project and, despite a rainy forecast, we had a great turnout — 55 seniors plus their teachers and U.S. Forest Service staff, including District Ranger Kevin Khung and Public Affairs Specialist Ann Bond. We were able to finish the whole project before the skies let loose.

The final product not only mitigated the resource concerns, but will ultimately provide for a much more sustainable and fun-to-ride trail.

CSI team places second in SkillsUSA state competition

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs High School students have racked up the accolades this spring, not the least of which was the SkillsUSA Crime Scene

Investigation (CSI) team.

The team placed second in competition at the SkillsUSA Colorado State Leadership and Skills Conference in early April in Colorado Springs. The students took second and third in regional competition

to earn their way to the state conference.

“They just did awesome,” said Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez.

The teams comprise Abbey ■ See CSI A13

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Fifth-grade triathlon

Photos courtesy Chris Hinger

Fifth-grade triathletes, enrolled in a nine-week triathlon elective, culminated their learning last Friday by competing in a kids triathlon. Students started the event by swimming 150 yards at the Healing Waters pool. They quickly transitioned to bikes and rode down the bike path to Yamaguchi Park. After circling the park three times, they completed the final leg by running a full mile at Golden Peaks Stadium. Fifth-grade teacher Chantelle Jordan orchestrated the successful event, as well as coached her students all quarter, having them swim, bike, run and learn about triathlons. Students met the challenge with big hearts and determination.



CSI

Continued from A12
Johnson, Emma Crowder, Mason Blakemore, McKenna Moore, Tate Hinger and Nick Talamante.

According to a Facebook post by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) highlighting the achievements of the team, "These students take part in a challenging course involving the intricacies and trials of processing a crime scene. They learn how to collect evidence, dust for prints, photograph and label evidence, use different light sources, scribe the scene, properly document witness statements and finally, write a report."

Members of the ACSO — including Valdez, Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton, detectives Warren Brown and Monica Medina, deputy Roxanne Lattin and others — helped the students prepare for competition.

It is something the ACSO has done for several years.

"We would try to meet at least once a week with the groups," Valdez said, explaining that he and his

staff started from the beginning, teaching the CSI team the basics of crime scene investigation.

Valdez explained the group worked through different types of searches, how to collect and preserve evidence (including DNA and fingerprint evidence), how to collect weapons and more.

They also had someone volunteer time in a rental house they owned for the students to work through mock crime scenes, Valdez said.

"It's such a privilege to work with those guys and gals," Valdez said, adding, "They're super smart. They're just a good group of kids."

Valdez said he also liked building relationships with the kids and the school.

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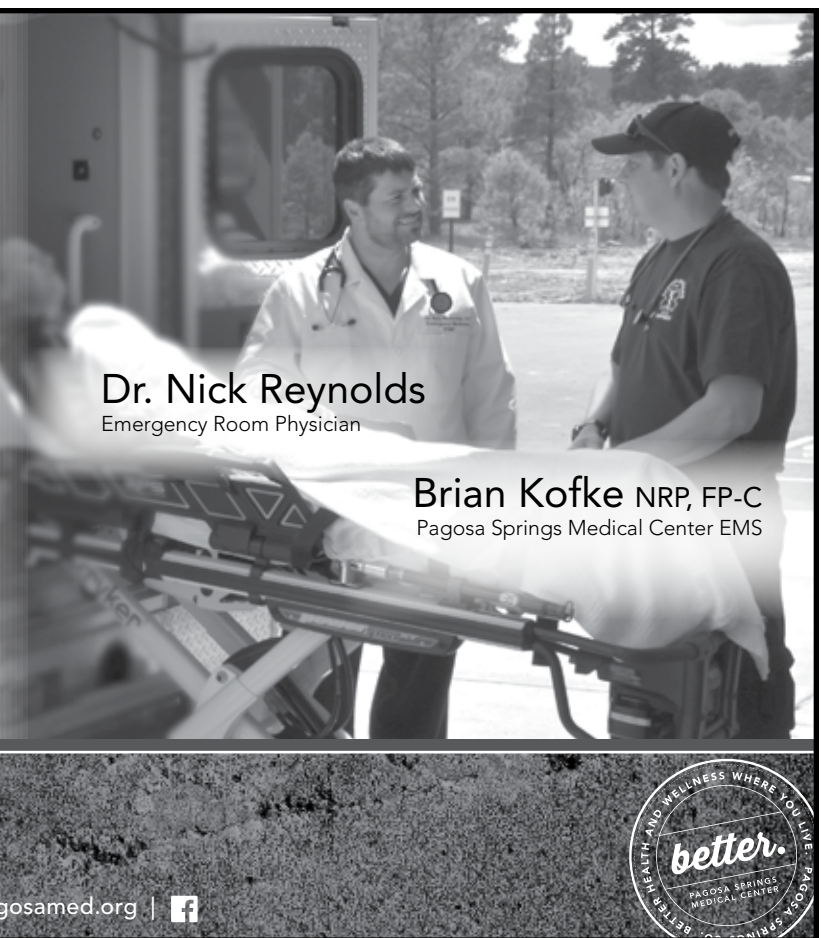
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Sports

TRACK

Five track athletes place at state

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Five Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track athletes participated in the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) State Meet over the weekend, with all five securing a position on the podium.

Coach Connie O'Donnell explained that the weather for the event was less than favorable.

She said that when the team first arrived in Lakewood, where the championship took place, it was raining heavily.

"If it's just raining, that's kind of runnable," O'Donnell said. "But the thing is that it was really cold, too, and of course, it turned to snow overnight."

She explained that on the morning of Thursday, May 18, when the meet was supposed to begin, she got an email saying the championship would be delayed for the day.

O'Donnell explained that events were also postponed for Friday, May 19.

She described the athletes going to do a workout in a nearby park, and talked about the heavy snowflakes that continuously fell the entire time.

"No one wants to run in that," she said.

She went on to commend CHSAA for how it handled the delays.

"We competed on Saturday morning, and Keena (Murphy) was the last one to compete on Sunday," O'Donnell said. "They just decided to do away with all preliminaries, and made everything finals. That's how they fit it into two days, and it worked great. It still had a great feel to it, and it still felt like the same track meet. I thought they did a really good job under the circumstances because it would have been really hard to try to reschedule."

O'Donnell went on to explain that on Sunday, because many athletes were missing graduation, CHSAA allowed graduating seniors to bring their caps and gowns to the

championship, with the students being allowed to parade down the home stretch to music while their names were announced.

When asked how the Pirates performed, O'Donnell said, "Everyone that went got to get on the podium, which is so cool."

Murphy placed second in discus, throwing a distance of 134 feet, 7 inches.

"Her best throw was her first. Everyone got four throws instead of doing finals," explained O'Donnell. "I think her last throw ... it was barely outside the sector. But she did so good. Second at state is just amazing, I think."

The boys' 4x800 relay team, consisting of Ethan Brown, Jacob Hughes, Cade Cowan and Noah Haarmann, placed seventh with a time of eight minutes, 18.81 seconds.

"They ran a great time, and they were able to compete, and it was just really fun watching them," said O'Donnell. "I know the guys worked so hard last week about trying to run out and not get boxed in at the beginning of that 4x800, and Noah did such a good job about getting out of there and cutting in. It really put us in a good position."

Hughes also placed 16th in the 3,200-meter with a time of 10:16.49.

"They didn't run their best times, but they were there, and they were competing," said O'Donnell. "They're able to say they're still in it with the best of the state."

In the long jump, Cowan placed 16th, jumping a distance of 19-7.25.

O'Donnell had some great parting words for the season, as well. "I think that some of these older runners that have really bought into track, like Jacob and Ethan and Noah, I feel like they really set a precedent for these younger kids, so they see them, and they want to be like them," O'Donnell said. "I really appreciate that, about those guys. They set a great example, and they become the heroes of these younger kids. They want to work hard and be just like them."

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Photo courtesy Justin Cowan

Ethan Brown sprints with the baton during the boys' 4x800-meter relay at the state meet last weekend in Lakewood. The boys' team placed seventh with a time of eight minutes, 18.81 seconds.



Photo courtesy Justin Cowan

Jacob Hughes runs during the boys' 4x800-meter relay during the state meet last weekend in Lakewood. In addition to the 4x800, Hughes also ran in the 3,200-meter race, placing 16th with a time of 10 minutes, 16.49 seconds.



SUN photo/Marshall Dunham

Postseason Intermountain League all-conference honors for the Pagosa Springs High School track team were recently announced, with four Pirates earning accolades. From left are Michael Wedemeyer and Jacob Hughes. Not pictured are Keena Murphy and Cade Cowan.

RECREATION NEWS

Huck Finn Fishing Derby set for June 2

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

This year's Huck Finn Fishing Derby is set for June 2 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. at the River Center ponds.

Youth ages 5-12 are eligible to participate; parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Costumes are not a requirement, but prizes will be awarded for the best Huckleberry Finn and Becky Thatcher costumes. Prizes will also be awarded for first fish, smallest fish and biggest fish.

Youngsters are welcome to bring their own fishing gear, but loaner rods and plenty of bait will be available for those in need.

While supplies last, a hot dog dinner will be served during the last two hours of the event, courtesy of the Pagosa Chapter

of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

For more information, contact the town recreation office at 264-4151, ext. 231.

Softball registration open

The Pagosa Springs Recreation Department is accepting team registrations for the 2017 adult men's and coed softball leagues through June 5.

Registration forms are available at the department office, which is located in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Anyone who is 16 years of age or older is eligible to participate in the leagues. Team registration fees are \$250, plus a \$30 fee per player. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Town of Pagosa Springs.

The leagues are tentatively

scheduled to begin in mid-June. For more information, call 264-4151, ext. 232.

Yamaguchi Park

The Yamaguchi Park playground area reopened May 15. Two new playground equipment pieces were installed.


Online registration

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

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

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Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

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A total of 52 participants took part in Saturday's Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, raising just under \$5,000 for the local team. Following the morning's walk and run through downtown Pagosa Springs, participants took to Town Park for a variety of events, including a cookout, fire truck pull and dunk tank.





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Postseason all-conference accolades were recently announced for the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team, with seven Lady Pirates and coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason garnering honors. From left are Diana Scott (the Southwest Soccer League's Keeper of the Year), Alyssa Lewis (second team), Isabelle Pajak (second team), Hayley Mitchell (first team), Addie Thompson (first team), Hannah Marnocha (first team and Player of the Year) and Kurt-Mason (Coach of the Year).

Council hears timeline on hiring town manager

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Thursday, May 18, the Pagosa Springs Town Council heard a proposed timeline for hiring a new town manager.

The agenda item was presented by Town Manager Greg Schulte, who announced on May 15 that he would be retiring when his contract with the town expires on Sept. 1.

"Since I have announced my intention to retire at the end of my current contract, which is Friday, September 1, 2017, the Town Council should begin the recruitment process as soon as possible," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting. "While the Manager's employment contract specifies a minimum of 30 days notice, it is my desire to have as smooth a transition as possible."

The documentation goes on to explain that the council would need to decide whether or not to use a professional search firm, as well as provide direction on the relative time frame and parameters for recruitment.

"If you want to use a professional recruiter, then we'd have to put the wheels in motion to do that," said Schulte. "That's almost like its own little recruitment in

and of itself."

Schulte stated that it was his opinion that the town wouldn't need to hire a recruitment firm, but that it could if the town council wanted to.

"I believe that we'll be able to generate enough interest and qualified applicants without having to spend that money," said Schulte.

Schulte went on to explain that one of the first steps for recruiting a new town manager would be to design an electronic brochure that could inform interested applicants of the job and its requirements.

"You want to be able to sell the position and you want to be able to sell the community," explained Schulte, adding, "What I'm going to suggest is that staff ... will take the first step of crafting this brochure. I will commit to having the first draft done by this coming Monday, May 22."

Schulte went on to say that he would then provide the draft to each council member, and they could then individually provide feedback back to him.

The brochure would be finalized by Friday, May 26, with an open recruitment period lasting from May 30 to June 30.

Schulte explained that people of his profession tend to use two different websites when search-

ing for jobs, and that the finalized brochure would be posted on both of those.

"Obviously, you're going to draw interest from across the country, so usually for this type of recruitment, you're going to leave it open for three to four weeks," said Schulte.

He estimated that the town would probably receive 40 to 50 applicants, with town staff then screening them for meeting certain qualifications.

"There will be a pile of yeses, a pile of maybes, and a pile for people that aren't meeting the minimum qualifications," said Schulte, adding that the next step would be for different council members to come in on their own time to review the applications and screen them down to four to seven finalists.

"Then ... at the July 5 meeting, you'll notice it so that you can go into executive session, and then each of you can ... decide on the final four, five or six that are going to be interviewed," said Schulte.

Schulte then proposed that the interviews of the finalists be conducted Monday, July 17.

