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Feeding deer leads to lion kill downtown

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) officials are asking Pagosa Springs residents to stop feeding wildlife.

Deer, turkeys, small mammals and even mountain lions are being drawn to areas near downtown and that has a potential to cause problems for the animals and for people.

Putting out food for turkeys will bring in other animals such as deer, skunks and raccoons. People need to be aware that those animals are all typical prey for mountain lions.

Unnaturally high populations of prey animals attract mountain lions to areas where they can make easy kills, and such a situation was reported recently in Pagosa.

CPW recently received a report of a lion kill in a downtown backyard. The resident of the property had allegedly been feeding deer in the yard prior to the incident.

Intentionally feeding big game in Colorado is illegal and it causes animals to congregate unnaturally. Wildlife can quickly get habituated to human handouts and they'll stop seeking the

■ See Wildlife A8

Judge rules on Village at Wolf Creek request

By Ruth Heide
Alamosa Valley Courier

In the ongoing legal battle over the proposed Village at Wolf Creek development, U.S. District Court Judge William Martinez ruled on Friday that in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from Rocky Mountain Wild, the U.S. Forest Service did not have to provide third-party contractors' documents that had never been shared with the Forest Service.

Rocky Mountain Wild and partner organizations alleged that the Forest Service concealed and destroyed records

connected with the Village at Wolf Creek. After receiving 69,700 pages of documents, Rocky Mountain Wild alleged the Forest Service was still withholding pertinent information related to discussions over the Village and the Forest Service's decision granting a land exchange and access.

Rocky Mountain Wild filed a lawsuit under FOIA alleging the Forest Service had not properly responded to a November 2014 FOIA request for various documents.

The remaining disputed

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Photo courtesy Jim Adams

Jim and Debbie Adams were snowshoeing with Roland Seylar on the Piedra River trail last week when they met up with a couple of mountain lions. One of the cats retreated over the ridge while this cat went up a tree. According to Adams, the cats were intent on attacking the dogs until they saw the three humans. Colorado Parks and Wildlife advised that "people need to be aware and it's a good idea to carry a hiking pole. If you see a lion, don't turn and run, make yourself look big, talk firmly and loudly to the lion and back away slowly. Dogs should be controlled — either on a leash or in voice control."

■ See Flu A8

24 confirmed flu cases reported in county

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At least 24 cases of influenza have been diagnosed in Archuleta County this flu season, though none have led to hospitalization.

It is hard to know how exactly the flu seasons compare, with San Juan Basin Public Health Regional Epidemiologist Keri McCune explaining that providers are only mandated to report hospitalized cases to public health agencies.

The 24 cases reported to San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) were all reported by Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC).

PSMC's Jodi Scarpa, manager of executive offices, reported that the center's first flu diagnosis was shortly before Christmas.

"During the last five weeks, we have had a total of 24 influenza cases diagnosed through the ED [Emergency Department] and clinic (Influenza type A=22, Influenza Type B=2)," she reported in an email to The SUN.

PSMC staff also noted that while the current outbreak is big, it is too early to tell how it compares to last year.

Last season (Oct. 1, 2015 to Feb. 9, 2016), there were four hospitalized cases of the flu in the region, according to SJBPH's website.

■ See Flu A8



SUN photos/Marshall Dunham

Residents review and discuss the displays at the Town of Pagosa Springs' open house Tuesday evening pertaining to its comprehensive plan update. The open house is the first in a series of forums that will be conducted in updating the master plan, which is being called "Pagosa Springs Forward." Residents engaged with the consultant team along with officials and staff from the town on a wide variety of topics and issues.



Justice center: New year, new site?

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The decision of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Sept. 19 to locate the new county justice center on property the county owns on Hot Springs Boulevard appeared written in stone as recently as Jan. 17.

On that day, the finality of the September decision was a theme expressed during a work session of the board, newly constituted following the fall elections.

The Jan. 17 session was the initial event in which Commissioner Ron Maez, newly elected in November to replace the term-limited former commissioner Clifford Lucero, participated in an official board

function with re-elected incumbent Steve Wadley and Michael Whiting.

During the work session, Wadley said that the decision on the justice center location was made, and the county needed to move forward.

Maez added only a "sweetheart" offer of another site could justify revisiting the decision. And Whiting in turn acknowledged, "I got outvoted" in the September decision, which he had opposed.

But, at the board's work session on Jan. 31, a possibility emerged the board could still reconsider the decision. Under the agenda heading of "Items of Mutual Interest," Whiting suggested a different site might be

■ See Center A8

Incident leads to reminder about propane safety

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Following an incident Monday morning, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) is reminding residents to clean off and around propane tanks and meters to help prevent dangerous situations.

The PFPD responded to a reported chimney fire on Sunday night, as well as a propane leak early Monday morning.

The first call came in around 10:12 p.m. on Sunday evening, Jan. 29, reporting a chimney fire off of Driftwood Drive.

According to Capt. Kelly Robertson of the PFPD, a couple was

in the house and had a fire going in their woodstove.

A part of the stove began glowing, and the top of the chimney pipe began to spark, explained Robertson.

The male in the house used a tool designed for extinguishing chimney fires and took his wife and child to sit in their car.

Two firefighters later arrived to the scene and watered down where the fire was, which created steam that rose up the chimney pipe, said Robertson.

She said that the steam extinguished any fire or sparks that were in the chimney pipe.

■ See Incident A8

County projects decline of \$529,000 in revenue for 2018

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

Local residents were recently reminded by receipt of their 2016 tax bills that real estate millage rates applied to local property values are a major source of revenues supporting public services throughout Colorado.

But next year, tax bills in Archuleta County may be reduced by the effects of a previously obscure Colorado law. Here, as well as in other small, less affluent communities statewide, that will also lead to reduction of the revenue that supports of public services.

Services to residents commonly funded by real estate tax revenue in the state range from those provided by counties including road maintenance and law enforcement, to an array provided by innumerable special districts, such as fire protection, water supply, sewage disposal, libraries and education.

Although the reliance on real

estate for funding of this extensive range of services is universal in Colorado, the differences among communities in revenue that can be raised by levies on real estate are vast.

In large part, this is due to variations in the value of real estate. And those variations will cause uneven application of the Colorado law known as the Gallagher amendment and lead to decline of revenue in 2018 in small communities, but not in many larger communities.

According to data compiled by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), the total valuation of real estate in Colorado in 2016 was \$101 billion. The data was published by DOLA in January this year, in the preliminary findings of its Residential Assessment Rate Study for 2017-2018.

DOLA reported that nearly 80 percent of that total state valuation,

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

WinterFest: It will cure what ails you

Tired of shoveling snow? Are you out of places to put the piles of white stuff? Can you even see out your windows?

Have you been cooped up indoors while we experienced weeks and weeks of cloudy days and nights and what seemed like endless rain, sleet and snow?

Have the subzero and single-digit temperatures of late chilled you to your bones?

Are you and the rest of your family feeling restless? Are you sick and tired of winter and everything it brings?

Diagnosis: cabin fever.

The medical team at The SUN prescribes a weekend of WinterFest fun to cure you.

Shake off your winter blues with Saturday morning's colorful hot air balloon mass ascension taking place downtown around 8 a.m. Come out and show your appreciation for the pilots and their crews who have traveled for miles and miles to create an uplifting winter celebration.

Be sure to head on down to Yamaguchi Park on 5th Street by 9 a.m. for the Fat Bike race. The event benefits the Dust2 single-track trail project.

Following the bike race, the Mardi Gras Barkus Pet Parade will take place in Town Park at 11 a.m. Get your bark on while dressing both you and your canine up in Mardi Gras style for the occasion. There is a \$10 donation, which supports the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs and includes a cup of delicious gumbo. There will be prizes for the best costumes.

Once you have satisfied your appetite, you will want to congregate alongside the San Juan River to see just what being cooped up for too long during the winter has done to some poor souls who have completely lost their minds. You will witness some seriously insane people plunging into the San Juan River to benefit local charities in the Penguin Plunge. If you are feeling a little out of your mind, show up and register at noon before the craziness begins at 1 p.m.

The insanity will continue on Reservoir Hill with the Sledz on Rez race, formerly known as the Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race, at 2:30 p.m. (Registration at 2 p.m.) This isn't just any sled race. All entries are encouraged to be homemade. While speed is important, the critical element of this race is entertainment.

Super Bowl Sunday begins with another hot air balloon mass ascension at 8 a.m., this time over the Pagosa Lakes area.

At noon be sure to head over to Pagosa Brewing for fun and games at the WinterFest cornhole tournament before you settle in to watch the big game that afternoon. Yes, we had to Google "cornhole," too.

Don't forget that all events are weather-permitting.

We extend our sincere appreciation to those crazy locals who have created a weekend where we can all legally lose our minds and shake off the stress of winter.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

Where are your favorite potholes?



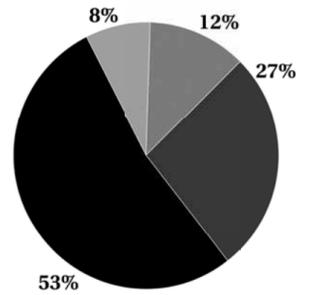
Ashley Wagle
"My road, Pines Drive."



Donna Bouwer
"I can't decide between County Road 335 or City Market."



Jessica Wellman
"I'd say Piedra."



Poll results (117 Votes)
Downtown — 27 percent
Pagosa Lakes — 53 percent
Aspen Springs — 8 percent
Other — 12 percent

This week online: Whose responsibility is it to develop arts in the community?
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LOOKING BACK



From the Feb. 12, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN.

THROUGH THE GATE — A skier skims through one of the gates in downhill races at Wolf Creek Pass Ski Area last Sunday. Over 20 racers, of all ages and mostly from the San Luis Valley, participated in the races Sunday. The conditions were excellent for racing and some good times were made.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 28, 1927

We all agree that the radio is a wonderful invention, and the telephone a necessity. But the man who invents a camera that can be attached to a wire fence — so that a picture may be obtained of the people, who for want of something better to do, cut the wire and not satisfied with that, swing gates so high that it is difficult to get to them — is the guy that's going to rake in the simoleons; and when that is accomplished, then the picture should be framed and put in a public place so that the passersby can have a good look.

The gentlemen of the river are piling up wood and filling ice house — evidently preparing to keep warm in winter and cool in summer.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 6, 1942

The state has banded 1500 each pheasants and chukar partridges and they are planted in selected areas. Just in case local hunters have to shoot in self defense, or motorists clip one on the highway, the state would like to have you write in and give them the bird's social security number, the location of the kill and other details. Address, Game Farm, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

R.M. Farrow is cutting down some cottonwood trees between his house and the state highway.

Congress stopped long enough last week in passing "emergency" tax bills to cut themselves a handsome "slice of cake" in the nature of \$4,000 a year retirement pensions.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 2, 1967

Fate can be ironical. This is the case in the recent fire that destroyed the home and belongings of the George Yanase family. George is probably the most loyal volunteer fireman in the department. Very few times does the fire truck leave the station without him at the helm. He is at about every fire, works very hard, and has helped save many homes from fire over the years. Now his home and belongings have all been destroyed by fire. The Yanase family had been called to California by a death in the family and had been gone several days when the fire started. Not a thing was saved and the loss was total.

Youngsters are warned not to sled on streets and highways. It is a very dangerous practice and could result in a tragedy. Find a hill off the road or go to Reservoir Hill.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 6, 1992

Town trustees made decisions Tuesday that could lead to dramatic changes in the area. They agreed to commit a maximum \$3,000 to provide half the money necessary to fund a cooperative study with Archuleta Water Company of each entity's water system. The study is necessary prior to the town board and the Archuleta Water Company board deciding whether to merge the two systems into a common district. The board agreed that an analysis of the study results — which will include an assessment of the condition of each system and whether or not major capital improvements are necessary, and a projection of changes in the proposed district and the town if certain growth patterns occur — is required before the trustees can say the merger plan warrants further consideration.

