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ACSO, CBI release in-custody death findings

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have released their reports and findings on the in-custody death that occurred in May of 2016.

The reports bring several new facts to light, such as the fact that the arrestee, 54-year-old Mexican national Manuel Leiva-Villapusva, was hauling a pound of methamphetamine in his vehicle when he was pulled over at about 7:45 a.m.

The reports contain several interviews with sheriff's deputies as well as inmates who shared a holding cell with Leiva-Villapusva during his time in custody.

A report written by ACSO's Cpl. Alvin Schaaf explains that he heard a dispatch call that stated a black sedan with Arizona license plates was driving slowly and then speeding up.

The driver of the car was Leiva-Villapusva, though he first lied to officers and gave them a fake name, which led to his arrest.

Schaaf's report goes on to state that he overheard on his radio a trooper from the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) stating that Leiva-Villapusva's vehicle would need to be se-

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SUN photos/Randi Pierce



Selfless Service

Above: Retired U.S. Army Cpl. David H. Sprowle reacts to being honored at a small ceremony at Walmart Tuesday morning. Right: Sprowle, second from left, poses with Ed Robinson, Jim Huffman and Roy Vega. Sprowle, who served from 1952 to 1954, including in Korea as part of the 958th, was honored for his support of the Veterans Memorial Park, for his selfless giving and his 27 years with the American Legion Honor Guard (he was one of the founders), among other things. Sprowle, a greeter at Walmart, was surprised by the ceremony, which took place in front of his family, friends and coworkers.

County considers size, funding of justice center

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The new Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) assembled Tuesday morning at the county administration building for its first official function: a work session focused on the long-pending project to construct a new justice center.

Participating in the discussion were personnel from Colorado's 6th Judicial District, including Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson and Eric Hogue, administrator, as well as Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez and project architects Brad Ash and Bob Johnson.

The discussion was dedicated to the path forward to completion of the project, and did not revisit the selection late last year of county property on Hot Springs Boulevard as the site for the new center.

While incumbent Commissioner Michael Whiting, who had previously opposed the Hot Springs Boulevard site, quipped during the work session that it might be a good

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Pagosan to represent Team USA at Sleddog World Championships

By Ken Harms
Special to The SUN

Fifth-generation Pagosan Forest Bramwell has been selected to represent Team USA at the 2017 Sleddog World Championships, which will be held Jan. 24-Feb. 1 in Haliburton, Ontario, Canada.

The world championship is an internationally sanctioned competition coinciding with Canada's 150th anniversary.

The event brings together athletes from across the globe with a focus on extreme disciplines such as skijoring and dog sledding. Bramwell and his dogs will be competing in the 8-Dog Elite event. They will be running a 9.38-mile course three days in a row on Jan. 27, 28 and 29.

Bramwell started mushing as a young boy in Pagosa Springs, giving sled dog tours at his family's ranch. In 1991, he started racing sled dogs.

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Photo courtesy Jaclyn Bramwell

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Residents can receive real-time public safety messages

By Mike Le Roux
Special to The SUN

Archuleta County has implemented a community notification system to alert residents in real time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories.

As a resident, there are several simple ways to register:

- Text your zip code to 888777 from your mobile

phone.

- Go to Archuleta County's website (www.archuletacounty.org) and sign up via the Nixle Widget, located within the Residents page under Citizens Alert.

Once registered, residents will receive a confirmation text to their mobile device. Residents may also customize their alert settings by going to www.nixle.com and creating a user profile.

The service is secure, reliable and easy to use.

All alerts will be targeted geographically, allowing residents to receive localized, relevant alerts from Archuleta County.

Alerts can be sent via text, email, voice, Web, social media and the Nixle Mobile App in an instant. Nixle is partnered with NLETS for unmatched data security, as well as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the National Blue Alert Network and Google for unmatched reach and two-way information exchange.



Photo courtesy Gregory Lyman

Chief Judge Gregory Lyman

'One of a kind' Judge retires after 20 years on the bench

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

In his 20-plus years of presiding as a district court judge, Gregory Lyman has been involved in a lot, criminal law, civil law, family law and water law among them.

In that time on the bench, he's changed a lot of lives and seen many lives change, but one thing hasn't changed — his faith in humanity.

"I've managed to come through this with my faith in humanity in tact," he said. "I think it's very important not to become cynical."

Another thing that hasn't changed is the support his wife of 44 years, Patty, provided.

"She's been with me every step of the way," he said.

But a lot of things have changed.

Lyman noted that he "became

of age as a lawyer" in the 1980s and '90s, when the goal was to be "tough on crime."

"I think what's changed the most in terms of the criminal justice system is it was so much more punitive back then," he said, with mandatory sentences enacted by the legislature.

That, however, "has morphed a bit" over time, he said, particularly in the area of drug offenders, with the goal now to "hopefully achieve a better outcome than just throwing people in prison forever."

He continued, "The legislature in the last five to eight years, in Colorado, anyway, has emphasized rehabilitation over incarceration and making resources available to people on probation to assist them if they are serious about changing their lives, which

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

What should change?

A few weeks ago, we asked readers to share their ideas for the changes they wanted to see in the community during 2017. The list was so long that we didn't have room for them all. This week, we bring you more of those ideas.

Isabel Webster wrote, "Put traffic signs where needed...the locals may know that there is a turning lane but the tourist don't....fix the lanes that got messed up when they did hwy work this summer/fall....quit starting new projects til the old ones are finished. Listen to the voices of people in the community and then don't forget the people pay taxes in this community for all these projects...new and old!! I love to see good positive changes in this community but let them be positive changes. Hopefully the officials...the community leaders can work together and not against each other. Quit hiring outsiders to do research...and get advice...this cost us way too much money and ends up being a waste because its usually not taken serious anyway. Example the location of the new Detention Center...they already advised NO don't do it on that land...i mean really come on. Change is good for our community.....but we are not Vail / Aspen or even Durango yet!!"

Michelle Wimberly Dorman said, "Me living there!!" with James West chiming in, "And me too!!" However, Jason Theis wants, "less people living here."

Taylor Loewen suggested, "I think a splash pad at Yamaghuci for the kids in the summer. Free and fun!"

Samantha Thorning wrote, "An indoor arena for horseback riding!"

Whitney Wood wrote, "Pagosa has steadily grown in the last 4 years with young families and still is growing... Let's bring in activities that entire families can enjoy and do together that do not cost an arm and a leg...another elementary school. Rec center that provides things to do even in the winter months, AND allows anyone to get a membership. Bowling alley. A gym or facility for gymnastics AND an Indoor trampoline park. -parks and rec providing sports for 3 and 4yr olds; t-ball, soccer, basketball."

Jake Emmets added, "Internet that works please."

Suzanne Wall said, "A 'welcome wagon'. It is needed here. Thank you."

Danyelle Vincent Leentjes wrote, "Live music in the park is a great idea as mentioned," She added, "And tapping into our geothermal resources for activities like water park or splash park."

Alice Jelinek said, "A place to walk in bad weather."

Kara Franden Neuman wrote, "Somebody (with more \$ than me)to take over the hotel across from Walmart and make it into what it could be. A restaurant like Dennys IHOP or pancake house that stays open past 9pm. Tasty and healthy hot lunches for the schools. Seriously people... it's prison food. A public rec center. Summer biking at wolf creek. A dog park. A permanent ice skating rink. A public indoor horseback riding arena (possibly at the fairgrounds). These are a few of my favorite things."

Deborah Hainer said, "Places (restaurants) besides bars that are open past 11, an indoor play place for the kids, more family centered places that don't require you to go outside to use them, a public rec center or swimming pool, places that you can use for birthday parties in town that don't cost a small fortune, an indoor skating/ice skating rink (fun place) like there used to be here!"

Space doesn't allow for us to print every idea that we received. If you have something to add to the list, feel free to send a comment or Letter to the Editor by emailing editor@pagosasun.com.

This week's back page of The SUN reports on a public open house pertaining to updating the town's comprehensive plan. The goal is to "define a vision for the community and establish goals, strategies and actions to achieve that vision over the next 20 years." The open house will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 31, between 5 and 7 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

We encourage you to bring your ideas to the meeting.
Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

Would you like to see the Affordable Care Act repealed?



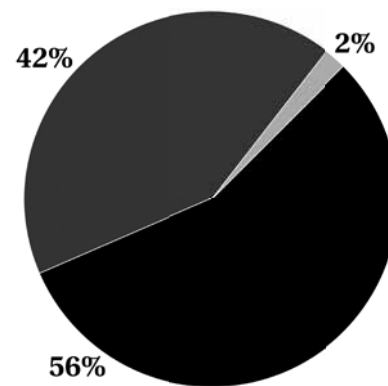
Jim Hudson
"It doesn't affect me much because I have insurance through my wife's job, but I feel it could use some revision, although it was a good place to start."



Aaron Wilkerson
"In principle, no, but pragmatically speaking, yes. The idea of universal insurance is great, but the execution of the idea in the act is not effective."



Markus Hughes
"No, I wouldn't, because I feel like this administration has spent a lot of time and money on it and I'd hate to see them start from scratch."



Poll results (364 Votes)
Yes — 56 percent
No — 42 percent
I do not care — 2 percent

This week online: How often do you believe or rely on weather forecasts?
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LOOKING BACK



From the Jan. 1, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. IN THE DITCH — This large truck went into the ditch on a comparatively level stretch of road on top of Wolf Creek Pass early Tuesday morning. The driver was uninjured and damage to the vehicle was moderate.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 14, 1927

While swinging at the Arboles school Tuesday afternoon Theresa Candelaria struck Virginia Gallegos who ran in the way. When they were picked up Theresa had her right arm broken above the wrist and Virginia had a broken rib. They came to Ignacio on the train and were attended by Dr. Lefforge. - Ignacio Chieftain.

The boys' and girls' basketball teams of the Aztec high school arrived by auto this morning and engaged in conference games with the Pagosa high school teams at the gymnasium tonight. The visiting teams won both games.

The P.T.A. of Pagosa Springs will hold a street sale of hot tamales on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, the proceeds to be used in association work.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 23, 1942

The sewing circle of the Altar Guild of St. Edward's Catholic Church is devoting its efforts to Red Cross work, reports Mrs. John Stevens, in charge of the sewing work. Members of the Eastern Star Kensington will devote their monthly meetings to work in the Red Cross Room, beginning this Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Charles Freeman, who supervises the knitting, reports that there are 50 knitters now working, 5 of whom are new this week. She says that to date, 119 garments have been completed.

Mrs. C.O. Dunagan, production chairman, issues the following order this week: "All those who have completed sewing or knitting garments, are asked to bring in the finished work to the Red Cross Room before January 31, so that shipment may be made on that date."

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 19, 1967

A report of the condition published by the Citizens Bank reflecting the various deposits, loans, etc. at the end of the year indicates that the local community has a sound economy. The report shows that deposits are high and that there are more savings than ever before. Deposits on the last day of the year totaled \$1,518,945.84. Total assets of the bank totaled \$1,681,054.57. Total loans were listed at \$831,279.42. These figures are the best in the history of the Citizens Bank.

A recently purchased snow packer has been delivered to the Wolf Creek Pass Ski Corporation and is now in use on the ski area at Wolf Creek Pass. This large machine is designed solely for use in ski areas. It has attachments that revolve and pack the snow on skiing slopes and trails.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 23, 1992

Fairfield Communities Inc. filed an amended version of its sixth Chapter 11 reorganization plan at the Bankruptcy Court at Little Rock, Ark. on Jan. 16. The plan contains changes made pursuant to objections filed during hearings on the plan's disclosure statement. According to John McConnell, president Fairfield Communities Inc., two major changes in the plan filed on Dec. 6, 1991 were made before the January filing. According to Archuleta County Commissioner Mamie Lynch, Fairfield has defaulted on road improvement agreements to the tune of more than \$6 million. Lynch said Wednesday that the commissioners had not yet seen the newest version of the plan, but she indicated they are likely to reject the plan if dramatic, and unannounced changes had not been made.

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HOW CAN YOU SPOT A NEW MEMBER OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT?



TWO HOURS INTO THE MEETING, THEY'RE STILL AWAKE!

Letters

Obama vs. Trump

Dear Editor:
What do these issues have to do with the last presidential election: Obama vs. Trump, Russia, American's short-term attention span and the old 80/20 rule.

Obama was a "focus group" manager vs. Trump who makes decisions on the spot. Obama's presidency is a split decision, he prevented another great depression but failed the majority of workers on their old factory jobs. In addition, Obama was a disaster in foreign affairs causing untold damage to Europe because of the migrant flow generated in part by his horrid dis-action on Syria. Trump promised incredible results on the job front and he promised to bomb ISIL: Obama -1, Trump-2.

And now Russia, Obama "looked" into Putin's eyes and saw the same thing Bob Gates did...a cold blooded killing dictator; while Trump has extensive ties, sympathy and income from Russia. Trump is now the subject of a British intelligence finding for "frollicking" (golden showers?) at the Ritz in Moscow and colluding with Russia on hacking. The KGB (now FSB) has always used greed, sex and short-term perspective as wedges and control measures ... sound like the Donald you know? Trump is doing his best to discredit this 2015 MI6 report submitted seven months ago to the FBI. Comey, FBI director, while suppressing this report found it "necessary" to fruitlessly re-investigate Clinton pre-election.. yep, "lock him up." This Trump/Russia report was paid for, repeat paid for, by a wealthy Republican party donor. You can take it to the bank, the report is true, Trump is owned and managed by Putin. Whatever your political stripe, it is a fact, Russia's main interest is to use and destabilize America.

As a nation, we mostly fail to remember things that aren't related to our immediate needs. Trump supporter's seem to have no need to remember Russia's cold war duplicity and genocidal history. Nor do they even know or care about Russia's recent invasions of Georgia, Crimea and now Ukraine. You can almost see their faces when they dismiss a report on Ukraine and hear their comment., U ... what, isn't that in Africa?

The 80/20 rule is universal. It means that when any group wants an outcome only about 20 percent will take action to achieve that end. The 80 percent will fuss, fume, complain, denigrate and in many circumstances prevent the "desired" outcome. This is a plus for the 20 percent as there is no effective oversight, except institutions ... ooh, but we hate "swamp" bureaucrats. So Trump supporters wanted change, not knowing or care about the outcome, bought into TPP is bad regardless of extreme bad effect on agricultural sales so they voted their anger. The real problem is his "80 percent"

trust not in his lies, churlish childish outbursts or history of BK's but rather hope the outcome of his election achieves their vague "wishes." Democracy only works when the majority of citizens remain involved to achieve an outcome fitting the majority needs.
Dave Blake

Mephitic tirades

Dear Editor:
Sadly, some things never change no matter how hard one wishes for it. I guess Dave got tired of acting civil; must have killed him. So, his mephitic tirades have returned for most SUN readers to suffer through.

Although his rhetoric can soften a bit here and there, it's always the same mantra. 1. An election win is totally illegal even when it's constitutional. 2. Those who think differently than Dave are idiots and wingnuts (one of his favorite words). 3. Spins to the truth, that suit his thought-process, are most sought after. 4. Religious faith is detestable ... maybe the root of all evils. 5. The Democratic Party is God-inspired leftist; the Republican Party is over-burdened with hateful, birdbrained, fascist, bigots who dare to want a (gasp) strong, safe, legal and flourishing country.

The Navy, Air Force, Army and Marine Times have loudly decried the continual gutting of the military, leaving it woefully undermanned and lacking the minimal equipment needed to safely protect our country, its interests and be a deterrent to irrational countries that threaten world peace.

Case in point, we currently have not one aircraft carrier on station in Middle East waters. The Dwight D. Eisenhower tour is over; has departed for the United States and the George H.W. Bush has not been able to leave port and assume command of those dangerous regions ... a gutted Navy with very few carriers to cover all needs at sea. Our current president (Obama) has no problem with that.

Dave, politics aren't black and white. Dishonest people are found everywhere. The "stay the course" mentality of the last eight years

has been rejected and a new administration will be implemented tomorrow. Like any new administration, I hope that it works. I, for one, long for peace through citizen/military strength, bringing jobs back to America, having a nonporous border and America being a lead-from-the-front world power for the common good of all.

Can Trump achieve that? I don't know but I'm willing to let him try. If he fails, we'll have another presidential election. But, Dave, a transitional change in power should be peaceful; not full of vulgar-mouthed rioters, hateful dialogue, "Follywood" leftist-liberals calling for anarchy or obvious media bias spinning/lying to the nation. Even if Hillary had won, I would have prayed for her success, not demean her election with vulgarity and anarchist riots.

Just curious, have Ed Asner, Whoopi Goldberg, Cher and Miley moved yet? I'm staying here in one of God's finest creations — Pagosa.
Stan F. Counsell

Love my country

I love my country. I see people ranting and raving, burning the American flag, destroying neighborhoods, destroying what others have worked for all because their candidate, the one who got the debate questions in advance and tried to hide it, the one with unethical handling of emails, etc., lost.

Now Obama is trying to hurt the incoming administration by doing as much as he can — which looks to me like a 7-year-old tantrum of retaliations, not really caring if his actions of hindrances and paybacks hurt the country or not.

Good grief. The man elected has not even taken office yet. He tried to save jobs, people griped it wasn't his place; have they forgotten the car companies and AIG bailouts by government? He did not get where he is by not listening to good advice.

King Solomon, the wisest king ever, appointed two or more of his sons-in-law to positions. God takes kingdoms and gives them accord-

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Letters

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ing to his purposes, so when you rant, throw tantrums and make promises of leaving this country, you are really ranting against God, whether you believe in Him or not.

Oh, and by the way, I've yet to hear anyone ask for help to "pack" ... there's lots of offered help. I've learned TV media is not nearly as accurate as I used to believe. I was naive. I think Hillary lost because she lost, the Russians did not change the end results.

So, look at a bright side. The American people will save millions. No more of the many 2-million-dollar-each Hawaiian golf vacations. So ... please, don't gripe the whole four years; grow up and be part of the solution, not the problem. Choose to come to a higher level, if you are able, and help this country that so needs us right now.
Peg Ellis

Show strength

Dear Editor:
As we move into the new year, it is imperative we reflect on where our culture is on the topic of violence, particularly violence against women.

Although women can be and are certainly violent, with violence against men being a serious issue, never to be trivialized, the World Health Organization consistently finds the overwhelming health burden of domestic and partner violence to be borne by women at the hands of men (IPV Facts, 2002). Globally, one in three women will be beaten or raped in their lifetimes. That is 1 billion women and girls.

Violence has always existed, yet today at an unprecedented rate, people are beginning to speak out against it across the globe. The White Ribbon Campaign, an international campaign that specifically engages men to speaking out against men's violence towards women, is harnessing the enthusiasm of more and more men from all walks, all who feel it is their duty to speak out and help end the epidemic of abuse.

These men believe they must work to change the culture around violence against women, believing it is everyone's responsibility. In the past, women have largely led the charge in trying to end abuse. Yet times are changing and men are now beginning to speak up and speak out. We know that truly a very small portion of the male population are abusive, so a man speaking out reiterates the truth — that male perpetrators of violence are the minority. It is the silence in the face of violence, that makes abuse seem normal and common.

At some point, one may realize that their friend's sister was in a violent relationship that nearly ended her life, or their own daughter was sexually assaulted and the perpetrator is still on the streets because he pleaded the consent defense and won. One may never see a rape

or witness domestic violence, but we all hear and see behaviors that degrade women and encourage abuse. One does not have to look far to find examples of why it is imperative for men to speak out against violence.

Whether you are a business executive, a coach, a teacher, policy maker or a ski instructor; reflect on your influence and find the strength to speak out against this type of violence. When laws are proposed that limit women's rights (and human rights for that matter), let politicians know that you won't support them. There are many other ways to speak out: volunteer for or get on the board of a local domestic violence or sexual assault agency. Speak out in the face of "locker room talk"; being silent only perpetuates the violence. Men have the resources, the influence, and the power to end abuse. Show your strength.