He stated that, since the applicants would most likely be traveling from out of the area, it might be a good idea to allow the applicants a weekend to check out the com-

munity and area.

"Colorado has a state statute that says that the names and materials of the finalists have to be made public 14 days prior to an offer," said Schulte, adding that, in order to offer a finalist the position during the council's meeting on Aug. 1, the names and materials of the finalists would need to be made public on July 18.

"You'll do the interviews with the finalists, the following day the information will be made public, and then you will be eligible and within the law to make the decision and make an offer at your August 1 town council meeting," said Schulte.

He explained that, for the interview process, it's not irregular to have separate "panels."

For instance, a panel of town employees and a panel of community members.

Schulte also said the council could hold a "meet and greet" for the public to meet the finalists and ask them questions.

Council member Clint Alley asked if having different panels was required, with Schulte explaining that it isn't.

"It depends on what level of impact and feedback you want to get," said Schulte. "It's entirely up

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The Blotter

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Juan Street.

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May 18 — Trespassing, Beucler Lane.

May 19 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

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May 20 — Information only, County

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May 21 — Indecent exposure, reckless endangerment, County Road 600.

May 22 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

May 16 — Information only, U.S. 160.

May 16 — Information only, Hot Springs Boulevard.

May 17 — Trespass warning, South 8th Street.

May 17 — Lost property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

May 17 — Harassment/phone, South 8th Street.

May 18 — Harassment/phone, Pagosa Street.

May 18 — DUI, U.S. 160.

May 19 — Third-degree assault, Eaton Drive.

May 20 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.

May 20 — Violation of restraining order, Aspen Village Drive.

May 21 — Information only, U.S. 160.

May 22 — Information only, North 8th Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

May 16 — Terry J. Hoffert, driver's license-expired one year/less, fines and costs — \$90.50.

May 17 — Issac A. Martinez, speeding 1-4 over limit, fines and costs — \$90.50.

May 22 — Teresa N. Hardy, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

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Council to hold work session on impact fees

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

After much discussion and public comment during its regular meeting on Thursday, May 18, the Pagosa Springs Town Council voted to table the agenda item of placing a temporary moratorium on impact fees within the town.

The council will have a work session to discuss the issue in more depth at 6 a.m. on the morning of Wednesday, May 31.

Then, the issue will be brought back up during the council's June 6 regular meeting.

An impact fee is a fee that is imposed by a local government on a new or proposed development project to pay for all or a portion of the costs of providing public services to the new development.

"The subject of Impact Fees has been in front of the Council several times recently," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting. "As the Council is aware, the Town has had Impact Fees in place since 2009 and although the County participated in the Impact Fee Study performed by EPS, it did not implement the fees. As a result there is the inequity for development between the Town and County."

The documentation adds that many developers in the area have stated in the past that they would be very interested in beginning a project, but can't or won't due to the impact fees.

"At the May 2nd Town Council meeting, the possibility of a Temporary Moratorium was discussed and public testimony was also taken on the subject," reads the documentation. "By a vote of 4-2, staff was directed to bring forth a proposed ordinance that would provide for a Temporary Moratorium of Impact Fees."

The documentation also explains that only impact fees that meet certain requirements would be waived.

The requirements include those "which become payable under the Impact Fee Regulations following the effective date of this Ordinance," as well as those "for which a building permit is issued prior to December 31, 2017."

The documentation also states that the moratorium would only waive fees for "which the construction subject to the building permit is, in the reasonable determination of the Town Building Official, 70% complete as of December 31, 2018. For construction that was eligible for waiver of impact fees but which fails to be 70% completed prior to December 31, 2018, the impact fees applicable under the Impact Fee Regulations shall be paid prior to the Building Official issuing a temporary certificate of occupancy or certificate of occupancy."

The agenda documentation also states that the temporary waiver of impact fees would not apply to development approvals or devel-

opment permits associated with residential uses or development.

"Staff seeks further feedback regarding the deadlines and percentage currently presented in the Ordinance and whether residential development should be included or exempt from the Moratorium," reads the documentation.

"The notion was that this was a temporary moratorium to incentivize people to make haste with their projects and to move forward with this and to get the projects going," explained Town Manager Greg Schulte.

The documentation explains that it is hard to predict the fiscal impact of placing a moratorium on impact fees, and explains that, while the town will lose the revenue that it usually generates with impact fees, if the fees are a barrier to development, the town would benefit from all the development that the moratorium would allow.

In a prior meeting, Schulte pointed out that a lot of the money generated from impact fees came during years that large stores opened in town.

For instance, a lot of the money generated from impact fees during 2014 was largely due to Walmart, and the money generated from impact fees during 2013 was largely due to Tractor Supply Company.

"Those were two large projects that occurred but, nevertheless, you can see over the past six years we've collected almost a million dollars," said Schulte in the prior meeting. "So, it's not chump change, but \$600,000 of that \$900,000 was two projects."

When the meeting allowed for public comment, a large portion of the audience had the same issue with the hypothetical moratorium.

Many of the audience members stated that, while they like the idea of waiving impact fees and they would begin to develop their projects if the fees were waived, they didn't think a six-month moratorium would be long enough to actually get into the thick of their projects.

Other audience members stated that they thought the moratorium should apply to residential purposes, too.

"I think that there needs to be a moratorium, but I think the time limit is much too short. Doing some quick figuring, if you go from June 6 through the end of the year ... there's only 140 working days that you have left in the year," said one audience member. "To get through everything that you need to get through ... it's going to be difficult to get done. I would really encourage you to go, at a minimum, 36 months to see what it's really going to do."

"There is no way that six months is enough time to really put together a commercial project," said another audience member, adding that he thought a moratorium lasting two years for commercial

purposes and one year for residential purposes would be much more realistic.

Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Chief Randy Larson commented that a moratorium on impact fees would have a profound impact on the PFPD.

"Our fire department is strictly property tax related. That's how we get our funds," said Larson. "We get very few funds through the burn permitting process, we don't charge anything for our services other than outside the district, so this may affect us more than most other people."

Continued Larson, "I'm here representing the fire department to say that even though this may be an initial impact on the fire department, the fire department will support the decision of the council. We have no intent of fighting the measure of asking for an exemption for the fire district."

Another audience member stated that rushing the moratorium would result in rushing development.

"I don't think you'll get quality development when you rush (the moratorium)," said the audience member, later adding, "Give this adequate time to get good development, and good development requires a lot more time than six to 12 months."

Another audience member made the argument that revenue generated by businesses would outweigh the revenue generated by impact fees, asking, "What are you losing if businesses don't come in the first place?"

After the audience members commented, the issue was opened up for discussion amongst the council.

"I'm not pro-impact fees but I am anti-moratorium," said council member Nicole DeMarco. "I think that this needs to be a policy decision that's effective, and it needs to reflect our philosophy on what impact fees are. I don't think it should be a sale. I also think that getting on the same footing with the county is imperative."

She went on to suggest that the town have a work session with the county with the focus being to create a policy on impact fees.

Council member Mat deGraaf stated that the town should take another look at the impact fee study done in 2006.

"If that's flawed, and that's what we're basing our current impact fees on, then I think we should look at that first before we just toss these things out," deGraaf said.

"I don't see a moratorium as an intelligent way to try and gather data," said council member David Schanzenbaker. "To do a giveaway for whatever period of time that you set, you're going to be getting increased development because anybody that's been thinking about it is going to try to get into that window, and as soon as the win-

dow closes, you're going to have a drought. I don't know what we're going to get at the end of a moratorium as far as information about the effects of impact fees."

He added that he believed it was probably time for a new impact fee study as the prior one was done before the great recession.

"Having grown up in a family that did a substantial amount of development in different communities, including this one, I'm not a big fan of any sort of impact fees. I'm not saying I'm anti, but I'm not a fan of them," said council member Clint Alley. "Secondly, I'm fairly competitive, and I don't like that we're not on the same page with the county, especially when the county's so much larger than us."

Continued Alley, "I think we're shooting ourselves in the foot and leaving people out there that want to come here by having impact fees."

"The reason that we brought this up is because we had heard that impact fees discourage development. I don't think anybody will disagree that that's what we've heard. I'd like to find out if it does," said Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger. "I want to support and encourage reasonable development in our community. That's more jobs, more tax revenue and a healthier community."

Volger went on to state that it was his opinion that the town should instate a moratorium for between two and three years.

"I don't think we're going to be losing that much revenue when balanced out with the amount of sales tax, jobs and other benefits that can be provided," Volger said, adding that he thought the moratorium should apply to residential uses as well.

Council member John Egan moved to table the agenda item until the town council's June 6 meeting and hold a work session to further discuss the matter prior to that meeting, with motion passing unanimously.

The work session will be held in the Town Hall council chambers at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31.

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to you. If you want to, you guys can just do all the interviews and be done with it."

Schulte also said that having certainty on an interview date would be beneficial, as many finalists could be traveling long distances with busy schedules, and a certain interview date could be included in the brochure.

Council member Tracy Bunning

stated that he didn't think an outside recruiter was necessary, and in many cases, he's found that an outside recruiter can complicate the process.

"I appreciate the thoughtfulness you've put into your exit strategy," said council member Nicole DeMarco. "I think it speaks volumes of the job you've done here. You didn't have to put this much time and effort before the fact. I agree with not

using a recruiter. Everything about this looks good to me."

Mayor Don Volger asked Schulte if the issue would need a motion, or just general consensus from the council.

Schulte explained that no motion was needed, and that the next step for the council would be to provide feedback on the brochure by Friday, May 26.

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In an effort to add some "shine" to Pagosa Springs, a new beautification initiative kicked off on Saturday at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. The event included a free barbecue and live music by Jack Ellis and The San Juan Mountain Boys. Volunteers participated in various cleanup and planting efforts followed by a party to celebrate their success.



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Dances of the Ancients

May 27

Chimney Rock
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Photo courtesy Mike Spieth

May 25, 2017

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

Sunday
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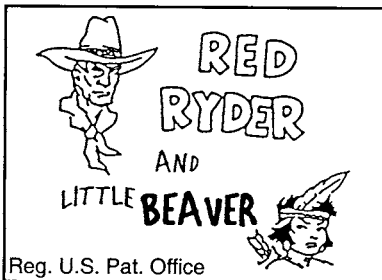
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By Fred Harman



New Dances of the Ancient event at Chimney Rock National Monument Saturday

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is proud to announce the first annual Dances of the Ancients event on Saturday, May 27, at Chimney Rock National Monument.

This culturally significant event will be both powerful and captivating. Two Pueblo dance groups will gather at Chimney Rock to dance in the Great Kiva, home to their ancestors. The Acoma Rain Dancers from Acoma Pueblo and the Oak Canyon Dancers from Jemez Pueblo are both all-children dance groups and will be performing at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., one day only.

There can be no better way to connect with Chimney Rock than through the descendants of the Ancient Puebloan people performing celebratory dances in traditional dress.

Acoma Rain Dancers

The Acoma Learning Center established the Acoma Rain Dancers Dance Group in January 2013 after a request was made by youth patrons for an after-school activity. The staff decided to organize a youth group aimed at increasing involvement in traditional activities and spirituality. Through this group, the children have learned to pray and now understand the meaning of prayer in dance.

The children find great joy in bringing smiles to the audience and are always surprised to be praised by random people. The Acoma Rain Dancers is a unique group because it solely involves young children, ages 3 to 13, and their parents. The fathers of the children sing and the mothers play a key role in getting the children dressed and ready. The children come up with the choreography and choose the songs they want to dance to.

The group will be performing a traditional rainbow dance, which is a pueblo social dance.

It is said that the children hold the most power, so their dancing and singing are heard by the spirits to bring moisture to the land and good health and fortune to all the people around the world, not only native people.

Oak Canyon Dance

The Oak Canyon Dance group was started by Julian Fragua and his brother, Odell Fragua. The brothers were inspired by their experiences with their grandfather and his cousin, dancing at various

places when they were young. The Oak Canyon Dancers are a family dance group that consists mostly of Julian and Odell's children and immediate family. The name, Oak Canyon, is their clan name in the pueblo, which is passed down from the mother's side.

All of the dances are performed by the children, ages 9 to 14, and are accompanied by live native singing and a pueblo drum.

Some of the dances that the Oak Canyon Dancers perform are the eagle dance, the shield dance, the buffalo dance, the butterfly dance and the plains native traditional dance.

The eagle dance honors the eagle for being a huge part of their culture. This dance symbolizes the blessings of their people giving them strength, courage and spiritual healing. The shield dance symbolizes the warrior and the brave men in their tribe who protected their people. The shield dance honors these strong, courageous men and also the brave men and women who serve our country and protect our nation. The buffalo dance symbolizes their honor of the great bison which gave them large amounts of meat for nourishment, hide for clothing, shelter, blankets, drums and bones for tools that were needed for daily living. The butterfly dance symbolizes the growing and entering into summer, and the plains native traditional dance, which comes from the plains native culture, is a dance for completion and is an intertribal dance at pow-wows.