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Letters

Concern level

Dear Editor:
 Political parties plan their recruitment efforts, (now illegal) "gerrymandering" and party voter dependence based on the "Four Quadrant" measurement. Let's explain, imagine a graph where the X and Y axis go from low to high. This graph essentially measures the demographic concentration of two-criteria race and education. So if you are at the inside bottom of these axis' you're classified lo-lo and if at the upper right quadrant, you're hi-hi. Yup, the lo-lo and the quadrant with high concentration of non-college educated whites are Republican party supporters; and yes mostly, but not always, "rust belt" and rural red-state folks.
 The Electoral College was de-

signed to prevent big states from controlling smaller states. What the founding fathers failed to plan for was the shift to cities and largely racial, religious and generational political divide of today. Thus in a presidential election the minority voters have the power to drastically impact the nation and majority.
 So now let's imagine a risk-taking-died (sic)-in-the-wool narcissist with a shallow IQ, limited education, inveterate liar (alternate facts?), authoritarian personality who eternally sees all life as a fight is elected president, which quadrant would check this president? And which political party would you expect to cover in silence while sucking up and vacating all their "individualistic" principals as one-after-another this president destroys the Bill of Rights such as speech or freedom of religion and American values.
 Now imagine this president decides to write an executive order (by himself) banning Muslims from predominately Islam countries from which the U.S. has suffered no domestic casualties; recruited thousands to help fight jihadists with promises of visas; excludes Saudi Arabia home of the 9/11 terrorists and (git this) excludes every Islamic country where this president has a hotel ... oops, sorry we'll give (some) precedence to Arab Christians. Then appoints his white supremacist "friendly" advisor to be a principal on the Nat.'s Security Counsel (sic) while booting the secretary for Joint Chiefs of Staff ... so what's your concern level?

and Republican parties, in the end those differences weren't extreme. That has changed. As one who grew up in the 50s and 60s I can tell you that it was not the people on the right who have changed. It is the folks on the left of this nation's political spectrum who have run pell-mell toward a brave new world of moral confusion, economic fantasy and political socialism. Now, when there is a change in government, the segment of society which finds itself out of power thinks the world is coming to an end. Tolerance for any and every kind of moral perversion does not extend to tolerance of conservative views.
 People who believe in nationalism instead of globalism are not to be tolerated. People who believe in traditional marriage between a man and a woman are to be censured and punished. People who believe that the world's climate is just swinging back and forth in its usual vacillations between warmer and colder instead of the apocalyptic view associated with global warming are not to be considered rational. People who believe in an orderly and legal way of handling immigration into our nation are labeled "racist" or "xenophobic." People who believe that gender is connected to their reproductive organs they were born with are just ignorant. Tolerance for anything on the right is in very short supply.
 All of the conservative positions noted above (and more) were the position of the vast majority of the American public only 30 years ago. It is not the conservative folks who have changed course. Now when the left speaks of "American Values," but they mean something entirely different with that term than do people on the right. Now, because the left embraces radically changed values, those values of the past are seen as "unAmerican" or "hateful." People on the right are essentially being told to sit down and shut up.
 Conservatives haven't cooperated and elected a man to the presidency who insists that the values of the left are not American values. Historically, of course, he's right. But now the left has pulled out all the stops in their effort to

override a constitutional election by attempting to make our newly elected president powerless or, better yet, remove him from office. The battle is on.
 What is truly frightening is that the recently established factions in our society are unsure how to proceed. The two world-views are incompatible. One can only wonder how such irreconcilable values will play out and if there can be a peaceful reunification of this nation. Only time will tell.
 Richard Bolland

Terry Hershey

Dear Editor:
 I read Terry Hershey's obituary that covered her incredible interests. It would take volumes to tell all. What it didn't mention is the fact that Archuleta County would not have the wonderful library we all enjoy had it not been for Terry and her husband, Jake.
 In the early '80s, the Hersheys were determined to help raise money to build a good library here. Their substantial seed money started the local fundraising campaign that allowed the library to open debt free. Quite a feat for a community this size.
 And then they continued to give financial assistance and helped pay for the addition to the building. This along with annual help to buy furniture, equipment, books and materials. They supported a variety of programs including literacy and GED work.
 Terry and Jake began and continued to support the "Hershey Collection," a special group of books on Colorado and the southwest.
 They not only gave personal monetary gifts but allowed the librarian to annually request funds for special activities from the Hershey Foundation that helped pay for ongoing library programs.
 I know of many other community activities they quietly supported these many years. Years they spent at the ranch they both loved.
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Irreconcilable
 Dear Editor:
 With the election of Donald Trump to the presidency of the United States, a fraying in the fabric of our American society has become more clearly seen. Rioting and violence in our streets in protest of the results of our constitutional electoral process has brought our national divisions to a head.
 It used to be the strength of our nation that while there were some differences between Democrat

Dave Blake

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Letters

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seeing Terry Hershey and Betty Feazel head to head laughing, visiting and enjoying an evening at the Friends of the Library annual Book Sale.

The next time you visit the library, take a look at the Hershey Collection and sit in her wonderful, comfortable, reading chair and ponder the beautiful mountain view.

And give a little thanks to Terry Hershey, a great and lovely Friend of the Library.

Lenore Bright

Snow removal

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all the town, county and state snow removal crews for the timely job in getting the streets and roads plowed during and after this last series of storms. This winter has been a reminder to old and new residents that we live in a beautiful, but extreme, area for weather and road conditions.

G. Margiotta

Public lands

Dear Editor:

Look out your window in Pagosa and you are likely to be looking at large stretches of public land.

Public land makes up 49 percent of the county with almost 500,000 acres stretching from the dry pinon and juniper lowlands, through canyons, rolling ponderosa, up into the alpine firs, past tree line to the peaks of the Southern San Juans.

This landscape is our heritage bequeathed by our forefathers to be held in perpetuity as a trust for all Americans. These lands are fundamental to our economy, many of our jobs, and where so many of us love to play.

These public lands, and those that stretch across the western states are the source of clean and plentiful water, vast forests that clean our air, and a wealth of biodiversity that give us a very unique privilege to hunt, live and love the great outdoors.

But, I'm not writing to wax on about the great outdoors. I'm writing to make you aware that this heritage is under threat in our country and if this concerns you, I call you to act.

Earlier this month, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a rule change that eliminates budget hurdles and makes it easier to cede federal control of public lands. Montana Rep. Ryan Zinke, the new interior secretary, voted for the rule change.

This follows stated GOP strategy from last year, "Congress shall immediately pass universal legislation providing a timely and orderly mechanism requiring the federal government to convey certain federally controlled public lands to the states." On the 24th of this month Rep. Chaffetz from Utah introduced bill H.R. 621 "To direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain federal lands in Arizona,

Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal, and for other purposes."

This amounts to 3.3 million acres of land across 10 states, and likely just the start of a slippery slope. Take a look outside your window again. If you love that land, and you are concerned about the sell off of these lands to states and private industry, please act. Contact Scott Tipton who is on the House Natural Resource Committee, as well as our senators. You can call, email or visit their office. I recommend a post card, maybe a nice one with public lands in it, and sending it to their office informing them of your concern about HR621 and any such legislation.

This will take maybe 30 minutes and cost 50 cents, let them know. Scott Tipton: 218 Cannon HOB Washington, DC 20515 or 835 E. Second Avenue, Suite 230 Durango, CO 81301. Cory Gardner: 354 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 or 329 S. Camino Del Rio, Suite I, Durango, CO 81303. Michael Bennet: 261 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 or 835 East 2nd Avenue, Suite 206 Durango, CO 81301.

Michael Netzer

Clifford Lucero

Dear Editor:

I want to thank Clifford Lucero for serving the residents of Archuleta County for the past eight years.

Bob Moomaw and I had the pleasure of serving on the BoCC with Clifford when the county was in real financial straits. Bob was instrumental in putting a financial task force together to help get the county back on solid ground. The members were Al Bledsoe, Larry Allen, Rich Lindblad, Les Mundall, JR Ford and Marion Francis.

When Clifford took office in 2008, the county was \$3 million in the hole. It was quite apparent that Commissioner Lucero would be our leader due to his knowledge of the community, its people and his deep roots. Clifford also had a very deep care for the people to do the right thing — this is what I admired most.

In our time together, we were able to turn the county from a deficit to establishing reserves. Thanks to Clifford, we were also able to complete three major road projects which were, and still are, desperately needed. Commissioner Lucero knew that managing finances was imperative so we could reinvest in the community rather than continue down a path of wasteful spending.

Even though we were Democrat and Republican, we found common ground and it was often centered around what Clifford knew as important to constituents. Ronnie Maez has big shoes to fill and I cannot think of a better person to continue Clifford's legacy.

Commissioner Lucero — thank

you for your care, your commitment and your dedication to leave the county better off than when you took office. We will all miss your leadership. These positions can take its toll on one's business life and more importantly, family life.

The most rewarding aspect of serving with Clifford was the life-long friendship that we enjoy. It was a real pleasure to talk to you at your "going away" party a few weeks back. I know you will not "go away" as you care so much for the community. Thanks for being an outstanding commissioner and a great friend.

John Ranson

Colorful history

Dear Editor:

I had an old friend by the name of Augustine who was around when northern New Mexico and southern Colorado were still wild and woolly. He passed on some colorful history and a trove of tall tales, and this is one of them.

A gringo from back east was traveling to Pagosa Springs for some kind of business, so when he missed his stage connection from Chama to Pagosa, he hired an Indian to give him a ride on his wagon.

As the wagon creaked along through the beautiful Chama Valley, past lush alpine meadows and sparkling mountain streams, the gringo broke the silence by asking "I wonder who owns all this land?"

"Quien sabe," the Indian replied. Quien sabe is Spanish for "who knows?"

Now our gringo, who didn't comprehend a word of Spanish, says, "Well Ken Sabey must be a really rich man."

As the miles slowly rolled by, past Chromo and Navajo Peak, they came upon a herd of the prettiest, fattest cattle you ever saw. "I wonder who owns all these cattle?"

"Quien sabe," the Indian replied. "That Ken Sabey really has it made," said the gringo, and the wagon bumped on up the road toward Pagosa.

As they neared the old saw mill, they came upon the body of a man lying face down in the muddy road, obviously deceased. As the gringo moved the body to the side of the road, he remarked, "I wonder who this poor fellow was," and once again our Indian friend replied "Quien sabe."

"Poor Ken Sabey, I wonder who will get his big ranch now?"

"Don't store up for yourselves treasures upon the earth ... but store up your treasures in Heaven ... for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." — Matthew 6:19.

J. W. Sanders

Letter response

Dear Editor:

Please pass this response to Patty Tillerson to her letter in the paper, dated Jan. 19.

She states that unlike the persecuted Holocaust survivors, the

present-day "Zionists are power-hungry Jews from Europe, with guns in hand" and perpetrating atrocities against the Palestinians.

I imagine Ms. Tillerson is a well-meaning person who wants the world to be a better place, especially for the downtrodden. Simply, the fact is that what she thinks she knows about the situation is not only wrong it is the exact opposite of the truth.

Israel is an outgrowth of Jewish settlement from over 150 years ago and was formed from land purchased by mainly the Jewish National Fund, to return and to create a homeland (of Biblical history) and escape European persecution.

For many decades, Jews and Arabs had coexisted peacefully in the area until around 1920 when a powerful Arab/early Islamist (and pro Nazi) movement began to ethnically cleanse the area of Jews.

Then, after WW2 desperate Holocaust survivors tried to make it to Israel/Palestine, but the British rulers needing oil, pandered to the Arabs and closed off immigration, thereby multiplying the suffering of the refugees.

The settlers fought back until the UN partitioned the area into two "states," one Arab and one Jewish. The Jews accepted the UN resolution but the Arabs did not and together with all the surrounding Arab nations they attacked Israel with the aim of destroying it. This resulted in the war of Israeli independence in 1949. It was messy, and both sides suffered.

Jews were driven out of the West Bank's historically Jewish areas, including a Jewish majority East Jerusalem. Against great odds the war was won by Israel, which resulted in all Jews being expelled from Arab countries across the Middle East.

The expelled people came to Israel, a country that has since absorbed Jews fleeing persecution from all over the world, becoming the most successful ongoing immigrant absorption program in world history.

Israel is still fighting that same war, with the only root of the problem being the Palestinian leadership's refusal to accept the legitimacy of the state of Israel and their commitment to Israel's destruction. All of the Palestinian problems including the consequences of Israel's attempts at self-defense are attributable to the diabolical racist agenda of the Palestinian Authority (and Hamas).

Ms. Tillerson is clearly totally ignorant of all this, and has become the unwitting ally of the terrorist agenda. Perhaps she will do some considerable research in the future before daring to open her mouth to slander with repugnant distortions of the truth.

Arnie Stokol

Tillerson's son

Dear Editor:

I sincerely appreciate all of the words of comfort and encouragement. ■ See Letters A5

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Letters

Continued from A4

ment over these past few weeks regarding my son's confirmation to represent our country in efforts for peace around the world. As a person, if you know me, you know him. Yes, we are very proud of him and wish him well as he accepted a position he never sought but with commitment to the ideals of America — negotiating for peace in a respectful manner.