If you or someone you know has experienced abuse, please call the local 24-hour hotline for Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program, 264-9075.

Misty Fowlds, outreach coordinator, 6th Judicial District

On dating

Dear Editor:
Dating in the now — Does it really have to be so difficult?

Only a few decades ago, it was fairly easy and had been fairly easy for quite a period of time.

Boy/man meets girl/woman at his work, her work, school, church, the grocery store, gas station, laundry mat, rodeo or what have you. They have a brief conversation followed by a longer period of staring at each other. Thinking she may be interesting, he asks for her number. She, thinking he may be interesting, gives it. He — and again I say "he" calls her — maybe the next day, maybe in a few days but no more than three days. Manners.

He and again I say "he" has a plan to meet for lunch, or go for a hike or take her out for a formal meal whether night or day, whether formal or informal, he sets the time convenient for both, he makes the arrangements — meet or pick up, and he, being the gentleman, is always on time, prepared, opens and closes doors, has reservations made in advance and pays. Get this point ladies and gentlemen: his plan, his arrangements, his job to open doors and he pays. Manners.

Nice conversation, nice getting to know one another, no pressure and no reason to be anything other than yourselves and honest. During this first date sparks may fly or they may not or maybe another date is needed or maybe just a mutual platonic friendship is cast. My point here is, eye contact, conversation, sight, sound, taste and smell; if lunch or dinner is involved — all these things go into making this a real dimensional experience. Not a cyber, text, email, video, Skype, nondimensional experience.

Have we all lost our minds and

our manners? As women/girls do we really think it's OK for him to not show, not call, not have a plan, not open the door and not pay? Ladies, a date is not the back of his truck down some old dirt road or the back of your car — really. And men/boys, do you really think she is going to give you a full blown buff selfie — really? Ladies and gentlemen, don't you want someone who is nice, honest, reliable, respectable, decent human with manners in your life who you actually have things in common with and who is real?

Has our techno age made simple dating unbelievably difficult and unreal? Or have we just lost our mind and all our manners and have no ability to be real?

Jenny Lee

Obamacare

Dear Editor:
It was a bad week for health care for Coloradans. Sen. Cory Gardner voted to approve a budget blueprint that allows the Affordable Care Act (also known as Obamacare) to be repealed without the threat of Democratic procedural interventions. Rep. Scott Tipton voted to support a similar measure. (Source: www.govtrack.us.)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services indicates that the uninsured rate in Colorado has fallen by 49 percent since the Affordable Care Act was enacted in 2010, translating into 419,000 Coloradans gaining coverage. In addition, millions of Coloradans have benefited from other aspects of the Affordable Care Act that provide for young adults to stay on their parents' insurance, free preventative care and coverage for people with pre-existing conditions.

For the past six years, Republicans have been working to repeal the Affordable Care Act. During this period they have not produced a credible plan to improve or replace it. Sen. Gardner and Rep. Tipton are joining the highly partisan call to repeal the Affordable Care Act but have not provided a viable option for covering the 20-plus million Americans who depend on it. This call to repeal without simultaneously presenting a replacement plan is irresponsible and does not bode well for health care for Coloradans.

While Sen. Bennet should be commended for opposing the bill that would begin the process to repeal the Affordable Care Act, he should be questioned for opposing a different bill that would allow lower-priced prescription drugs to be imported from Canada. Co-sponsored by Sen. Sanders, this bill had support from 12 Republicans, 32 Democrats and two independents. Sen. Bennet, however, joined Sen. Gardner in opposing this bill. (Source: www.govtrack.us.) It should be noted that both Sen. Bennet and Sen. Gardner have received support from the pharmaceutical industry. (Source: Center for Responsive Politics.)

If health care is important to you, make certain our members of Congress know your views and that you are watching how they vote. Make certain they know you are aware of what corporate support they receive and insist they represent us, not corporations. Hold them accountable.

Barbara Noseworthy
Durango

Fill the hall

Dear Editor:
I'm feeling a bit crafty these winter days.

I am challenging myself to create a project for the 2017 Archuleta County Fair and I am sharing this with you because I hope others might challenge themselves to create something to enter into the fair. I often find a challenge is what I need to motivate myself to complete something and not let it find its way into being a UFO (unfinished object).

My selfish reason for sending this letter — when I was at the 2016 fair, I noticed there was plenty of room in the exhibit hall for more exhibits and, because I love to look at the exhibits, I'd like to see that room filled up with entries.

Being creative is good for my mind and soul. There is satisfaction in producing a piece of art to hang on the wall, creating a usable item for my kitchen or elsewhere in the house or making a gift for a friend. Challenging myself to make something of my own design is also fun.

If you don't know where to start, let me help. The Sisson Library is a wonderful resource for craft, patterns and how-to books. Of course, the Internet has a wealth of free patterns and tutorials for so many crafts. Friends, neighbors, family members — so many around us are crafty and more than willing to share their knowledge.

Low-cost materials can be found at local thrift stores and give the added challenge and fun of creating something out of what you can find, not what you can buy new. You may be so lucky as to find a kit that someone purchased and decided they wouldn't make and donated to one of the thrift stores. Your own closet. Jeans that have seen their better days can be used to make a purse or a quilt. Pen or pencil and paper — I'm not one of them, but some people can create fantastic art with just these simple tools. Of course, we do have many local stores that sell craft materials should you choose to go that route. This list just scratches the surface.

You may want to check out the fair book. The new one isn't out yet, but last year's version is available online at archuletacountyfair.com. I have found that the categories don't change a lot from year to year, and for most departments there is an "other" class to help if you create something really unique. I've also found that our fair's superintendents are very knowledgeable and

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Obituaries



Vandana 'Anna' Elizabeth Barnard

Vandana "Anna" Elizabeth Barnard, 18, was tragically killed in a car accident on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016, in South Bend, Ind. She was born July 11, 1998, in New Delhi, India. She is the niece of Dave and

Carole Nasralla and beloved cousin of Kayla, Maya, Jonathan and Anja, all of Pagosa Springs.

Anna was a vibrant, energetic young woman who was deeply loved by her family, her friends and her community. She moved from Belgium to the United States in 2012 to attend school in Pagosa Springs for an entire year. She then moved on to Atlanta, then to New York. In 2015, she finally settled in Indiana, where her grandparents, Jim and Betsy Lehman, of Syracuse live, and she attended Bethany Christian High School. As a young student, she was very active in school and community activities, served as a teacher's aide, and had a passion for sports, particularly soccer. This past fall, she served as captain of the women's soccer team of Bethany Christian High School and was voted Most Valuable Player. She was also named to the All-Northern Indiana Soccer Conference Team. She also tried her hand at basketball and excelled in the sport because of her athletic abilities and exceptionally good attitude.

Anna faithfully attended Maple City Chapel in Goshen, Ind. She was

growing in her Christian faith, was very involved in her church community and had a passion for serving others. In the summer of 2016, she went on her first mission trip ever to Costa Rica and was profoundly affected by the experience. She had planned to explore further options in missions upon her graduation. Anna was loved by so many and will be well-remembered for her warmth, her infectious smile and her ability to engage and connect with people of every age. It is true of Anna that she "knew no stranger."

Anna is survived by her grandparents, Jim and Betsy Lehman, Syracuse, Ind.; parents Benno and Deanne (Lehman) Barnard and brother Christopher, all of England; aunts Carole (Dave) Nasralla, Pagosa Springs, Priya Lehman, Atlanta, Ga., Renata (Tejia Bakker) Barnard and Marijke Barnard, both of the Netherlands; and uncles Stan (Kathleen) Lehman, Atlanta, Ga., and Jeff (Alison) Lehman, England; as well as numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Willem and Christina Barnard, and an uncle, Karl Lehman.

A memorial service was held for Anna on Friday, Dec. 30, 2016, at Maple City Chapel in Goshen, Ind. It was attended by over 650 people.

In honor of Anna, a scholarship fund has been set up at Bethany Christian Schools in Goshen, Ind., to help enable international students to attend Bethany. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be sent to Bethany Christian Schools, 2904 South Main St., Goshen, IN 46526, with a designation for the Anna Barnard Scholarship Fund.

Obituaries

Local obituaries are printed free in The Pagosa Springs SUN and can be submitted to:

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Letters

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willing to help you decide what category your project should be in if you are having trouble.

So, I encourage you to join me in creating a project for the fair. Whether you start from scratch or pull out a UFO to finish, let's be creative and fill up the exhibit hall with arts and projects from Pagosa people.

Hope to see your project at the fair.

Shari Pierce

Pray for peace

Dear Editor:

The "Holy Lands" is where Jesus Christ was born, lived and died. The New Testament is filled with stories of his miracles, his teachings, love and forgiveness, where Christianity was born. Many fail to realize that most of the population of Palestine for centuries was Christian, Muslim and Jewish, all

living in peace with respect for one another. With goodness of hearts, and deep sympathy for the victims of the Holocaust, the Palestinian Lands were given to the establishment of a Jewish state, the state of Israel. Interview with the Melkite Priest Elias Chacour revealed that they explained things to their children (the Christian way):

"In Europe, there was a man called Hitler ... For a long time, he was killing Jewish people ... just because they were Jews, for no other reason. Now, this Hitler is dead ... but our Jewish brothers have been badly hurt and frightened. They can't go back to their homes in Europe and they have not been welcomed by the rest of the world. So, they are coming here to look for a home. In a few days, children, Jewish soldiers will be traveling through Biram. They are Zionists. A few will stay in each home ... maybe for a week. Then they will move on. They have machine guns, but they don't kill ... We must be especially kind and make them feel at home."

However, the Zionists were not

those poor Holocaust survivors, but wealthy "power-hungry" Jews from Europe. With guns in hand, they took over the homes of non-Jewish Palestinians, closed their schools and libraries. The world stood still and turned "deaf ears" on what was happening.

Finally, there is a "hint" today that part of the world has begun to recognize the tragedies of those injustices and perhaps there will be one more chance to gain peace with all living side by side. We must pray for that.

Patty Tillerson

Excellent care

Dear Editor:

I would like to issue a public note of appreciation and thanks for the excellent care I received at the Pagosa Springs Medical Center last week.

Every person I interacted with — from the first receptionist, through nurses, physicians and lab technicians — was pleasant, professional and helpful. I even received an escort from the primary care office to the lab, since I did not know

my way.

Medical care is complex in every aspect, from the vast seas of knowledge required of physicians to the endless numerals in medical coding. It is easy to turn medical practice into an exercise of running numbers instead of treating people. And the anxiety that comes with being a patient increases the danger of a visit turning sour.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center revealed to me a culture of personal care and professionalism that I hope our community will appreciate.

This shout-out goes especially to Julie Buchner, Cecilia and other staff whose names, to my sorrow, I failed to remember. (But you will meet them, too, and be blessed by their service.) Thanks.

Emrys Tyler

Births

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

Zaedin Bryce, Jenna Scheib and Marcos Quezada, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, 5:37 p.m., Dec. 10.

Bristol Leigh, Patricia Jones and Joshua Soniat du Fossat, 6 pounds, 1 ounce, 7:52 a.m., Dec. 16.

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

Celebration

Amber Goldberg

U.S. Air Force Airman Amber M. Goldberg graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Goldberg is the daughter of Michael W. Goldberg, of Hesperus, Colo., and Dana M. Gowdy, of Pagosa Springs.

She is a 2012 graduate of Pagosa Springs High School.

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Wadley elected new BoCC chair

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The concluding item on the agenda of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners at its first regular meeting of the new year on Jan. 16 was "reorganization."

According to an explanation to the board by County Administrator Bentley Henderson, annual reorganization is a requirement of Colorado law, calling for designation of one commissioner as chair and another as vice chair.

Commissioner Michael Whiting had convened and conducted the meeting to that point as sitting chairman.

But upon reaching the agenda item, Whiting com-

mented to fellow commissioners, reelected incumbent Steve Wadley and Ron Maez, newly elected to fill the seat previously held by Clifford Lucero, that he was "open to any configuration" for the board moving forward.

"I've had the privilege ... of being chair a couple of years," Whiting added.

Maez then moved to select Wadley as chair. Whiting seconded, and Wadley was unanimously elected.

Wadley then moved for Whiting's selection as vice chair, with a second by Maez.

Whiting responded, "I accept," and that motion, too, was unanimously approved.

The new assignments are immediately effective for the year.

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Setting the stage for 2017: reviewing rules and regulations

A recent analysis by the Competitive Enterprise Institute showed that for every law Congress passed in 2016, the Obama Administration issued 18 rules and regulations. With a total of 3,853 last year, the administration issued the most rules and regulations since 2005.

When done right, rules and regulations play an important role in keeping our communities safe and secure. But over the past several years, we've seen a breakdown in the balance of power between our three branches of government that has led to harmful over regulation.

This is why we've worked in the House to set the stage for rolling back harmful over regulation and restoring the balance of power between the executive, legislative and judicial branches. We recently passed two bills that will accomplish these goals: the Midnight Rules Relief Act (HR 21) and the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny, or REINS, Act (HR 26).

Congress has a tool called the

Congressional Review Act (CRA), which gives the House and Senate the authority to consider resolutions of disapproval that would void regulations that have been finalized by the executive branch. The Midnight Rules Relief Act allows us to consider multiple resolutions of disapproval for regulations that the Obama administration issued during the last 60 legislative days of its term "en block," or at one time.

Having the ability to simultaneously void many of the unnecessary, overly burdensome regulations that the Obama administration issued in its final weeks and months will allow us to restore confidence within our communities and quickly turn to implementing policies that create



Rep. Tipton's Report

jobs, grow our economy and keep our country secure.

To help prevent over regulation in the future, the House passed the REINS Act, which will require Congressional approval of all major regulations. A major regulation is one that is projected to have an economic impact of over \$100 million.

Preventing future over regulation will be the responsibility of both the legislative and executive branches: Congress must write clear laws, and the executive branch's enacting rules and regulations must reflect legislative intent. The REINS Act will allow Congress to ensure that any major regulation truly reflects the intent of the original law, and it will help cut down on duplication and unnecessary or punitive burdens on our communities.

The House has set the stage for Congress to advance policies that will create jobs, let people keep more of their hard-earned money, and make health care affordable and accessible for everyone.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Jan. 19

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District work session. 4 p.m., PAWSD administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave.

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

Tuesday, Jan. 24

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

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Foundation regular board meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center main building conference room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Upper San Juan Health Service District regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center main building conference room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

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

Wednesday, Jan. 25

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

Archuleta County Planning Com-

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

Tuesday, Jan. 31

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

Town of Pagosa Springs comprehensive plan update community open house. 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. The first opportunity for public comments regarding Pagosa Springs' vision and goals for the next 10-20 years.

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.

BoCC approves cell tower

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

In April of last year, an application for a zoning change to allow a new cell tower to be built by Verizon Wireless in the Pagosa Lakes community was withdrawn by the company.

Verizon said the tower was needed to remedy deficiencies in cellphone service in the vicinity.

The withdrawal, prior to a hearing by Archuleta County commissioners, came in the face of neighborhood opposition. The zoning change would have permitted construction on land owned by the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) designated as open space.

Late last year, Verizon submitted a revised proposal for a new cell tower. The second proposal called for a new tower to be located on a privately owned, 20-acre property at 3700 Piedra Road, at a high spot west of the road and southeast of Martinez Creek, approximately 1 mile south of Hatcher Lake.

According to the proposal, the new tower would resolve "capacity and coverage problems" for Verizon customers in the area, "including weak signal, slow downloads and dropped calls."

The proposal required variances from Archuleta County zoning regulations applicable to the site, restricting maximum building height to 35 feet, and requiring pavement for driveways other than those serving residential uses. The proposal also required a county conditional use permit.

Approval for the variances and

permit was previously recommended by the Archuleta County Planning Commission after a hearing on Dec. 14. The Board of County Commissioners considered Verizon's applications at its meeting this week, on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

According to John Shepard, county planning manager, one citizen objected to the proposal during the hearing before the planning commission.

And, Shepard said, "no formal public comments were received" by county staff regarding the proposal prior to the preparation of his Jan. 17 memoranda submitting Verizon's applications to the commissioners for consideration.

Shepard and Verizon representatives told the commissioners that the site of the proposed tower was heavily forested with pine trees and the monopole tower and antenna needed to be 65 feet tall to reach above the treetops.

They also reported that the equipment at the site would be fully automated, and required only visits for maintenance, perhaps twice a month. Accordingly, they said, traffic at the site would not produce the levels of dust that usually justified the paving requirement for commercial property in the area.

One area resident supported the proposal during the hearing before the commissioners. There was no opposition.

The variances and conditional use permit were unanimously granted.

Commissioner Steve Wadley indicated before the vote a belief that Verizon's proposal would bring a significant enhancement to com-

munications and public safety in at least a portion of our rural community.

To illustrate the point, Wadley cited the letter to the editor printed in the last week's edition of The SUN, published Jan. 12, reporting the plight of an elderly local woman. The woman lives beyond the reach of cell service, and is outside the area that would be served by Verizon's new tower, but Wadley noted that her inability to use her landline phone to summon help for her dying husband when her service was interrupted during a recent snowstorm illustrated a deficiency in communications needing improvement throughout the community.

Conditions attached by the commissioners to approval of Verizon's applications included a stipulation that an application for a building permit must be submitted within one year, and that the height of the monopole tower and antenna must be increased to 75 feet.

The increase in height was necessary, Shepard told the commissioners, consistent with county policy for transmission towers to support "co-location," or shared use by at least one additional service provider.

Shepard said the policy was intended to maximize use of individual transmission towers, to avoid their "popping up all over."

The additional height on the Verizon tower was needed, he explained, in order that any antenna installed by a second provider would also be high enough to clear treetops.

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CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber to hold annual Membership Gala Saturday

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

It is not too late to purchase your tickets for the Chamber's annual Membership Gala to be held on Saturday, Jan. 21.

The event will take place this year at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be live entertainment with an opportunity for people to dance and multiple food stations with delicious food and desserts. There will also be a beverage station and cash bar.

Attendees should not miss out on the items at the silent auction made possible by the generosity of many community businesses. The evening will include a brief update of Chamber happenings, the welcoming of three new board members, a fun goodbye to three existing board members and the festivities will culminate with the Community Awards celebrating Citizen, Volunteer, Non-Profit and Small Business of the Year nominees and winners.

Tickets for the event may be purchased online at www.pagosachamber.com or in person at the Chamber for \$30 per person. For questions about the event, please contact the Chamber at 264-2360.

Award nominees

The nominees for this year's Community Awards is certainly a stellar slate in every category. For someone to take time to nominate a person or business is an honor

in itself. The winners will be announced at the Chamber's annual Membership Gala on Jan. 21.

Congratulations and thank you should be extended to all of the nominees. Here are this year's nominees:

- Citizen of the Year: Mark Crain, Terry Smith and Annie Sewell.

- Volunteer of the Year: Dale Johnson, Mark Crain and Lynne McCrudden.

- Non-Profit of the Year: Loaves and Fishes, Thingamajig Theatre Company, Archuleta County Education Center and the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership.

- Small Business of the Year: Pagosa Mountain Sports, Galles Properties, The Outfitter Department Store and Pagosa Baking Company.

We are lucky to have so many giving and qualified people and organizations in our community. There are many more candidates out there, so remember to nominate someone when the time rolls around next year.

WinterFest activities

Sign-up forms for the Penguin Plunge, the sled race and the Fat Tire Bike Race are located on the Chamber's website at www.pagosachamber.com. There is a link to WinterFest activities on the home page with listings of all the activities and the registration forms.

If you are plunging in the Penguin Plunge, we ask that you notify the Chamber so that we can list

and promote your organization now. We have had several inquiries as to the organizations being represented. People are looking to donate money. In addition, we will be giving away goodie bags to the plungers, so we need to get a count of the number of attendees.