The event

Tickets for this event are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 5-12). Guests should plan to stand for the performance, or bring their own camp chairs or blankets. Each performance will include both dance groups.

Guests should plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to performance check-in. The regular 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. two-hour walking tours will not be offered during the Dances of the Ancients.

An Early Tour Dances of the Ancients Package is available if you would like an early tour of the Pueblo Trail only at 8:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. This combination package begins at the upper parking lot with a one-hour guided tour of the Pueblo Trail. You'll see several unexcavated sites along the way to the Great House Pueblo, with awe-inspiring views of the San

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Grammy Award winner, festival favorites to appear at Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass

By **Crista Munro**
Special to The PREVIEW

The 12th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival is a mere two weeks away, taking place June 9-11 on Reservoir Hill right here in Pagosa Springs.

Another terrific musical lineup is in store for 2017 including The O'Connor Band (2017 Grammy Award winners for Best Bluegrass Album), The Dustbowl Revival, Ten Strings and a Goat Skin, Molly Tuttle, Western Centuries, Phoebe Hunt and the Gatherers, The Barefoot Movement, the Luke Bulla Trio, The Last Revel, The Stash! Band, The Heartstring Hunters, Moors and McCumber and this week's featured artists, the legendary Loudon Wainwright III and returning festival favorites The Lil' Smokies.

Loudon Wainwright III

Wainwright is well into the fourth decade of a career decorated with accolades and start-studded collaborations. He picked up a Grammy Award in 2010 for the Best Traditional Folk Album for "High Wide and Handsome: The Charlie Poole Project." Prior to that, he'd had two Grammy nominations for "I'm Alright" (1985) and "More Love Songs" (1986).

In 2009, Ken Tucker (NPR's Fresh Air and Entertain-

ment Weekly magazine) named "High Wide and Handsome" Best Album of 2009. It was also listed among the year's best releases by Village Voice, No Depression, FolkWax and fRoots.

Wainwright stands out among the densely populated field of singer-songwriters as "the most candid diarist who brought confessional poetry into popular song," according to Stephen Holden of The New York Times. Holden goes on to say, "Mr. Wainwright wrings more human truth out of his contradiction than any other songwriter of his generation."

Perhaps it is that bare essence of humanity that make Wainwright's songs so appealing. They've been covered by an array of talented musicians including Johnny Cash, Bonnie Raitt, Earl Scruggs, Mose Allison, Big Star, Freakwater, Norma Waterson, Kate and Anna McGarrigle and Rufus Wainwright, among others.

But he's not only an award-winning, acclaimed musician. Wainwright's film acting credits over the years include Judd Apatow's "Knocked Up" (for which he also recorded the soundtrack) and "The 40 Year Old Virgin"; Christopher Guest's "For Your Consideration"; Cameron Crowe's "Elizabethtown"; Martin Scorsese's "The Aviator"; Tim Burton's "Big Fish"; "28 Days" alongside Sandra

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Juan Mountains and the two pinnacles. This moderately challenging unimproved trail has a 200-foot elevation gain and exposure to heights and steep drop-offs. Parents are asked to closely supervise their children for the safety of all attendees.

Following the tour, visitors will then attend the Dances of the Ancients event. Tickets for this package are \$20 plus a booking fee (\$7.50 for children 5-12) and are nonrefundable. Guests who plan to attend the Early Tour Dances of the Ancients Package should check in at the Visitors Cabin at 8:30 a.m. for the 9 a.m. tour and 11:30 a.m. for the noon tour. In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather,

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Loudon Wainwright III, known for both music and acting, will close the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival with a 6 p.m. set on June 11.

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Festival

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Bullock, Viggo Mortensen and Steve Buscemi; “Jackknife” alongside Robert De Niro and Ed Harris; and Neil Simon’s “The Slugger’s Wife.”

And, if his face seems familiar, it is surely due to Wainwright’s numerous television acting credits including “Parks and Recreation”; “Undeclared”; “Grounded for Life”; “Ally McBeal”; “The T.V. Show,” where he played keyboard with the early Spinal Tap; a recurring role on “M*A*S*H”; and a role as the original musician/sidekick on The David Letterman Show.

Wainwright will close the festival with a headline set at 6 p.m. on June 11.

The Lil’ Smokies

With their roots submerged in the thick buttery mud of traditional bluegrass, The Lil’ Smokies have sonically blossomed into a leading player in the progressive acoustic sphere, creating a new and wholly unique, melody-driven sound of their own.

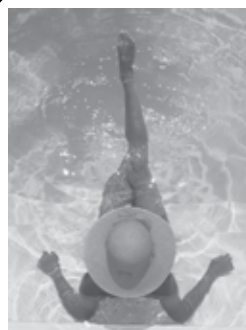
The quintet, from Missoula, Mont., has been hard at work, writing, touring and playing to an ever-growing fan base for the past six

years. The fruits of their labor recently culminated with wins at the 2016 International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Momentum Award for Best Band and at the 2015 Telluride Bluegrass festival band competition. In 2013, the band also won The Northwest String Summit Band Competition.

With a unique blend of traditional bluegrass, newgrass, innumerable unique originals, sheer raw energy and exquisite musicianship, The Lil’ Smokies weave seamlessly through genres, leaving behind melodies you’ll be singing to yourself for days and a jaw you’ll have to pick up off the floor.

The Lil’ Smokies have no problem captivating large audiences, frequently sharing the stage with heavyweights like Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Keller Williams, Greensky Bluegrass, The Emmitt-Nershi Band, Yonder Mountain String Band, The Travellin’ McCourys, Sam Bush Band, Fruition, Infamous Stringdusters, Bradford Lee Folk and The Bluegrass Playboys, and dozens of others.

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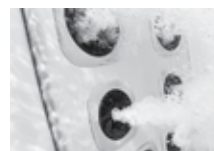


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Let's Dance Club to host annual dance workshop

Wayne Lauffer
Special to The PREVIEW

It is almost time for a week of dancing with Richard and Debbie Love, with the Let's Dance Club hosting dance workshops with the Loves May 30 through June 3.

The Loves return to Pagosa Springs annually to visit friends and share their teaching with the dancers of Pagosa Country. Many of their students from Colorado Springs also come to our town to enjoy a weekend of dancing, socializing and enjoying the amenities Pagosa has to offer.

Former Pagosa residents, Richard and Debbie are both DVIDA-certified dance instructors (Dance

Vision International Dance Association) from Colorado Springs.

On May 30, the week will begin with an Argentine tango workshop from 7 to 9 p.m. At each workshop, two levels of classes will take place simultaneously, one for beginners and one for those who have experience in the dance. Richard will teach one group and Debbie the other.

Students can choose the group which best suits their ability and interest. Dance experience is not required. It is not necessary to have a partner to enjoy and learn at the workshops.

Additional workshop are as follows:

- June 2, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. — West

Coast Swing Workshop.

- June 3, noon — Check-in and warmups, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.; Hustle Workshop, 2 to 3:15 p.m.; Night Club Two-Step Workshop, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.; Cha Cha Workshop, 8 to 10 p.m.; social dance with a wide variety of music, so dancers can practice all they have learned.

Workshops and dances will be at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse located at 230 Port Ave.

The bargain price is \$50 per person for all of the workshops and the Saturday evening social dance, or pay \$15 per person per workshop and \$5 for the Saturday social dance.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, local and visiting dancers will gather for meals at local restaurants.

The Loves will be available during the week for private lessons.

For more information about the Loves and for additional details on the dance weekend in Pagosa Springs, such as restaurant venues and how to make reservations for meals, please visit the Love's meetup calendar: <http://www.meetup.com/Learn-to-Dance-Ballroom-Swing-Tango-Salsa-More/events/238014745/>.

For more information about the Let's Dance Club, contact Wayne Lauffer at 264-4792 and check out Let's Dance Pagosa Meetup Group: <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa/>.



Photo courtesy FolkWest

The Lil' Smokies, a returning festival favorite, will take to the main stage of the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass Festival twice: at 8:30 p.m. on June 9 and at 5:30 p.m. on June 10.

Festival

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The Lil' Smokies will play twice on the main stage: June 9 at 8:30 p.m. and June 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Volunteers needed

We're still looking for a few more volunteers; working two four-hour shifts earns you free three-day admission. Volunteering at a Folk-West event is great fun and it's a

fantastic way to meet people from Pagosa Springs and beyond. More info can be found at www.folkwest.com/pfb-volunteer.

Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass is supported in part with funding from Colorado Creative Industries. Tickets and information about the festival can be found online at www.folkwest.com or by calling (877) 472-4672.

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‘God of Carnage’ entering third weekend

By Audrey Crocker
Special to The PREVIEW

“Polite” society has never been more aptly and comically performed than in “God of Carnage.”

Yasmina Reza’s 2009 Tony Award-winning play is currently being performed by Thingamajig Theatre Company as its 2016-2017 season closing play. The comedy delivers countless laughs and gives us a final bit of satire and wit before Thingamajig’s summer of sugar-sweet musicals begins June 16.

The play begins with two sets of upper-middle-class parents addressing a problem between two of their children and the inevitable “civilized” meeting of the adults to discuss the incident. Within moments, the satirical comedy picks up speed and curves on the rail threaten to tip over this runaway train, only to right itself and then race even faster and more out of control.

This ride is nonstop (no intermission), and the densely packed, 80-minute piece flies by, as the playwright engineers the breakdown of societal conventions and the collapse of the play’s four parents. Yasmina satirizes society in ways that would make Oscar Wilde proud and the flow and quality of her writing could keep any audience laughing.

Set in 2008, the two teams of parents meet in the living room of Veronica (Melissa Firlit) and Michael Novak (Tim Moore) along with visitors Annette (Christina



Photo courtesy Tim Moore

Dan Morrison stars as Alan Raleigh in Thingamajig’s newest comedy, “God of Carnage,” playing at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts through June 4.

Norris) and Alan Raleigh (Dan Morrison). This is the setting for the relentless disintegration of the characters and the room itself will not be spared. The characters are played to perfection and are both stereotypes and unique individuals with personal issues.

The play’s final moment involving a mobile phone is a climax of epic magnitude.

Audiences are sure to leave this play in stitches, but also shaking their heads and thinking about what just happened. Be sure to

make plans to see this razor-sharp production.

Thingamajig Theatre Company presents “God of Carnage,” by Reza and translated by Christopher Hampton. Rated R for adult situations and language. Playing Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through June 4.

For tickets and information, visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW (7469).

Big fun in close quarters

And, hot dog. We made it through another winter. I love being tucked away on a winter’s day and write to my heart’s content. But, I love summers even more when we throw open the windows. Summer is about outdoor fun, camping, picnics, s’mores and traveling with family.

It’s interesting: I have couple-friends who don’t have children. They look at things differently. They probably have extra money to do what they want to do and go where they want to go. They probably have **privacy and order, too.**

In our family with four children, we had none of the above. With small children, we learned to live in close quarters and travel as one unit. When they became teenagers, we learned to live in bigger close quarters and we still went as one unit.

Ten years ago, our son-in-law retired from the service. He and our daughter decided to move to Pagosa Springs and raise their two boys here. They bought a 26-foot trailer with four bunk beds, a pull-out tabletop bed and a queen-size bed.

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



They called us and said, “The movers are bringing our furniture, but we are going to camp from Virginia to Pagosa Springs. We will visit New York City, see relatives and Niagara Falls. We will fish all the great fishing holes and camp at KOAs across the United States. It will take us six weeks to make the trip. Why don’t you fly out for the retirement party and camp with us?”

We jumped at the chance. Also, our youngest daughter took a six-week leave from her job and joined us for the trip. We learned then we could camp as a family of seven, live together in close quarters for six weeks and have the fun of our lives.

Recently, when my friend and her husband came back from a

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Some of the cast of Curtains Up Pagosa's "Sister Act the Musical" takes a break from rehearsing the more than 20 songs in the show. Joan Knab, accompanist and pit drummer, is at the piano, while Musical Director Robert Neel stands with his cast.

Cast hard at work on 'Sister Act'

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

The dedicated and hard-working cast members of Curtains Up Pagosa's (CUP) summer spectacular has been in rehearsal for their "Sister Act the Musical" production for six weeks now.

They have taken on this challenging show with determination and humor; indeed, the entire show is filled with lots of comedy and some serious life messages.

Our cast of 25 ranges in experience levels from veterans to newcomers with an age range that

spans 14 to the glorious 70s.

Playing the title role of Deloris Van Cartier is Kaitlen Smith; Mother Superior is Crissy Ferguson, Monsignor O'Hara is David Smith, Lead Sister Mary Robert is Taylor Jones and Lead Sister Mary Patrick is Daryn Butler.