Of interest, some commented, "that's not a very common name, hmmm, I wonder if ..." Yes, it is a bit unusual, going back to the Civil War in Missouri. The state was divided, some fought for the Union, some fought for the Confederacy. The family name at that time was Tilson. When the war ended, Missouri passed a law that those who fought for the Confederacy would not be allowed to vote. Protecting their "right to vote" as American citizens, those Tilsons changed their name to Tillerson. Later on, they immigrated to Texas.

Over the years, Rex has built respectful relationships with leaders all over the world. He has been referred to as "a tough guy whose words are as good as gold." In considering to accept this appointment, he views it as an opportunity to serve his country. It saddens me greatly that the political climate in or capitol is causing many to feel uneasy. I have faith that members of Congress who share the values of honesty and trust will stand strong in defense of the freedoms promised to all by our Constitution.

Again, thanks to all for your prayers, I do believe we are in God's hands and I know my son, like myself, asks for His guidance in all that he does. We must have faith and support goodness in all that we do. Goodness can be contagious. Yes, you are loved.

Patty Tillerson

Give him room

Dear Editor:

Imagine the local Walmart parking lot on a cloudy day, filled with running cars. Then imagine that same scene on a day of full sun.

Which day would the air around Walmart be warmer? Correct, on the sunny day. The sun's activity, including sun spot activity, has much more influence on the climate than does human activity. But in the climate change controversy, sun spot activity is conspicuous by its absence. For it doesn't support the politics of labeling the skeptic of man-caused climate activity a "climate denier." Intellectual shaming and bullying is a sure sign that one doesn't hold the high ground, nor that "the science is settled." The progressive characteristic of shouting down their opponents, is alive and well on college campuses, too.

Johnathan Gruber, the college professor and architect of Obamacare — who famously was recorded as demeaning the American public for being so easily duped by their leaders — is a typical bureaucrat. Upwards of 60 percent of voters are opposed to Obamacare. But Gruber demeans their opinion as

their not understanding how good it is for them. A picture of his position is that we're on a boat with a major leak, and Democrats chose to go to the other end of the boat, tear up the boards there, and use that plank to repair the original hole. Those without health care — the first leak — are subsidized by the young and healthy, the employed and the well-off. The principle being, "From each according to their means, and to each according to their needs." The old communist manifesto plus the principle, "Do something, even if it's wrong."

Lastly, the "main stream media," our so-called "free" press, the provable propaganda arm of the progressive wing of the Democrat Party. Last weekend was an impressive, "million woman march," amply covered and lauded by the media. This coming weekend is the annual, nationwide Pro Life Rally, which will be ignored, again, no matter how many attend.

As well, the emotional response of many post-election: "grief, disbelief, fear and hopelessness," mirrors the lopsided reporting of the Democratic propaganda machine who insist "the sky is falling."

The Obama administration investigated James Rosen, journalist for Fox News, but Trump ignoring CNN is more egregious? Give me a break. Trump is a doer, not a talker. Give him some room, then cry about it if you must.

Charles Wenzel

Wrong road

Dear Editor:

Upon review, the Jan. 19 article in The SUN might have given the false impression that I am in favor of a \$25 million justice center project, or its arbitrary location on Hot Springs Boulevard.

But let me be clear. We do have to do something. And we will. We should not be considering borrow-

ing or spending \$25 million for this purpose. Also, there might not be a worse parcel in the entire county to locate a jail. All you have to do is look at the facts.

Given all of the other things we need to invest in, like roads, schools, early childhood, affordable housing, broadband, trails and parks, we cannot spend everything we've got for the next three decades on this one thing. Especially, not on the poorest and most expensive location in the county.

We could start by building a modest jail and law enforcement facility, then courtrooms, on a smarter property that is big enough and more affordable. Such a parcel exists and is available. We could start on a project like that this spring, without borrowing or raising taxes. I will be talking more about this in the next few days and weeks.

My fellow commissioners say that everyone they talk to is in favor of the project and its location. Now is the time to speak up.

Michael Whiting
Editor's note: The Jan. 19 article quoted Commissioner Michael Whiting as saying, "I got out-voted."

The article also said that Whiting said, "We're in the ball park" at that level, when referring to the \$5 million unrestricted cash on hand, plus potential funding through use of the EB-5 program created by the Immigration Act of 1990, as well as from the courts and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), that amount of financing could be sufficient to build the justice center at the projected \$25 million cost.

The article also cited Whiting suggesting the key step was to work out a financing package that will be acceptable to taxpayers.

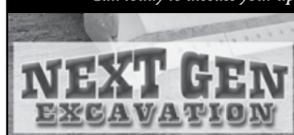
"We can't afford to lose," at the polls, he said. "If we do, [we'll be] two years behind where we are today."



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A big thank you to Tom Ware and Jim Wiler, of Bayfield, who came to our rescue Jan. 12.

Three girlfriends and I had spent a fun day in Durango shopping and having lunch. On our drive back home, my car got a flat tire due to falling rocks 6 miles east of Bayfield. It was getting dark, was very cold and it started to snow. Within minutes these good Samaritans stopped to change the flat tire. With their help and AAA, we were on our way back home within an hour. We are very grateful to Tom and Jim for their help.

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Steve Wadley, County Commissioner
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Goals & Accomplishments

Archuleta County Commissioners

SUN staff asked representatives of publicly funded agencies in Archuleta County to individually answer a trio of questions relating to the goals and accomplishments of themselves and their agencies at the turn of the year.

Their answers will be printed in The SUN over the coming weeks. Answers are printed as received and are not edited.

Steve Wadley, Commissioner, District 1 - Board Chair



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2016?

1. Site selection for new Courthouse. The BoCC selected the county owned property on Hot Springs Blvd. as the best site for a new court house. Numerous public meetings and work-sessions were held so we could listen to community input.
2. Roads. We were able to fund the paving of Cloud cap, parts of Lake Forrest and Trujillo roads. The BoCC continued in 2016 the mil levy increase started in 2015, with more money towards roads and less money in the general fund.
3. Financial stability. We continue to maintain clean audits. Each and every year in my term we have received clean audits.

What are your three top goals for 2017?

1. Maintain progress to build new Courthouse.
2. Road improvement.
3. Continue progress on joint Town/County priorities.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

1. Courthouse. We must resolve any outstanding title issue with respect to the counties ability to develop the Hot Springs property for Courthouse/Jail facility. We have secured grand funding already to help offset some of the design cost. It is my hope to design the entire facility but then build in segments starting with a jail. Since our current jail is uninhabitable we are housing prisoners in La Plata county. This is expensive and very much stretching the resources of our Sherriff's Department. We must design a facility that will meet the needs of our county for many years to come. We must look to any and all potential funding sources to find the best way to pay for this endeavor. I will never try to go around the tax payers with any lease/purchase

scheme. There is no doubt at some point we will need to ask the voters for help to pay for this. We will sharpen our pencil to make this project as affordable as possible.

2. Roads. This year's budget provides for more equipment to repair roads and extend the useable lifetime of paved roads. We are always on the lookout for federal surplus equipment that will save our county tax payers money. North Pagosa as well as east Golf pl. and Backswing are scheduled for repair this year.

3. Town/County Joint priorities. Where possible I strongly believe it's in best interest of our community to work closely with the Town of Pagosa Springs when are shared interests are the same. This is true with rest to the following issues: high-speed broadband, affordable housing, early childhood education. This isn't to say the items should be tax-payer funded; but it is to say that as the leadership of our community it is our charge to work toward solutions to these issues that adversely affect the our economic growth.

Clifford Lucero, former Commissioner, District 2



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2016?

1. Completion of the paving on CR 500, Lake Forest Dr., and Cloud Cap.
 - A). Also included in the 2017 Budget was Pavement Preservation Equipment.
 - B). New pavement for N. Pagosa, Trails, E. Golf, Backswing, and Monument is budgeted for 2017.

2. Cultivation and Marijuana

1. No more than six (6) plants may be cultivated for personal use by a Colorado resident, 21 years of age or older, as provided in Sec. 14(4) and Sec. 16(3) of Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution, with no more than 12 marijuana plants on a single parcel.

2. No more than 48 marijuana plants may be cultivated by a Medical Marijuana Caregiver, registered with the State licensing authority, with a Land Use Permit.

- A). Cultivation must be conducted in an enclosed, locked

building, with plants screened from public view.

B). Caregiver cultivation facilities shall follow all health and safety requirements of Archuleta County marijuana licensing ordinances.

C). Caregiver operations shall comply with the Industrial Performance Standards in Sec. 5.4.2, including sound, vibration, emissions, outdoor storage and water pollution. Any extraction must follow requirements of Colorado Statues.

3. Approving and securing a site for the Justice Facility.

Ron Maez, new Commissioner, District 2



What are your three top goals for 2017?

My first goal for 2017 would be to settle into the position of county commissioner and help resolve the issue with the Hot Springs property. This is my main goal because the people of Archuleta County should be able to use property that they already own.

My second goal, if possible, would be to present to the people of Archuleta County a reasonable way of funding the building of the justice center.

My third goal would be to actually start building the justice center. Understand that this will take a lot of work and that the process does not work as quickly as we would like it to.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

My action plan to meet my goals will be to talk with the other commissioners and work out a way to help inform the community of the need for a justice center. We could do this by explaining to the public the expenses that it costs us to transport prisoners to La Plata County and the hardship that is placed on our sheriff department. This is just one of the problems that we are having to face with the current building. As commissioners, we need to be clear and open with all issues. Doing this allows us to come together and build trust as we reinvest in our county. Archuleta County is a great place and we should be proud of being able to live here.

Michael Whiting, Commissioner, District 3



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2016?

In government, accomplishments are often invisible and incremental, and are never reached solely by one person.

Town and County Joint Priorities. I worked with Mayor Volger to reiterate and strengthen the Town and County's partnership and commitments to our unprecedented joint strategic priorities of Early Childhood, Affordable Housing, and Broadband. We made tangible progress on the first step of really understanding our needs, resources, and the barriers to success in all three critically important efforts. As a result we have begun to develop solutions that will actually work and actually get implemented. I want to thank Mayor Volger personally for partnering with me in beginning on this positive change in our government cultures and actions.

Justice Center. It is unfortunate that it is an accomplishment to prevent something bad from happening. I spent more time and effort than I would have preferred fighting against bad BoCC decisions in 2016. Most important was keeping the cynical, half-baked \$28 million "justice center" from being rail-roaded through, and keeping facts, dollars, and the taxpayers, at the forefront against the desires and efforts of the majority on 2016 BoCC. It was still a deeply flawed process, but far more honest and accessible than it might have been.

Tax Dollars. One of the areas on which the BoCC agreed was to continue our very high standards of internal fiscal, financial conservatism. 2016 was our 6th year of excellence in managing tax dollars. We began making smart investments in badly needed road equipment. Our finances have gone from chaos to award-winning. Every year we hold to those standards is an accomplishment. Again, although the BoCC set the tone and

standards, it was our staff who did the heavy lifting.

What are your three top goals for 2017?

Justice Center. I'd like us to solve the immediate issue we have with our jail. That's priority 1. But that does not mean we should spend \$25 million dollars to build a "jail" in the wrong location in a rush to "do something".

The goal is to move us away from the "mystery decision" to insist, in spite of higher costs, imminent litigation, and size issues, to bully our way onto Hot Springs Boulevard. I call it a mystery because no reason or facts have ever been given for it.

I will not simply oppose bad decisions like this, but continue to bring solutions and alternatives to the table that solve the problem without crushing the taxpayers. Had the BoCC done so earlier, we would be breaking ground on a jail this spring, without litigation or raising taxes.

We can spend less, solve the problem sooner, and restore our integrity and the value of our word, but not on the course we are on. I will use every resource at my disposal to get us back on track.

Town and County Joint Priorities. We will make actual progress "on the ground" on Early Childhood, Housing, and Broadband. New openings for kids and jobs in daycare and early education being created. Workforce housing projects small and large being proposed and built. Remaining fiber and wireless network being planned out, encouraged through policy and funding, then proposed and built. The groundwork is complete. We can really get going in 2017.