The Penguin Plunge is a fun and unique way to raise money for your organization and to bring attention to our nonprofit community. The more plungers we have, the more fun we have at the event. Prizes will be given out for the most money raised, best costuming and more categories. Registration for the Penguin Plunge is at noon on Feb. 4, with the antics beginning at 1 p.m.

Spectators can just stay downtown and walk to Reservoir Hill where the "Sledz on Rez" or Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race will take place at 2:30 p.m. Registration for the race begins at 2 p.m. While waiting for the race, enjoy hot drinks and snacks on Reservoir Hill.

The race this year will be hosted by the new Young Professionals of Pagosa Springs (YPOPS) group. This is a fun event for the whole family from building and designing the sled to the actual race. Download that registration form from the Chamber website.

The other unique event will be the Fat Tire Bike Race hosted by Pagosa Mountain Sports to benefit DUST2. Registration for this event begins at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 4 at

Yamaguchi Park, with the first race beginning at 9 a.m. There will be a 6k, 12k and youth fun ride. Fat tire bikes will be available for rent for only \$10 if you would like to enter the race. After the race, demo bikes will also be available for only a \$10 rental fee. This is a great time to try out this fast-growing sport.

At this time, we also have around 15 hot air balloon pilots registered for WinterFest. Weather permitting, the skies will be filled with colorful balloons on Feb. 4 and 5 and we hope to have crystal blue skies. For more information about WinterFest or entering any of the activities, visit the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com.

Membership news

Sign up now for the year's first Maximizing Your Membership class on Jan. 30 from noon to 1:15 p.m. Amanda and Angela will tag team you and get you up to date on how to best utilize your membership benefits. A light lunch will also be provided. Walk-ins are certainly welcome, but to ensure that we have enough food, we ask that you RSVP to our office at 264-2360.

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the Chamber this week: Pagosa Veterinary Clinic and Liddell's Retreat.

Our renewals this week include Ponderosa Lumber Company, Skywerx Wireless Internet, High Country Lodge and the Durango Herald. Thank you to all our new and renewing members.

Pagosa Country 2016, July through September

2016 was a busy and interesting year in Pagosa Country. There was no want for controversial issues, no lack of interesting news events to keep SUN readers focused on local events, situations and personalities.

This week, we review some of those events, selected by SUN staff writers from the months of July, August and September.

July

- On July 1 and 2, nearly 34 years to the day after Stewart Eric Simmons rolled into town with the traveling carnival, a pair of suspects were arrested for the deaths of Simmons and his female companion, Margaret Ann Walden.

In 1982, in the months following Simmons' arrival in town, he and his female companion, also known as Margo, a 39-year-old waitress, would be murdered, their bodies found along the banks of the San Juan River in the fall of that year.

Then, 34 years later, two people were arrested for their suspected involvement in the 1982 murders — one in Arizona and the other "deep in Archuleta County."

- On July 17, Archuleta County commissioners Michael Whiting and Clifford Lucero violated the Colorado Open Meeting Law through email communications.

Because of the violations, Whiting gave the emails to SUN staff, which primarily concerned a letter of cooperation from the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners

(BoCC) to the Southwestern Water Conservation District, as well as the San Juan Water Conservancy District.

- Friends and colleagues gathered July 17 to honor and thank retiring Pagosa Fire Protection District (PPFD) Chief Diane Bower for her 38 years of service in the community. Among other things, Bower was presented with a helmet signed by the PPFD's staff and volunteers.

- The 6th Judicial District Nominating Commission announced a vacancy among the courts judges following the announcement that Chief Judge Gregory Lyman would retire effective Jan. 10, 2017.

Later that month, the same commission announced the resignation of Archuleta County Court Judge Sam Cassidy, effective Sept. 20.

- On July 18, the Pagosa Springs Town Council decided to fund the previously approved \$2.1 million South 8th Street reconstruction project, with a public securities offering to be collateralized by town real assets.

Council approved an offering in the total amount of \$2.675 million, to raise funds sufficient both to pay for the new project and to pay off a remaining balance of \$540,000 from the town's financing of the Lewis Street reconstruction in 2012.

The offering was expected to have an interest rate at about 3.5 percent, although the actual rate would only be determined at the time of sale of the securities to investors. The securities were expected to have a 20-year

term, requiring annual debt service payments of approximately \$180,000.

- On July 18, a vehicular accident resulted in the death of a Pagosa Springs man.

According to Colorado State Patrol spokesman Master Trooper Doug Wiersma, the man was driving southbound on South Pagosa Boulevard when the Toyota pickup truck he was driving lost control, went off the left side of the roadway and crashed into a tree.

The man was not wearing a seat belt.

- It was announced during the monthly meeting of the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors that, after a subpar May in which patient revenues were under budget, June was a record patient revenue month for Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), with inpatient surgery, the emergency room, physician fees and ambulance services all either setting or nearly matching historical highs.

The month's operating margin, \$323,000, was also one of the best months ever for PSMC.

- At the same meeting on July 26, USJHSD board learned the organization had received a \$500,000 grant for providing primary care.

The grant, from the Colorado Health Foundation, was received earlier that day said PSMC CEO Brad Cochennet.

"We are very pleased to have that infusion from Colorado Health Foundation," Cochennet said, add-

ing that the foundation was the first "that believed in us when we opened the primary care rural health clinic."

- Town council selected Mat deGraaf on July 21 from four candidates for the appointment to fill the unexpired term of Clint Alley as an at-large council member. Alley had resigned the seat in June due to scheduling conflicts related to new employment.

The appointment left council with one vacancy to fill: the unexpired term of Kathie Lattin to represent District 1. Lattin also resigned that position in June, after moving to a home outside town limits.

All four applicants considered by council had sought appointment to the at-large seat, and none applied to represent District 1. The effort to find a resident of that district to replace Lattin continued.

- On July 22, the PPFD, in conjunction with the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD), began a search effort for two girls who had gone missing.

The girls were playing the augmented reality game Pokemon GO, and were located by a family member shortly after the search began.

- On July 31, a rollover crash resulted in the death of a Pagosa Springs man.

The man was driving southbound

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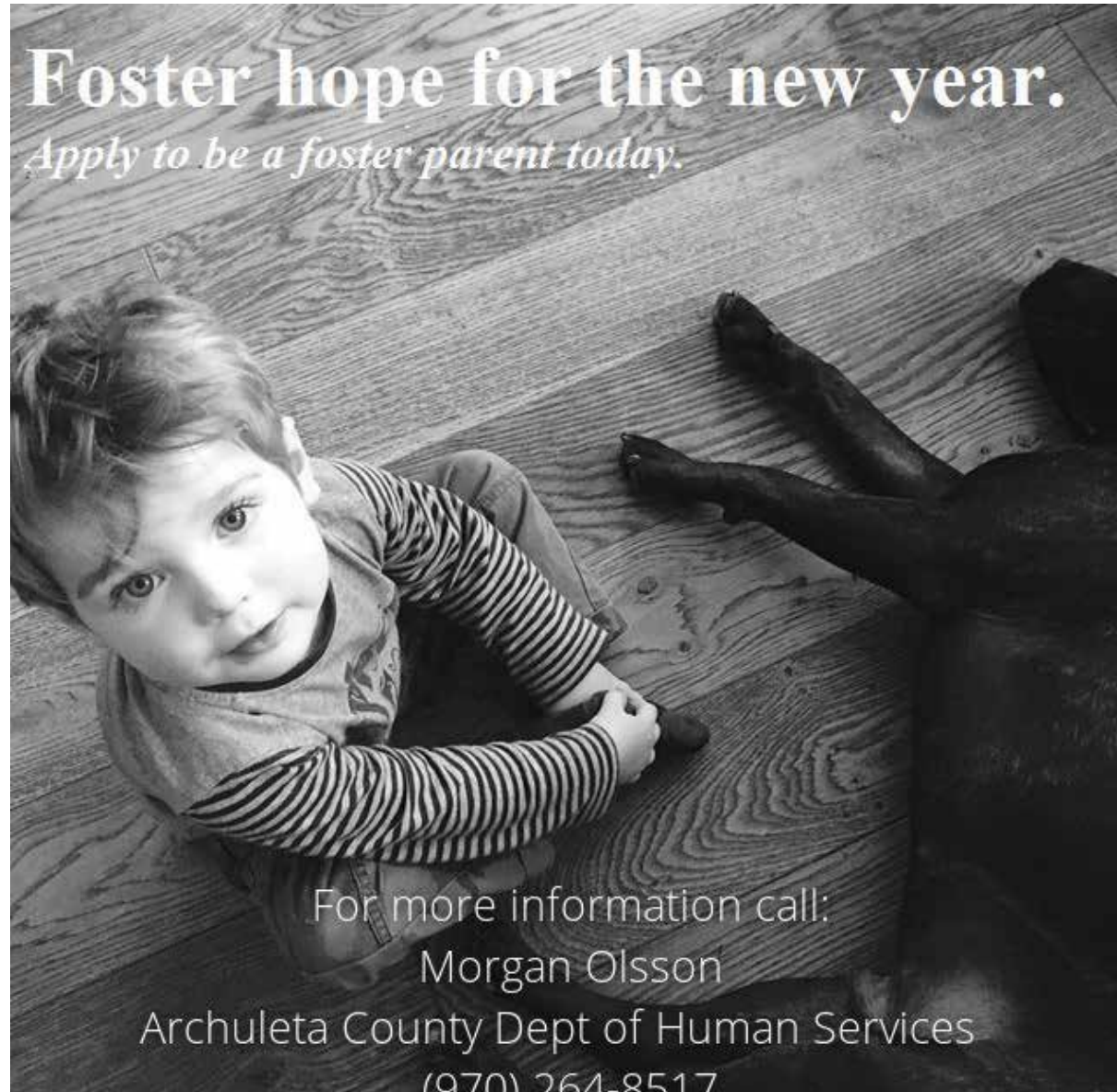
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Death

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cured before “responding” to the jail. When deputies and Leiva-Villapusva arrived at the jail, they made him blow into a breathalyzer, which came back to read .000.

Schaaf’s report explains that Leiva-Villapusva spoke Spanish and little English, which created a language barrier.

Schaaf’s report reads, “Deputy Martin did a thorough search of Manuel’s person, to include his mouth.”

Afterwards, Leiva-Villapusva’s socks and shoes were removed and his feet were inspected while he was waiting to be booked.

The report reads that Leiva-Villapusva was kept in the booking room and shackled until around noon, when he was served lunch.

“At that time, I un-cuffed his hands and he was allowed to eat,” reads Schaaf’s report. “After he finished eating, he was taken to the restroom by Deputy Greenwald.”

Leiva-Villapusva was in the restroom “for an extended time” and a deputy was sent to go check on him, explains the report.

After he was booked, Leiva-Villapusva was dressed into jail clothes, given bedding and placed into holding cell No. 1.

At around the same time, another inmate was placed into the holding cell with Leiva-Villapusva.

This inmate was fluent in both Spanish and English, and later translated the conversations between deputies and Leiva-Villapusva.

Later in the afternoon, Leiva-Villapusva told deputies that they had done something to his food.

Leiva-Villapusva stated that “there was white stuff on the salad,” and deputies began to think he may have been allergic to something.

Deputies contacted the on-call medical provider, Archuleta County Coroner Dan Keuning, who instruct-

ed deputies to give Leiva-Villapusva two Benadryl.

A report from a different deputy states that, at first, Leiva-Villapusva did not want to take the pills, and then only took one, before eventually taking the other.

Schaaf’s report goes on to explain that, when he went to take the other inmate in the holding cell, the inmate informed him that Leiva-Villapusva said that something was wrong with his head and he thought the deputies had done something to his salad.

The inmate also told Schaaf Leiva-Villapusva said he used to get shots from a doctor, but it had been a while since he had had one.

Schaaf’s report indicates that, a short time later, he was at a different part of the office when he was approached by another deputy who stated that he thought Leiva-Villapusva needed to go to the hospital.

“According to Deputy Martin, Manuel was sweating a lot and he appeared to be really stiff,” reads the report. “He said Manuel had a difficult time raising his feet to get shackles placed on his ankles, and was sweating. I advised Deputy Martin to take Manuel to the hospital...”

The inmate that shared a cell with Leiva-Villapusva told officers that Leiva-Villapusva had told him he had ingested crystal meth.

When asked how much crystal meth Leiva-Villapusva had ingested, he responded “poquito.”

A report from a different deputy states that he helped with booking Leiva-Villapusva and that, at the time, “his demeanor and conduct was not unusual.”

The deputy then had to transport different inmates to the La Plata County Jail, and returned a couple hours later.

“... I noticed that Mr. Leiva-Villapusva was sweating profusely, having a hard time talking and walking,

his demeanor was completely different from his intake,” reads the report.

The report goes on to state that, while trying to get Leiva-Villapusva to the sally port to transport him to the hospital, “he was very unstable grabbing the hand rail and stopping and mumbling words to himself and sweating profusely.”

Leiva-Villapusva was transported to the Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), where doctors proceeded to work on him.

The hospital staff had a translator who was trying to get information from Leiva-Villapusva, but she was having a hard time understanding him.

“Mr. Leiva-Villapusva could not stay still, sweating, talking to himself, medical staff ... took several blood draws before he went into a full seizure,” reads the report.

Leiva-Villapusva was transported to at trauma room, where the doctor asked the deputies that were in the room at the time if they could assist with chest compressions and CPR.

“Mr. Leiva-Villapusva was pronounced dead at 17:02,” reads the report.

A CBI report dated May 20, 2016, stated that Archuleta County Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton called CBI and requested assistance with an investigation shortly after Leiva-Villapusva was pronounced dead.

CBI Agent Jeff Brown interviewed the deputies, coroners and inmates involved with the incident.

One page of CBI’s investigation report states that the incident was drug-related, and that the type of drug activity was “smuggling.”

The report says that Leiva-Villapusva had a pound of methamphetamine in the car he was driving when he got pulled over, with the value of the meth being estimated at \$47,500.

The report states that the methamphetamine was found in the springs of the passenger-side back-

seat, and was found with the help of a CSP K-9 unit after authorities obtained a warrant.

Brown’s report states that, upon being notified of Leiva-Villapusva’s death, he asked that the body not be disturbed until he could get to the scene.

Upon arriving, Brown began to visually examine and photograph the body.

“I was advised that the man had been tentatively identified as Manuel Leiva-Villapusva, a resident of Mexico. The man had a criminal history under several different aliases,” reads Brown’s report. “Mr. Leiva-Villapusva had an extensive criminal history dating back to 1982 that included offenses such as robbery and drug possession and drug transportation.”

Brown’s report goes on to explain that he inspected the ACSO vehicle that Leiva-Villapusva was first transported in, as well as the bathroom that Leiva-Villapusva had been in prior to his death.

Brown found nothing of interest in investigating either of these places, the report states.

Brown’s report also states that he contacted the Department of Homeland Security to verify through fingerprint scans that Leiva-Villapusva was who he said he was.

The fingerprint scans positively ID’d Leiva-Villapusva, and Brown learned that Leiva-Villapusva had a number of contacts through Border Patrol and had been removed from the country several times.

Brown’s report then turned to another CBI agent who attended the autopsy of Leiva-Villapusva, conducted by Dr. Michael Benzinger in Montrose.

“Benzinger examined the oral cavity of Leiva-Villapusva and noted the apparent lack of any front teeth,” reads the report. “Further visual inspection revealed the teeth had decayed to the gum line.”

Brown’s report states that Benzinger noted extensive scarring within the interior muscle of the heart and stated that the suspect had previously suffered from both hardening of the coronary arteries and a heart attack.

Center

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idea to sell the county’s 4.7 acres at that location to raise money for the project, he quickly acknowledged that his off-the-cuff remark was “just me ... I got outvoted.”

Reelected incumbent Commissioner Steve Wadley agreed. “That decision’s been made,” he observed.

And newly elected Commissioner Ron Maez added that “only [the offer of] a sweetheart deal,” such as a gift to the county, might warrant changing the decision.

“We need to move forward as a team,” Maez commented.

The discussion on Tuesday concerned primarily two subjects: the size and cost of the facility needed, and potential funding to pay for it. As summarized by Whiting, it is the commissioners’ responsibility “to come up with the bottom line; how do we pay for it, what kind of taxing mechanism do we use, what are the taxpayer thresholds.”

Johnson, whose Denver-based architecture practice deals extensively with justice-system related projects, summarized conclusions on the expected size of the new justice center based on earlier discussions with the sheriff and court officials.

The facility is intended to accommodate the sheriff’s office and provide space for inmate detention, plus house two courtrooms and associated office space.

It will eliminate costly transportation by the sheriff of inmates currently housed outside Archuleta County due to deficiencies of the present situation (the county has two holding cells), and provide greatly improved courtroom security.

Johnson said the “assigned” space needed for operations by the sheriff and courts in the new center had been calculated at approximately 39,000 square feet, and 50,000 square feet for the entire building including general space such as for utilities, entrances and hallways.

That total square footage represented a reduction of approximately 7,000 square feet from earlier projections. The “numbers have been hammered” during discussions, he said, to eliminate any excess.

With very slight projected growth, he explained these space assignments were expected to fulfill needs for a period of 20 years.

Including site work, fees and a standard allowance for contingencies, Johnson said, the projected cost

“Benzinger commented that there did not appear to have been any previous medical intervention surrounding either pre-existing condition,” reads the report.

The report also noted that no foreign objects were located in Leiva-Villapusva’s body.

Brown’s report then turned to his interview of the inmate who was in the same cell as Leiva-Villapusva.

The inmate “stated that Mr. Leiva-Villapusva had swallowed a balloon of methamphetamine at some point during his interaction with law enforcement the day of his arrest.”

Brown’s report states that he began the interview and explained to the inmate why he needed to talk to him.

Reads the report, “When I told (the inmate) that Mr. Leiva-Villapusva had died, he expressed sorrow and then said, ‘I told you guys, I told you...’”

The inmate told Brown that the first thing he noticed about Leiva-Villapusva was that he was sweating.

The inmate told Brown that Leiva-Villapusva had told another inmate that he had swallowed a balloon.

The report states that Leiva-Villapusva told the inmate he swallowed a balloon that morning when he saw the police lights pulling him over.

The inmate “said the detention officer didn’t ‘start giving a (expletive)’ until they were getting ready to transport them to Durango, and Leiva-Villapusva started shaking really bad.”

Though the inmate didn’t tell the guards that Leiva-Villapusva had swallowed a balloon of drugs, he did tell Deputy Schaaf that he thought Leiva-Villapusva was “high as (expletive).”

The inmate began to say that he didn’t believe that Leiva-Villapusva could have swallowed a large amount of meth and died from it, explains Brown’s report.

But when Brown told the inmate that a kilo of meth was located in his car and that he was running drugs, the inmate responded by saying “that Leiva-Villapusva was ‘definitely’ ‘high as (expletive)’ and that he probably did die from an overdose.”

Brown’s report states that, toward

the end of the interview, the inmate “expressed frustration about what he felt was a lack of speedy response from the detention deputies to Mr. Leiva-Villapusva’s condition.”

The report then turns to the final autopsy report from Keuning, which contains the toxicology report and ruled that Leiva-Villapusva died from an acute polydrug overdose and his manner of death was ruled accidental.

“The toxicology information referenced in the final autopsy report shows a level of methamphetamine in Mr. Leiva-Villapusva’s body that exceeded maximum testing thresholds, which is 10,000 ng/ml of blood,” reads Brown’s report.

In other words, the toxicology testing can only detect up to 10,000 nanograms of one substance in one milliliter of an individual’s blood.

Leiva-Villapusva had more methamphetamine in his bloodstream than the toxicology testing could detect.

“Other drugs were present in his toxicology as well, including the active ingredient in Benadryl which supports the information received from ... jail staff,” reads the report. “The final autopsy report also notes that Mr. Leiva-Villapusva had significant heart problems which likely contributed to his ‘demise’ as stated in the report.”

“Anytime these types of situations come up, we have to reevaluate our policies and procedures and make sure that everybody is back up to speed and understanding what they need to do,” said Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez. “We have to go back and double check that our policies are correct and that we’re doing what we need to do and that everybody is staying consistent.”