The villain, Curtis, will be played by Gus Palma. Other leads, support and character roles are played by: Jeremy Medina, Trace Gross, Jessica Tanner, Ron James, Ari Peterson, Pat Doocy, Diana Kelly, Averie Lynch, Doug Roberts, Marissa Medina and Carson McKee. Our core group of

fabulous nuns includes: Cheyenne Todd, Paula Gorsuch, Constance D'Angelis, Emma Happ, Eileen Bartig, Maya Nasralla and Jackie Hampton.

Sister Act opens June 23 and runs for six shows in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, with direction and choreography by Dale Johnson and musical direction by Robert Neel. We are proud to have an outstanding pit orchestra of local musicians conducted by Robert Neel.

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weekend of fun in Moab, she said it was horrible. They took their Razor ATV, roamed through the canyons and slept in a tent. Their friends went with them and stayed in their camper.

She said the wind blew, it was cold and there was grit everywhere. "Never again. I'm too old to sleep in a tent. It is expensive to get a motel room in Moab. The prices have doubled since last year."

I said, "Why don't you and your friends pay for a room together?" You would have thought I asked her to rob a bank.

"Never, no, never. Our friends wouldn't like it, either."

"How long have you been friends?"

"Thirty years."
"And you can't sleep in the same room together and save money? You do everything else together, what is the big deal? When our

family travels together we share a room."

"You are family. Friends don't do that."

All of a sudden, I realized that we were coming from a different mindset. As a family, we have learned to travel economically and enjoy each other.

I thought I could enlighten her and show her how she and her husband could travel and save at least an extra \$100 a night.

To save money, I told her how our family traveled together and still has fun. We took our ice cooler and sandwiches, our kids were always hungry. We went on picnics. It was the equivalent of taking them out to dinner. When they were young, they didn't know any difference. We took them camping and to the mountains. It wasn't Disneyland, but it was better. They learned to have fun, belong

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Restoration and views of the end times

By Jeff Smith
Special to The PREVIEW

The “Restoration Message” is a term found in some corners of the Christian Faith. It adds much to our debate on the end times.

“And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.” — Acts 3:20-21 (KJV).

When the 13th century theologian Thomas Aquinas entered the presence of Pope Innocent II, before whom a large sum of money was spread out, the Pope observed, “You see, the Church is no longer in that age in which she said, ‘Silver and gold have I none.’” “True, holy father,” replied Aquinas; “neither can she any longer say to the lame, ‘Rise up and walk.’” (Acts 3: 2–8).

There are four major Christian views of the end times, as describe

A Matter of Faith

in the excellent DVD series by Timothy Paul Jones of the same name. Each view has a certain strength:

- Historical Premillennialism, the most ancient of the four, sees the world as growing more evil and the church becoming more mature as it endures the trials set before her. It includes the Jew as part of God’s plan.

- Amillennialism, the belief there is no real thousand-year reign of Christ, teaches that His reign began at the empty tomb. It reminds us that Jesus has already won over evil.

- Postmillennialism teaches the gradual triumph of the Christian faith in the world prior to His coming and reminds us of the power of

the gospel to change society.

- Dispensational Premillennialism, the most recent, sees the “any minute rapture” and promotes the idea of our always being alert and ready for His coming.

This latest “Restoration Message,” found in some Pentecostal circles, sees the power of the early Church, lost as it became corrupt and anti-Jew, as being fully restored to a mature, global, Christian church just prior to His coming. It also includes a fully restored Israel.

This last idea that the church has not yet achieved its full stature is helpful. It gives us hope that we will, in the end, run His church better and offer the world an even better Christian faith than we have in the past. It also helps as we see evil also growing and doing its job better.

Jesus told us in the parable of the wheat and the tares that both would grow together for awhile (Matt 13:30). As we get closer to that fateful harvest, some would argue we should not plan on getting ready to leave, but on being more willing to grow. He may have set the bar for our completing our task on earth much higher than we thought.

This idea should also be part of the debate.

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and feel loved without spending money.

She said, again, “Never. We couldn’t stay in the same room with our friends.”

I told her how our family figured it out. We tell our youngest daughter she can have her own room and she will have total privacy. We just don’t tell her that it’s a 3-foot-by-6-foot room called the closet. It’s a perfect size for her roll-up bed.

“Your poor daughter, she doesn’t get a bed?”

“Sometimes, but not always. It depends on how many grandchildren and their friends travel with us. We rent an extra room, but then they show up in our room, anyway. They don’t want to miss the fun.”

When we arrive at the hotel, we start planning the configuration for sleeping arrangements. There are a few considerations, like the temperature in the room. Some like it hot and some like it cold. No one wants to sleep with our grandson. He hogs the whole queen-size bed. My son-in-law is a good sport and always makes the declaration, “I don’t care how we do it, but I will not sleep with my mother-in-law.” “Wow! I didn’t ask.” I could take

offense. It has become a standing joke in the family.

Being together pulls down high expectations. It started years before when our first child came along and we became a family. No more privacy and no more extra money. Then another child came along. Less privacy and less money.

At times, traveling with the whole family, we have to take two cars. The trick is to get in the right car. In one car, NASCAR highlights

are blaring. The other one has an audio book playing. But, we always miss the laughter and fun conversation in the other vehicle. We text back and forth, plan our next meal in the next town. Of course, My Sweet Al needs to stop at every bush. When one stops, that means every-

one stops. We roll our eyes and say, “Again? Hurry.”

Final brushstroke: We love traveling with family, but do they like traveling with us? My Sweet Al and I are thankful the kids still want us to go along. We have had wonderful moments with family. Just thinking about it, I would do it all over again, just the way we always had to do it.

Readers’ comments

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Pagosa Community of New Thought to hold picnic potluck Sunday

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

This Memorial Day weekend, Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) will host a picnic potluck lunch on Sunday, May 31, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

All are welcome and are encouraged to bring whatever they would like to share, including food, music and stories.

We will meet at Mike's: From Pagosa Springs, travel west on U.S. 160 past the turnoff to Chimney

Rock. At mile marker 121, turn north toward the Lower Piedra Campground. Take the first right turn after the river, then go to first house on the left.

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Please call PCNT at 749-9020 with questions. Our regular meeting space will be closed on May 28.

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

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

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

UU topic: 'The Paradox of Religious and Spiritual Language: Words That Attempt to Express the Inexpressible'

By Dean Cerny
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a service titled "The Paradox of Religious and Spiritual Language: Words That Attempt to Express the Inexpressible," with visiting pastor Dean Cerny, this Sunday, May 28.

This message will be the second of a trio of topics designed to investigate the use of religious language to express theological diversity at the Fellowship and the Unitarian Universalist (UU) denomination at large.

How do UUs maintain their unparalleled and unique spiritual diversity within fellowships and congregations? More important, how do they do so without misunderstanding or alienating one another?

In the second message, we turn toward a more pragmatic look at the use of religious language as a means of expressing our common spiritual experiences.

At a grassroots level, we will attempt some sincere and honest questioning concerning the Pagosa Fellowship's ability to engage one another's theological differences.

Answers, we will discover, are to be found at the core of our individual spiritual experiences. We will attempt to articulate the uniqueness of these spiritual experiences by beginning to develop a common religious and spiritual vocabulary.

Looking ahead, part three of this series of messages will involve the practical application of our emerging language skills.

Following a congregational vote, Cerny will soon become a part-time resident of Pagosa Springs, leading services at the Fellowship twice each month. This is a collaborative effort between Cerny and the Fellowship as they both explore the potential possibilities of a "settled" form of spiritual leadership for the UU presence in Pagosa.

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

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a caring, inclusive fellowship dedicated to spiritual growth, justice and

serving the needs of our larger community. As a Welcoming Congregation, we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all.

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

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Meet Brad, your new adult services and tech librarian

By **Carole Howard**
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We are delighted to introduce you to Brad Glover, who has been hired as your new adult services and technology librarian. He was on the job last week. Now he has returned to Montana to pick up

Library News



Brad Glover

his wife, Whitney, two young sons aged almost 2 and 3, and their possessions for the move to Pagosa Springs. He starts work full time next Tuesday, May 30.

Glover comes to us with impressive credentials. He is proficient in Spanish after living in Puerto Rico for four years on active duty in the Coast Guard, and in Peru on a church mission. He's highly qualified in high-tech hardware and software, including social media.

His experience includes six years as a library assistant with the Boise Public Library's adult services division, presenting library programs and classes in computer literacy, genealogy, book clubs, author visits and e-book training. He also served for two years as a backup interlibrary loan specialist, and collaborated with educators, other community partners and volunteers on workshops, programs and databases.

He has a master of library and information science degree from San Jose State and a bachelor's in political science from Boise State.

Having grown up in Idaho and now living in Montana, Brad said he immediately fell in love with our town when he came here for his job interview.

"I love mountains, trees and lakes," he said. "For me, home is where the mountains are."

As a librarian, Glover said he believes in working with all segments of the community, including non-profits, small businesses, veterans and Spanish outreach. He's also eager to entice people who don't use the library to come in to see what's here to help them.

"If you need a resource, let us know and we will find a way to get it for you," he promised.

"We are excited to have Brad join our team," said Meg Wempe, library director. "We know that his experience and talents will greatly benefit our library and, in turn, our community."

Please stop by to meet Glover and welcome him and his family to Pagosa.

Library closure

Your library will be closed Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.

Two new full-time staff

With Glover on the job, we now look forward to welcoming Paige Shook, who will become our new early literacy librarian in early June. As soon as Glover and Shook get their feet on the ground, our regular programming will resume — with some new creative and fun ideas they will bring to your library.

Teen role-playing today

The free role-playing game for seventh through 12th grades takes place today, Thursday, May 25, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Senior Book Club tomorrow

This free book lovers' group meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Tomorrow, Friday, May 26, they will discuss "Girl Underwater" by Claire Kells. For more information, contact Marilyn Stroud at Bakes-troud@aol.com.

Adult learning

Our new free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) program takes place every Monday (except Memorial Day and other holidays) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to

7 p.m. Stop by and let Mark help you with high school equivalency, college prep, financial aid, tutoring

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Friday 6pm Gary Gorence

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Sunday 4pm Steve Blechschmidt

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Teen gaming

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

Tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions for free help on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Please note there is no Tech Time on Tuesdays in May.

Kids storytime becomes playtime

The free Wednesday storytime is canceled temporarily until our new early literacy librarian is on the job in June. Instead, we will host open playtimes for parents and children to play, interact and learn while enjoying games and puzzles with each other.

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.

DVDs

“La La Land” won the best actress Academy Award. “Lion” was nominated for six Academy Awards. “House” is the complete third season. “Enemy of the State” stars Will Smith and Gene Hackman. “Man in the Middle” is a wartime drama. “The Odyssey” is the Homer epic mini-series. “The Paradise” is a rags-to-riches story in Victorian England. “And Still I Rise” celebrates the life of Maya Angelou. “A Dog’s Purpose” is a family story. “Heart of the World” features Colorado’s national parks.

Learning DVDs

We have three Great Courses DVDs — “Buddhism,” “Fundamentals of Photography” and “Nutrition Made Clear.” We also have “Learning Spanish: How to Understand and Speak a New Language.”

Large print

“The Last Chance Olive Ranch” by Susan Wittig Albert is a China

Bayles mystery. “One Perfect Lie” by Lisa Scottoline is a mystery. “Ginny Moon” by Benjamin Ludwig features an autistic child. “Walking on My Grave” by Carolyn Hart is a Death on Demand mystery. “The Broken Road” by Richard Paul Evans grants a man a second chance. “The Delight of Being Ordinary” by Roland Merullo imagines a road trip with the pope and the dalai lama. “Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine” by Gail Honeyman follows two isolated people coming together to do good.

Thrillers, mysteries and suspense

“Amberlough” by Lara Elena Donnelly is a clandestine espionage story. “The Fifth Petal” by Brunonia Barry is a suspense tale set in Salem.

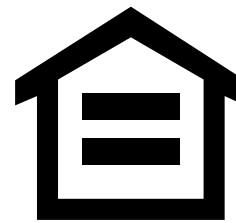
Other novels

“One of the Boys” by Daniel Magariel is the story of young

brothers and their abusive father. “The Mermaid’s Daughter” by Ann Claycomb features a soprano with phantom pains and an obsession with the sea. “No One is Coming to Save Us” by Stephanie Powell Watts follows an extended African-American family and their colliding visions of the American Dream. “Idaho” by Emily Ruskovich exposes the mysterious and shocking act that fractured a family.

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How to keep kids engaged over school breaks

Special to The PREVIEW

Reading is a great way for students to keep their brains sharp during prolonged school breaks.

Children in North America will spend, on average, more than 900 hours attending school in a given year. The average school year in the United States lasts 1,016 hours, the equivalent of a little more than 42 continuous days.

According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, many developed countries begin their academic years in September and end them in June. Some, like Australia, feature four terms with two-week breaks in between each term. Others go to school for most of the year — with various holiday breaks in between — and then get the bulk of their time off during the summer.