Trails. I'd like the County to be a bigger, better partner with the Town and local activists to move the ball down field on trails. The Town-to-Lakes Trail needs to be brought nearer to completion faster. It will be a catalyst for pride, unity, economic

development, and vitality.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

R.A.F. Ready. Aim. Fire. In that order. You are only "ready" when you have trust, clear strategic priorities, and really good data. That's 99% of the work. It takes time and patience. It is the only real way to know the right target, where to "aim", and when to "fire". Without this, success - hitting your target - is nearly accidental. If we follow this simple axiom, we will succeed more often.

Our strategies and work on Early Childhood, Housing, and Broadband reflect "Ready, Aim, Fire", where success is intentional and far more likely.

The "justice center project" is an example of "Aim, Fire, Ready", in spite of my best efforts. It is a fact-free, rushed, very low-percentage \$25 million shot in the dark. We still have time to get back to R.A.F. I am confident that the voters will send us back to "ready" in November if we don't.

In the three-commissioner system we currently have, there is no real opportunity to "build" consensus or coalition without violating open meetings laws. My "strategy" has always been to work with those in government and elsewhere who are willing to work with me.

I have done what I can as the minority conservative member of the BoCC to forward and support the good and oppose the bad.

Many efforts like our work on Early Childhood, Housing, and Broadband require strong partnerships with the Town Council and Citizens to work and succeed. My own goals in these areas come from the shared goals of the partners in the projects, so just being a relentless, thoughtful advocate and good partner is my "plan".

Bentley Henderson, County Administrator



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2016?

- Resolution of the ins. claim on the courthouse
- Completion of the salary and benefits survey
- Receipt of an award of a \$200,000 grant through the Underfunded Facilities Grant program

What are your three top goals for 2017?

- Establishment of the pavement preservation program
- Reallocation of Fairfield Settlement Funds
- Provide to the BoCC the information necessary to support any decision they choose to pursue related to a new facility

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

Pavement preservation - Establishment of policies necessary to ensure that the program is efficient and effective, and make the capital purchases necessary for implementation.

Fairfield - Petition the Bankruptcy court to authorize the reallocation/redistribution of the Fairfield Settlement funds to better reflect the current day needs of property owners and County residents.

Facilities - Utilizing the grant funds awarded in 2016, begin the process necessary to convert the results of the planning and programing work that has been completed into an informative resource for the Board of County Commissioners as they continue through their deliberative process.

LEGISLATURE

Coram settles into Senate District 6 role

After a busy summer and a fast-paced fall, I am back at work in the 71st Colorado General Assembly.

Things are a little different for me. I am missing a couple of my trusted friends and very good legislators. After 10 years of serving the people of southwest Colorado, Sen. Ellen Roberts decided to go home and be with her family and re-establish her law practice.

Unfortunately for Roberts, she did not change her cellphone number. I still have her on speed dial and will continue to get her valuable opinion.

I also wish to thank J. Paul Brown for his strong leadership in House District 59. Brown did not stop serving HD 59 until the last day of the 70th General Assembly. I saw him in Capital Development on the very last day.

I received the approval of the vacancy committee to replace Roberts on Jan. 7 and was sworn in on Jan. 11 as the senator from Senate District 6. It was almost old home week. Of the 35 senators, only two new senators were new to me. I had served with the other 33 in the House or Senate in prior sessions. Had I stayed in the House, it would have been a whole new learning curve. Sixteen of the 65 members of the House were new faces to me.

My vacated House seat in House



Sen. Coram's Report

District 58 was filled by Marc Catlin. Catlin has a background in ag and water, along with small business and commercial ag lending that will serve him well. I look forward to serving with Rep. Barbara McLachlan and Catlin in providing the service southwest Colorado has been provided and expects.

In the Senate, I will be serving on the Agriculture Natural Resources and Energy Committee and Judiciary Committee. I would also expect to be named to the Interim Water Resource Review Committee when it is formed. This is a little different from my House committees, where I served six years on ag, two years on State Veterans and Military Affairs and four years on Transportation Committee. I would love to be on transportation, but Judiciary will be a new experience

and allow me to grow and serve you even better.

The Senate is a little different atmosphere than the House. Seems a lot quieter and less energy in the room. Perhaps it is because of not nearly as many members or maybe the age difference is a little more mature. That sounds so much better than older. Quiet has not stopped being busy though. I have Judiciary three days per week and ag two days per week. In the past in the House, I carried a very heavy workload and would carry 25 to 30 bills. With nearly double the House members looking for a Senate sponsor, the workload may be even greater. I guess when you are the new guy in the Senate and your old friends from the House are comfortable with you, you get the call. You get it done.

Dems to hold reorganization meeting

By John Porco
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Democratic Party (ACDP) will conduct its biennial reorganization meeting on Saturday, Feb. 4. The meeting will be held at the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. Colorado Revised Statute 1-3-103(1) (c) requires each county central committee to meet between Feb. 1 and Feb. 15 of odd-numbered years to organize by selecting a

chairperson, one or more vice chairpersons, a treasurer, a secretary and any other officers provided for by the county party bylaws, including precinct co-chairs. In addition, participants will select a vacancy committee authorized to fill vacancies in the county central committee and elected offices held by Democrats.

The meeting is open to the public, but only members of the county central committee are eligible to vote. The county party has a number of vacant positions, including a several precinct co-chairs.

Nominations to each position will be accepted from the floor. However, the person nominated must have a nominator and a second, one of which must be a central committee member. Any Democrat registered in Archuleta County may run for any office.

To facilitate meeting planning, persons interested in running for an office are asked to contact Becky Herman, ACDP chair, at 903-0788 or becky.herman98@gmail.com. However, advance notice is not required for nomination.

In addition to voting, an opportunity will be provided for open discussion on topics of interest to Democrats and the nation. A presentation by a new local advocacy organization, IndivisiblePagosa, is also on the agenda. Participation by all county Democrats is encouraged in this vitally important meeting. This is your chance to influence the course of the party.

A light breakfast of coffee, juice and pastries will be provided. Other food contributions are welcome. If you plan to attend, please contact Herman so that we are sure to have enough refreshments.

Obituaries



Michael Ybanez

Michael Ybanez went home to the Lord Friday, Jan. 20, in Pagosa Springs. He was 62 years old.

Michael was born Oct. 23, 1954, to Adolpho G. and Ingrid Franciska (Abstreiter) Ybanez in Colorado Springs. Growing up, he lived in

Kentucky, Texas and Colorado and at a young age, he served in the U.S. Army. Michael was a master woodcrafter and woodworker. He and Kristi moved to Pagosa and built the home of their dreams and she preceded him in death after 20 years of marriage.

Michael loved all outdoor activities and especially hiking with his family. In addition to his amazing woodworking and carpentry, he was a gifted landscaper, loved to play guitar and worship with his church family.

He is remembered by son Chris (Teresa) Lee; his daughter, Mellane (West) Davies; grandchildren: Katriel, Evan and Avianna Davies, and Alex Lee; brothers Edward (Sue) and George (Kathleen) Ybanez; sister Ramona (Jeff) Singlettery; numerous nephews, nieces, extended family and many friends.

He is reunited in death by his wife, Kristi; his parents; and a brother, Richard Ybanez.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society.



Barbara A. Blackburn

1943-2017
Barbara passed away on Jan. 22, peacefully in her sleep after a long hard fight with COPD and congestive heart failure.

She is survived by her brother, Jim Blackburn, and numerous friends.

Barbara was an educated, "successful woman" in corporate America during the worst of times to be a woman. Most recently, in Pagosa Springs, she owned and operated Blackburn's Business Bureau, as a

public accountant.

Barbara will be missed for her analytical mind, deliciously decadent spirit and overwhelming generosity. She enjoyed music: "jazz her favorite," great food, hood parties and people in general.

There will be a celebration of life in Pagosa Springs, date and location to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Four Corners Public Radio KUTE-FM 90.1, Ignacio.

Obituaries

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Village

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FOIA category of documents involved records in third-party contractors' possession that related to the Village but had not been shared with the Forest Service.

The Forest Service had contracted with third-party contractor Western Ecological Resource Inc. (who enlisted the assistance of 13 subcontractors) to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed land exchange between the Forest Service and

Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture, the Village at Wolf Creek developer. The land exchange called for about 177 nonfederal acres to be swapped for 205 federal acres within the Rio Grande National Forest near Wolf Creek Ski Area.

In response to Rocky Mountain Wild's FOIA request, the Forest Service disclosed all of the documents generated by these third parties that were shared with the Forest Service. The Forest Service let Rocky Mountain Wild know there were

other documents possessed by the contractor and subcontractors that related to the Village but had not been shared with the Forest Service.

The Forest Service argued it had no duty to search for and disclose those records.

Martinez agreed in his Jan. 27 ruling.

"The court agrees with the Forest Services that it has no duty, under the circumstances, to disclose third-party contractors' records that it has never seen or relied upon," the judge

County

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or \$79.6 billion, was in only a dozen counties, led by Denver with \$16 billion. Barely more than 20 percent of the state's remaining total real estate valuation, approximately \$21 billion, was in Colorado's other 52 counties.

Kiowa County, in eastern Colorado bordering Kansas, with a total valuation of \$38 million, had the least property value of any county in the state. The valuation of property in Denver was approximately 421 times greater than in Kiowa County.

At a total valuation of \$297 million, Archuleta County's real estate valuation was 25th from last on the list of Colorado's 64 counties. That was less than one-fiftieth of Denver's total, and was about one-sixth of that of Summit County, the least valuable among the 12 counties comprising the top dozen in the state.

Given the vastness of the disparity of these numbers, attempts to make one size fit all statewide in devising principles to govern collection of real estate based tax revenue seem inherently subject to problems, as was noted by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

And one such problem appears soon to be realized.

The SUN met with Walton, County Administrator Bentley Henderson and County Assessor Natalie Woodruff on Jan. 30 to discuss the anticipated impact on local revenues of the Gallagher Amendment to the Colorado constitution. That impact will strike local agencies in 2018, with respect to collection of 2017 real estate taxes.

The Gallagher Amendment was adopted by Colorado voters in 1982.

According to DOLA, it "require[s] an adjustment in the residential assessment rate" in years when properties are reassessed. Property reassessments occur every two years in the state.

The residential assessment rate discussed by DOLA is a mathematical factor. The agency notes it is used "to maintain a consistent relationship between the total assessed value of residential compared to non-residential property."

Nonresidential property includes commercial, industrial, agricultural and mining/drilling lands, as well as unimproved residential.

The problem arises because the consistent relationship cited by DOLA is required by the amendment to be applied across the state, whereas the distribution among the various counties of property value, rates of market appreciation, and growth from new development is widely inconsistent in all of the different property categories.

In particular, according to Woodruff, residential property values in communities along Colorado's Front Range have been increasing recently due both to appreciation and new development much faster than in other parts of the state.

Henderson agreed, noting that the Denver metro area is currently a top residential market in the U.S.

In its preliminary findings (subject to revision when final findings are issued this coming April), DOLA

concluded that statewide increases in assessed real estate value in 2017 due to development and appreciation for residential property will outstrip increases in value of nonresidential property in the state.

That will require an adjustment in "the residential assessment rate" to comply with the mandate of Gallagher that "a consistent relationship" must be maintained between the assessed values of residential and nonresidential properties.

DOLA notes "the adjustment is intended to stabilize residential real property's share of the property tax base."

Since residential property value as assessed in 2017 increased relative to other property, the rate needs to decrease to keep its share stable.

DOLA projected the new rate would need to be 6.56 percent statewide, regardless of local real estate conditions. That rate would mean that a residential property valued at \$200,000 would be assessed at \$13,120, and that number would be the basis for computing real estate taxes to fund local services by applying the millage rate.

For 2015-2016, the residential assessment rate had been set at 7.96 percent. For those years, a property valued at \$200,000 would be assessed at \$15,920. The decline in assessed valuation is thus \$2,800, nearly 18 percent.

DOLA's recent study indicates that the residential assessment rate has hovered at around 8 percent for the last 10 years. The biggest previous decline in that period was .89 percent in 2015.

In a county with substantial recent real estate development and/or appreciation, most likely including many of the top dozen Colorado counties in total valuation, these growth factors will offset the mandatory reduction of the residential assessment rate. Such counties will not experience declines in revenues.

But in counties with moderate market appreciation and slower development, growth factors may not fully offset the significant decline of the statewide rate. Under those circumstances, declines in local revenue will be experienced.

The state of Colorado recognizes this is a problem, and solutions have been proposed. But there is a catch: the solutions proposed by Gov. John Hickenlooper extend only to funding for schools.

School funding impact

Based on the DOLA preliminary findings, Hickenlooper identified an anticipated \$135 million shortfall in school funding in 2018 caused by the Gallagher Amendment.