“We want to make sure everything is done correctly. During these types of incidents, that’s why we bring in CBI, so you have an outside agency that is looking at it without any prejudice,” Valdez continued. “We want to make sure that we’re doing everything right, and if there’s any changes that we have to make, or they catch something that we’ve done wrong, we need to fix those mistakes”

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Judge

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most people are.” Lyman also spoke of the stories of the judicial system that aren’t told enough — the success stories.

“You hear about all the bad news, but the vast majority of people who have come into contact with the criminal justice system ... it’s a onetime thing,” he said. “You know, they hit a road bump in their life, they end up in the system, they get on probation, they take care of their business and nobody ever hears from them again.”

Those, he indicated, were rewarding.

“It’s, I think, a privilege to work in a system that values the recovery of human potential,” he said, adding, “It’s very rewarding to see people get a hold of themselves and get back to free and a law-abiding lifestyle.”

He also noted that people often hear of divorces and custody battles, but most couples who are parting ways agree on things within the proceedings.

Along with those rewarding times came, as one might imagine, the difficult times.

“Family law’s always difficult,” Lyman said, including dependency and neglect cases where there is need, neglect and sometimes abuse.

In those cases, the law aims to treat and reunify families, which Lyman agrees with, but also requires people to make changes quickly. Some do, and some don’t, he explained.

“I will not miss trials for termination of parental rights. If I never have to terminate another parent’s rights again, I won’t miss that, it won’t be too soon,” he said, calling it “heart-breaking,” even when it’s the right thing to do.

Lyman wrapped up 20.5 years of service as a judge with the 6th Judicial District on Jan. 10 after announcing his retirement last summer, and did it with a positive outlook.

“I think most people mean well and most people live well and live their lives in an orderly fashion,” he said. “And, you know, those that don’t get ... their consequences, and some change and some don’t. ... Sending people to prison is not my idea of a good time, but that’s something that has to happen sometimes.”

He added later, “We’re fortunate to live in a safe community. ... There’s still some violent crime from time to time. It’s important to take that seriously and deal with appropriate punishments. People do some terrible things.”

He also ended his time with a sense of gratitude — gratitude for having an interesting job in an interesting place.

“I have a lot of things to be thankful for,” he said.

Years of service

Lyman finished law school in 1979, then worked as a law clerk for a district court judge in Brighton, Colo. His first lawyer job, he said, was in Gunnison beginning in 1981, where he was a deputy district attorney for 2.5 years.

At that point, there was an opening in the Durango district attorney’s office, which the Lymans jumped on.

“We really liked Durango, so I applied and got a job here in 1983 and worked for the then-district attorney, Mike Wallace,” he said.

Then, Lyman’s career took him out of state, to Wyoming, for three years, but, again, southwest Colorado called.

“We really missed this area and as soon as I had a good opportunity, we moved back,” he said, explaining that that opportunity came in the form of working for a law firm known as Shand McLachlan and Newbold.

“And then, in 1992, I ran for district attorney,” Lyman said. “That was kind of interesting. There was a Republican, a Democrat and I ran as an independent. ... Well, we each got a third of the vote, and my third was just a little bit bigger, so I got elected. And, I actually ... won rather handily in La Plata County and San Juan County and got creamed over here.”

Getting “creamed” in Archuleta County, however, provided another opportunity for Lyman.

“So, I decided I wanted to make my presence a little more known in Archuleta County and I took a lot of the prosecution cases over here during that time,” he said, pointing out simply, “I was an elected official over here as well as over there” and he wanted to let the community know he cared.

Then, in 1996, Lyman’s role in the community changed, as did his position in the courtroom, and his attire.

He was appointed as a district court judge for the 6th Judicial District in 1996 — one of two at the time, now there are four.

In 1998, he was named chief judge.

During his time of service, Lyman was also the longest-sitting chief judge in the state, he successor, Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson noted.

Lyman also served as the water court judge during his time as chief judge, which he called “fascinating” and important in the area.

‘One of a kind’

Not all of the lives Lyman has changed have belonged to those who appeared before him as plaintiffs or defendants; some have been those he worked with.

“He’s just an amazing judge,”

Archuleta County Clerk of Court Debbie Tully said, explaining that he was an “extremely compassionate man” who never talked down to people, no matter the circumstances, and extremely fair.

Wilson agreed, indicating that Lyman never took handing down a sentence lightly, saying, “He really empathized with people and he could see what he was doing to them and their family.”

Court Judicial Assistant Robin Bourriague echoed the same sentiment, stating, “He was always so respectful, very respectful of anyone coming before the court.”

Tully said she has been working in the judicial system since 1982 and, in that time, has seen and worked with “a lot of judges,” but said of Lyman, “He’s just one of a kind.”

“Greg was always super fair. He didn’t let his ego get in the way of making his decisions. And, you can have some pretty wild things happen in the courtroom, and he had the patience of a saint. I didn’t know how he did it,” Wilson said, adding, “He put up with way more than I ever could.”

That compassion and patience extended itself to the sentences and decisions Lyman handed down.

“He never took anything lightly. He took things to heart and thought about it,” Tully said, adding he put that thought into his decisions knowing it would change people’s lives, either good or bad.

“I think it hurt Greg somewhat to send [people] to prison,” Wilson said. “He really empathized with people and he could see what he was doing to them and their family.”

Tully and Bourriague also noted the more personal side of Lyman will leave a lasting impression on them, the court and the community.

“He was just a great man to work with,” Bourriague said. “I remember when he started in Durango ... He was pretty calm, cool and collected ... That’s how he walked out of court here, the same as he started.”

Both also spoke of how personable Lyman was with the court staff, taking an interest in their lives and making a point to greet them daily.

And even though he didn’t live in Pagosa, Tully said, he became a part of the community and was known outside of the courtroom.

“That was really unusual,” she said.

“I know he took great pleasure in coming over here and working as the district court judge for Archuleta County,” Bourriague said, adding, “He was truly enjoyable to work with. I think all of my colleagues would say that.”

She added later, “I’m going to miss him dearly, and deservingly so. He’s just a good person.”

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Sleddog

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“It is a huge honor to now be competing at the world level as a musher,” he said.

Bramwell’s name is also well-known for his pro rodeo career, being a five-time PRCA National Finals Rodeo bareback rider.

Bramwell and his wife, Jaclyn, are proud to represent Pagosa Springs and the U.S. and take their dogs to compete against some of the best mushers in the world.

Review

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On U.S. 84 when he lost control of his Nissan Pathfinder for an unknown reason and rolled multiple times.

The man was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected during the rollover.

August

On Aug. 1, heavy rain resulted in several mudslides on Lower Blanco Road.

The mudslides resulted in several traffic delays on the road, with a mudflow from the Archuleta County Road and Bridge Department later clearing away the debris.

In a divided vote at its meeting on Aug. 2, town council rejected an ordinance that would have placed a proposal to form a Downtown Development Authority before town voters on the November ballot.

Formation within a municipality of a development authority is allowed by Colorado law. It may be endowed with limited powers to collect and spend revenue in order to spur business growth and development inside its borders. The proposal to create the authority downtown along the U.S. 160 and Hot Springs Boulevard corridors was sponsored by an informal task force of downtown businesspersons.

Remarks by council members before the vote indicated that the proposal's rejection was due to insufficient demonstration of the likely effectiveness of the authority, rather than disagreement with the concept. Afterward, Mayor Don Volger stressed the importance of development to the town, but added "this may just not have been the vehicle."

On Aug. 2, town council approved acceptance of a bid of more than \$400,000 to construct the east phase of the Town-to-Lakes Trail, a segment that will run on the south side of U.S. 160 between 8th and 10th streets.

The trail segment will be concrete, 10 feet wide and lighted. A 5-foot-wide spur will run to the elementary school, along the east side of 10th Street. Most of the cost will be covered by grants, with only \$145,000 funded by town revenues.

Construction of the trail section began later in the fall. The work will be completed in 2017.

On Aug. 8, Lyman ordered the Town of Pagosa Springs to allow "public inspection" of its recording of an executive session conducted in September 2015.

The order came in response to a suit brought against the town by resident Bill Hudson. The suit alleged that the executive session had been secretly conducted in violation of the Colorado Open Meetings Law, also known as the Sunshine Law, which requires public agencies to conduct their business in public, with only narrow exceptions.

The executive session challenged in the suit had concerned the controversial proposal for the town to build a new bridge over the San Juan River, downtown at 5th Street, in conjunction with a planned new development.

Lyman ruled that the law was vio-

lated because the town had improperly conducted negotiations with members of Springs Partners LLC, the developer, during the session.

After the town decided not to appeal Lyman's ruling, review of the recording showed that discussion with the Partners during the session had concerned potential revision of the 2012 vested rights agreement between the town and the developer. The terms of the agreement, as written, would have imposed all costs associated with building a new bridge on the town.

On Aug. 10, the Colorado Independent Ethics Commission (IEC) cleared the BoCC and the county attorney of the charges brought against them pertaining to complaints filed against them.

The complaints were filed by Archuleta County resident Greg Giehl and regarded the way that the BoCC hired attorney Todd Starr on a contract basis following his resignation as a county employee.

At its meeting on Aug. 10, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education discussed two proposed projects that sought to use school district-owned property, giving conceptual approval to one of those projects.

The first of the projects aims to increase the affordable housing in the downtown and was given conceptual approval by the ASD board.

The second project discussed was the possible sale of up to 35 acres of ASD-owned property near the Vista subdivision for the proposed Continuing Life Community (CLC).

The CLC later informed the district it had purchased property elsewhere in the county.

On Aug. 14, a man died on the Rainbow Trail off of West Fork Road.

According to Mike Le Roux of Archuleta County Division of Emergency Operations, members of the Emergency Operation Center, EMS, and Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (USJSAR) responded to the call.

Authorities cleared a spot for a Flight For Life helicopter to land, explained Le Roux.

At the time, the cause of death and what happened was unknown.

During a special meeting on Aug. 15, the USJHSD Board of Directors voted to place a question on the November ballot asking district voters to decide whether or not the district should be allowed to continue receiving and spending tax revenues above state-imposed limits.

Not placing an issue on the ballot would mean the district would again be restricted in terms of revenue received and spending by the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) beginning in 2017.

Pagosa Country residents began spotting a moose roaming in the area, including one Hatcher Lake-area resident who was able to see and photograph the moose out for a swim in the lake.

On Aug. 18, town council completed a reassessment of its legal representation. The reassessment began with a June 23 decision to publish a solicitation for proposals from attorneys interested in serving

as its lawyer.

Eleven attorneys or law firms responded to the solicitation with proposals to provide the town's legal services.

But after discussions of the proposals by council at several meetings, and a round of interviews of semifinalists, in the end council decided to continue riding the same horse, by renewing the town's long-standing relationship with attorney Bob Cole.

Also on Aug. 18, council approved an ordinance revising Pagosa Springs' local regulations governing retail marijuana sales under Colorado law.

The revisions in the ordinance included a new limitation on the number of licenses available to sellers of recreational and/or medical marijuana in the town by capping the total number of retail locations at six, evenly divided between locations uptown and downtown, west or east of a border located at 14th Street.

In addition, the ordinance clarified enforcement of a provision requiring sellers of recreational marijuana to carry an inventory of "flower and bud," the product sold for smoking, of at least 70 percent Archuleta County-grown product, and changed maximum hours of operation to between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Relocation of the skating rink owned by the Pagosa Multi-Purpose Pavilion Coalition from Town Park to South Pagosa Park was approved by town council on Aug. 18, for public skating during winter 2016-2017. The move was approved on a trial basis, to test the suitability of the activity in a residential neighborhood.

The Coalition expected the move to the new location would yield better ice and a longer skating season, in part due to plans to include a new shade structure over the ice surface rather than only the high screen that was used previously.

Council stipulated that the Coalition must remove the rink from the park at the end of skating season to avoid interference with warm weather activities like pickleball and basketball, long popular in South Park.

C.K. Patel resigned his seat representing District 3 on town council on Aug. 18. Patel did not assign a reason for his resignation when contacted by The SUN, stating only that it had been an honor to serve.

The resignation left two vacancies on council, as the seat representing District 1 formerly held by Lattin, who had resigned in June, remained unfilled at the time. Both Lattin and Patel had been elected for four-year terms in April 2014.

The two vacancies were subsequently filled on Sept. 6, by the appointments of Rebecca Anderson to represent District 1, and Nicole DeMarco to represent District 3 for the unexpired terms.

On Aug. 18, a utility task vehicle (UTV) accident claimed the life of a man on Elwood Pass.

The UTV went off the roadway and down an embankment, estimated to be 75 to 100 feet deep, into the river.

The UTV was carrying two other

passengers, who were able to walk away from the accident.

On Aug. 19, Randy Larson was named the official fire chief for the PFPD.

The decision came after the PFPD Board of Directors made the decision during one of its meetings.

Larson was previously working as "active fire chief" but supplied the PFPD board with a revised employment agreement, which the board looked over and then approved.

On Aug. 23, human remains were found off of Mill Creek Road.

Later in the week, the remains were discovered to belong to Pagosa Springs resident Andrew Chacon.

It is believed the most likely cause of death for Chacon was a gunshot wound to the back of the head.

The case is currently ongoing, with anyone who has information on the case being asked to contact Detective Sgt. Warren Brown at 264-8499.

The cases against the two suspects in a 34-year-old double homicide were dismissed Aug. 23, with no charges left pending.

The motions to dismiss the cases without prejudice were filed by Deputy District Attorney Alex Lowe and granted the same day by Lyman.

While noting he could not say much, Lowe said the motions were filed because there was "insufficient evidence to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt."

At its Aug. 23 meeting, the USJHSD board heard a report that July was a record month for patient revenue for PSMC — the second consecutive month the facility set a new record.

Both the Emergency Department and CT set new historical highs, and total patient revenue was \$4.64 million. That figure, while being slightly below budget, was a new all-time high.

Helping to set the July record in the ER was a total volume of 779 patients — an average of 25 per day — which was a 3-percent increase.

Groundbreaking for the new Axis Health Systems Health Care facility on Village Drive occurred on Aug. 24. The new clinic will follow Axis' "integrated" health care model, providing primary care and other services, including behavioral health care, in a single location. According to an Axis spokesperson, it is expected to be open for business by May 2017.

September

What was expected to be a smaller, low-key meet in Monticello, Utah, was actually a large, 18-team event featuring large schools from both Utah and Colorado — and a day in which eight Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate varsity cross-country runners set personal records.

All six carriers on the boys' team logged personal records at the Lloyds Lake meet on Sept. 2, making for a sixth-place team finish. The girls' squad placed third, with two carriers logging personal records.

The PSHS Lady Pirate volleyball team started the season strong.

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Review

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 matches at the Glenwood Springs Demon Invitational tournament, the Lady Pirates came through with another victory in a home thriller against Durango High School the following week.

It was the first time in 12 years that the Pagosa team had bested their regional rivals, and coach Connie O'Donnell commented, "it was nice to get the win."

In customary fashion, ASD students returned to school the Tuesday after Labor Day, Sept. 6, to begin the 2016-2017 school year.

With more students in ASD schools to start the school year and an increase in bus ridership, ASD found itself scrambling to add another fourth-grade classroom and hire an additional teacher, and had to create an additional bus route and purchase an additional bus.

As of Sept. 12, 1,508 students were enrolled in ASD, with 583 of those students attending the elementary school (kindergarten through fourth grade), 502 in the middle school (fifth through eighth grades) and 423 in the high school.

On Sept. 10, the ACSO arrested an individual for growing marijuana plants in the greenbelt behind his house, on property owned by Wyndham Hotels and Resorts.

According to ACSO Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton, the grow area contained 16 marijuana plants, with most of them being mature and almost ready for harvest.

The ACSO dug up the plants as evidence.

Hamilton said the suspect claimed to have a medical marijuana card that would allow him to grow 75 plants, but because he was growing on property that wasn't his, the medical card didn't apply to the situation.

The PSHS boys' soccer team

overcame their longtime rival with a strong second-half rally for a final tally of 4-3 on Sept. 13.

The win was the Pirates' first of the season.

On Sept. 13, the ASD Board of Education received a primer on the facilities study that was underway for the district during a work session.

Stuart Coppedge of the Colorado Springs architectural firm RTA Architects presented the report, noting that Pagosa Springs firm Reynolds Ash and Associates participated.

"It's not surprising to see some of the things that we saw given the ages of the buildings," Coppedge said after telling the board his firm had worked with school districts throughout the state.

Coppedge's accompanying presentation listed a few impressions about the buildings before going into samples of the specifics:

1. His firm's team did not see anything uncommon to most school districts, even some with recent capital campaigns.

2. The buildings, even the high school (this district's newest building at 20 years old), are showing signs of aging.

3. "Even though there are signs of deferred maintenance, the current maintenance program is effective and appropriate."

In mid-September, Pagosa Springs community residents contended with smoky air caused by two extensive prescribed burns ignited in the San Juan National Forest by the Columbine and Pagosa ranger districts of the U.S. Forest Service.

The burns were located respectively in the HD Mountains, at Yellow Jacket Ridge in the western part of Archuleta County and in Turkey Springs, northwest of town.

The Forest Service assured residents that the burns were conducted

safely, and subject to air quality monitoring to protect public health.

It was announced Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Nancy Rice appointed District Court Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson as chief judge of the 6th Judicial District (Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan counties) following the announced retirement of Lyman.

Wilson's appointment was effective Jan. 10, 2017.

It was another record-setting week for the vast majority of the PSHS cross-country team, with 21 varsity and junior varsity harriers setting personal records at the Southwest Sunset meet in Durango on Sept. 16.

For the first time in roughly a decade, PSHS would be represented by a team in the state golf tournament following the team's performance at regionals on Sept. 18.

Despite being three strokes short of placing second in the Region 1 regionals, all four Pirate golfers qualified for state individually, with coach Mark Faber explaining that meant the golfers would participate both as individuals and as a team.

The following week, the Pirates competed at state, with the team finishing 14th.

Individually, Nathan Smith finished the tournament in a four-way tie for 71st, Jonathon Robel finished 79th, Owen Severs finished 80th and Dane Kline finished in a two-way tie for 81st.

On Sept. 19, the BoCC voted that the county's new justice center will be located on Hot Springs Boulevard.

Previously, the BoCC was debating whether the new justice center would be located off of Hot Springs Boulevard or at the location of the Parelli building near Walmart.

Commissioners Clifford Lucero and Steve Wadley voted in favor of locating the justice center off of Hot

Springs Boulevard, and BoCC Chairman Michael Whiting was strongly against the motion and voted against it.

On Sept. 22, the six candidates for the two county commissioner positions up for election faced off at a League of Women Voters candidate forum.

The PSHS harriers continued their strong running on the season, with the Lady Pirates finishing first and their Pirate counterparts finishing fourth at the home meet atop Reservoir Hill on Sept. 24.

On Sept. 25, an Arizona man who was living and working in Pagosa Springs died after being found floating facedown in a small pool alongside the San Juan River.

The man was found in the pool alongside the San Juan River at Mary Fisher Park, near the Hot Springs Boulevard Bridge, by someone crossing the bridge.

The cause of death was unknown, but no foul play was suspected.

The application for a potential charter school in Pagosa Springs was the topic of discussion at a special meeting of the ASD Board of Education and ASD District Accountability Committee (DAC).

The meeting was attended by members from both groups, as well as district administrative staff and the principals of each of ASD's schools.

The 452-page application (including appendices), for the Pagosa Peak Open School, was turned in to the school district on July 30 by the Pagosa Charter School Initiative and was then heard by the DAC before making its way to the Board of Education.

The community's affordable housing work group, jointly formed by the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County, reported its conclusions to town council and the county commissioners at a joint work session of the two government boards on Sept. 26, after six months of study.

The group offered a broad array of specific recommendations, designed to achieve several goals: improved emergency housing options; increased construction of smaller, lower-cost single-family homes; expansion of the availability of land in small, less expensive lots; and encouragement of development of new multifamily housing.