As much time as kids spend in school, there will be times when they are left to their own devices, and during these times it's easy for them to forget classroom lessons.

Sometimes called "summer learning loss" or "summer slide," this forgetfulness sees many students fail to retain all of their lessons over prolonged breaks from school.

Studies indicate that students

score lower on standardized tests at the end of the summer compared to their performance on the same tests at the beginning of summer. Anywhere from between one to three months' worth of educational achievement can dissipate during prolonged breaks from the classroom.

To help ensure that those hard-earned lessons are not so easily forgotten, parents can help children remain intellectually engaged in various ways over school breaks.

- Stick to a schedule. Try to maintain a schedule similar to school, with children waking at the same time each day and going to bed at similar hours. This will make it much easier to get back into a routine when a new school year begins.

- Encourage reading. Set aside time for reading each day. All it generally takes is 15 to 30 minutes of reading per day for kids to remember their vocabulary lessons and maintain their fluency and comprehension skills. Children may enjoy picking their own books rather than having a required reading list.

- Keep a math book handy. On long car trips or rainy days, children can do a few math problems to keep their skills sharp. This will

help keep learning loss to a minimum. Math workbooks may be available at bookstores, or parents can look online or ask a teacher for a summer to-do packet.

- Plan educational trips. Vacations and day trips can be fun, entertaining and educational all at the same time. Science centers, museums and living history locations can bring to life information learned in the classroom, even on family vacations.

- Learn at camp. Many children attend camp for a portion of their school breaks. Look for camps that do not simply babysit children, but engage them through enrichment activities.

- Take a class. Children and families can learn together by exploring new skills. Enroll in something educational and enjoyable, such as a music or dance class, a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) seminar or something else that engages the mind and body. This gives everyone a chance to learn something new and have a great time together as a family.

Parents and educators can reduce lesson loss over school breaks by encouraging families to remain intellectually engaged in any way they can.

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How-to and self-help

"Scholarship Handbook 2017" by College Board explains 2,400 programs offering private, federal and state money. "The Whole30 Cookbook" by Melissa Hartwig provides 150 recipes for people in her Whole30 program. "The Pueblo Food Experience Cookbook" by Roxanne Swentzell and Patricia M. Perea takes you back to the food of the Pueblo peoples of New Mexico.

Other nonfiction

"Last Hope Island" by historian Lynne Olson tells how Britain became the base for exiled leaders of Europe to reclaim their continent from Hitler. "Lonely Planet China" helps you plan and enjoy your trip. "The Perfect Pass" by S.C. Gwynne tells how two unknown coaches revolutionized American football. "Stealing Fire" by Steven Kotler and Jamie Wheal shows how Silicon Valley, Navy SEALs and maverick scientists are revolutionizing the way we live and work.

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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, May 25

Smart Growth Workshop. 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Community Center. Smart Growth strategies help towns and cities across the country grow stronger economically by using land strategically, making the most of existing resources and using public funds to catalyze private development. A guided planning discussion which will ultimately result in a "Next Steps Memo" outlining smart growth strategies that can be implemented locally. For more information, visit www.smartgrowthamerica.org.

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

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

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry; you can join in anytime. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center.

San Juan Stargazers. 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. Annual telescope clinic. There are dozens of unused telescopes sitting in closets with people not knowing how to start using them. Bring it to our meeting to get the help you need to make use of this wonderful addition to your life. For more information, call 335-8286 or visit www.sanjuanstargazers.com.

Thingamajig Theater Company Presents 'God of Carnage.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This shrewd and vicious comedy gleefully flouts the perception of human civility. Two upper-middle-class Brooklyn couples meet to discuss an incident of playground violence between their sons. Though

the evening begins with polite pleasantries, it quickly descends into primal madness as tempers flare, loyalties shift and the parents devolve into children. For tickets and information, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Terrific Tuesdays. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn West Coast swing. There is a schedule revision this month due to clubhouse repairs. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

Friday, May 26

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

Pagosa Springs History Museum Opening Day. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs History Museum. The museum will be open Wednesdays through Sundays. Permanent historical displays depict pioneer life in the area, wildlife and nature, geological and anthropological displays, and more.

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

Senior Book Club. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We will be discussing "Girl Underwater" by Claire Kells. For more information, contact Marilyn Stroud at Bakestroud@aol.com.

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

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

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

Personal Growth and Empowerment Life Coaching Class. 5-6 p.m., Community Center. Geared toward providing individuals with tools to find the inner power to make changes within — healing and understanding the core reason for our actions, thoughts and desires. This class is open to everyone.

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Saturday, May 27

Piedra Stock Driveway Project. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Camino Real parking lot. We will work on the middle section of the stock driveway. For more information and to RSVP, contact Stacy Boone at info@stepoutdoorscolorado.com.

Vets for Vets Golf Tournament. 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. The event will begin at 8 a.m. for check-in, golf cart and tee box assignments. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Mulligan tickets will be available for purchase

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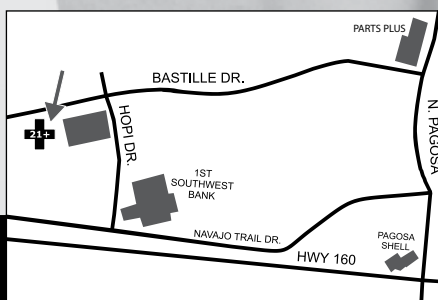
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before the 9 a.m. tee off. Two mulligans per player. There will be door prizes, hole-in-one prizes and lunch will be served after play. Contact Ken Rogers at (303) 902-5340 or Chuck Jordan at 759-6444 to sign up and for more information.

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

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

Dances of the Ancients. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Two Pueblo dance groups will gather to dance in the Great Kiva. The Acoma Rain Dancers from Acoma Pueblo and the Oak Canyon Dancers from Jemez Pueblo are both all-children dance groups and will be performing. For more information and ticket prices, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

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

Zumba. 10-11 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

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.

Crafting Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others that enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

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ents devolve into children. For tickets and information, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Sunday, May 28

Thingamajig Theater Company Presents 'God of Carnage.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This shrewd and vicious comedy gleefully flouts the perception of human civility. Two upper-middle-class Brooklyn couples meet to discuss an incident of playground violence between their sons. Though the evening begins with polite pleasantries, it quickly descends into primal madness as tempers flare, loyalties shift and the parents devolve into children. For tickets and information, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

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, May 29

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

Mullins-Nickerson American Legion Post 108 Memorial Day Ceremonies. 9 a.m., American Legion Post 108, 287 Hermosa St., and 10 a.m., Hilltop Cemetery. The public and especially veterans of the armed forces are invited to either or both of the ceremonies.

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. Call 264-0501, ext. 2 to make an appointment.

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

Caregiver Support Group. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association.

Memorial Day Service. 11 a.m., Allison-Tiffany Cemetery. Services will include music, visiting and honoring our veterans and loved ones. Everyone is invited.

Veterans Memorial Park of Archu-

leta County Ground-breaking Ceremony. 1-3 p.m., 220 Vista Blvd. Please join us as we celebrate the commencement of our mission to develop and maintain a Memorial Park in honor of all past, present and future veterans of the U.S. armed forces. The park is to be a place for veterans, their families and the public to remember, reflect and contemplate the sacrifices of these individuals, and to serve as an educational venue.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages. For more information, call 259-0122.

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

Tuesday, May 30

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.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior

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Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. 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.
Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission Open House. 5-7 p.m., Community Center.
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Let's Dance Pagosa workshop. 7:30-9:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. We will begin with the West Coast Swing. At each workshop there will be two levels of classes, one for beginners and one for those who have experience in the dance. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information and to sign up or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

Wednesday, May 31

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.
Open Play. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Play, interact and learn while enjoying games and puzzles with each other. For babies through preschoolers. Call 264-2209 for more information.
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.
Wellness Clinic. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Senior Center. Wellness with Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.
Pi Beta Phi. 11:30 a.m., Lisa Scott's home. Alumnae potluck luncheon celebrating Founders' Day, Golden Arrows and the 150th anniversary of the founding of Pi Beta Phi. RSVP to Lisa telling what potluck dish you will bring.
HELP (Healthy Eating Lifestyle Plan). Noon-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Weigh-in, support and more. Everyone welcome. Call Nancy Strait at 731-3427 for more information.
Movie. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Pop-

corn and beverages provided.
Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.
Coed Volleyball. 1-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Friendly, non-competitive games open to all ages.
Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.
Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.
Wild West Squares Introduction to Square Dance Class. 6-7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. This is a fun, easygoing class open to families, couples and singles. The suggested age for children is at least 8 years old. Call Carla Roberts to enroll at 903-6478.
The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, June 1

Hospice of Mercy Memorial Planting. 11 a.m.-noon, Hospice of Mercy Memorial Garden, next to the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce. The event will be a time for reflecting and sharing. Attendees may plant flowers in memory of former Hospice of Mercy patients and hear words of comfort offered by hospice chaplains. Call 731-9190 for more information.
Duplicate Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center.
Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.
Connect for Health/Medicaid Presentation. 1-1:45 p.m., Sisson Library. Kevin O'Connor from the San Juan Basin Health Department and Renee Burch of Archuleta County Human Services will be available to inform you of your options and discuss changes to both programs. Call 264-2209 for more information.
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.
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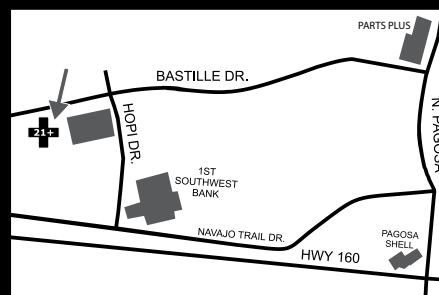
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Friday, June 2

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

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

Huck Finn Fishing Derby. 1:30-5 p.m., River Center ponds. Youth ages 5-12 are eligible to participate. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Costumes are not required, but prizes will be awarded for the best Huckleberry Finn and Becky Thatcher costumes. Prizes will also be awarded for the first fish, smallest fish and biggest fish. Youngsters are welcome to bring their own fishing gear, but loaner rods and plenty of bait will be available. A hot dog dinner will be served while supplies last. Call 264-4151, ext. 231 for more information.

Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. All ages. Enjoy video

gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Personal Growth and Empowerment Life Coaching Class. 5-6 p.m., Community Center. Geared toward providing individuals with tools to find the inner power to make changes within — healing and understanding the core reason for our actions, thoughts and desires. This class is open to everyone.

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Saturday, June 3

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

Toddler Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m.,

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

Zumba. 10-11 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

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

Let's Dance Pagosa workshop. Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. 12:30-1:45 p.m.,

Hustle Workshop; 2-3:15 p.m., Night Club Two-Step Workshop; 3:30-4:45 p.m., Cha Cha Workshop; 8-10 p.m., social dance with a wide variety of music so dancers can practice what they have learned. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information and to sign up or go to <http://www.meetup.com>

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Sunday, June 4

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

Monday, June 5

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

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

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

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

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

Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with

placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages. For more information, call 259-0122.

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

Tuesday, June 6

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., Dorothy's Restaurant.

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

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

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

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

The 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.

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Senior health and wellness event Wednesday

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist



The Pagosa Springs Senior Center is running a pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors.

The program includes wellness, blood pressure monitoring or allowing individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

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

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C. The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next wellness event will be May 31.

Medical equipment

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

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

Computer center

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

Computer stations are available by the hour. If no one has signed up for the next hour, seniors may continue to use the computer for an additional hour(s).

Computer and Internet access is available during business hours when staff is in attendance and classes are not in session.

Medicare Mondays

Are you turning 65? Do you need some help with Medicare? The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging has openings every Monday at the Senior Center to help you with your Medicare enrollment questions.

Here are some quick tips: If you are collecting Social Security, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare parts A and B. We can help you pick a Part D Prescription Drug Plan. If you don't enroll in a Part D plan, you could face penalties. If you are new to Medicare, you have an eight-month Special Enrollment Period to sign up for parts A, B and D around your 65th birthday. Medicare starts after your employment ends or the group health insurance

plan based on your current employment ends, whichever happens first. You do not pay late penalties if you enroll within the eight-month Special Enrollment Period. COBRA and retiree health plans are not considered coverage based on current employment.

Important dates: General enrollment runs from Jan. 1 through March 31 each year and coverage starts July 1. Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 is open (or annual) enrollment for switching plans for Part D and a Medicare Cost Plan; coverage starts Jan. 1.

If you would like to talk to a Medicare counselor, please contact the Area Agency on Aging to make an appointment. Please call 264-0501, ext. 2. We will put you in touch with one of our talented and experienced Medicare counselors.

Menu

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch. If you are a senior (60 years and older), for only a \$4 suggested donation, you are eligible for a hot meal, drink and a salad prepared by our kitchen staff.

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$5 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

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

Thursday, May 25 — Pork zuppa Toscana, seasoned asparagus and salad bar.