To make up the shortfall, Hickenlooper on Jan. 17 proposed an increase to the state's recreational marijuana sales tax from 8 percent to 12 percent and a 50 percent decrease in the state's Homestead tax exclusion for seniors. The proposal was made in a letter addressed to state legislative leaders from the Office of State Planning and Budget (OSPB).

The OSPB letter stated the governor's recommendations addressed "a significant reduction in local property taxes" available for education funding beginning in fiscal year 2017-2018.

The letter continued, "the [Gallagher] amendment requires that the total property tax burden in the State be shared more by non-residential owners than by residential owners. Because residential values have grown faster than non-residential values and the relative burdens are out of compliance with the Constitution, the mechanism to adjust the burden is to lower the residential assessment rate."

But the new funding would go only to schools, because Colorado law makes the state a guarantor of stable school district funding. In simple terms, when funding from real estate taxation declines, the state is obligated to make up the difference to school districts, but it has no equivalent obligation to other local public bodies.

To illustrate for the sake of discussion the potential magnitude of

the problem that can be expected to impact other local public bodies statewide in 2018, it can be assumed hypothetically that millage devoted to schools is about 40 percent of the total real estate tax bill in the state.

(This assumption greatly simplifies a complex subject. As an abstract prepared by Woodruff shows, even within Archuleta County real estate millage rates vary widely based on location of residence. However, the abstract suggests that 40 percent may be reasonably accurate in at least some parts of Archuleta County.)

If Hickenlooper's projection of the impact on school districts is correct, a simple math computation using the 40 percent ratio shows that the total 2018 public revenue shortfall attributable to Gallagher among all counties and districts other than schools is likely to be about \$202 million statewide.

County impact

A recent computation by Walton projects that the Gallagher impact on Archuleta County revenue could be a decline in 2018 of \$529,000.

Again, to simplify, Archuleta County's share of local millage may be estimated at roughly between a third to a quarter of the total in the county, depending on location.

Walton's recent computation may be below, because it was based on a projected new residential assessment rate of 6.85 percent published by the Colorado Legislative Council on Dec. 20 last year, prior to the issuance of DOLA's preliminary report in January. And even the recent DOLA rate may be revised when the department publishes the final rate in April.

For comparison, an article published in the Durango Herald on Jan. 16 reported a projected 2018 decline of revenue in La Plata County of \$1 million.

Henderson explained that Walton's early projection was made in order to help Archuleta County keep "a very close eye" on the problem.

Both officials emphasized that it was unofficial currently to say exactly what the ultimate Gallagher impact might be.

They also pointed out that the county has other revenue streams, most significantly its 2-percent share of local sales tax collections, which further complicates efforts to project the final impact on its funding for 2018.

But, that sales tax revenue is not available to support the many local districts that impose a levy on real estate, such as the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, the Pagosa Fire Protection District and the Upper San Juan Library District.

In light of the difficulty projecting the county's future revenues, Henderson declined to predict what the impact of Gallagher on the county's 2018 budget might be.

But Woodruff pointed out that \$529,000 was close to the amount of the annual budget for the Assessor's Office. And local engineer Mike Davis, who frequently provides consulting services to the county as well as the town, said that \$500,000 is a reasonable estimate of the cost of paving a half mile of dirt road in the community.

Henderson explained any impact would appear in the 2018 county budget, which is required to be given final approval by county commissioners next December.

He added that prior to that point, usually during July, the commissioners convene a policy and planning meeting annually at which financial options for incorporation in the next year's budget are considered.

Likely, reckoning with the Gallagher impact will begin to take shape in that meeting, he said.

Henderson also noted that the county's projected construction of a new justice center is not directly impacted by the Gallagher Amendment.

But, he said, to the extent the commissioners may decide to draw on current financial reserves for help in funding that construction, it would likely be a matter for consideration during the July policy and planning meeting.

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ruled.

The judge stated that neither the Forest Service nor Rocky Mountain Wild know what might be in the documents they had not yet seen from the third-party contractors.

Martinez added that Congress limited FOIA access to "agency records," and the Supreme Court has defined "agency records" as those that the agency created or obtained and had in its control when the FOIA request was made.

The judge stated that although "the Forest Service certainly claims an ownership interest in Western Ecological's and its subcontractors' work product, and it can do as it pleases with those records," the documents in question at this point were ones the Forest Service had not read or used in making a decision on the Village.

The judge said that Rocky Mountain Wild alleged the Forest Service relied on information not yet provided to them to make its decision, which "is essentially a charge of blatant dishonesty on the Forest Service's part, and it is made without

Incident

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The house was deemed safe to re-enter, but Robertson urged the couple not to start another fire until it could be thoroughly examined and deemed safe.

Robertson placed emphasis on the importance of cleaning stoves, fireplaces and chimneys.

Then, on Monday, Jan. 30, at 12:38 a.m., a call went out reporting that a house on the Parelli Ranch smelled like gas.

Robertson explained that the house housed a Parelli Ranch employee and his four family members.

The employee was up in the early morning when he smelled gas.

The employee woke up his family members and got them out of the house, called the PFPD and waited for them to arrive.

Robertson said that when she arrived to the house, she could smell gas in the driveway.

The employee helped Robertson find an underground propane tank that was connected to the house, and

any citation to evidence."

Martinez stated Rocky Mountain Wild's assertion contradicted its argument that the court should not "allow privately funded private contractors to retain sole knowledge of information in documents created and obtained when carrying out the Forest Service's legal mandates."

The judge also disagreed with Rocky Mountain Wild's argument that it did not make a difference if the records were not physically in the Forest Service's files because they should still be produced in response to the FOIA request.

"To the contrary, this makes a significant difference," the judge stated.

While the judge stated he shared Rocky Mountain Wild's concern "that an agency could employ a third party contractor to insulate itself from FOIA obligations," he did not seem to believe that was the case here.

He argued that the information not disclosed could not have influenced the Forest Service's decision if the Forest Service never saw it.

"Weighed against the fact that

Robertson shut that off.

She said that she used a meter designed to detect gas and propane while on the property.

Robertson leaned against the side of the house and stuck the meter in through a doorway when the meter indicated large amounts of gas or propane in the air.

She left the door open and backed away from the house, giving it time to air out.

Robertson eventually entered the house when enough of the gas had dissipated, but she still got large readings in different parts of the house.

She said that every closet she checked had gas detected in it, and that the PFPD was there for several hours while they waited for the house to clear out.

Robertson added that many appliances in the house were gas powered, and a spark from any of these could have resulted in an explosion.

The PFPD continued to wait and periodically check on the house until

Forest Service employees have never obtained or even seen the records at issue, the court finds that the Forest Service does not exercise sufficient 'control' to make those records 'agency records' for FOIA purposes," Martinez stated.

The judge added that while one of Western Ecological's roles was to keep track of documents supporting the environmental impact statement (EIS), its primary purpose was to prepare the EIS itself and to the extent it managed the Forest Services' records for the EIS, that "would still only extend to whatever documents the Forest Service sent to Western Ecological, not to documents Western Ecological generated and kept for itself."

The judge concluded that the Forest Service did not have to disclose third parties' records it had not seen or relied upon.

Martinez gave the parties 30 days, until Feb. 28, to file their settlement documents regarding the FOIA claims.

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the gas had fully dissipated and the meter no longer detected gas.

At the end of the ordeal, Robertson advised that the family have their gas provider come out soon and inspect the gas system, and also advised that the family not re-enter the house.

She said that the family found a different place to stay for the rest of the night.

In a follow-up interview, Robertson reported that an inspection by a local propane company determined that the valve behind the propane meter had been severed by snow falling off the roof.

The discovery led Robertson to caution propane users to keep the area around meters (usually located next to a house's foundation or skirting) and propane tanks, including the tops of tanks, clean.

Keeping the meters and tanks clean and free of snow, she noted, not only allows for easy access to fill tanks, but also to shut off propane quickly in the case of an emergency.

Center

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possible, through a land swap.

The suggestion came against the background of the ongoing dispute with the previous owner of the county's Hot Springs Boulevard land over a purported deed restriction that would prohibit use of the site for a jail and other justice system purposes.

A jail to replace the outmoded and largely useless detention facility contained in the Archuleta County courthouse on San Juan Street is one of several key components of the proposed justice center.

The county's land on the east side of Hot Springs Boulevard was acquired from the Levine family, local developers, in 1999. The Levines have claimed that they attached a valid deed restriction to the property at the time, but that is disputed by the county. The Levines were acting in the transaction through a family trust known as the Fairway Land Trust.

To confirm its position that there is no valid restriction, the county filed an action for quiet title to the property on Dec. 15. A quiet title action is a proceeding to remove, by judicial order, a "cloud" over title to land that could impair its usefulness.

At the commissioners' recent work session this week, Whiting said he had been in touch with the Levine family and understood family members believed the county was going back on its word in the title dispute.

He said they predicted "protracted litigation."

Whiting continued that he in-

quired if there could be a possible solution, and a suggestion he described as hypothetical was made that the Levines, who own a large tract of land on the southern flanks of Reservoir Hill, may be willing to swap a parcel of nearby land for the parcel owned by the county on Hot Springs Boulevard.

Such a swap, Whiting added, might involve land with more area than the piece currently owned by the county and, accordingly, provide a better site for the justice center.

Constraints on construction of a justice center related to the size of the land presently owned by the county have previously been considered.

Discussions occurred last summer about a potential swap of the county's land for land owned by developers Bill Dawson and Matt Mees on the west side of Hot Springs Boulevard, but those discussions ended early last September before the vote to choose the downtown site over a competing uptown site.

There is no indication that the possibility of a land swap with the Levines involving the county's present property was ever raised prior to the recent discussions reported by Whiting this week.

In response to Whiting's report, Wadley commented during the work session that the county should listen to any proposal from the Levines.

"It's always good to listen," he said. The question was raised how such a proposal could be presented.

County Attorney Todd Starr observed that if the Levine family could provide an outline of any proposal

in writing, the commissioners could consider their ideas in an executive session held to discuss dispute negotiations and to receive advice of counsel, consistent with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

Starr observed that in litigation, settlement is better than trial. He suggested a possible executive session on Feb. 7.

Wadley and Whiting agreed that any potential decision to relocate the site for the justice center would need to be made in public session. But consensus emerged that Starr's suggestion for receipt in executive session of a proposal which could potentially end the litigation with the Levine family was appropriate.

Whiting said he would ask for a proposal outline as suggested by Starr.

He added there were "lots of moving parts," and the county needed to move forward.

After the work session, Whiting confirmed in discussion with The SUN his belief that it was important for action on the proposed justice center to move forward at a pace adequate to ensure that a proposal to raise new revenue likely to be needed for construction could be presented to county voters for consideration in November.

The point had been emphatically made by Whiting at the BoCC's work session on Jan. 17, when he said that unless a proposal won voter approval in November, the county would fall two years behind on its efforts to build a justice center.

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Flu

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) websites notes, "Flu activity continues to increase in the United States, with widespread activity in over 35 states."

Among other precautions, the CDC recommends three important steps to fight the flu:

- "The first and best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated every flu season."

- Take everyday preventative actions to stop the spread of germs, including limiting contact with sick people, limiting contact with others when you are sick, washing hands often, and covering coughs and sneezes.

- Take antiviral medications if your doctor prescribes them.

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Wildlife

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natural sources that provide them the best nutrition.

Feeding deer can do more harm than good. Deer live mainly on high-fiber shrubs; if they are fed hay, corn, vegetables or other human-provided food they may be unable to digest it and it could kill them in a matter of days.

"Animals will take a free lunch, but feeding animals is doing a disservice to our wildlife," said Joe Lewandowski, spokesperson for the agency.

When wild animals gather in unnaturally high numbers, they are

more prone to spreading a variety of diseases. Raccoons and skunks can carry diseases that can be transmitted to pets such as distemper and even some which can make people sick, such as rabies and plague. Deer can also spread diseases to each other when they gather too closely.

If you see a neighbor putting out food, you should ask them to stop or you can contact a wildlife officer.

CPW also noted that there is also no harm in chasing animals out of yards and away from roads. If you do this, you will continue to see wildlife in the Pagosa area, but it will also influence the animals to behave

more naturally.

CPW wildlife officers have talked to people in neighborhoods about the issue and they have been cooperative.

"Wild animals have been able to make a living in this part of Colorado for centuries; it's best to let them make it on their own," Lewandowski said.

In some outlying areas, elk have been getting into ranchers' hay stacks. If ranchers need help protecting hay, they can contact CPW.