The recommendations focused on land use restrictions, public fees relating to residential construction and occupancy, the availability of useful resources, such as currently unused public land, and future actions.

In addition, the group endorsed steps to obtain an up-to-date study of community housing stocks, that it hoped would open doors to low-cost, public financing programs.

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The Webelos Den from Pagosa Springs Cub Scouts visit the emergency room at Pagosa Springs Medical Center last week. EMTs Nicole Gioia and Tyler Long demonstrated equipment in an ambulance. Radiology technician Randy Sherman displayed procedures for X-rays and CAT scans. Then the scouts learned wound treatment from Dr. Jared Halterman, who is also an Eagle Scout. Pictured from left to right are Halterman, Sherman, Daniel Reitz, Cubmaster West Jackson, Daniel Cobden, Owen Burns, A.J. Hergstrom, Logan Frady, Long, Peyton Jackson, Den Chief Zane Edwards, Gavin Houston and Gioia. Davian Coss was another Webelo in attendance.



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Sports

BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates chalk up wins in close games

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team continues to find itself adjusting to new realities this season.

Among those are playing close games and playing without the team's lone senior, Megan Farrah, who suffered a concussion Friday night in Monte Vista and is out until medically cleared to return.

But it seems the team is adjusting well, logging three wins in the last week, including two against league opponents, and is finding strength in its younger players.

There's a "will to win that's embedded in this program," assistant coach Charles Rand said.

Monte Vista

Monte Vista's Lady Pirates came out ready to play, Rand noted, saying of coach Vicente Barbosa, "He had his kids ready to go."

The quick start by Monte Vista manifested in 18 points for that team in the first quarter, while Pagosa scored only 10 to counter.

But, Pagosa's Lady Pirates rebounded in the second quarter, settling in and limiting Monte Vista to four points while scoring 16, giving Pagosa a 26-22 lead going into the second half.

Monte Vista, however, cut that lead to a single point by the end of the third quarter, 40-39, and Pagosa found itself not only outscored in the quarter, but also without its sole senior.

Farrah suffered a concussion during the quarter, but the rest of the team was able to outscore Monte Vista in the fourth quarter 16-11 to end the game with a 56-50 victory.

"It was a true testament of the younger kids," Rand said, noting the team's execution and "will to win," adding, "You find ways to win and that's kind of what happens."

The win also came thanks to a strong night at the free-throw line, with Pagosa making 26 of 33 attempts for a 78-percent success rate.

"That was the difference of the ball game right there," Rand said.

Rand also highlighted the play of Monte Vista in the game, stating the team executed its plays well, attacked Pagosa and shot the ball well.

Monte Vista logged nine 3-pointers in the game versus Pagosa's one.

"We're going to have a lot of close games this year," assistant coach Charles Rand said. "We're going to have to play for 32 minutes



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Randi Pierce

Pirate freshman Teagan Stretton goes up for a bucket during the team's narrow, 31-29 defeat of the Alamosa Mean Moose Saturday in Pagosa. The Lady Pirates opened up their conference schedule with a pair of wins.

and we're going to have to learn how to do that."

Additional stats were not available by press time Wednesday.

Alamosa

On Saturday evening, local fans were treated to a close league matchup against Alamosa in which the Lady Pirates led by a single point with 2.6 seconds left on the clock, when Devin Wilson went to

the free-throw line to give the Pirates the two-point lead that would become their winning margin.

The team was again without Farrah on the court Saturday and, with no practice time between games to adjust to her absence, made changes as needed, with Rand noting Farrah's leadership on the court.

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Ladies

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"It's a mental thing, also," he said, adding, "One thing that we talked about was learning how to play without her, and getting better at the same time."

But the team's younger players stepped in, with Rand saying, "they're starting to pull their weight" and believe they belong on the court in a Pirate uniform.

"If you're playing for the Pagosa Springs girls, you're a good player," he said.

The Alamosa Mean Moose, too, came to play, though.

"They're well coached, they played hard," Rand noted.

The Pirates outscored the Mean Moose 9-7 in the first quarter, but the Mean Moose settled in to take a 20-14 lead by halftime.

Pagosa cut into Alamosa's lead in the third, however, making it a one-point game, 24-23, going into the game's final period.

The Pirates' were able to put up eight points in the game's final quarter while limiting the Moose to five, giving them the narrow two-point victory at the final buzzer.

"Alamosa kind of outplayed us, to be quite honest," Rand said.

The coach said Alamosa's defense did a good job of taking Morgan Lewis out of scoring position.

"I felt they played inspired basketball," he said. "We may have been missing Megan, ... but you can't take away what they did."

Rand also noted that, as with the previous night, the team needed more players to step up and score.

In close games, he said, "It's more of being relaxed and listening to what Wes (Lewis, the head coach) is calling."

Too, he said, "We fouled too much. We put them to the line way

too often."

The Alamosa Mean Moose are now 3-5 on the season and 1-1 in league play, having defeated Cortez Friday.

Additional stats were not available by press time.

Sanford

Tuesday evening, the team matched up against the 2A Sanford Indians in Sanford, bringing home a 38-29 win.

"We didn't play our best basketball last night, but we didn't play our worst," Rand said on Wednesday.

Unlike their previous two games, the Lady Pirates got ahead early in the game, holding a 13-6 lead by the end of the first quarter, and were able to build on that lead in the second quarter, scoring seven while limiting the Indians to two points to take a 20-8 lead into the second half.

The second half showed a more even matchup between the teams, however, with Pagosa notching 11 points in the third quarter compared to Sanford's 10.

Sanford was able to cut into their deficit in the fourth quarter, outscoring Pagosa 11-7, but the Lady Pirates held on for the win.

Rand noted that Sanford is a very patient team, leaving Pagosa to play long stretches of defense, which they did well.

"They're very, very patient on offense and we could not speed them," he said.

He noted that the team did better about not fouling while on defense, though.

The game was also another opportunity for the team's younger players to gain experience against a "good quality team," with Rand noting of the younger players, "We're going to need them down

the stretch."

Additional stats were not available by press time.

Upcoming action

The No. 6-ranked Pirates, who are now 8-1 on the season and 2-0 in the league, will continue league play this weekend, beginning with the Bayfield Wolverines Friday evening and continuing with the Cortez Panthers Saturday.

The Wolverines are 3-7 on the season and 0-2 in league play.

The Lady Pirates will head to Bayfield for a 5:30 p.m. game Friday.

The next evening, the Panthers will come to Pagosa, again for a 5:30 p.m. affair.

The Panthers are 1-9 on the season and 0-2 in league play.

"We just need to get other kids looking at the rim," Rand said, pointing out that Morgan Lewis is no longer a secret and teams will be looking to take her out of the scoring equation.

He added that the Pirates look to continue being tough on defense without fouling.

The team will also again be without Farrah, meaning the younger players will be looked at to step up alongside the veterans to earn wins.

Rand explained that, among other requirements, concussion protocol dictates that players have to be symptom-free for eight days.

Rand again noted Farrah's leadership, explaining that, while she may not put up the big points, "she's the glue of what we do."

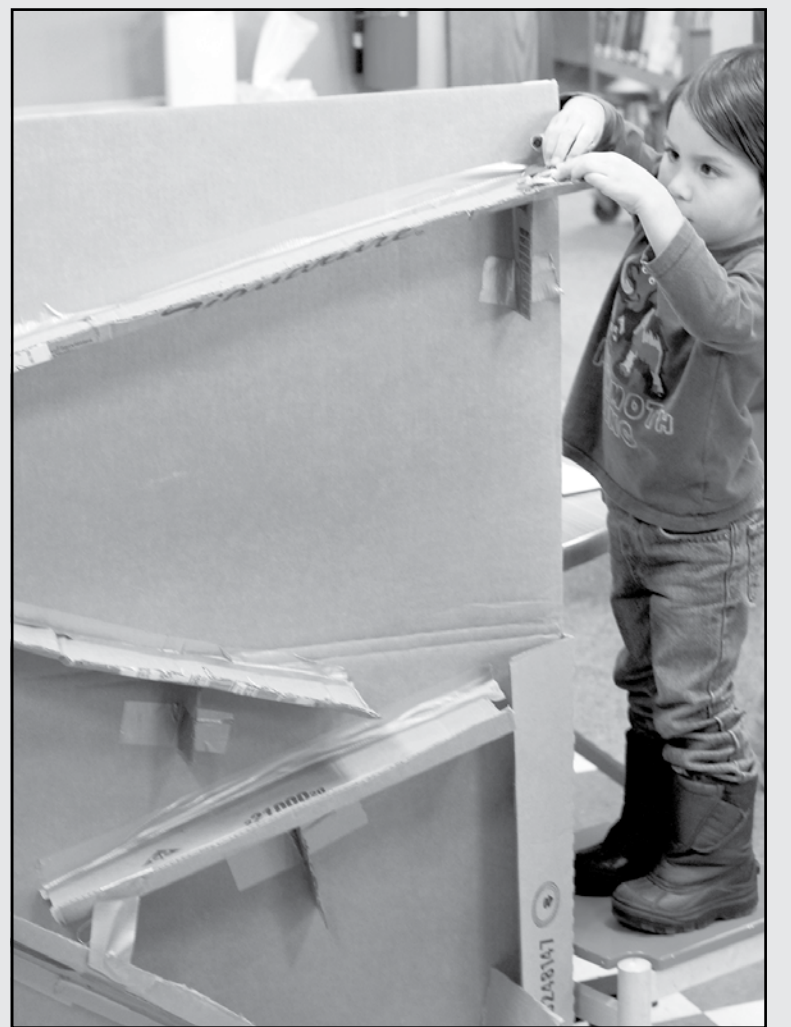
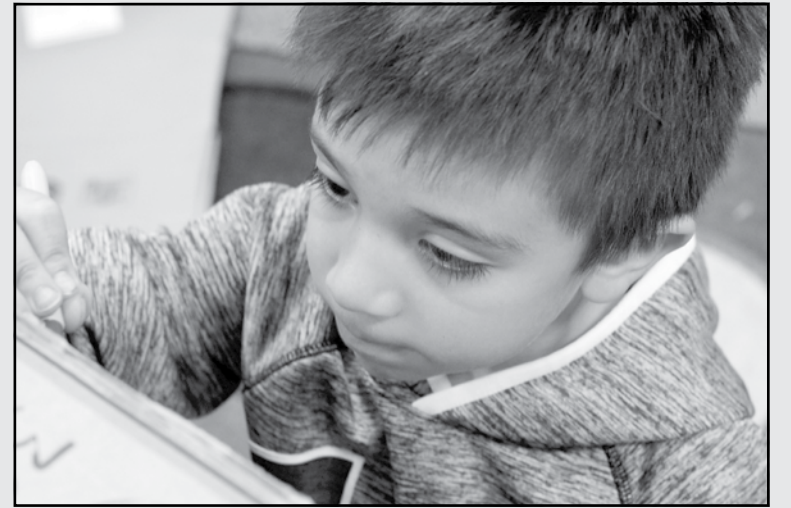
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Cardboard Construction

Photos courtesy Rachael Perry

When you give kids and their parents cardboard, tape and decorations, you get some pretty creative contraptions. The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library's Cardboard Construction event on Dec. 30 resulted in fantastic results for those who came out for the fun.



RECREATION NEWS

Register now for youth volleyball ages 9-12

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The recreation department is accepting youth volleyball registration for 9-10 and 11-12 age groups through Feb. 24.

The 9-10 division will be an instructional league held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The 11-12 division will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Cost is \$35.

Please call the recreation department with any questions, 264-4151, ext. 232.

Open gym Saturdays

The Ross Aragon Community Center will be open on Saturdays

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for open gym. This will continue through April.

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

Please call the Community Center with any questions, 264-4152, ext. 521.

Online registration

To register for programs online, visit the parks and recreation department page at www.townofpagosasprings.com.

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

Wrestling

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their legs vulnerable to an attack.

Janowsky said that there were many drills and exercises that the Pirates could do to correct that, and he described a drill where one wrestler places a flag in his sock while another attempts to grab the flag.

This strengthens the defense of the wrestler with the flag in his sock, while strengthening the other wrestler's offensive leg attacks.

The Pirates also participated in a home dual against the Monte Vista Pirates on Thursday, Jan. 12, in which the Pagosa Pirates beat Monte Vista 45-30.

"One of our measuring sticks is Alamosa," said Janowsky. "They're the No. 1 team in 3A. They placed ahead of us in several weights, but we were right behind them. We wrestle them again on Thursday, and hopefully we can close the gap on them a bit more."

Tonight the Pirates will travel to Alamosa to dual the Mean Moose, with the dual beginning at 6:30 p.m. marshall@pagosasun.com



Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Nolan Stretton
Wrestling



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as others. He has worked hard in our football, wrestling and track programs. Nolan has the attitude of a leader in that he is up early shoveling snow (often voluntarily) and works hard without complaint throughout every day. Nolan has improved on and off the mat and is someone we can all look up to."



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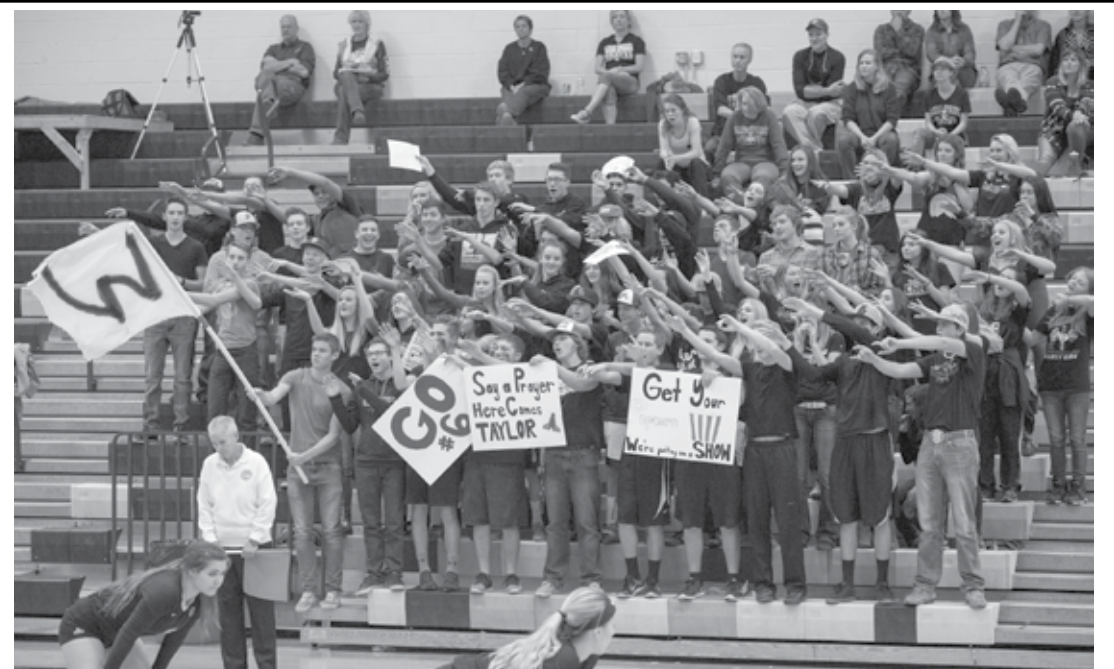
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Town Comprehensive Plan public open house set

By Rachel Novak
Special to The SUN

The Town of Pagosa Springs is excited to announce the very first public open house in a series of forums that will be conducted throughout the Comprehensive Plan update, "Pagosa Springs Forward."

This planning document and process will ultimately define a vision for the community and establish goals, strategies and actions to achieve that vision over the next 20 years.

This first open house will focus on two primary objectives: 1) communicating and discussing the issues and challenges that Pagosa Springs is currently facing and 2) how these discussions might alter or adjust the new community vision.

The open house will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 31, between 5 and 7 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Commu-

nity Center. The meeting will be an open house format, so attendance at any point in this timeframe is encouraged. The town will provide light snacks and beverages for this meeting.

Everyone is welcome to attend and engage with our consultant team on a wide variety of topics and issues.

Get involved

The comprehensive planning process has only just begun and there will be many opportunities to get involved. There are several public open houses, public meetings and surveys planned throughout this project's undertaking. If you would like to stay up to date with the Comprehensive Plan project, please subscribe to the "e-notices" system on the town's website, watch the town's Facebook page, and The SUN newspaper for project updates.

Dog dies in structure fire

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PPFD) battled a structure fire on Friday, Jan. 13, that resulted in the death of a dog.

According to PFPD's David Montoya, the call that originally came in described a trailer that was on fire with a person inside off of South 8th Street.

Montoya stated that, after arriving, he found the structure to actually be a double-wide modular home, and that the person who was believed to be inside had already made it outside.

PFPD units were dispatched to the area at 9:47 p.m., and arrived at 9:51 p.m.

Montoya said that 15 personnel responded to the call, 12 of whom were volunteers.

He also said that he dispatched a battalion vehicle, two chief vehicles, three fire engines, and that the PFPD also received mutual aid from Upper Pine River Fire Protection District, who dispatched another fire engine.

Montoya said that the fire was knocked down by 10:21 p.m., and the house had "heavy damage," explaining that the living room sustained heavy fire damage and the rest of the house sustained smoke damage.

While no humans were injured in the fire, Montoya stated that a dog had died in the fire.

He also said that while the cause of the fire is still being investigated, it is believed that the fire's area of origin was in the living room.

PFPD units cleared the scene at 2:37 a.m. the next morning.
marshall@pagosahun.com

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Jan. 9 — Two counts of warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

Jan. 9 — Trespass warning, Pines Drive.

Jan. 9 — Criminal mischief, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 9 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, U.S. 160.

Jan. 9 — Trespass warning, Bill's Place.

Jan. 9 — Information only, Paradise Drive.

Jan. 12 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Jan. 12 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Collette's Place.

Jan. 13 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Jan. 13 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

Jan. 13 — Warrant arrest, Apache Street.

Jan. 13 — Cruelty to animals, careless driving, Rifle Place.

Jan. 14 — Information only, Care-free Place.

Jan. 14 — Expired license plates, owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, Fireside Drive.

Jan. 14 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Eagles Loft.

Jan. 16 — Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, vehicle with defective or no stop light(s), failed to display valid registration, drove vehicle without insurance, San Juan Street.

Jan. 16 — Information only, Martinez Place.

Jan. 16 — Expired temporary permit, no license plate light, drove vehicle when license suspended, U.S. 160.

Jan. 16 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, vehicle with defective or no stop lights(s), expired license plates, Pagosa Street.

Jan. 17 — Theft, Vista Boulevard.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Jan. 10 — Shoplifting, Country Center Drive.

Jan. 11 — Animal/running at large, South 7th Street.

Jan. 11 — Theft, East Pagosa Street.

Jan. 11 — Depositing snow in the streets, Talisman Drive.

Jan. 11 — Information only, South

8th Street.

Jan. 11 — Information only, Hermosa Street.

Jan. 11 — Violation/restraining order, 14th Street.

Jan. 11 — Animal/cruelty, South 9th Street.

Jan. 12 — Information only, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Jan. 12 — Arrest/local warrant, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Jan. 13 — Information only, South 8th Street.

Jan. 13 — Criminal mischief, Lewis Street.

Jan. 14 — Third-degree assault, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Jan. 16 — Agency assist, Pagosa Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Jan. 6 — Jose A. Martinez Candia, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

Jan. 6 — Dustin J. Andreas, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

Jan. 11 — Jessica Danielle McCullough, theft-\$50-\$300, two days jail, fines and costs — \$322.50.

Jan. 11 — Jessica Danielle McCullough, violation bail/bond conditions-misdemeanor, fines and costs — \$249.50.

Jan. 12 — Juvenile, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

Jan. 12 — Aaron J. Buchanan, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$218.50.

Jan. 12 — Monica Archuleta, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$187.50.