Friday, May 26 — Barbecued pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, baked tomato provencal, salad bar and rice crispy treat.

Monday, May 29 — Closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 30 — Honey barbecue chicken, green pea salad, coleslaw, salad bar and pineapple upside-down cake.

Wednesday, May 31 — Shredded beef gyro, Mediterranean beets, eggplant gratin and salad bar.

Thursday, June 1 — Chicken-fried chicken, cream gravy, cauliflower mashed, green peas, and salad bar.

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

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

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Vex, with "at"
- 5 Impudent talk
- 9 Morning TV show
- 14 Cancellation
- 15 Think, old style
- 16 "Il Trovatore", e.g.
- 17 Declare
- 18 Abundant
- 19 Plane maker
- 20 Ruthless boss
- 23 Tandoori bread
- 24 It may have a twist
- 25 Dwindle, with "off"
- 27 Beach shelter
- 30 Desertlike
- 31 Driver's helper?
- 34 Make aware
- 35 Like some jackets
- 36 Checkers, e.g.
- 37 Pendleton Round-Up, for one
- 38 Steamed state
- 39 Head off
- 41 Bit of baby talk
- 42 Go-getter
- 44 One who makes dreams come true
- 45 Amiss
- 46 "You said it, brother!"
- 47 Composer Cole
- 48 Freshen
- 50 Type of palm
- 51 Goad
- 53 Beer bottle number, in song
- 58 Haven
- 60 All-night party
- 61 Day of the month
- 62 Boot out
- 63 Knotted up
- 64 Join hands?
- 65 Lip-smacking
- 66 On its way
- 67 Eagle's nest (var.)

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- 1 Little biter
- 2 Astronomer's sighting
- 3 Long time
- 4 Controversial jobs program
- 5 Levels
- 6 Come up
- 7 Weak, as on crime
- 8 Equal, e.g.
- 9 Word with dog or dollar
- 10 Express a thought
- 11 Marketing, for one
- 12 Surface measure
- 13 Kitten's plaything
- 21 Like a serious father-son talk
- 22 Steak order
- 26 Educator's forte
- 27 Boatload
- 28 Remote
- 29 Bon Jovi ballad from 1993

- 30 Street sound
- 32 Mysterious
- 33 "The door's open!"
- 35 Energetic types
- 40 One of Archie's loves
- 43 Gathering clouds, say
- 47 Kind of leather
- 49 Authoritative order

- 50 Evening hour
- 51 Longfellow, e.g.
- 52 Indian dignitary
- 54 Pews' place
- 55 Loafing
- 56 Warm, so to speak
- 57 TV sports award
- 59 Dump

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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The Emmet Wirt Trading Post as shown in this 1936 picture was a fixture in Dulce for many years. In addition to gasoline and household goods, a large variety of Native American artistry was available.

Emmet Wirt: cowboy, business owner, agent, shooter

In last week's column, we described how three cowboys from New Mexico hurraed an open house celebration conducted by Archuleta County Sheriff Billy Kern in Pagosa Springs. Later, after Emmet Wirt became Indian agent for the Jicarilla Apaches, he became one of the best known men in the Four Corners area, including Pagosa Springs.

As a young man, Wirt moved to Chama, N.M., from Tennessee. He worked a short time at the Biggs mill in Monero, then he started cowboying for the Carlisle Cattle Company. In those days, several English cattle companies operated in the Four Corners area. Carlisle Cattle Company headquartered near Monticello in San Juan County, Utah. Barbed wire hadn't taken over the West in those days, and cattle roamed on the open range. The cattle company with the most cowboys, translated most guns, ran their cattle wherever they wanted, just as we've seen in western movies.

Wirt was working for Carlisle's outfit in Dulce in 1891 when he and two other Carlisle cowboys pulled their shenanigan in Pagosa Springs. A story is told that Carlisle neglected to pay Wirt his wages which irritated the young cowboy. Wirt compensated by rounding up enough cows to cover what he felt was due him, then singlehandedly drove his wage-herd across Cumbres Pass, across the San Luis Valley, across the Front Range mountains, and sold them to a cattle buyer in Pueblo.

Shortly after that, Wirt opened a trading post at Amargo. Amargo was located along the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad about 1 mile east of today's Lumberton. The stagecoach ran daily from Amargo to Pagosa Springs. Pagosa ranchers drove their cattle to Amargo to load them on the train for Denver, where they were sold. While living



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

in Amargo, Wirt shot a man, but was not tried because the other man "drew first."

In the mid-1890s, a man named Ed Vorhang was given a homestead title to the 160 acres where Amargo was located. Then he told the other occupants, including business owners, that they owed him rent. They refused and he insisted. Someone took a shot at him as a warning, another threatened to blacken both eyes, and another set off a load of dynamite under Vorhang's bedroom. Fortunately for Vorhang, the dynamite exploded on the wrong side of the room from where he was sleeping. Finally, tired of Vorhang, the business owners picked up their businesses as best they could, moved a mile west, and founded Lumberton, which remains to this day. Amargo died a slow death.

Wirt moved his trading post to Lumberton. Sometime later, he, moved his trading post to Dulce where he had been appointed agent for the Jicarilla Apaches.

Many stories are told about Wirt. I heard the one I'm about to tell from Pagosa barber Earl Mullins. It seems that Wirt had gone to Denver, where he was conducting business. He stayed at the Brown Palace, the finest hotel in town. President Dwight Eisenhower stayed at the Brown Palace and it remains to this day, in all of its Victorian grandeur.

When it came time for dinner, Wirt did what you'd expect from a cattleman. He ordered a steak. When the waiter brought the steak, Wirt squinted at the pink chunk of

meat, threw it on the floor, pulled his six-shooter and blasted away.

"Waiter," he called.

When the waiter came hurrying to the table, Wirt pointed at the bullet punctured mass of meat and said, "I've killed it, now take it in the kitchen and cook it!"



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How to get your Veteran Health Identification Card

By Raymond Taylor
PREVIEW Columnist

The Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) provides:

- Increased security for your personal information — no personally identifiable information is contained on the magnetic stripe or bar code.

- Unique Member Identifier — The U.S. Department of Defense assigns an electronic data interchange personal identifier that allows The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to retrieve the veteran's health record.

- A salute to your military service — The emblem of your latest branch of service is displayed on your card. Several special awards will also be listed.

- Accessibility — Braille "VA" helps visually impaired veterans to recognize and use the card.

- Anti-Counterfeiting — Micro-text helps prevent reproductions.

The VHIC is issued only to veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system.

Purpose of the VHIC

The VHIC is for identification and check-in at VA appointments. It cannot be used as a credit card or an insurance card, and it does not authorize or pay for care at non-VA facilities.

How to receive a VHIC

Veterans must be enrolled in the VA health care system to receive a VHIC.

To enroll, effective immediately, veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after Nov. 11, 1998, can complete applications for enrollment in VA health care by telephone without the need for a signed paper application. All other veterans may apply by phone starting July 5, 2016.

You may also apply for enrollment online at www.va.gov/health-benefits/enroll, call (877) 222-VETS (8387) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, or in person at your local VA medical facility.

Once your enrollment is verified, you may have your picture taken at your local VA medical center, so that a VHIC can be mailed to you.

When veterans choose to enroll, the VA offers an enhancement to their enrollment experience through "Welcome to VA" (W2VA). W2VA enhances communication by reaching out to newly enrolled veterans through personal phone calls upon enrollment, providing assistance with health care inquiries and assisting with their initial appointment at their preferred VA health care facility. In addition,

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(Form DS-1350).

- Voter's registration card.
- Native American tribal document.
- U.S. citizen ID card (Form I-197).
- Identification card for use

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the VA sends each new enrollee an introductory letter and personalized "Veterans Health Benefits Handbook" in the mail.

In addition to serving as identification for enrolled veterans when they check in for their VA appointment, VHICs are also being used to access U.S. military bases and in some cases, allows access through U.S. airport security.

As a result, the VA wants to assure that VHICs are issued appropriately and to the correct person. To ensure a veteran's identity, enrollees must provide one form of primary identification and one form of secondary identification when requesting a VHIC.

Acceptable forms of primary and secondary identification are listed below.

Primary identification

Acceptable forms of primary identification include:

- State-issued driver's license.
- U.S. passport (unexpired).
- Foreign passport with Form I-94 or Form I-94A (unexpired).
- U.S. military card.
- Military ID card.
- Military dependent's ID card.
- Foreign passport with temporary I-551 stamp.

- Permanent resident card or alien registration receipt card (Form I- 551).

- Federal-, state- or local-issued photo ID.

- Employment authorization document that contains a photograph (Form I-766).

- Passport from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) or the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) with Form I-94 or Form I-94A.

- School ID with photograph.
- VA Identification Card (VIC) or VHIC.*

(*VIC or VHIC is considered a federal-issued photo ID.)

Secondary identification

Acceptable forms of secondary identification include:

- Social Security card.
- Original or certified birth certificate.

- Certificate issued by U.S. Consular Offices documenting the birth of a child on foreign soil to a U.S. citizen (Form FS-545, Form DS-1350, DS Form).

- Certification of report of birth issued by the Department of State

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Concerns about getting professional help for PTSD

By Kevin J. Kelly
Special to The PREVIEW

It is common for people who have symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to feel reluctant to get professional help. They often have concerns and questions that keep them from taking productive action. As a result, they may tend to isolate themselves and avoid many situations that might actually help them recover.

Some of those questions veterans have are: Will it really work? What does it mean about me if I seek help? If you have had any of these questions, what follows may help you answer them in a reasonable way.

This article will address those questions and the answers that veterans often come up with. We will also provide more factual answers based on research and the experience of veterans who have sought treatment for PTSD symptoms.

Will it really work?

Vets sometimes think that it might feel strange to talk to a counselor. Although you might feel strange at first, just like any new relationship, it gets easier. With time, trust develops as you see that the counselor is respectful of your feelings and the pace at which you can comfortably proceed. Feeling a little awkward at first may be worth it if the counseling helps.

There are no tricks or mind-reading in professional counseling. It mainly consists of commonsense discussions about what's going on with you and practical strategies to help you feel and function better.

Most counselors have actually

received counseling themselves, so they know what it's like and what helps the most.

Research has shown that counseling can really help. Comprehensive reviews of outcomes conducted by the National Center for PTSD indicate that out of every 100 veterans that receive evidence-based therapy, 53 will no longer have the disorder by the end of treatment.

For this to happen, you need to do your part and be an active part of the team.

What does it mean about me?

Many people think that they should be able to cope with problems on their own. It's likely that you've already been able to cope with many problems in your life. You survived combat and that makes you part of a relatively small group of patriots who share a unique and challenging history. It is normal to have extreme reactions to extreme events.

Even though autonomy is highly valued in our society, the reality is that much of what we do and accomplish is done so in collaboration with others. Treatment for PTSD is also a collaboration between you, the veteran, and the counselor functioning as a team.

PTSD develops when our "danger switch" gets turned on and has trouble getting turned off when the danger passes. That danger switch is a key to our survival in a combat situation where constant alertness and vigilance serve us well. Part of our success as a species is due to our ability to learn from our experience

so we can avoid danger in the future.

Now that the danger has passed it is time to learn how to turn that switch off and enjoy the life that we have been given.

Getting professional counseling from someone who understands and cares may be just the right thing to help you get back on track. It has been said that you owe it to those you left behind to live a good life. Maybe that last idea will help you to reach out and team up with a professional. Do it for yourself and your buddies.

Source: National Center for PTSD, www.ptsd.va.gov.

If you are a combat veteran living in southwestern Colorado and think you may be suffering from PTSD symptoms, call Veterans 4 Veterans at 799-8387.

Kevin J. Kelly, Ph.D., is a licensed clinical psychologist and combat veteran. He can be reached at (505) 699-0824 or kevinjameskelly@gmail.com.

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- Employment Authorization document issued by the Department of Homeland Security.
- Canadian driver's license.

What to do if you do not receive your VHIC

Once you have your picture taken, you should receive your VHIC within seven to 10 days. If you have questions about the status of your VHIC, you may call your local VA medical facility where you receive your care or contact us at (877) 222-VETS (8387).

What to do with your old VIC

The VA wants all enrolled veterans to have the VHIC, which is

more secure and protects their personal information. If you have the old VIC, you should destroy it by cutting it up or shredding it.

What to do if your VHIC is lost or stolen

If your VHIC is lost or stolen, contact the VA medical facility where your picture was taken to request a new card be reissued, or call (877) 222-VETS (8387). In order to assist you during the call, please be aware that you will need to provide the proper identification.

For further information, please contact the veteran services office.

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The season for barbecues has begun

By Roberta Tolan
PREVIEW Columnist

Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. We remember those who we have lost and appreciate the extreme sacrifices of family and friends.

Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. People throw parties and barbecues and, for many, it marks the unofficial beginning of summer.