To report any concerns, please call the CPW office in Durango at 247-0855.

Business

County's unemployment rate increases to 3.2 percent

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County increased to 3.2 percent in December, with 6,027 people in the labor force and 191 of those claiming unemployment.

In November, there were 6,196 people in the county's labor force with 180, or 2.9 percent, claiming unemployment. The total workforce lost 169 people over the month, while the number of unemployed people increased by 11, causing the .3 percent increase in unemployment.

In December 2015, there were 6,083 workers in the county, of which 202, or 3.3 percent, were unemployed. December 2016's rate is down .1 percent by comparison.

Looking at this December's employment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate for the month at 5.7 percent, while Summit County had the lowest rate at 1.5 percent.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate decreased two-tenths of a

percentage point in December to 3.0 percent.

The number of people actively participating in the labor force increased 5,200 over the month to 2,926,100 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 11,200 to 2,838,500. The larger increase in total employment than in labor force caused the number of unemployed to decline 6,000 and the unemployment rate to decrease to 3.0 percent.

In comparison, the national unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point in December to 4.7 percent.

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

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

The business establishment survey covers

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

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 48,800 with an increase of 43,100 in the private sector and an increase of 5,700 in government.

The largest private-sector job gains were in professional and business services, education and health services, and construction.

Mining and logging, manufacturing, and financial activities declined over the year.

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

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.2 to 33.3 hours and average hourly earnings decreased from \$27.03 to \$26.92.

CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber to host learning sessions, business improvement classes

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

Throughout 2017, the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting training classes, short luncheon learning sessions and targeted business improvement classes.

The classes this year will include training on multiple levels of Excel and QuickBooks use, multiple avenues of utilizing social media, cyber security and general computer back-up guidelines, preparing cash flow statements that help your business, employment issues, customer service and more. Of course, we will also be offering our monthly Maximizing Your Membership class, which will help you maximize your Chamber benefits and instruct you on how to make Chamber life easy for you while working for you. It is shocking to me how many businesses don't know what their benefits are.

One of our popular classes, the Starting Your Business Workshop, will also be offered again.

It is also anticipated that the pop-

ular classes, Marketing for Smarties and the Leading Edge Entrepreneur classes will also be offered by the Small Business Development Center in 2017. Potential dates are being determined now.

All of the classes are an investment in the success of your business. By investing a small amount of money, attending a class could save you thousands of dollars in time and the actual costs it takes to run your business. Many businesses walk away with an "aha" moment, change the way they've been doing business and make their businesses more profitable or run smoother. Stay tuned for the release of the schedule of classes and set time aside and make the commitment to increase your knowledge and make at least one small — or big — change in the way you do business.

WinterFest 2017

Please refer to the article in the PREVIEW portion of The SUN on all the activities for the 2017 Win-

terFest. These events are family friendly, fun and engaging.

We would like to thank all the hot air balloon pilots for coming to Pagosa Springs this winter. We have 19 balloons planning on launching.

We have two first-time events with the Fat Tire Bike Race benefiting DUST2 and the Cornhole Tournament on Sunday. We have our repeating events consisting of the Penguin Plunge and the sled race, now retitled Sledz on Rez, hosted by the new Young Professionals of Pagosa Springs (YPOPS) group. For all you animal lovers, don't miss the Barkus Parade on the Riverwalk on Saturday before the Plunge.

We look forward to beautiful winter weather, bluebird skies, fun and games, and people out enjoying this hearty and active season.

For more information or registration for any of the events, visit the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com or like us on Facebook to get all the latest updates, photos and status on WinterFest activities.

Membership news

Members to welcome this week include Boss Hogg's Restaurant and Stephanie Erickson with Exit Realty Advantage Pagosa.

Our renewals this week include Walmart, Precision Granite, SelecPRO School Photography, Region 9 Economic Development District, Our Savior Lutheran Church and School and the Pagosa Area Trails Council.

We appreciate all our new and renewing members.

Tax deduction available for wildfire mitigation

By Bill Trimarco
Special to The SUN

There is good news for Colorado residents who performed wildfire mitigation work on their property in 2016. Colorado allows an income deduction for wildfire mitigation work.

If you are a full-time resident or received income from sources in Colorado that require you to file a state income tax form, you can deduct 50 percent of your 2016 expenses for mitigation from your income. The maximum amount you can claim is \$2,500. Expenses for mitigation work and slash chipping are eligible. You must be able to show receipts and proof of property ownership if asked.

For more detailed information, read publication "FYI Income 65," available at www.taxcolorado.com, or contact FireWise of Southwest Colorado at archuletafirewise@gmail.com.

Public comments sought on draft analysis for spruce salvage project on Wolf Creek Pass

Special to The SUN

The San Juan National Forest Pagosa Ranger District is seeking public comments on a Draft Environmental Assessment for the Fall Creek Spruce Salvage project on Wolf Creek Pass.

The proposal is to salvage-harvest dead and dying trees on up to 800 acres of national forest in Mineral County; conduct reforestation on an additional 190 acres, erosion control and fisheries improvement; and construct two corrals to improve rangeland management capabilities and efficiency of the deferred rotation grazing system

used on the East Fork San Juan Allotment. The project area is located north of Pagosa Springs in the Wolf Creek Pass area.

Comments will be accepted from Feb. 3 to March 6. Written comments should be submitted to: Kevin Khung, Pagosa District Ranger, P.O. Box 310, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or hand-delivered to the Pagosa District Office at 180 Pagosa St. in Pagosa Springs between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. during normal business hours. Comments may also be faxed to: Attn: Matt Tuten, fax number 264-1538. Electronic comments should be sent to: comments-rocky-mountain-san-juan-pagosa@fs.fed.us.

The Environment Assessment describing the proposed action, with maps, is available online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/sanjuan/projects>. For more information, contact Tuten at 264-2268 or via email at: mtuten@fs.fed.us.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Only individuals or entities who submit timely and specific written comments during this or any other designated public comment period will be eligible to object.

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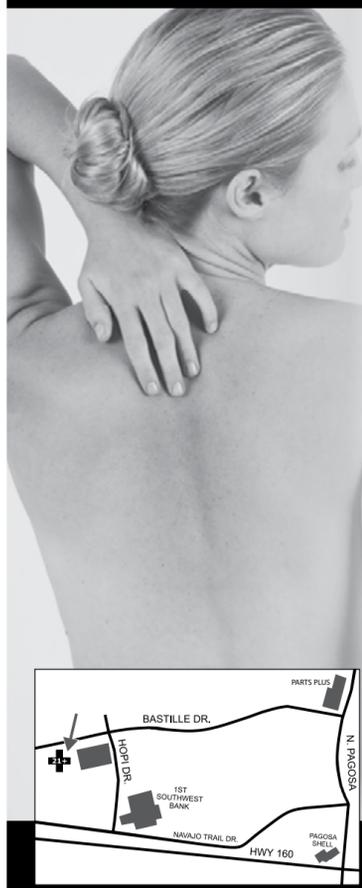
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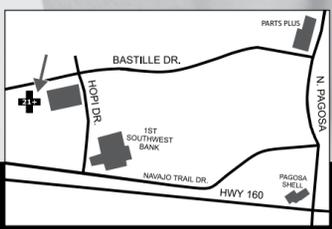
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Local food pantries were hit hard over the holidays and 4-H members worked to help replenish the shelves afterward. Archuleta County 4-H collected a total of 354 food items to donate to local food pantries as well as the Rotary Feed the Children backpack program. Pictured are 4-H coordinator Becky Jacobson, 4-H District 9 president Jade Hart and Rotarian Jo Bridges.

LPEA to host college scholarship open house Feb. 7

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

To assist high school seniors and their parents with the application process for college scholarships available through La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), the cooperative will host an additional open house on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at LPEA's Bodo Park headquarters, 45 Stewart St., Durango.

LPEA staff members will be on hand to answer any questions. No reservations are necessary and copies of all applications will be available.

All high school seniors, including home-school students, in LPEA's service territory who receive their electricity from LPEA are eligible to apply for the variety of funding opportunities. The deadline for application is March 1. Attendance at the open house is not a requirement of application.

LPEA directly offers the LPEA scholarship (four-year) and LPEA/John Voelker Memorial Scholarship (two-year) plus provides for additional affiliated rural electric scholarships/awards offered by Tri-State Generation and Transmission and Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

Specifically, LPEA will award two four-year scholarships (140 credit hours) for students attending any college or university beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year. LPEA will cover tuition, books and fees, up to \$28,000 over four years, given that the students

maintain minimum qualifications.

The LPEA/John Voelker Memorial Scholarship recognizes two students attending accredited vocational schools, technical schools or junior college. This two-year scholarship covers fees, books, tools and supplies up to \$10,000 over two years, per student.

Funds for the LPEA and LPEA/John Voelker Memorial Scholarships come from LPEA's unclaimed capital credits. Each year, LPEA endeavors to find "missing" members who are due a share of retired capital credits. Those funds unable to be returned to members are then put back into the community—in this case, into college scholarships.

LPEA supports training and educating local young people for positions they may ultimately secure at a rural electric cooperative, though this is not a requirement of the scholarships.

Former scholarship recipients currently employed at LPEA include Manager of Rates, Technology and Energy Policy Dan Harms and Controller Rachel (Lasiewicz) Gilman, both of Durango and graduates, respectively, of Colorado State University (CSU) and Fort Lewis College. Also, Systems Engineer Jake Wills and Staff Engineer Rachel Schur Wagner, both Pagosa Springs High School and CSU graduates, were LPEA scholarship recipients.

For further information and to download applications, visit www.lpea.coop or contact Jeannie Bennett at 382-3505 or jbennett@lpea.coop.

More construction on the way for medical center

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

With construction on the new primary care wing at Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) nearing completion, the board of the Upper San Juan Health Service District approved additional remodeling work at PSMC at its January meeting.

The additional work, approved unanimously on Jan. 24, will include HVAC repair and remodeling of primarily the surgery portion of PSMC.

While the plans for the remodel have not yet been submitted for a construction permit, the hope is to begin the remodel by the second week of March, reported Jodi Scarpa, manager of executive offices, in an email. It is estimated to take eight weeks to complete.

The organization waited to approve the remodeling project until this point in the expansion project, PSMC CEO Brad Cochennet explained on Jan. 24, to help determine how to fix the needs in the surgery area, as well as to make sure finances would allow for the project (that the original project did not run over budget).

Funding for some remodel work, however, was built into the district's financial plan for the primary care clinic expansion.

"So, at the same time that we did the bond financing, the board recognized that there were some improvements to the existing facility that would be smart to get done..." Cochennet said, adding that some

of those things were specifically known, while most weren't, so the organization earmarked amounts for potential projects.

Cochennet also reviewed the funding for the projects during the meeting.

According to information provided in the board's informational packet, funding for the project came from a variety of sources and totaled \$12,797,468.

The total project cost for the expansion project with change orders is \$11,058,388.

The hospital HVAC upgrades (improvement and repair) are estimated at \$100,000.

Including contingency funds, as well as things such as contractor fees, bonding and insurance, the estimate for the approved remodel is \$382,654, with just over 2,400 square feet included in the plans.

The remodeling portion of the project will:

- Expand the existing pre-operation/recovery area by two pre-operative/post-operative bays (\$45,440).
- Add a three-bay infusion room to the surgery suite (\$64,625).
- Relocate the pre-admission testing office and scheduling office (\$40,600).
- Renovate the existing specialty exam room to an expanded sterile supply room with sterile instrument track system (\$25,991).
- Renovate an existing specialty exam room to an Emergency Department treatment/observation room (\$43,496).

• Renovate an existing special exam room to a new mammography/dexa room (\$20,937).

• Renovate an existing mammography/dexa room to a new inpatient physical therapy room (\$23,014).

• Renovate a corridor and ceiling (\$31,965).

While not taking action on it, the board also briefly discussed possible future remodeling involving, among other things, relocating the pharmacy to PSMC's existing meeting room.

That remodel is currently estimated to cost \$424,000, Cochennet explained, though it has not been bid.

He mentioned the organization hopes to have firm numbers to take to the Strategic Planning Committee in March.

Another possible future project is estimated at \$200,000 and involves the information technology in the clinic.

The total of all of the projects, with a contingency of \$51,320, totals the same as the available funds mentioned above.

Later in the same meeting, Scarpa reported that construction of the primary clinic is on time and within budget, with a tentative opening date still set for this spring.