Jan. 12 — Jeremiah J. Mann, two counts seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$235.50.

Jan. 12 — Ray A. Montoya, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$191.50.

Jan. 12 — Denise Michelle Thomas, spilling load on highway-not car, fines and costs — \$137.50.

Jan. 12 — Shelly L. Thompson, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

Jan. 12 — Jessica N. Wofford, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$339.50.

Jan. 12 — Drew J. Young, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$163.50.

Jan. 12 — Autum M. Niederquell, speeding 1-4 over limit, fines and costs — \$90.50.

Jan. 12 — Jimmy D. Elledge, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, 40 hours community service, fines and costs — \$55.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.



DUST2 fat bike race

Photos courtesy Robert Marks

The day was warm and the snow was soft, but in spite of some pretty tough conditions, Pagosa's first DUST2 fat bike race, held on Jan. 8, was a huge success. Ten volunteers and 39 racers participated the event held on a groomed course at Turkey Springs trailhead, off Piedra Road. Proceeds from the race benefit DUST2 and its urban single-track trail initiative.



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January 19, 2017

Family Reading Night at the library

By Terri Hardeman
Special to The PREVIEW

Family Reading Night will be held at Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library on Jan. 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with a presentation by Michael Bradley titled "The Importance of Reading to your Preschool Child."

The event is sponsored in collaboration with Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center. The families of all young children in Archuleta County are cordially invited to attend. Bradley will provide a variety of books for the children to dive into during the presentation.

Bradley, early literacy librarian at the library, recently moved to Pagosa Springs from Lawrence, Kan., where he worked as a Montessori instructor and children's librarian for the past 14 years. He grew up in

Michigan and graduated from Central Michigan University with an undergraduate degree in theater arts.

Bradley brings his interest in theater and music to the library for three weekly storytimes, which include stories as well as live music and dancing. He regularly shares his talents in the community of Pagosa Springs with outreach visits to Seeds of Learning, Archuleta County Head Start, The Learning Tree Home Daycare and Our Savior Lutheran Preschool.

Bradley is part of the movement that encourages families to read great quantities of good-quality books to their young children. The movement stresses the importance of reading at least 1,000 books to your young child before he or she reaches kindergarten. He will discuss the many ways, places and types of books for families to read to their children.

For more information regarding the presentation, please call the library at 264-2209.



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Riff Raff Brewing Company: Bob Hemenger, 6 p.m.

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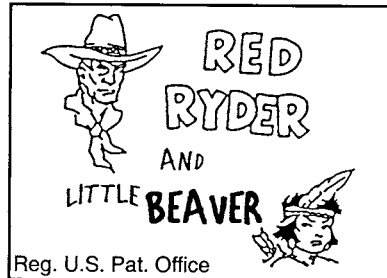
Saturday
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Nolan Redman, 6 p.m.

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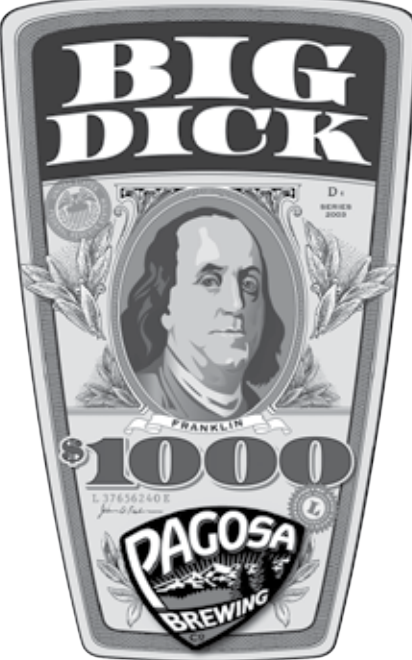
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"BEST APRÈS SPOT" - NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Environmental gathering Saturday at library

By Elizabeth Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

On Dec. 1, 2016, over 125 people gathered at our local theater for a special viewing of Leonardo DiCaprio's environmental film called "Before the Flood."

It was exciting to watch how a rich, famous and dedicated person is handling this crucial issue. It was sobering to see how serious and accelerated the problem has become. It was helpful to have concrete information and see specific examples of what is happening all over our planet from the Arctic to Antarctica.

After the film, we held a discussion about possible things that could be done in Pagosa to help the environment.

The people at the film decided to continue their discussion in January. That is one of the goals for the open house-style (come and go any time) gathering at the Ruby Sison Library from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21.

During that time, four activities will be going on: 1. There will be healthy snacks to eat while people socialize and meet other like-minded and concerned members

of our community. 2. We will have the Women's March on Washington, D.C., live streaming on a large screen to follow what is happening. 3. The various environmental groups in Pagosa will briefly present information about their goals, membership, etc. The groups are: Fore-Pagosa, working on solar energy; S.O.S. or Southwest Organization for Sustainability, which has the Farmers Market; the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership, which is building the three domes by the river; the Audubon Society; San Juan Stargazers; and the Earth Community, an educational and action group that is hosting this event. If any other group wants to participate, just be there and ask for a time slot. 4. We will continue the discussion of environmental issues and specific things that our community can do. We want your ideas and suggestions. This will be a brainstorming-style session, so any ideas can be considered and developed. Hopefully, we will come up with some concrete actions.

Also, everyone will receive an excellent free bookmark listing "10 Simple Things You Can Do to Help Protect the Earth," written by the

World Wildlife Fund.

It was a great start to watch the wonderful film, but I'm sure Leonardo DiCaprio is hoping that the people who saw it will come up with ideas to help preserve the planet and specific actions to improve each community. That's the next step. Hope to see you to get the action started.

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The Met: Live in HD continues Jan. 21 with new 'Roméo et Juliette'

By Indiana Reed
Special to The PREVIEW

The Met: Live in HD, presented by the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College in partnership with The Metropolitan Opera, continues the 2017 series on Saturday, Jan. 21, with a new production of Charles

Gounod's "Roméo et Juliette." "Roméo et Juliette" will be broadcast live in high definition from New York's Metropolitan Opera in the Vallecito Room of the Fort Lewis College Student Union beginning at 10:55 a.m. Run time is approximately two hours and 56 minutes with one

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Charles Gounod's "Roméo et Juliette" is the next in the 2017 series of The Met: Live in HD, to be broadcast live on the campus of Fort Lewis College on Jan. 21. Diana Damrau and Vittorio Grigolo star as the tragic lovers in Shakespeare's classic story.

Met

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intermission.

Hailed by the New York Times for singing "with white-hot sensuality and impassioned lyricism," Diana Damrau and Vittorio Grigolo star as the tragic lovers in Shakespeare's classic story.

When Damrau and Grigolo starred opposite each other in "Manon" at the Met in 2015, the New York Times said, "the temperature rises nearly to boiling every time Damrau and Grigolo are on stage together."

This new production of Gounod's "Roméo et Juliette" by director Bartlett Sher also features Virginie Verrez as Stéphanie, Elliot Madore as Mercutio and Mikhaïl Petrenko as Frère Laurent. Gianandrea Noseda conducts the sumptuous score.

The new production of "Roméo et Juliette" has also already won acclaim for its vivid 18th century milieu and stunning costumes during runs at Salzburg and La Scala.

Considered perhaps the most enduringly successful of the many operatic settings of the world's consummate love story, "Roméo et Juliette" is an example of French Romanticism, a tradition that values subtlety, sensuality and graceful vocal delivery over showy effects. In the opera, there is a slight shift of focus away from the word games of the original play and a greater focus on the two lovers, who are given four irresistible duets, including a brief final reunion in the tomb scene that does not appear in the play.

Reported The Huffington Post, "Bartlett Sher's brilliant and inspired new production ... is a revelation

... The Met could not ask for a better pair of lovers than Damrau and Grigolo ... Unbridled passion ... A stirring operatic event."

View the trailer for the new production at <http://www.metopera.org/Season/2016-17-Season/roméo-et-juliette-gounod-tickets>.

The "magic" of The Met: Live in HD events is that they are delivered 100-percent live via satellite. Audiences throughout the world experience the production at the same time as the audience sitting in the Metropolitan Opera itself. Additionally, between acts, the Live in HD viewers are treated to backstage interviews and other features the in-person audiences never see. The host for "Roméo et Juliette" is Ailyn Pérez.

The Met Live in HD series will feature five additional performances during the 2016-2017 season:

- Feb. 25, 10:55 a.m. — "Rusalka" (Dvorak).
- March 11, 10:55 a.m. — "La Traviata" (Verdi).
- March 25, 10:55 a.m. — "Idomeneo" (Mozart).
- April 22, 10:55 a.m. — "Eugene Onegin" (Tchaikovsky).
- May 13, 10:30 a.m. — "Der Rosenkavalier" (new production) (R. Strauss).

Since the Live in HD series launched in 2006, more than 17 million tickets have been sold to opera lovers worldwide. The Met: Live in HD is now seen in more than 2,000 theaters in 70 countries.

Advance tickets for individual screenings of The Met: Live in HD (\$20-\$23 plus service fee) are available online at www.durangoconcerts.com, by calling 247-7657 or at the ticket office inside the Durango

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Laugh more, and please don't bring her home pregnant

By **Betty Slade**
PREVIEW Columnist

It's a new year and I'm resolved to laugh more. 2017 started out with the usual ball drop, then I entertained angels. This was all followed by word that our prodigal son was coming home.

Is this going to be a year of more of the same? Will there be mysteries unveiled, or will this be a year of change? Maybe I will become delusional.

A young lady's cleverness caught my attention. She waited in Times Square for 16 hours for the ball to drop. She stood in the bitter cold weather with 2 million people waiting for 2 tons of confetti to drop on their heads. Maybe she was delusional?

The newscaster asked her, "You say you've been here since 8 a.m.; how are you doing it with no portable potties available?" She answered, "It Depends." When asked about waiting for New Year's Eve to come, the young lady quipped back, "It will definitely be time for a change in the new year."

Before the stroke of midnight, a diva positioned herself on center stage. She wore a see-through, skintight outfit adorned by an ill-placed halo of white feathers. Her live lip-sync would end in a malfunction. We were just grateful it was that and not a wardrobe malfunction. After a bit of ostentatious grandstanding, she strutted off stage in true diva-esque fashion as if to descend from her throne. It really begs the question, "do you think she knew ... that we knew?"

Like clockwork, a glittering crystal ball would drop from the sky. People screamed and kissed and went completely bonkers. Was all that a contradiction of reality or a rational argument?

Things seem to be getting crazier and scarier these days. My sweet Al wants to look at the news to be up to date on all the killings and weather, or to know what caused the latest road rage. After all that thrill and excitement, he only closes his one good eye to drift off to sleep after he knows the weather. I can't stand the negativity and sadness, and I'm looking out the window at piles of snow. "How could he not know the weather?"

I'll admit, I've become addicted to Fox News. That's not negative or sadness. That's educational. I want to know what's happening with our country. I call it "Government 101."

Our son says, "It's a soap opera, and you've become an addict."

I beg to differ. "Soaps" replay the same story line. Megan Kelly is departing from Fox News and joining NBC News. Omarosa is moving

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



from being an apprentice to being on staff at the White House. That's new. What is going to happen next? Well, that's where I get educated.

My Sweet Al and I welcomed the new year by watching two days of college and professional football. I behaved while he gave me unsolicited play-by-play updates on everything we just watched.

The head coach for the Broncos stepped down, Aqib Talib ripped off Michael Crabtree's gold chain during the Broncos-Raiders game. My friend, who is a dyed-in-the-wool Bronco fan, said Talib was an embarrassment to the team. I was shocked to hear that came from her mouth, but one thing is for certain, she's not changing teams.

My other friend is a Raiders fan. His team was in position to go all the way and lost their star quarterback with a broken leg. They had to play with their third string quarterback and then lost to the Broncos.

I told a friend I didn't know what to write about this week, so I might have to pick a fight with My Sweet Al. Thankfully for him, I won't have to sink to that level. I just got word that our prodigal son is coming home with a new walk of faith and

a lot of snide remarks.

"The faith, I understand. But I sure don't know where he gets all his side-eyed snide remarks from."

The big news for this house? Our son is finally coming home after living and working in the Philippines for over 10 years. As he would say, "This time is for real."

"Shall I expect this change or is this the first stage of me becoming delusional?"

He has struggled with his decision to return to the U.S. for the last two years. He wasn't leaving without his dogs.

"What is it with these Slade men and their dogs?"

He will miss his friends and he finally found a church that he loves. He has also been helping a number of people who live in impoverished communities. People he has become endeared to.

This episode of "The Prodigal Son Returns" began with an email, "Mother, pray. I have an interview with a U.S. company at 7 a.m. your time. I'm sick to my stomach."

On my knees for another time and another answer. I prayed. At 8:30 a.m., I knew God answered. I wrote back and told him, "God answered and I actually heard angels sing."

He replied, "When I read you heard angels singing, my first thought was 'Seriously?' You don't think I have more important things on my mind right now? Then I

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read it again. If you weren't getting squawking or feedback from your hearing aides, and if you really heard angels singing at 8:30 a.m. your time, I may know why. But I'll hold back on what I think it might mean for now."

Our son says his move back home will be, "walking by faith, not forte." I like that, maybe I'll steal that and append my resolution.

My new motto for 2017, "Laugh more and walk by faith, not forte."

After my son and I exchanged Facebook messages so he could update me on his interview and next steps, he said, "I've decided to move back but I am coming with my two golden retrievers".

The last thing I wanted to hear from my son was soon to follow. "By the way, Reyna might be pregnant."

It is a bit uncustomary even for me, but I am thankful that the potentially pregnant, but not betrothed, is a dog.

I'm not actually sure if he was even serious, but he does know how to get under my skin.

He writes, "I've decided if the firstborn is a female, I'll name her after you. We can call her Little Rae Rae."

There are worse things I could have said, but I wrote back, "Please

don't bring home a pregnant dog. Besides, Rae Rae sounds like a rapper."

To that, he fired back, "Jesus, let Reyna be pregnant; Mother needs a new friend. Besides, if the newspaper gig doesn't work out, her and Rae Rae could always hit the Pagosa Bar on open mic night and rap her gossip column. 'What's happening in and around Pagosa by Beep Bop Betty and Little Rae Rae.' Amen."

I must be becoming delusional. Do I get back on my knees in prayer or roll my eyes to the heavens? How badly do I want this child home? It would be easier to love him from afar.

Our son wrote one last message as I held fast to every ounce of Jesus in me. "I let one of the guys from the street read your article. You truly amaze me, Mother. He stared at the page for a few minutes then said you were a gifted writer. How about that? You even get accolades from someone who can't read English."

Final brushstroke: If I don't laugh more in 2017, I might cry, or even lose my mind. I won't have to pick a fight with My Sweet Al; something tells me I will have plenty to write about this year. Only next time, I won't be so quick to pray and listen for singing an-

gels. I'm resolved to laugh more, and walk by faith, but not by forte. But discerning any illusions, it is like what the young lady said, "It Depends. Whatever happens, there will definitely be a change in 2017."

Readers' comments

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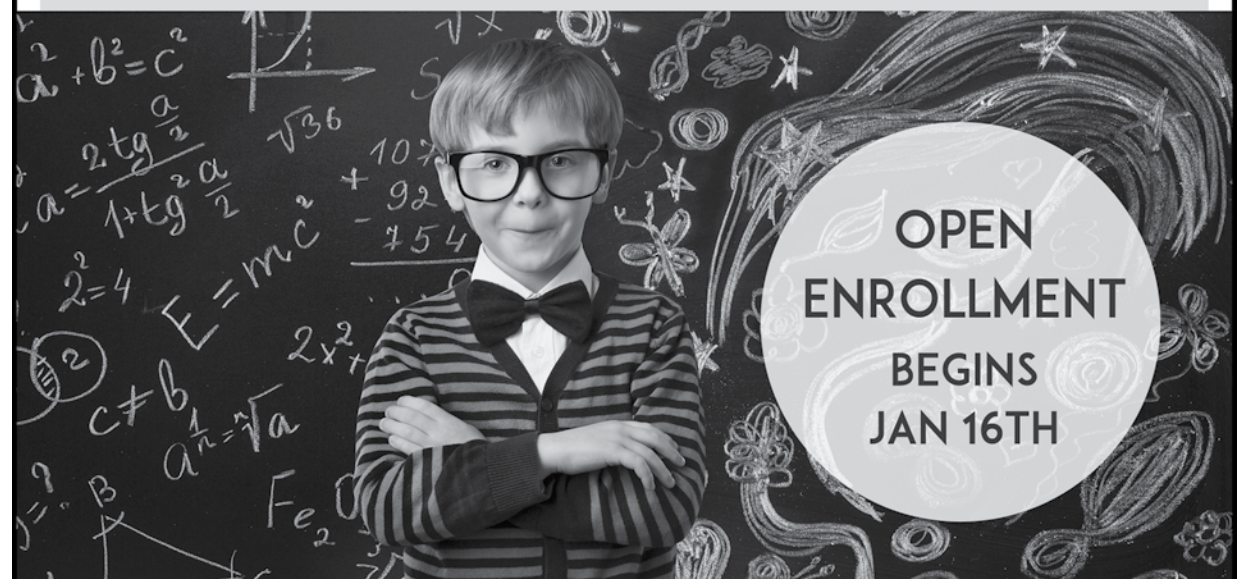
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Education programs now available through Extension office

By Roberta Tolan
PREVIEW Columnist

One great way to start the New Year is to take a class.

The Colorado State University Extension office is now offering a number of educational opportunities for the public on topics including radon awareness, beef production, gardening at high altitude and CPR/first aid certification training.

This is a great opportunity to learn something new or increase your knowledge of a favorite topic. The following classes are now being offered. Please call the Extension office today at 264-5931 to preregister.

Free radon classes and test kits

January is Radon Awareness Month and Extension is offering two free classes to learn the importance of awareness and possible mitigation. As part of the class, each attendee will receive a free radon test kit for their home while supplies last.

Classes are scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and again on Feb. 15 at 10:30 a.m. Both classes will be located at the Extension building at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds. To preregister, call 264-5931.

Beef symposium

The 34th annual San Juan Basin Beef Symposium will take place in Pagosa Springs on Feb. 8 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds at 344 U.S. 84.

Learn the trends of the cattle market and what is driving it from the director of the Livestock Mar-

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keting and Information Center. A panel of direct market producers will also talk about how they have developed niche markets and sell directly to their market to increase profits. The afternoon will be spent learning about beef quality assurance and a certification test for New Mexico and Colorado will be available.

The cost for a full day of education and a delicious hot beef lunch is only \$25 if registration is received by Feb. 3. To register or for questions, contact the Extension office at 264-5931 or mail your check made out to Archuleta County Extension to P.O. Box 370, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Gardening and landscaping series

Winter is a great time to think, plan and learn about how to grow successfully at high altitude. Whether you are a novice gardener, new to Pagosa Country or want to plant a landscape this spring, these classes are for you.

All classes are located at the Extension building at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds, run 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and cost \$35 per class or \$150 for the entire series. Pre-registration is required by calling 264-5931. Class topics and dates are as follows:

Feb. 9: "All You Need to Know

About Gardening in the Mountains" — Including water, climate, growing season, wildlife and microclimates. Class is delivered live and electronically with question-and-answer availability.

Feb. 16: "Soils, Fertilizers and Amendments" — Taught by Darrin Parmenter, Extension agent in La Plata County.

March 2: "Tree and Shrub Selection, Planting and Maintenance" — Taught by Roberta Tolan, Extension agent in Archuleta County.

Thursday, March 9: "The State of Our Forests" — Including insect pressures and trends, and fire mitigation. Taught by Kent Grant, Colorado State Forest Service and Matt Tuten, Pagosa Ranger District.

March 14: "Vegetable Gardening in the Mountains" — Taught by Darrin Parmenter.

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.

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Reach your 2017 health goals with the incredible egg

By Michele Worthington
Special to The PREVIEW

It can be tough to get your health back on track after the feasts and treats that come along with the holiday season. If you have set health and wellness resolutions for the new year, then you will benefit from adding eggs to a balanced diet, thanks to the high-quality protein and essential vitamins eggs provide.