We hope it's a beautiful weekend to be outdoors, but whether the snow is flying or the sun is shining, it's important to barbecue safely. The following food safety guidelines to prevent harmful bacteria from causing foodborne illness are provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

- When shopping, buy cold food like meat and poultry last, right before checkout. Separate raw meat and poultry from other food in your shopping cart. To guard against cross-contamination, which can happen when raw meat or poultry juices drip on other food, put pack-

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ages of raw meat and poultry into plastic bags. Plan to drive directly home from the grocery. In fact, you may want to take a cooler with ice for perishables when the weather is warm. Always refrigerate perishable food within two hours and refrigerate within one hour when the temperature is above 90 degrees. Once you reach home, place meat and poultry in the refrigerator immediately. Freeze poultry and ground meat that won't be used in one or two days; freeze other meat within four to five days.

- Completely thaw meat and poultry before grilling so it cooks more evenly. Use the refrigerator for slow, safe thawing or thaw sealed packages in cold water. For quicker thawing, you can microwave defrost if the food will be placed immediately on the grill.

- A marinade is a savory, acidic sauce in which a food is soaked to enrich its flavor or to tenderize it. Marinate food in the refrigerator,

not on the counter. Poultry and cubed meat or stew meat can be marinated up to two days. Beef, veal, pork and lamb roasts, chops, and steaks may be marinated up to five days. If some of the marinade is to be used as a sauce on the cooked food, reserve a portion of the marinade before putting raw meat and poultry in it. However, if the marinade used on raw meat or poultry is to be reused, make sure to let it come to a boil first to destroy any harmful bacteria.

- When carrying food to another location, keep it cold to minimize bacterial growth. Use an insulated cooler with sufficient ice or ice packs to keep the food at 40 degrees or below. Pack food right from the refrigerator into the cooler immediately before leaving home.

- Keep meat and poultry refrigerated until ready to use. Only take out the meat and poultry that will immediately be placed on the grill. When using a cooler, keep it out of the direct sun by placing it in the shade or shelter. Avoid opening the lid too often, which lets cold air out and warm air in. Pack beverages in one cooler and perishables in a separate cooler.

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ter is VA-certified, which means there are services available for our local veterans.

These services have eligibility requirements and specific programs. For more information, please contact the veteran services office or Pine Ridge.

For more information

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

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

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

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

The office number is 264-4013, fax number is 264-4014, cell number is 946-3590 and email is ray-

taylor@archuletacounty.org. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

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

Veterans' groups

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

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

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

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

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

- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: First and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Sharon Carter's office. Contact Charlotte at 903-9690.

Important numbers

- 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsP-SCO.org.

- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.

- Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.

- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.

- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M., emergency notification: (800) 465-8262, ext. 5739.

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• Be sure there are plenty of clean utensils and platters. To prevent foodborne illness, don't use the same platter and utensils for raw and cooked meat and poultry. Harmful bacteria present in raw meat and poultry and their juices can contaminate safely cooked food. If you are eating away from home, find out if there is a source of clean water. If not, bring water for preparation and cleaning. Or pack clean cloths, and moist towelettes for cleaning surfaces and hands.

• Precooking food partially in the microwave, oven or stove is a good way of reducing grilling time. Just make sure that the food goes immediately on the preheated grill to complete cooking.

• Cook food to a safe minimum internal temperature to destroy harmful bacteria. Meat and poultry cooked on a grill often browns very fast on the outside. Use a food thermometer to be sure the food has reached a safe minimum internal temperature.

Cook all raw beef, pork, lamb and veal steaks, chops and roasts to a minimum internal temperature

of 145 degrees as measured with a food thermometer before removing meat from the heat source. For safety and quality, allow meat to rest for at least three minutes before carving or consuming. For reasons of personal preference, consumers may choose to cook meat to higher temperatures.

Cook all raw ground beef, pork, lamb and veal to an internal temperature of 160 degrees as measured with a food thermometer. Cook all poultry to an internal temperature of 165 degrees and never partially grill meat or poultry and finish cooking later.

• When reheating fully cooked meats like hot dogs, grill to 165 degrees or until steaming hot.

• After cooking meat and poultry on the grill, keep it hot until served — at 140 degrees or warmer. Keep cooked meats hot by setting them to the side of the grill rack, not directly over the coals where they could overcook. At home, the cooked meat can be kept hot in an oven set at approximately 200 degrees, in a chafing dish or slow cookers, or on a warming tray.

• When taking food off the grill, use a clean platter. Don't put

cooked food on the same platter that held raw meat or poultry. Any harmful bacteria present in the raw meat juices could contaminate safely cooked food. In hot weather (above 90 degrees) food should never sit out for more than one hour.

• Refrigerate leftovers promptly in shallow containers. Discard any food left out more than two hours.

• Smoking is cooking food indirectly in the presence of a fire. It can be done in a covered grill if a pan of water is placed beneath the meat or poultry on the grill; and meats can be smoked in a "smoker," which is an outdoor cooker designed for smoking foods. Smoking is done much more slowly than grilling, so less tender meats benefit from this method and a natural smoke flavoring permeates the meat. The temperature in the smoker should be maintained at 250 to 300 degrees for safety.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are now being offered monthly by the CSU Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

We will also attempt to schedule classes on additional dates with five or more registrations.

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

beef and eggs. In addition, lean meats like skinless chicken contain enough vitamin B to help ease insomnia.

3. Salmon: Omega-3 fatty acids can help the body fight inflammation, which has been linked to a host of ailments, including

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Four foods that can boost energy levels

Diet can go a long way toward increasing or lowering energy levels. No one wants to consume foods that will make it harder for them to get through the day, so the following are a handful of foods that pack an energetic punch.

1. Cashews: Cashews, which are high in magnesium, help to convert sugar into energy. Magnesium deficiency can lead to low energy levels, so nuts that are high in magnesium, including cashews, can provide that mid-afternoon jolt that some people are seeking. Cashews are high in calories, so it's best for those looking to lose weight or maintain healthy weights to adhere to serving suggestion guidelines.

2. Skinless chicken: A study from researcher Judith Wurtman of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Clinical Research Center found that alertness tends to increase when the brain produces the neurotransmitter dopamine and the hormone norepinephrine. Skinless chicken contains an amino acid known as tyrosine that helps in the production of both dopamine and norepinephrine. If skinless chicken is not available, other foods that may provide this same effect include fish, lean

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Salmonella is ‘no yolk’ when raising backyard chickens

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City dwellers and suburbanites have flown the coop, so to speak. A growing interest in raising chickens has enabled coops and nesting birds to spring up in neighborhoods one would not typically associate with chickens.

Sometimes dubbed “urban homesteading” or “urban farming,” these homegrown operations enable people to enjoy fresh eggs from the comfort of home. Henhouses are just another extension of methods to reap the benefits of fresh, local and nonfactory-produced foods.

Although advocates insist that raising chickens on a small scale makes the birds less likely to carry disease than factory-farmed chickens, anyone raising chickens needs to be aware of the potential for disease — particularly salmonella. Also, it’s important to care for chickens in a manner that is humane and in line with local laws.

What is salmonella?

Salmonella is a common bacteria that lives in the intestinal tract of humans, other mammals and some birds, including chickens.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that approximately 1.2 million

illnesses and 450 deaths are attributed to salmonella annually in the United States.

The illness causes diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps between 12 and 72 hours after infection and can last between four and seven days. Salmonella can cause death when not properly treated with antibiotics.

Spreading salmonella

Although humans cannot catch salmonella from chickens the way one would contract a cold, they can catch it through handling or consuming eggs of infected birds.

The rural newsletter and farming resource Grit says salmonella can then be transmitted to humans who eat improperly cooked meat or eggs from infected birds or from putting their hands in their mouths after touching chickens or eggs that have come in contact with contaminated rodent or chicken feces.

The elderly, people with weakened immune systems and young children are at the highest risk for salmonella infection. Children who help gather eggs and do not thoroughly wash their hands afterward can be at increased risk.

Reducing risk

Maintaining clean conditions

and routinely inspecting chickens for good health can help lower the risk of salmonella infection.

Chicks and adult chickens that have salmonella may produce loose yellow or green droppings; have a drop in egg production, increased thirst and decreased feed consumption; and show signs of weight loss.

Look for rodents in the henhouse, as infected mice or other small rodents may transmit salmonella as well.

Chickens also need safe, roomy, clean conditions to remain healthy and content.

According to the resource MyPetChicken, a diet of whole grains and seeds also may be associated with decreased salmonella colonies.

Some experts warn against washing eggs as a preventative method.

According to a report written by Diane Schivera, an organic livestock specialist for the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, thoroughly cleaning egg shells can remove a protective “bloom” that prevents bacteria from entering eggs. Eggs shouldn’t be scrubbed, but some suggest a warm water rinse that will push dirt away from the shell’s pores.

Old eggs are more susceptible to bacteria penetration. Storing eggs at room temperature may cause them to degrade faster. Once eggs are gathered, individuals should wash their hands and make sure the eggs are chilled.

Salmonella can be prevented in backyard chicken coops. Plus, it’s important to note that risk of infection is very small. The American Egg Board’s Egg Safety reference says an average consumer might encounter a contaminated egg once every 84 years.

cooking skills in the kitchen. The market research group NPD Group found just 45 percent of those between the ages of 18 and 24 consider themselves to be merely “somewhat good” at cooking, according to a survey from January 2015.

Cooking well has become something to which many people aspire, but with time-pressed schedules, some find it difficult to make meals happen.

Those who are resolving to make more time for homecooked meals and sharpen their culinary

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A recipe for better cooking skills

The ongoing popularity of food-focused television shows, websites and apps suggests the public’s desire to expand their food horizons and skills in the kitchen knows no bound.

But some people may be falling short in terms of their kitchen skills.

According to the market research firm Technomic, 80 percent of millennials say they think cooking meals at home is a smart living choice and nearly 70 percent say they enjoy cooking for others.

However, there may be room for many people to improve their

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■ continued from previous page chronic fatigue. Salmon is also high in protein, which can eliminate the mid- to late-afternoon hunger pangs that can derail healthy diets and contribute to weight gain.

4. Beans: Beans are loaded with fiber, and that’s a good thing for energy levels. Like magnesium, which can also be found in beans, fiber

takes awhile to digest, extending the energy-boosting properties of foods loaded with fiber. In spite of the growing movement to eat and live healthier, many adults still do not include enough fiber in their diets. Men and women can consult with their physicians to determine how to make that happen, but eating more beans is a good start.

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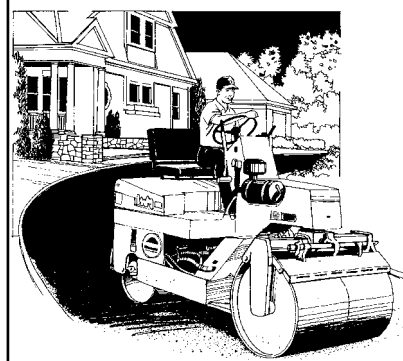
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It can't be that hard

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Sandy was a young mother with two preschool boys who were born 18 months apart. They were like mini tornadoes. Each day it was all she could do to keep the boys clean and fed.

And each day when her husband, Jason, came home, she would make sure the house was in order, even though she was exhausted. All she asked for was a little help in the evening so she could relax, too.

But Jason would say, "How hard can it be to take care of the house and two small boys?" He would then tell her he had worked all day and was too tired to help.

Sandy was good friends with Jason's mother, so one day she talked to her about it. Sandy didn't want to say anything bad about her husband, so she just mentioned how tiring it was taking care of the boys.

Jason's mother laughed. "That's because they're just like their father. He ran me ragged." She paused for a moment, and knowingly asked, "Does Jason help?"

Sandy shrugged. "Not really." Jason's mother didn't ask any more, but a couple of days later she came to visit. "Sandy," she said, "I've signed us both up for a workshop on natural health. It's also a chance for us to do some women things together. It's in a month, we'll leave on a Thursday night, and come home on a Sunday." She then turned to Jason. "You will need to

take care of the boys."

"But, Mother," Jason said. "I have to work on Fridays."

His mother was adamant. "Jason, you know you have some vacation time coming, so take a day off."

"You mean, I'm supposed to take care of the boys by myself?" Jason asked.

"How hard can it be to take care of the house and two small boys?" Sandy asked sarcastically.

"Of course I won't have any problem taking care of the boys," Jason said. "I was just concerned about missing work."

It was easy to see by the look on his face that he was confident in his ability to do this. And when the day came when his mother picked Sandy up for the retreat, Jason assured Sandy that it would be a "piece of cake" for him to deal with things at home.

"I got this," he said.

Sandy enjoyed the weekend. The conference was fun. Besides the seminars, there were people to do hair and manicures. The women swam in the pool and ate wonderful meals. Sandy would smile when Jason called and told her that he missed her. She could sense the undertone of panic in the forced calmness in his voice as he talked about how all was well at home.