The remodeling is expected to overlap with the finishing of the expansion project, Scarpa noted in her email, with part of the new entrance turned over to PSMC to help facilitate the first part of the remodeling work.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

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

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

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

Wednesday, Feb. 8

State Historical Fund Community Roundtable History Colorado Presentation. 10 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, Hot Springs Boulevard.

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

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

Thursday, Feb. 9

Town of Pagosa Springs zoning public meeting. Smaller lot sizes R-12 and R-18 presentation. 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Monday, Feb. 13

San Juan Water Conservancy District regular bi-monthly meeting. 7 p.m., district offices, 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

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

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

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office public meeting. For questions and answers with all department heads. 11:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 21

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

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners regular meet-

ing. 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Town of Pagosa Springs comprehensive plan update public meeting. River master plan presentation, 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

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

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

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Rotary donates wheelchairs to disabled children in Argentina

By Sam Pittmon
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is recognized locally for its many programs that support and enhance the lives of the locally disadvantaged and also in many of the poorest countries in other parts of the world.

The local Rotary Club recently joined other District 5470 Rotary Clubs and Rotary International to carry out this project in Formosa, Argentina.

The goal of this project was to donate and deliver common and special wheelchairs to both young children and teenagers with neurological disabilities including cerebral palsy, encephalopathy, hemiplegia and paraplegia that keep these kids in a state of virtual isolation due to a lack of mobility. With the aid of wheelchairs, these kids are protected from injuries that occur from falling otherwise.

The main objective is to help these children to begin integrating to the world, gaining their ability to mobilize not only at home, but mainly at schools, where they can access any type of education and seek available medical and psychological services outside of the home. It allows these individuals who experience extreme poverty and physical disability to become more social and self-confident.

On Oct. 31, 2016, the club received notice from Formosa-9 de Julio Rotary Club of Formosa, Argentina, that 40 common and special wheelchairs had been

delivered to recipients. These donations were made in a "very emotional ceremony" in which school officials and the Ministry of Education thanked Rotary and The Rotary Foundation.

He stated, "On behalf of our Rotary-9 de Julio Formosa, I ask you to transmit to your club our thankfulness for your assistance so that this could be achieved."

A few days later, an additional eight wheelchairs were delivered and then, on Dec. 26, the club received unexpected but good news that due to positive currency exchange rate in favor of Argentina that they were able to purchase eight additional wheelchairs (totaling 56) for children with similar disabilities as stated above.

This project is funded through donations from Pagosa Springs Rotary Club, Durango Daybreak Rotary Club, Aspen Rotary Club and matching funds from The Rotary Foundation. The total budget for the project is \$53,824.

Two members (primarily Luis Schattner) of the Formosa-9 de Julio Rotary Club oversee the entire project. They are in charge of detection and verification of needs, medical evaluation, delivery and monitoring of the adequate use of the wheelchairs.

Pagosa Springs and Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is now recognized as a charitable and compassionate community by many families in the Province of Formosa, Argentina. The club is forever thankful for the support of our local community.

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

New Zumba classes starting Feb. 7

By Traci Bishop
SUN Columnist

We are happy to announce that the Ross Aragon Community Center, along with Christine Muniz, will now be offering Zumba on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 11 a.m. starting this month.

This free program is open to all abilities and ages.

For more information about all the Zumba classes offered at the Community Center, please call 264-4152.

New yoga

Looking for an after-work yoga class?

Well, the Community Center offers yoga on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 4 to 5 p.m. with instructor Jennifer Banks, Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with instruc-

tor Kristen Albers, and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with instructor Sherrie Murray.

These free programs are open to all abilities and ages.

More information

The Community Center hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center is located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. The phone number is 264-4152 and email is lgutierrez@pagosasprings.co.gov.

Celebrations



Leslie Baughman

On Dec. 10, 2016, Leslie Baughman, daughter of Carol Turner and Lonnie Baughman, graduated from the University of Northern Colorado magna cum laude with a degree in elementary education

and an emphasis in English as a second language.

While at UNC, Leslie Baughman was heavily involved with the Residence Hall Association (an on-campus leadership organization) for three years. During this time, she was awarded the NACURH (National Association of College and University Residence Halls) NRHH Member of the Year award as well as various campus leadership awards. She also served as a resident assistant where she advised first-year students living in her community.

Throughout her 4.5 years at UNC, she was a Dean's List Scholar and was awarded a full scholarship her sophomore year from the Reisher foundation.

She is currently working for the Thompson School District as a substitute teacher and is exploring various job opportunities in the Denver area.



Anna Rebecca Day was among the 2016 pages to the debutantes for the 74th annual Delta Debutante Ball on Dec. 28 in Greenville, Miss. Day is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Charles Day, of Littleton, Colo. Her grandparents are Mrs. Isaac Alton Newton, junior, of Greenville, and the late Dr. Newton, and Mrs. Charles Edward Day and the late Mr. Day, of Pagosa Springs.

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. 23 — Information only, Pineview Road.

Jan. 23 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Jan. 24 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, San Juan Street.

Jan. 24 — Warrant arrest, Hersch Avenue.

Jan. 25 — Animals running at large, Canyon Circle.

Jan. 26 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.

Jan. 26 — Information only, Lewis Street.

Jan. 28 — Information only, Haystack Place.

Jan. 29 — Information only, County Road 400.

Jan. 29 — County warrant, Aspen Village Drive.

Jan. 30 — Information only, Prospect Boulevard.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Jan. 26 — Information only, Country Center Drive.

Jan. 26 — Violation of restraining order, North 14th Street.

Jan. 27 — Information only, South 8th Street.

Jan. 27 — DUI, Prospect Boulevard.

Jan. 28 — Obscene conduct, Aspen Village Drive.

Jan. 28 — Information only, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Jan. 28 — Open container, Eagle Drive.

Jan. 29 — Third-degree assault, South 9th Street.

Jan. 30 — Violation of restraining order, East Pagosa Street.

Jan. 30 — Information only, North 8th Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson

Jan. 26 — Mark Bergon, animal running at large, fines and costs — \$60.

Jan. 26 — Anastasia Hersom, shoplifting, six months unsupervised probation, 50 hours community service (all suspended), fines and costs — \$320 (\$235 suspended).

Jan. 26 — Simon Balkey, following too closely, four points, fines and costs — \$111.

Jan. 26 — Stacy Adams, following too closely, four points, fines and costs — \$146.

Jan. 26 — Virginia Buck, following too closely, four points, fines and costs — \$146.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Jan. 26 — Jessy R. Maez, seat belt not used, driver's license-instruction permit violation, fines and costs — \$244.50.

Jan. 26 — Lawrence Happ, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

Jan. 26 — Scott Richard Anderson, headlamps-failure to dim, fines and costs — \$113.50.

Jan. 26 — Peter Carey, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$205.50.

Jan. 26 — William D. Reedy II, two counts of seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$170.50.

Jan. 26 — Jordan M. Gladden, two counts of seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$170.50.

Jan. 26 — Jessica R. Escalante, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.

Jan. 26 — Jean Paul Lindberg, driving while ability impaired, 10 days electronic surveillance, 48 hours community service probation, two years probation, fines and costs — \$1,994.50.

Jan. 26 — Gregory Edward Griswold, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, 12 months probation, 10 days jail, fines and costs — \$952.50.

Jan. 26 — Allen Joseph Guimond, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, 24 months probation, 10 days jail, fines and costs — \$1,522.50.

Jan. 26 — Demetrius Sam Alford, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.

Jan. 26 — Saleh David Webber, speeding 10-19 over limit, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$352.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
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Sports

BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates fall to Centauri, defeat Cortez and Bayfield

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The No. 7-ranked Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates again found themselves in unfamiliar territory over the weekend, dropping a league game for the first time since the 2012-2013 season.

The loss came to the No. 5-ranked Centauri Falcons Saturday evening in La Jara.

The team logged twice as many wins as losses in the last week, however, giving the Lady Pirates an 11-2 overall record and 5-1 record within the Intermountain League (IML).

Montezuma-Cortez

First, the Lady Pirates welcomed the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers to town Thursday evening for a game that had twice been postponed due to inclement weather.

The Lady Pirates were victorious in the affair, holding the Panthers to 14 points in the game while scoring 56.

"I was proud of our defense," coach Wes Lewis said, adding, "I think any varsity basketball team that you hold to 14 points, you've played pretty good defense, and I thought it was pretty good."

The Pirates outscored their visitors in every quarter in the game and accomplished their goal of holding their opponents to single-digit quarters — 18-4, 15-4, 14-4 and 9-2.

The team was again without senior Megan Farrah due to her recovering from a concussion and broken nose, and Morgan Lewis played limited minutes, especially in the second half, due to a back injury the coach reported she'd been battling for a couple weeks.

"I was really proud of the younger kids stepping up and getting a lot of minutes," Wes Lewis said, adding that the team was able to play strong defense and secure a lead that allowed the team to rest several players in anticipation of the games the following two days.

Despite her limited time on the court, however, junior Morgan Lewis led the team in scoring with 17 points and was closely followed by freshman Hailey Griego's 15 points.

"Hailey Griego had a nice night offensively for us," the coach said. "That was nice to see her get going a little bit."

Griego also led the team in rebounds with 10.

Devin Wilson, Teagan Stretton and Keena Murphy scored five each, with the coach highlighting Murphy's play by noting her energy, rebounds (six) and points early in the game.

"I thought Keena had a nice game," he said.

Five other Lady Pirates contributed scoring-wise.

Fifteen of the Pirates' points came from the free-throw line, out of 27 attempts.

In total, Pagosa rebounded the ball 45 times.

Centauri

On Saturday, the team played in La Jara against another very familiar opponent — the Falcons.

And, unfortunately for the team, the Falcons ended the game on top, claiming a 37-33 victory over the Pirates.

"It was kind of what we thought it'd be. It was a back-and-forth contest against two fairly evenly matched teams," Wes Lewis said. "They made some plays in some stretches where they needed to. ... We made some mistakes in some situations, in some situations that, you know, hurt us, and they came away with a win."

As the coach described it, the affair was "back and forth," with Pagosa leading as late as midway through the fourth quarter.

The Falcons laid claim to the lead at the end of the first quarter, 10-7, while the Pirates led 18-14 at



Keena Murphy looks to add to the Pagosa's points total during Saturday's matchup with the Monte Vista Pirates. Pagosa was victorious in the game, logging a 64-30 win. Murphy scored eight points in the game.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

halftime after limiting Centauri to a four-point second quarter.

The Falcons again outscored the Pirates in the third and fourth quarters, 11-9 and 12-6.

Lewis noted that the Falcons found their way to the free-throw line late in the game and made the shots to help them close the gap and, ultimately, claim the win.

"It was a back-and-forth contest all night and we just came up short," Wes Lewis said.

But, regardless of the final score, the coach was pleased with his team.

"I was proud of my kids," he said. "I thought they played hard, they fought hard, we were without Megan," and Centauri is a tough place to play.

Morgan Lewis, who was on the court for the full 32 minutes, led the Lady Pirate scoring with 15 points.

Seven other Pirates scored four points or fewer to help the team's total.

Nine of Pagosa's points came from the charity stripe, out of 15 attempts. Centauri scored on 12 of 17 attempts from the line.

Morgan Lewis also led the Pirates in rebounding, pulling down 14 of the team's 27 rebounds.

The coach also highlighted Morgan Lewis' effort in guarding Centauri's Ember Canty while also staying out of foul trouble.

The team turned the ball over 14 times — one fewer than Centauri.

"I have nothing but respect for

their program and I have nothing but admiration for my kids. They played hard and it just, the ball didn't bounce our way when we needed to."

Monte Vista

Pagosa bounced back on Saturday evening against the visiting Monte Vista Pirates, logging a 64-30 win that was led by double-digit scoring from a trio of Pagosa's players.

"I was just proud of our kids for bouncing back after a tough loss," the coach said.

Pagosa took the lead early, then built on that lead throughout the remaining minutes.

The hometown Pirates outscored Monte Vista's Lady Pirates in all four quarters, also limiting them to single digits in the first three — 14-7, 13-5, 13-4 and 24-14.

"We just locked in defensively," the coach said. "They had a hard time getting anything going."

Along with the strong defensive game, Pagosa's Lady Pirates were also strong offensively.

"We had a lot of scoring, a lot of balanced scoring, which was nice," Wes Lewis said, also noting that "Morgan Lewis was very, very unselfish," with the junior on several occasions passing on taking a good shot to let her teammates take a "great shot."