The Colorado Egg Producers (CEP) Association wants to help Coloradans on the road to good health this year by educating you on the many health benefits of the incredible, edible egg.

While eggs can be a great addition to your diet to help you lose weight, get fit or just feel better, consuming eggs regularly can also help reduce your risk of stroke by 12 percent.

A new study published in the Journal of American College of Nutrition in 2016 compared egg consumption with the risk of heart disease and stroke and found that consuming one egg daily can decrease your risk of stroke.

The Egg Nutrition Center (ENC), the research division of the American Egg Board, provided support for the study. These findings also come on the heels of years of research demonstrating that healthy adults can enjoy eggs without significantly impacting their risk of heart disease. To learn more about what these findings mean for you from ENC's executive director, Tia M. Rains, Ph.D., visit www.eggnutritioncenter.org/blog/.

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Parenting a teenager made easier

By John Lough
Special to The PREVIEW

Yes, being the parent of a teen can be made “easier,” but sorry, it’s probably never going to be “easy.” The teenage years are a difficult time in the life of a young person and, unfortunately, that usually makes for a difficult time in the life of the parents.

Teens don’t consciously mean to be noncommunicative, withdrawn and perhaps even hostile when it comes to a relationship with parents. In reality, teens are more often confused, scared and simply unsure of themselves, but instead of wanting to let others, especially those in charge, see those “weaknesses,” the defense mechanism is to try and keep as much information as possible from the parental units.

What makes the teen years so difficult are the personal changes and situations facing your child. School

is probably more challenging than it was a few years before. At the same time, the teen is dealing with a body that is maturing, hormonal changes and increased pressure about unknowns like college or a career.

Meanwhile, your role is as the authority figure, setting rules and limits. The result is your teen is more likely to talk and share feelings with friends than with you. Why? Friends are usually less critical, less judgmental and more likely to be facing the same issues. And friends don’t try to parent, but you do.

The cure isn’t to give up your parenting role, but simply to soften it a bit. Invest some time in the things that interest your teen — friends, food, TV, video games and other favorite activities. Encourage your teen to invite friends to the house and spend some time listening to your child’s favorite music. Your goal isn’t to like any of your teen’s choices, but rather to demonstrate that you

understand and respect your teen’s decisions.

Teen parenting frustration can also be lessened by simply offering communication opportunities. Be available to your teen and learn to ask questions and really listen non-critically to any responses. Don’t immediately offer advice or criticism. Giving your opinion or suggestion without being asked is a sure-fire way to shut down communication.

Your goal is for your teen to see you not just as a parent, but also as someone who respects him or her and is willing to listen without giving instant advice or judgments. Achieve that and the teenage years may indeed seem easier, at least from the parent’s side.

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Eggs

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ing can help build muscle strength and keep you feeling full longer. The health benefits of the egg are truly incredible,” said Bill Scebbi, executive director of the CEP.

At only 70 calories, one large egg contains six grams of high-quality protein (13 percent of the recommended daily value) and all nine essential amino acids, as well as essential vitamins and minerals, including choline, Vitamin A, several B vitamins and calcium.

According to the American Egg Board, eating eggs can help you achieve your optimum health in the following areas:

- **Weight management:** The high-quality protein in eggs helps you to feel fuller longer and stay energized, which contributes to maintaining a healthy weight. Protein found in eggs provides steady and sustained energy because it does not cause surges in blood sugar or insulin levels which can lead to an energy “crash”.

- **Muscle strength and muscle-loss prevention:** Research indicates that high-quality protein may help active adults build muscle strength and help prevent muscle loss in middle-aged and aging adults. Consuming eggs post-exercise can also maximize muscle repair.

- **Healthy pregnancy:** Egg yolks are an excellent source of choline, an essential nutrient that contributes to fetal brain development and helps prevent birth defects. Two eggs contain about 250 milligrams of choline, or roughly half of the recommended daily intake for pregnant and breastfeeding women. Everyone, especially pregnant women, should cook their eggs thoroughly to kill any bacteria that may be present.

- **Brain function:** Choline also aids the brain function of adults by maintaining the structure of brain cell membranes, and is a key component of the neurotransmitter that helps relay messages from the brain through nerves to the muscles.

- **Eye health:** Lutein and zeaxanthin, two antioxidants found in egg yolks, help prevent macular degeneration, a leading cause of age-related blindness. Though eggs contain a small amount of these two nutrients, research shows that the lutein from eggs may be more bioavailable than lutein from other food sources.

Learn more about the health benefits of eggs and healthy recipes by following the CEP on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest. To learn more about CEP, please visit www.coloradoeggproducers.com.



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PCNT to consider ‘New Beginnings with Cause’

By Carla Ryan
Special to The PREVIEW

Every creation or new beginning starts with a thought, an idea, a cause. Thus, the Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) will end its month-long theme on Sunday with the topic “New Beginnings with Cause” at the 10:30 a.m. service, presented by the Rev. Carla Ryan.

The music will also follow the concept of this topic.

The Science of Mind (SOM) philosophy, part of the New Thought movement, is based on principles found common in the world’s major religions. These divine principles include: love, joy, harmony, abundance, peace and others. Such principles become the basis behind the prayers and intentions of human creation and all are part of the one Divine Intelligence, also referred to as First Cause, Spirit, or God.

When our intentions come from and are based on these unchanging principles, the thing or experience we are creating tends to be more pure, more true to our desired result. Ryan will share the power of First Cause and the ways we can tap into this creative process.

Then next week, the fifth Sunday of this month, Jan. 29, starting at 10:30 a.m., PCNT will feature a movie message titled “One: A Contemporary Journey Toward a Timeless Destiny” (80 minutes). A study guide will be offered to accompany



Constance d'Angelis

the film and the opportunity for discussion following. That day’s service may run a little longer than usual. Everyone is welcome.

The February schedule is growing with additional gatherings, including open class-like gatherings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 8 and 22 to discuss the basics of SOM prayer (also known as spiritual mind treatment). Further details will be published in the next couple of weeks and on the church website.

There is also a workshop planned for Feb. 11 titled “Win/Won in 7 Steps” (12:30-4 p.m.) that will be presented by Constance d'Angelis.

The suggested donation for the workshop is \$18 and includes a workbook, as well as the opportunity to: 1. achieve success no mat-

ter the obstacles; 2. tips and tools to avoid stress, anxiety and worry; and 3. reach your goals using techniques that change the brain. Visit www.PagosaNewThought.org for more details about the workshop and the instructor.

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 concepts for a positive, joyful life. Everyone is welcome.

Weekly Sunday gatherings (10:30 a.m.) are held at the PCNT center at 2800 Cornerstone Drive, Unit 3 (across the parking lot from the Sears store). Twice monthly, class-like gatherings will start in February.

For information about the church or New Thought in general, attend a Sunday service, send an email to: PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 749-9020, or send 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: ‘Turning Into the Skid’

By Munro Sickafoose
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a program titled “Turning Into the Skid,” with New Mexico visitor the Rev. Munro Sickafoose, this Sunday, Jan. 22, for its regular service.

It’s that time of year when you come around the corner, hit a patch of ice and suddenly you are sliding out of control. Your reptile brain is going, “I’m going to die!” For many of us, life has felt like that since the election. That familiar road we drive on has suddenly turned treacherous and it feels like we are sliding out of control. What shall we do? Sickafoose will explore ways of moving ahead in uncertain times.

Sickafoose is a community minister affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Fe, N.M., where he focuses on healing the human relationship with the earth and preparing our communities for the many challenges we face in the decades ahead.

This program reflects the Unitarian Universalist principles of

“A free and responsible search for truth and meaning” and “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.”

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.

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His arm around my shoulders

By Theresa Lussi
Special to The PREVIEW

Blue eyes, just like mother's and my little blue dress blended with the summer sky, troubled heart, yet no tears, only fear and bewilderment. Stillness of the morning shattered by her piercing screams. The ambulance has taken her away, but where? I am alone now. Where is everyone? So quiet. But wait — I am no longer alone. Who is this gentle stranger with His arm around my shoulders, without a word spoken, assuring me of His protection? At 5, I didn't know, couldn't understand.

Mama's gone now, never coming back. But life goes on, a new beginning. My school years passed so quickly; struggles, heartaches, fun times, too. I had so many questions, yet didn't know how to ask. Through it all, my daddy's love and a smile that said, "you're mine, I'm proud of you and I love you." And my big sister who had to be mom for such a time. This is grace, God's grace, though not recognized as such at the time. So many blessings.

This journey of blessings brings

A Matter of Faith

the man of my dreams, a wedding and beautiful babies. But, Lord, I don't have a clue how to do this. No one told me how to be a wife, let alone a mother. Yet, somehow, You brought us through.

Wonderful grandchildren, already grown, and great-grandchildren I never expected to see, are reminders of how swiftly the years pass and that our lives are but a vapor.

Suddenly, a light dawned and I knew, I knew: He's been here all the time, the gentle "stranger" with His arm around my shoulders. No longer a stranger, but one who is known intimately and is as near as a whispered prayer.

Skies are still blue, but sunset is just on the horizon with its hues of pinks and oranges, a hint of the glory that awaits and the glorious

day when I will see Him face to face.

"And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed." — Deuteronomy 31:8, Joshua 1:9.

Gentle Shepherd, loving Father, You calm the storms, drive away the darkness and wrap me in the shelter of Your wings, promising never to leave nor forsake me. Make me ever aware of Your arm around my shoulders, give me the grace to believe, the simple faith of a little child and a heart that beats only for You. In gratitude, Your daughter.

Writers' group

You are invited to write for "A Matter of Faith." Send your articles to betty@bettyslade.com.

If you want to learn more about writing, you are invited to become part of an exciting writers' group in Pagosa Springs.

The Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network Writers' Critique Group meets on Monday mornings at 9 a.m. at CrossRoad Christian Fellowship.

For further details, email betty@bettyslade.com.

THRIVE to commemorate National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday with open house

By Sherri Renfrow
Special to The PREVIEW

On Jan. 22, THRIVE will commemorate National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday to raise awareness about the incomparable worth of every human life and to remind the community about the programs offered at THRIVE.

Please stop by THRIVE at 602 S. 8th St. any time between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and desserts, tour the building and learn about our programs.

National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday was declared a special day in 1984 by President Reagan

to focus on the fundamental right to life.

THRIVE offers services and resources related to pregnancy, sexual health and families. These include prenatal care, well-woman checks (including cervical and breast cancer screenings), pregnancy tests, limited obstetrical ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment, prenatal vitamins, childbirth education, parenting classes, mentoring and life coaching, car seats and baby needs. All services are free and confidential.

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St Patrick's announces new book topics for Celtic Spirituality Community

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

The Celtic Spirituality Community that meets at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will be embarking on new book discussions based on Richard Rohr's "What the Mystics Know: Seven Pathways to your Deeper Self" and Ian Bradley's "The Celtic Way."

The new book studies will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m. in the church library.

"This would be a wonderful time to join the group if you have wanted to learn more about this very ancient way of Christianity and how it can impact your walk with God," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and discussion facilitator for the group.

"Many who have been a part of this group have found that the study of Celtic spirituality truly enriches their spiritual relationship with God, enlightening their own

journey in faith," said Neel.

The class began three years ago and has attracted people from many denominations and faith beliefs.

"We are not exclusive to just Episcopalians," said Neel. "We invite anyone interested in learning more about this fascinating ancient spirituality. It has proven to be life-changing for a number of people."

St. Patrick's is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. For more information about this class or other parish ministries, call 731-5801.

Solar astronomer and Pagosan to talk about our closest star Jan. 26

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

The regular meeting of the San Juan Stargazers on Thursday, Jan. 26, will be more exciting than usual, if that is even possible.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center conference room.

Our newest club member, Stephen Keil, Ph.D., will be speaking about solar astronomy. He is an expert on the subject and was the director of the National Solar Observatory at Kitt Peak from 1999-2013. He is also a consultant for the new solar telescope currently under construction in Hawaii, which will revolutionize our understanding of the magnetic process on the sun and its impact on the earth.

It is an honor and great privilege to have such an expert share with us. We invite everyone in Pagosa to come and meet your neighbors, and we especially hope to see students who have an interest in astronomy. Keil is preparing his talk for our interest, education and enjoyment.

As a club, we are preparing for the solar eclipse on Aug. 21. You can start making your plans to view

it here with protective glasses as a partial eclipse, or you can go to Wyoming, where you can experience amazing totality. There will also be special viewing programs at Chimney Rock National Monument.

We have the schedule for next summer's Night Sky Programs at Chimney Rock. We can always use more telescope operators and we will gladly train you for what will become a highlight of your life. You can either bring your own telescope or use one that is owned by Chimney Rock Interpretive Association. It is a wonderful opportunity to develop a skill, be learning about our universe and at the same time, help others to learn, while being with an exceptional team of knowledgeable and caring volunteers.

The San Juan Stargazers are part of the Astronomical League, which includes clubs all over the U.S. We have a website, www.sanjuanstargazers.com as well as an email address, sjstargazers@gmail.com, and a club phone number, 335-8286.

We encourage anyone interested in learning more about our amazing universe to come to our events. Hope to see you.

New photo contest event for the 2017 Monte Vista Crane Festival

By Ruthanne Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

It's been said that it's near to impossible to take a bad picture in Colorado's scenic San Luis Valley. So, this year the Monte Vista Crane Festival (March 10-12) is hosting its first annual photo contest, with a theme of "What you love most about nature in the San Luis Valley."

Send in your pictures and let the Crane Fest judges see what you've got. Your submission could capture the moment you spotted a dragonfly perched on a cattail or a cyclist with the majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountains looming in the background. Or, perhaps it was that wonderful moment when your child was transfixed by the velvety

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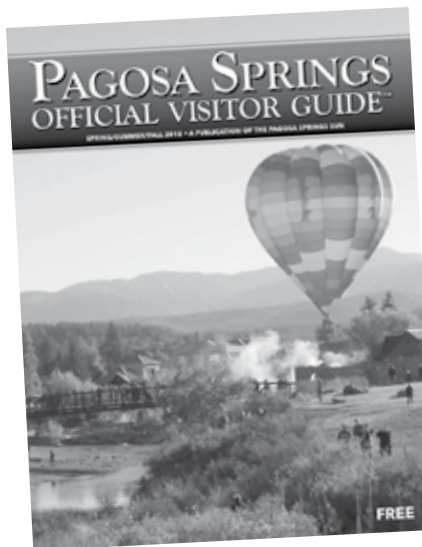
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VA announces call center to help veterans with Choice Program billing issues

Veterans can now work directly with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to resolve debt-collection issues resulting from inappropriate or delayed Choice Program billing.

In step with MyVA's efforts to modernize the VA's customer-focused, veteran-centered services capabilities, a Community Care Call Center has been set up for veterans experiencing adverse credit reporting or debt collection resulting from inappropriately billed Choice Program claims. Veterans experiencing these problems can call (877) 881-7618 for assistance.

"As a result of the Veterans Choice Program, community providers have seen thousands of veterans. We continue to work to make the program more veteran-friendly," said Dr. David Shulkin, undersecretary for health. "There should be no bureaucratic burden that stands in the way of veterans getting care."

The new call center will work to resolve instances of improper veteran billing and assist community care medical providers with delayed payments. VA staff are also trained and ready to work with the medical providers to expunge adverse credit reporting on veterans resulting from delayed payments to providers.

The VA is urging veterans to continue working with their VA primary care team to obtain necessary health care services regardless of adverse credit reporting or debt-collection activity.

The VA acknowledges that de-

Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



layed payments and inappropriately billed claims are unacceptable and have caused stress for veterans and providers alike. The new call center is the first step in addressing these issues. The VA presented The Plan to Consolidate Community Care in October 2015 that outlines additional solutions to streamline processes and improve timely provider payment.

For more information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.
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ture and Young Photographer (ages 10-20 years old). There will also be honorable mentions and a People's Choice award. There is no fee for entries. All photos must have been taken in the Rio Grande watershed.

Photo entries will be accepted through Feb. 15. For more information about contest rules and how to submit a photo, visit www.cityofmontevista.com/2266/Media.

DO I NEED TO HAVE A TRUST FOR MY ASSETS?

Whether you should put your assets in a trust is not a question with a simple answer. Unless you have assets more than \$5.45 million (\$10.9 million for a married couple), there are no federal estate taxes for 2017. Colorado does not have an estate tax nor are there any taxes on any asset you may inherit, called an inheritance tax. These laws can change any time Congress or the General Assembly meets.

A trust can be used to protect assets for a child, someone that is mentally or physically disabled, or someone that simply cannot manage money. Some taxes, like capital gains taxes, can be delayed but eventually the tax collector will want to be paid.

A candid discussion with an attorney and your tax preparer will help you decide what will work for you and your potential heirs and whether you may need further advice from other advisers.



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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Jan. 19

Medicare 101. 10:30 a.m., Sisson Library. San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging volunteer Medicare counselors will offer a free Medicare class. Space is limited. Call 264-0501, ext. 2 to reserve your spot.

Overeaters Anonymous. 11 a.m., Centerpoint Church library. Open to everyone. For more information, call Leslie at 799-0775.

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

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

Medicaid and Connect for Health Session. 1-1:45 p.m., Sisson Library. Kevin O'Connor from San Juan Basin Health and Renee Burch from the Archuleta County Department of Human Services will discuss options and changes to Medicaid and Connect for Health. 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.

Steampunk Crafts. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Stop by to make jewelry and knickknacks from gears and whatever else we can find. For youth in the 5th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Buyer and Cellar.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Alex More has a story to tell. A struggling actor in Los Angeles, he takes a job working for beloved megastar Barbra Streisand. Streisand does indeed have a mall, with shops and all, in her Malibu mansion's basement. One day, the lady herself comes down to play. It feels like real bonding in the basement, but will their relationship ever make it upstairs? For tickets and more information, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Friday, Jan. 20

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.

Free Screenings. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. San Juan Basin Health Department, screenings on total cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure checks, referrals and translations for Spanish speakers.

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

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

Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to talk about what you've been reading and to help us choose our next books. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Movie. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. The sequel to Pixar's smash hit "Finding Nemo." For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Saturday, Jan. 21

Fix-It-Free Day. Local computer technicians will donate their time and used parts at no charge to provide technical assistance. Computer repairs are by appointment only on Jan. 21. To schedule an appointment and prove eligibility, call The Training Advantage at 264-5627, ext. 1 or 2 before noon on Jan. 20.

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center.

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 fam-

ily life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Earth Community Open House. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sisson Library. There will be healthy snacks to eat while people socialize. We will have the Women's March on Washington, D.C., live stream-

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ing on a large screen to follow what is happening. Multiple local environmental groups will briefly present information about their goals, membership, etc. We will also continue the discussion of environmental issues and specific things that our community can do.

Yoga: Laugh and Let Go. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Community Center. This class explores the ancient technique of chi self-massage followed by a lighter yoga asana practice. Call 264-4152 for more information.

All-Ages Art. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For this all-ages workshop, we'll be painting and getting creative with watercolors. No experience necessary, just be ready to experiment. This may be messy, so dress accordingly. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Chamber Member Annual Gala: 'Prosperity Through Change.' 6-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse. There will be live entertainment and delicious food and beverage stations and a cash bar. Tickets for the event may be purchased online at www.pagosachamber.com or in person at the Chamber for \$30 per person. Call 264-2360 for further information.

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Sunday, Jan. 22

THRIVE Open House. 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., THRIVE, 602 South 8th St. THRIVE will commemorate National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Stop by to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and desserts, tour the building and learn about our programs.

Pi Beta Phi. 1:45 p.m. Alumnae Escape Room adventure. RSVP to Carole Howard. Limit of eight people in the room for maximum fun, but others can observe through a one-way window. Find more information at Pagosaescapezone.com.