But all good things have to come to an end, and the weekend was soon over. As much as Sandy enjoyed it, she had to admit that she was anxious to get home and see Jason and the boys.

When Jason's mother pulled the

car to a stop in front of the house, Sandy could hear her boys playing loudly. The two women walked to the house, and the noise grew louder. As they opened the door and stepped inside, Sandy gasped at the sight, while Jason's mother just grinned. Jason sat slumped in a chair. He was unshaven and appeared exhausted. The house looked like a cyclone had hit it. The boys were in their underclothes, sword fighting with brooms.

As Sandy walked on through the house, she found the kitchen sink full of dirty dishes and a disaster of a meal all over the stove with spaghetti sauce burned in a pan and splattered on the walls and ceiling.

Jason finally pulled himself out of the chair and hugged his wife. "I love you," he said. "Please don't ever go away again."

A few days later Jason's mother asked how everything was going. "Great!" Sandy replied. "Jason comes home at night and asks what he can do to help."

Jason's mother smiled. "That's the most important training that comes from a women's retreat."

Cooking

■ continued from previous page talent have many resources at their fingertips.

- Be present in the kitchen. The first step to being a better cook is to spend time in the kitchen and give meal-making your full attention. Distractions such as mobile phones and televisions can detract from the cooking experience. Flavorful and correctly prepared meals require attention to detail.

- Learn the vocabulary. It's easier to prepare gourmet meals once you have fine-tuned your cooking vocabulary. Cooking may have some abstract or foreign terms that mix together to form the culinary lexicon. Taking the mystery out of a roux or learning what it really means to roast can make it easier to develop your skills to the fullest.

- Have fresh ingredients on hand. Build meals around ingredients that are available at home. Shop regularly for the staples that can be turned into many different meals simply with a variation of flavor. Before cooking, practice "mise en place."

This is a French term for ensuring all of the ingredients for a particular recipe are prepped and ready to go before the stove is even turned on.

- Read over the recipe and understand it. Trying different recipes can be fun because learning to cook well comes with frequent practice. Understand the components of a recipe and refer back to it frequently so that you know how and when to add ingredients. As you develop more confidence, you can veer from the recipe and expand the flavor profile or make substitutions.

- Recognize that cooking is somewhat intuitive. A recipe can only get a cook so far. As your skills develop, you will develop a feel for good cooking. For example, you will know when a dough is at the right texture or if meat seems to be at the proper temperature (test it with a thermometer to be sure).

If self-guided lessons are not effective, cook with a friend or family member who is a proficient home chef. This is a good way to learn techniques hands-on.

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Handling retirement and the loss of identity

By John Lough
Special to The PREVIEW

Recent studies report that about 78 million Americans of the baby boomer generation are at or near retirement age. While some may continue in their jobs for a few more years, for many retirement may be looming large and with it a number of questions.

Yes, many worries have to do with financial issues related to savings, Social Security and future health care concerns and costs.

The financial questions of retirement are certainly important, but there are also additional retirement issues that have to be faced. These include basic questions about being able to handle the psychological aspects of no longer being part of the work force.

We live in a society that places a great deal of value on “doing” things. We’ve been taught to be busy, productive citizens and, for many of us, our lives revolve around that thing we “do” for a living. We’re usually known to others as a nurse, teacher, accountant, or whatever career we’ve been working in. Then, suddenly, one day we no longer hold that title but are simply “retired.” We’ve lost that identity of being a “doer” and, unfortunately, many of us judge people who are not “doing” things as being of less value.

That’s why someone who is facing retirement will often be asked, “What are you going to do?” It seems an innocent query, but carries with it the implication that now that the defining job will be gone, what can possibly be of value in the

person’s life?

For someone approaching retirement, it’s necessary to accept that he or she is heading into a new life stage with different meanings and a new status. It requires understanding that there are many changes to be faced and many questions, a lot more important than, “What are you going to do?” to be answered.

If retirement is near or recent, take the time to really evaluate how it’s going to affect you, not just financially, but in all aspects of your life.

Check out some of the many books, videos and websites now available with suggestions for better handling the challenges retirement can bring.

But if retirement seems like an overwhelming black hole in your future, consider making an appointment with a professional counselor who can help you with the issues you are facing. You can find one through the “Find A Counselor” tab on the American Counseling Association(ACA) home page (www.counseling.org).

“Counseling Corner” is provided by the ACA. Send your comments and questions to ACACorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

Stunning engagement ring alternatives

Special to The PREVIEW

White diamonds have been the traditional engagement ring stones for decades. While shoppers have experimented with gold, silver, platinum, and other precious metals for ring bands, the star of the show has long been that twinkling, pristine diamond.

Even though diamonds may be a “girl’s best friend,” they may not fit every woman’s style, particularly the bride who likes to buck tradition and think outside the box.

According to Money magazine, the average engagement ring costs more than \$5,800. In addition to being one of the most expensive gemstones, diamonds have become quite commonplace. Some women even eschew diamonds for moral reasons.

Whatever the driving force behind shopping for alternative gems, women who want to set themselves apart from others — and men who want to “wow” their significant others with unique and eye-catching rings — may opt for other dazzling stones.

• Moissanite: This crystal naturally occurs in meteorites and is nearly as hard, dense and scuff-resistant as a diamond. Some feel moissanite offers more brilliance and fire than diamonds. Moissanite is a white-colored stone, so it can mimic the look of a diamond. And since it can be made in the laboratory at a fraction of the cost of even lab-made diamonds, it’s a frugal option. A nearly flawless 1-carat moissanite gem can cost less than \$1,000.

• Lemon quartz: This is the trade name for a lemon-yellow stone that is a variety of color-enhanced transparent quartz.

Quartz is turned into this sunny hue through an artificial gamma ray irradiation process. Like other quartz gemstones, lemon quartz is considered to be very durable and is therefore suitable for all types of jewelry.

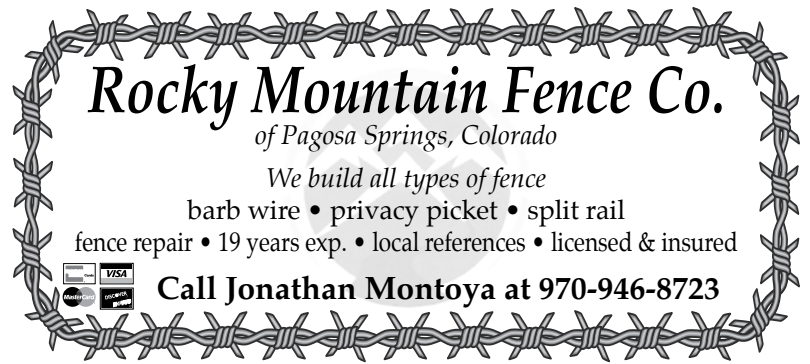
• Sapphire: Sapphires tend to be blue stones (of varying intensity), but they also come in peach, pink, yellow, green, and white. Sapphire may not sparkle as much as a diamond or even moissanite. However, with the right cut, it can be hard to distinguish any lack of luster. Sapphires are the third hardest mineral, and at about one-third the price of diamonds, they make an ideal diamond substitute.

• Morganite: According to the blog Bridal Musings, morganite is currently one of the most popular choices for engagement rings. Its pretty pink hue is romantic and feminine. It also sits at around the same hardness as sapphires, ensuring the rings will endure.

Vividly cut rubies, emeralds and tanzanite — all gems that are rarer yet less expensive than diamonds — can make beautiful engagement rings. Some couples also may opt for rings without gemstones, such as traditional Claddagh or “true lover’s knot” rings to signify their union.

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What's Cookin'

Smokey Gnocchi

Recipe courtesy: Colorado Department of Agriculture and Chef Jason K. Morse, C.E.C.

- 2 pounds Russet potatoes
- 1 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 eggs
- Kosher salt to taste
- White ground pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 pieces bacon, diced
- 1 cup cremini mushrooms, sliced
- Seasoning blend to taste
- Fresh chopped thyme leaves to taste
- 1/2 cup smoked Gouda cheese, shredded

In a large stock pot, bring 1.5 gallons of water to a boil. Peel all the potatoes, rinse and add to the water. Boil potatoes for 45-55 minutes or until soft. Drain stock pot and refill with water. While potatoes are hot, pass through a potato ricer, onto a plastic wrapped cutting board. Make well in center of potatoes and sift the flour over the potatoes, using the exact measured flour first. Add the eggs, salt and white pepper to the well. With a fork, stir flour and potatoes, then break the eggs and mix in, forming a dough. Knead the dough until a ball is formed. Knead for another 4-6 minutes or until ball is dry to touch. Add extra flour during kneading if needed. Bring fresh water back to a boil.

Make an ice bath with 50/50 ice/water and set aside. Roll the dough into 3/4-inch diameter rods and cut into 3/4-inch to 1-inch pieces. Roll off the end of a fork to get the gnocchi look, and let dry for 5-10 minutes. Place gnocchi into the boiling water and cook for 1-2 minutes or until they float.

Remove from the water and shock in the ice bath until fully cooled. Once all gnocchi are cooled, toss with olive oil and allow to dry on a cookie sheet. Place the cooled gnocchi onto a perforated grill rack and cold smoke in smoker for 10-15 minutes or until desired smoke level is reached.

Remove from the smoker and let pan rest on the counter. Heat a large sauté pan over high heat for 2-3 minutes. Add the diced bacon and cook until about 50 percent of the fat has rendered. Add the sliced mushrooms, seasoning blend and thyme and sauté until mushrooms are golden in color, or about 5 minutes. Add the gnocchi to the pan and sauté for 5-7 minutes or until gnocchi are hot. Adjust the seasoning as needed. Once gnocchi are hot, remove from the pan and transfer to a serving dish.

Top with the smoked Gouda and serve hot.

The Pagosa Springs SUN does not have a test kitchen and does not independently test recipes printed.

Please share your tried-and-true, favorite recipes with us by emailing them to randi@pagosasun.com.

Weekly meal plans may save money

Special to The PREVIEW

Meal plans provide a clever way to save money on food. Knowing the meals that will be made and which ingredients need to be purchased for these recipes eliminates floundering and impulse purchases at the supermarket.

Knowing exactly what to buy and when also can eliminate food waste and spoilage. According to research from the University of Pennsylvania, people who can avoid impulse spending can save up to 23 percent on their grocery bills.

Planning meals in advance can also provide a host of health benefits. When meals are planned in advance, shoppers have more control over the ingredients they choose and can tailor them to specific dietary needs or healthy eating plans.

Fortunately, time-pressed individuals have a number of resources at their disposal to help them plan and shop for meals. A quick online search for weekly meal plans will yield many results, including recipes and complementary shopping lists. People also can download apps that help with meal planning to their smartphones.

Another way for individuals to plan meals more effectively is to take a few moments on the weekend to think about which meals to make during the week ahead. Compare the necessary ingredients against those you may already have in your pantry. The rest can be purchased and saved for subsequent meals. Buying a week's worth of groceries in one shopping trip is more efficient and can help to conserve fuel.

When planning meals, try to use the most perishable items first. For example, prepare to use seafood, some dairy items and fresh vegetables early in the week, and more durable foods, such as frozen, boxed or canned goods, later in the week.

When buying foods at the store, buy proteins in bulk and subdivide them into smaller packages to save money. Properly repackage foods so they will not spoil or become freezer burned, leading to waste. Other budget-conscious shopping tips include trying store brands, building meal plans around items that are on sale that week and making use of coupons or coupon apps.

Post a weekly meal plan on or near the refrigerator so items can be thawed and ingredients pre-

pared as needed. Building meals around slow cooker recipes also can help those who like to prep foods in the morning and then come home to completely cooked meals. On busy nights, arrange for fast meals, such as sandwiches or one-pot creations.

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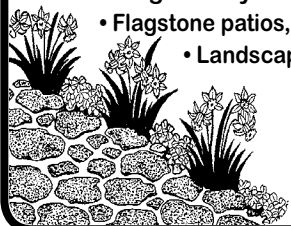
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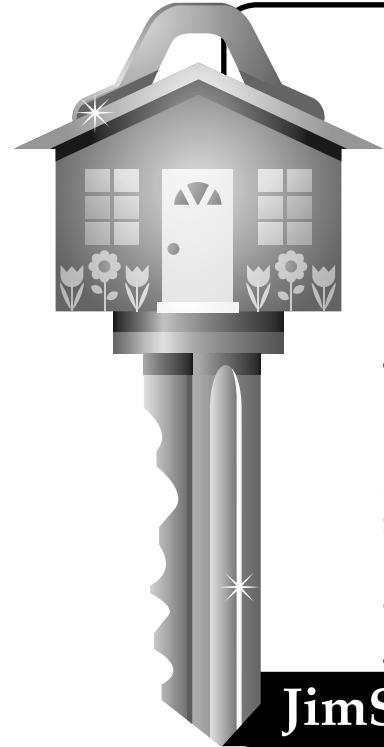
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