Thingamajig Theatre Presents

'Buyer and Cellar.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Alex More has a story to tell. A struggling actor in Los Angeles, he takes a job working for beloved megastar Barbra Streisand. Streisand does indeed have a mall, with shops and all, in her Malibu mansion's basement. One day, the lady herself comes down to play. It feels like real bonding in the basement, but will their relationship ever make it upstairs? For tickets and more information, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Square Dance With the High Country Squares. 2-4 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Mainstream and Plus Squares dancing with Richard Berry calling. Contact Steve 731-0044.

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

Monday, Jan. 23

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.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS). 3:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Monthly meeting. Everyone welcome. Call Phyl Daleske at 731-4589 for more information.

Family Reading Night. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for a short session of stories and ideas on how to support your child on his or her path to becoming a great reader. The youth services librarian, Michael Bradley, will be read-

ing stories and sharing tips for parents on how to make reading aloud an everyday practice. Kids are welcome, too. We'll have snacks, books and activities. This program is brought to you in partnership with Seeds of Learning. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Tuesday, Jan. 24

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

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

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

Radon Class and Free Test Kit. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Extension Office. Registration required. Radon can be a problem in most counties in Colorado, including Archuleta County. Test kits will

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Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Dr. Kevin Kelly at (505) 699-0824 for more information.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Teen Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect. Wii and snacks. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

St. Patrick's Celtic Spirituality Community. 6 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. We will be embarking on a new book discussion based on Richard Rohr's "What the Mystics Know: Seven Pathways to Your Deeper Self" and Ian Bradley's "The Celtic Way."

Night Yoga: YoGain. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center. YoGain is a fast-paced blend of yoga asana and body weight exercises designed to raise your heart rate and increase strength and flexibility. Open to all levels and abilities. Call 264-4152 for more information.

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Wednesday, Jan. 25

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

Library Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join Early Literacy Librarian Michael for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Storytime is a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

HELP (Healthy Eating Lifestyle Plan). Noon-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Weigh-in, support and more. Everyone welcome. Call Nancy Strait at 731-3427 for more information.

Movie. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Popcorn and beverages provided.

Coed Volleyball. 1-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Friendly, non-

competitive games open to all ages.

Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

Spanish Conversation. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Are you interested in practicing your Spanish skills with others? This informal meet-up gives the opportunity to increase fluency by speaking with other Spanish language learners. All are welcome. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 26

Overeaters Anonymous. 11 a.m., Centerpoint Church library. Open to everyone. For more information, call Leslie at 799-0775.

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 part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in any time. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Pagosa Peak Open School Enrollment Presentation. 7 p.m., 7 Parelli Way. Parents and community members can learn about the enrollment process for this public elementary school. For more information, contact Kierstan Renner at 946-6362 or go to www.pagosacharterschool.com.

San Juan Stargazers. 7 p.m., Visitor Center conference room. Dr. Stephen Keil will be speaking about solar astronomy. Go to www.sanjuanstargazers.com or call 335-8286 for more information.

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Friday, Jan. 27

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.

Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and

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Saturday, Jan. 28

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center.

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.

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. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Community Center. This class explores the ancient technique of chi self-massage followed by a lighter yoga asana practice. Call 264-4152 for more information.

Introduction to Computer Terms. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. What's a flash drive? What's the difference between uploading and downloading, hardware and software? This class will cover basic computer terminology and will leave time for specific questions.

Pi Beta Phi. 5 p.m., Ajia Restaurant. Alumnae and husbands will celebrate the Chinese New Year. RSVP to Carole Howard.

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Backcountry Film Festival. 7-8:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Immerse yourself in a night of films that capture the spirit of winter. Tickets are \$10-\$12 and can be purchased at cmc.org/bcff.

Sunday, Jan. 29

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Pagosa Uke Jam. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All levels welcome.

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

Monday, Jan. 30

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.

Caregiver Support Group. 10:30 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The

meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association. For more information, call 259-0122.

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

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

Tuesday, Jan. 31

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

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

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., Tavern Le Boeuf. The luncheon is \$12. Please call 946-1895 for your luncheon reservation by Jan. 30 so we can count on you to join us. Everyone is welcome.

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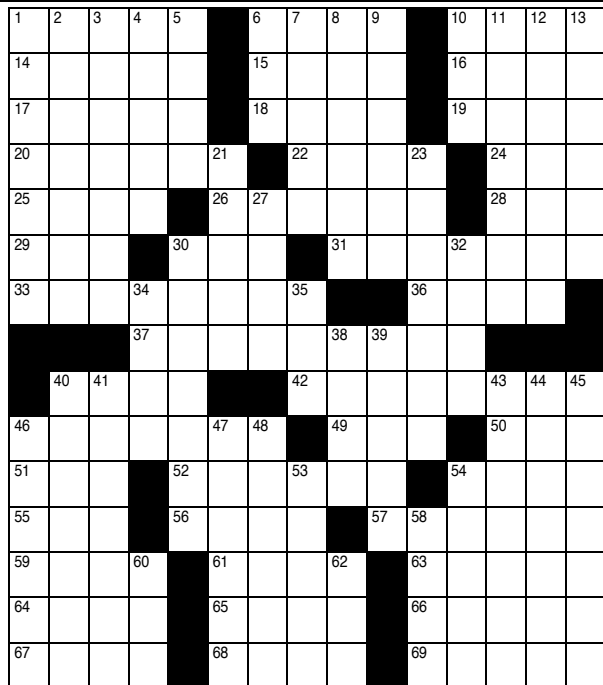
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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Took the series without a loss
- 6 Whole alternative
- 10 Farrier's tool
- 14 Mount Vernon, for one
- 15 Part of ABM
- 16 Like some grins
- 17 Lock horns
- 18 Turn's partner
- 19 Carpenter's groove
- 20 Golfer's wear
- 22 In case
- 24 Sun. sermonizer
- 25 Word with five or dive
- 26 Means of support
- 28 Hotel freebie
- 29 Scrape together
- 30 "___ lost!"
- 31 Railroad vehicle
- 33 Prosecutor's option
- 36 Attendee
- 37 Like Lucy
- 40 Collector's item
- 42 Low-pH blood condition
- 46 Beat
- 49 It covers a lot of ground
- 50 Deluge refuge
- 51 Dated
- 52 Strip bare
- 54 ___ gin fizz
- 55 Computer pros, briefly
- 56 Take home
- 57 Fret
- 59 Party snack
- 61 Commanded
- 63 Traction aid
- 64 Christmas decoration
- 65 Fit of fever
- 66 Turning point
- 67 Dry as dust



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DOWN

- 1 Atom _____ of DC Comics
- 2 Hostile
- 3 Soon to get hitched
- 4 Roo's refuge
- 5 Long haul
- 6 Calendar abbr.
- 7 Small hill
- 8 In and of _____
- 9 Prayer book
- 10 Roulette bet
- 11 Money hunger
- 12 Harley attachment
- 13 Short-billed wader
- 21 Radar reading
- 23 "King Lear," for one
- 27 Cast wearer's problem
- 30 Hand missile
- 32 Brouhaha

- 68 Nerdy one
- 69 Aquatic mammal
- 34 Flower with a bulb
- 35 Mad Hatter's drink
- 38 Dropped stuff
- 39 Treasure hunter, perhaps
- 40 Anthropologist's interest
- 41 Octogenarian, e.g.
- 43 Significant
- 44 When forging began
- 45 Summer pest, slangily
- 46 Lifts a finger?
- 47 Pekoe packet
- 48 Infuriate
- 53 Excessive
- 54 Blackjack play
- 58 Audio effect
- 60 "I told you so!"
- 62 Comic strip cry

Answer to Last Week's Crossword:

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All-ages art session and Family Reading Night

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Join us with your family and friends this Saturday, Jan. 21, from 3 to 4 p.m. for a special art session. We'll enjoy water coloring and marble painting. All ages are welcome. No experience or registration is needed.

Then on Monday, Jan. 23, we'll host an all-ages Family Reading Night from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This is a session of stories and ideas for how to support your children on their path to becoming great readers.

Michael will read stories and share tips with parents on how to make reading aloud an everyday practice. Kids are welcome — we'll have snacks, books and activities to keep the little ones happy. This program is brought to you in partnership with Seeds of Learning preschool.

Medicare 101 session today

Today, Thursday, Jan. 19, at 10:30 a.m., you can learn important information about Medicare. Understand your rights, options, deadlines, possible penalties and where to find the information you need.

Teen book club

Tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 20, from 2 to 3 p.m. is our first teen book club meeting of the year. Note the new day to accommodate our regular members' schedules. There will be no group book discussion — instead, this is a chance for teens to share what they've been reading and to vote on what books they'll read in 2017.

All-ages movie

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Jan.

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20, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for a Pixar smash hit movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to name the film's title in the media, but you can find it on the activities calendars.

Spanish conversation

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Teen role-playing

The role-playing game for sev-

enth- through 12th-graders takes place next Thursday, Jan. 26, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Tech sessions

Rachael is available for Tech Tuesday 10 a.m. to noon and Tech Thursday 2 to 4 p.m. Drop in with your technology questions.

Teen gaming

Teen gaming happens every Tuesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teen gaming fans in the seventh through 12th grades. Enjoy X-box 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Kids storytime

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Every Saturday from 9:05 to 9:25 a.m., join Michael for a 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 Michael for 30 minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays with open play afterwards. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life.

Activities calendars

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

DVDs

“Suicide Squad” features super villains. “Florence Foster Jenkins” stars Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant. “The Legend of 1900” is a magical story of a young boy living on a cruise ship. “Cabaret” and “A Chorus Line” are the Broadway smash hits as musical films. “The Iron Lady” stars Meryl Streep as Margaret Thatcher. “Man from Earth” is a sci-fi film.

Nonfiction

“Facebook for Seniors” by Carrie, Chris and Cheryl Ewin shows you how to connect with friends and family in 12 easy lessons. “Books for Living” by Will Schwalbe explores the power of books to shape our lives in an era of constant connectivity. “Hemingway at War” by Terry Mort tells of Ernest Hemingway’s adventures as a World War II journalist.

Thrillers and mysteries

“Stalking Ground” by Margaret Mizushima is a Timber Creek K-9 mystery. “The Chemist” by Stephanie Meyer features an ex-government agent who must take one more case to clear her name. “The Bone Collection” by Kathy Reichs is a collection of short fiction by the author behind the Fox

“Bones” series. “Mischling” by Afinity Konar focuses on two young girls in Mengele’s experimental population at Auschwitz. “Black Water” by Louise Doughty explores some of the darker events of recent history through the story of one troubled man.

Other novels

“The Liberation” by Ian Tregillis is the final book in the trilogy featuring a mechanical man named Jax. “The Sound of Seas” by Gillian Anderson and Jeff Rovin is the final book in the EarthEnd saga. “Sweet Tomorrows” by Debbie Macomber is the final book in the Rose Harbor series. “The Queen of the Night” by Alexander Chee follows an American orphan who becomes a sensation at the Paris Opera. “The Gloaming” by Melanie Finn, set in East Africa, was a New York Times notable book of 2016. “The Mistress” by Danielle Steel features a woman saved from starving by a Russian billionaire. “BloodVow” by J.R. Ward is the latest in the Black Dagger Brotherhood series. “Imagine Me Gone” by Adam Haslett follows a family dealing with the depression of the father. “Reputations” by Juan Gabriel Vasquez tells of an influential political cartoonist who has his sense of personal history upended.

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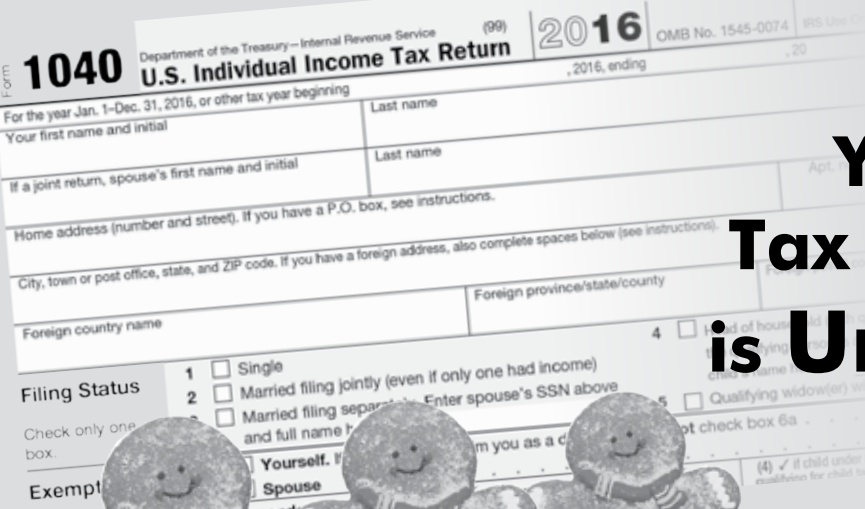
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Activists, prohibition and automobiles in Pagosa Country

The Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) formed in the late 1800s as a powerful nationwide organization dedicated to, among other things, women's suffrage, religion and the prohibition of drinking alcoholic beverages.



Pagosa's Past

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When the 19th Amendment was approved in 1920, women gained the right to vote on a national scale. Prohibition was enacted in 1920 and discontinued in 1933.

A WCTU chapter was active in Pagosa Country, especially during the 1910s, as evidence by the following news items.

Remember, by the 1910s, most of the income supporting the town was garnered from so-called sin taxes, such as the sale of liquor licenses and permission to conduct prostitution. If you don't believe me, read the town income ledgers for that period of time, where you'll find a record of the money collected.

When Charlie Schaad's liquor license was renewed in May of 1912, he was restricted to "five small lunch tables and 15 stools in his saloon in place of a bar." Schaad's earliest saloon was probably located in the building on Pagosa Street that later became Town Hall.

Bostwick Bros. and J.B. Martinez were allowed one pool table, one desk chair and seven other chairs each.

By February of 1916, the town adopted Ordinance 109, "An ordinance prohibiting the manufacture, selling, bartending, exchanging, or giving away of intoxicating liquors within the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado."

Liquor sales were banned throughout Archuleta County. When I first started attending local historical society meetings in the early 1970s, prohibition and the locations of stills was a favorite discussion topic among the members who had lived through that period of history. From their talk, the plentiful availability of alcoholic drinks was obvious.

During this period of time, automobiles had also arrived on the local scene and the purchase of such a contrivance would surely get your name in the newspaper. On Sept. 9, 1912, Ordinance 98 was adopted regulating the use of autos in Pagosa Springs. Often, vehicle owners drove town streets during summer months and parked during winter months. Seldom was an auto driven from Pagosa Springs to a neighboring town. That activity had to await the construction of roads suitable

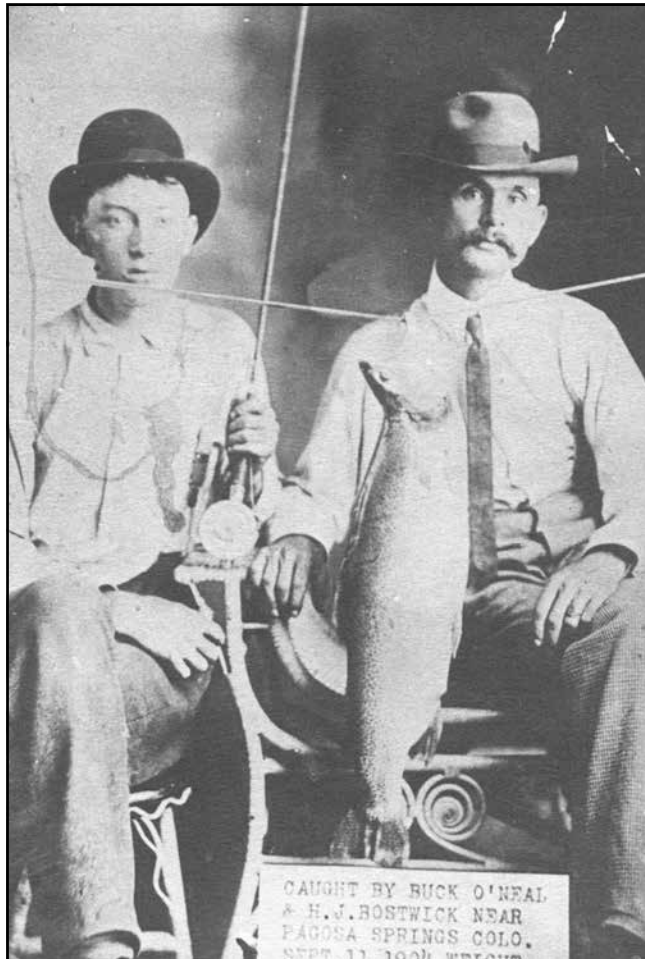


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Pictured are Buck O'Neal, left, and H.J. Bostwick with a huge trout caught circa 1904 in the San Juan River near town. Buck seems to be using a fly rod. Old timers used to enjoy telling many stories about Buck's addiction to fishing and creativity in finding places to fish, especially off-limit places.

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for automotive suspension systems and the employment and training of road maintenance departments by states, counties and cities.

Before the adoption of automobiles, many communities, including Pagosa Springs, supported horse-drawn wagon manufacturing businesses. Maintenance on wagons was accomplished by livery stables. The emergence of automobiles required training for mechanics, invention of suitable tools for automobile maintenance and, naturally, a place to buy gasoline and oil.

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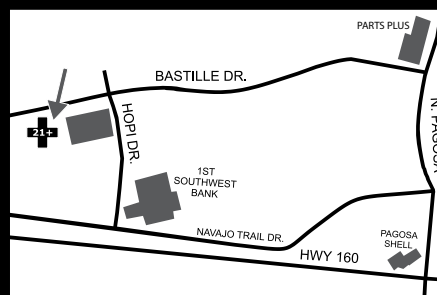
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Next health and wellness program date Jan. 23

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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

The program includes wellness, blood pressure monitoring or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice. There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C. Zappone has been a nurse practitioner for six years and is a long-time resident of Pagosa Springs. She understands the difficulties obtaining health care in a rural area and how these obstacles can be greater for seniors. The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next scheduled visit by Zappone will be Jan. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Computer center

The Senior Center is now providing 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.

Volunteer help available at computer center

A volunteer will be at the computer center on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help with your computer issues. Bring your computer or use one of ours.

Medical alert system

Medical alert monitoring systems are available for seniors. We can help you get set up with a system and assist with the monthly service charges or if you already have a system in place, we can help supplement the monthly service fees. Please call 264-2167 for more information or to sign up.

Medicare Mondays

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

Here are some quick tips: If you are collecting Social Security, you will be automatically enrolled in

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Medicare parts A and B. We can help you pick a Part D Prescription Drug Plan. If you don't enroll in a Part D plan, you could face penalties. If you are new to Medicare, you have an eight-month Special Enrollment Period to sign up for parts A, B and D around your 65th birthday. Medicare starts after your employment ends or the group health insurance plan based on your current employment ends, whichever happens first. You do not pay late penalties if you enroll within the eight-month Special Enrollment Period. COBRA and retiree health plans are not considered coverage based on current employment.

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

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

Memberships

Senior Discount Club memberships are offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

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

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 19 — Lemon-baked fish, baked sweet potatoes, yellow squash casserole, split pea

soup and salad bar.

Friday, Jan. 20 — Beef potpie, snap peas with mushrooms and water chestnuts, zucchini with onion and red bell pepper and salad bar.

Monday, Jan. 23 — Smoked beef and pork bratwurst with green and red peppers and onions, whole wheat bun, corn niblets, seasoned green beans, baked macaroni and cheese and salad bar.

Tuesday, Jan. 24 — Chicken Alfredo, fettuccine, roasted asparagus with walnuts, sautéed spinach with mushrooms and salad bar.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 — Teriyaki salmon, rice, whipped sweet potatoes, roasted cauliflower with red peppers and salad bar.

Thursday, Jan. 26 — Beef-stuffed peppers, rosemary potatoes, glazed carrots and salad bar.

Reservations and cancellations

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

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

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