Morgan Lewis did, however, lead the scoring effort with 19 points, but was followed by Wilson with

17, Griego with 14, Murphy with eight, Ada Peshlakai with four and Stretton with two.

Pagosa pulled down 35 rebounds in the game, led by nine from Morgan Lewis.

Up next

The Pirates will continue facing IML opponents over the next week, facing Alamosa and Bayfield.

First up will be the Alamosa Mean Moose, who are 6-7 overall and 3-3 in the IML.

Tipoff is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in Alamosa.

Then, on Tuesday, the Lady Pirates again take on the Bayfield Wolverines, who claimed their first league win Tuesday and now sit at 1-5 in the IML and 5-10 overall.

The Feb. 7 game against the Wolverines is slated to tipoff at 5:30 p.m. in the PSHS gym.

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BASKETBALL

Pirates 3-3 in league, 7-7 overall record

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

It was a mixed bag of results over the last week for the Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate basketball team, logging two wins and a one-point loss in three league games.

The 2-1 weekend puts the Pirates in third in the Intermountain League (IML) behind Alamosa and Bayfield, with the Pirates now owning a 3-3 league mark and 7-7 overall record.

"The kids have been playing well and are improving," coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN. "We still have a lot to improve on and we will continue to work hard. It is getting to be that time of the season where we need to be playing our best basketball."

Montezuma-Cortez

First, the Pirates found that the third time was the charm for facing the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, with the game having been postponed twice before being played in the PSHS gym Thursday evening.

The Pirates defeated the Panthers 71-65 in the game.

"... (T)he Cortez game was another good game between two good teams," Sorenson wrote. "It was another close game throughout."

In fact, the Panthers led the Pirates at the end of the first quarter 15-12, and had increased that lead to 36-30 by halftime.

The Pirates fought back in the second half, however, outscoring the Panthers 20-14 in the third quarter and 21-15 in the fourth, giving the Pirates a 71-65 victory.

"Cortez has a lot of good shooters and they shot the ball really well. They connected on nine three point shots," Sorenson wrote. "Cortez was able to build leads a couple of times but we were able to fight back and outscore them twenty one to fifteen in the fourth quarter and win by six. We struggled again against penetrate and kick but our defense was better in the second half."

Eight different Pirates scored in the game, with three scoring in double digits — Keaton Laverty and Isaiah Griego with 20 points each and Lane Schaaf with 12 points.

Ethan Brown and Mason Snarr followed with six points each, Ty Kimsey logged four, Jesus Pacheco added two and Zach DeVooght scored one.

The team landed 26 of 34 shots from the free-throw line, including eight points in nine attempts from Laverty at the line and seven of seven by Griego.

Griego led the team in rebounds with seven, out of 24 logged by the team.

"It was a good team win with a lot of kids contributing," Sorenson noted.

Centauri

On Friday, the team hit the road to La Jara to face the Centauri Falcons, but returned home with a narrow 41-40 loss.

"Centauri is always a tough place to play," Sorenson wrote. "Against Centauri we got off to another slow start and we turned the ball over several times early in the game. We turned it over sixteen times."

That slow start came in the form of being outscored 12-9 in the first quarter and 13-11 in the second, landing the Pirates on the wrong side of a five-point deficit at halftime.

The team rebounded in the second half, outscoring the Falcons 12-



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Randi Pierce

Ethan Brown puts up a shot against the Monte Vista Pirates on Saturday evening. Brown had a strong three days on the court, chalking up 31 points and 12 rebounds. The Pirates will continue the league-heavy portion of their schedule against Alamosa and Bayfield over the next week.

10 in the third and 8-6 in the fourth, but it was too little, too late for the Pirates, who found themselves down by a single point when the final buzzer sounded.

"We never could seem to find a rhythm offensively and struggled scoring the basketball. We missed several free throws down the stretch and only made nine out of eighteen free throws in the game," Sorenson explained. "It was a disappointing loss."

Seven different Pirates scored in the affair, with two logging double digits — Brown with 17 and Griego with 13.

Beyond those two, no other Pirate was able to log more than three points.

The team shot 47 percent from the charity stripe, making nine of 19 attempts. The Falcons were successful 76 percent of the time, making 16 of 21 attempts.

Pagosa pulled down 22 rebounds in the game, led by Laverty and Brown with five each.

Monte Vista

On Saturday, the Pagosa Pirates were back on their home court, this time to face off against the Monte Vista Pirates.

Unlike the night before, Saturday's game ended in favor of the hometown Pirates, who logged a

60-40 victory.

Pagosa led throughout the game, outscoring Monte Vista in all four quarters — 11-8, 21-12, 12-6 and 16-14.

"We were able to bounce back against Monte Vista," Sorenson explained. "We had several kids get in the scoring column and that is what we need. We had a strong second quarter and we were able to control the game after that."

Nine of Pagosa's Pirates scored in the game, led by Griego with 16.

Laverty followed with nine, Brown notched eight, Kimsey put up eight, Snarr and Schaaf logged six each, Pacheco chalked up four, and DeVooght and Nate Lewis each added two.

Pagosa was successful 100 percent of the time from the free-throw line, with Laverty landing two and Griego landing four.

Pagosa rebounded the ball 27 times in the game, led by nine from Laverty.

Up next

The Pirates will still be in the thick of IML action over the next week, taking on the two teams that top the Pirates in the IML standings — Alamosa and Bayfield.

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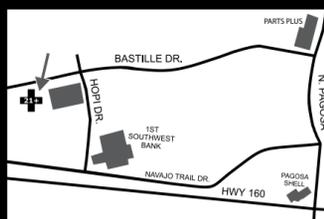
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WRESTLING

Pirates place fourth at Butch Melton Invitational

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

In the last week, the Pagosa Pirates won a dual against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers and placed fourth in the Butch Melton Invitational in Ignacio.

"We're wrestling better," said coach Dan Janowsky. "Our lineup is the only thing that's dragging our score back a little bit."

Janowsky said that Trevor Bryant and James Thomas were unable to wrestle due to injury.

He said, in addition to that, different wrestlers were struggling with cold and flu-like symptoms, which affected the team's performance.

"It's hard to wrestle when you can't breathe and you're weak," said Janowsky. "I hope it clears itself out by this weekend, and certainly hope it clears out next weekend, when we have regionals."

Janowsky said that, even though some of the wrestlers were sick, he had no doubt they were still giving it their all.

"We still won matches, but we had to tough it out in a couple spots to do that," said Janowsky. "I'm happy with the way we're progressing as far as our wrestling goes."

In the dual against the Panthers, the Pirates won 41-21.

At the Butch Melton Invitational, the Pirates placed fourth out of 18 teams.

The Cedaredge Bruins took first place, scoring 164.5 points, with the Aztec Tigers taking second place by scoring 131 points.

The Bayfield Wolverines took third place, scoring 129 points, and the Pirates scored 98 points.

In the 106-pound division, freshman Will Villalobos placed sixth and scored 2.5 points for the team.

"He gets better every week," said Janowsky. "He learns new things and applies them when he goes out there and wrestles, and he wrestles tough. He's a really, really good competitor and good fighter."

At 126 pounds, senior Owen Severs placed eighth and scored the team two points.

In the 132-pound division, freshman Dustin Clark placed 10th and scored the team three points.

"It was Dustin's first time in the varsity lineup, and he did a nice job at 132," said Janowsky. "We started three freshman, and they all did well. That's very promising, and it's really going to help our lineup."

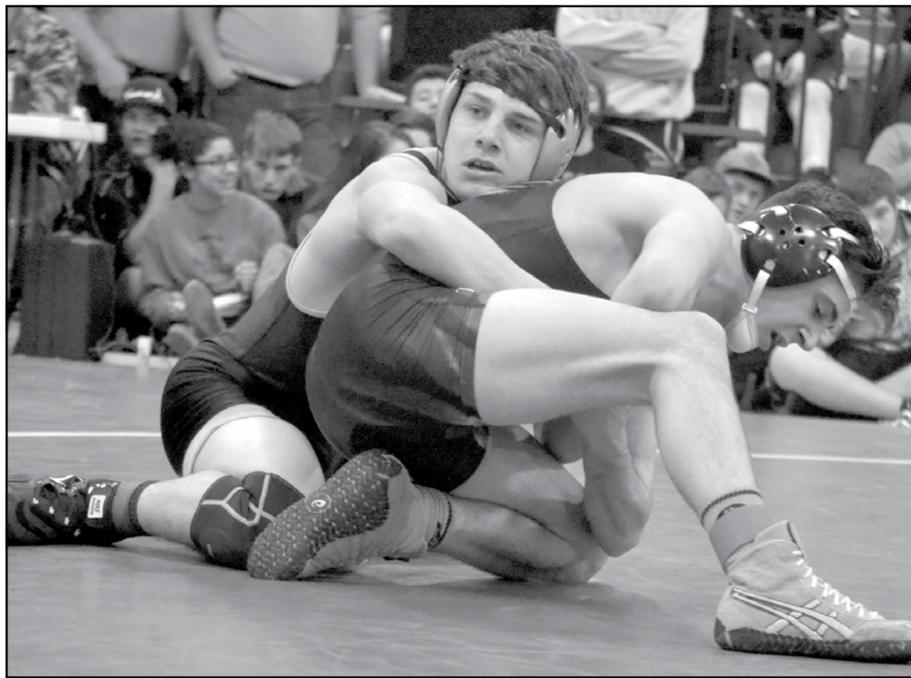


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Pagosa Springs' Dalton Lucero looks back toward the coaches' chairs for advice, having momentarily secured Aztec, N.M.'s Austin Littlefield during the 152-pounders' first-place match at last Saturday's 2017 Butch Melton Invitational hosted by Ignacio. Littlefield would ultimately win by pin, 27 seconds into the second period, denying Lucero an unbeaten day inside the Ignacio High School gymnasium, but Pagosa still left the event with one individual champ in Tate Hinger at 138 pounds.

At 138 pounds, junior Tate Hinger placed first and scored 23 points for the team.

"Tate Hinger was our lone champion. He's wrestling a really tough style right now," said Janowsky. "He's not flashy, but he's so steady and so consistent and so relentless with what he's doing that he's beating good people just because he stays with the holds that he does well and doesn't get discouraged."

In the 145-pound division, senior Bryce Raymond placed 14th and scored the team 2.5 points.

At 152 pounds, junior Dalton Lucero placed second and scored the team 16 points.

"He lost to a very tough wrestler from Aztec that we have kind of a rivalry with," Janowsky said. "Dalton's wrestling better all the time."

In the 160-pound division, sophomore Ian Reinhardt placed eighth and scored the team two points.

At 170 pounds, junior Colton Castro placed third and scored the team 10 points.

In the 182-pound division, sophomore Connor Aragon placed

third and scored the team nine points.

At 195 pounds, sophomore Caleb Janowsky placed second and scored the team 12 points.

"We're experimenting with our lineup, and we moved him from 160 to 195," said Janowsky. "He's big for 160, and he's had to work super hard to keep his weight there. He's growing, and we bumped him up to see if he could handle it, and he handled it quite well."

In the 220-pound division, sophomore Nolan Stretton placed second and scored 16 points for the team.

"He was leading and had a comfortable lead, but it was towards the end of the match and he got in a bad position," explained Janowsky. "He got pushed to his back, and when ... guys get pushed to their back, they have a lot of work to do."

Janowsky said he's got a list of things and techniques that the team needs to work on, but that it's different with every wrestler.

"At this particular time of the year, you kind of start narrowing it down and coaching the individu-

als a little bit more than you do the whole team," Janowsky said.

Tonight, the Pirates will host a dual against the Bayfield Wolverines — a dual that Janowsky is very excited for.

"Bayfield's a good team, and I think that dual is going to be very, very exciting," said Janowsky. "I'm not going to say who's going to win, but I think the people that go to it are going to have a great time. It's going to be an exciting evening, win or lose."

The dual is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Then, on Saturday, Feb. 4, the Pirates will travel to La Jara for a rescheduled dual against the Centauri Falcons that was previously canceled due to hazardous weather.

The dual is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.

"I would really like people to see high school wrestling, how far we've come and just the sport itself," said Janowsky. "See how exciting it is, and how it puts our guys out there one at a time ... and challenges them."

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Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Morgan Lewis
Basketball



Year in school: Junior
Favorite subject: Math
Comments from coach Wes Lewis: "I decided to nominate Morgan Lewis for this week's Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week. In the absence of our only senior, Megan Farrah, Morgan Lewis has stepped up as our team leader. She demonstrates a great work ethic on and off the court. In last Friday's game, Morgan logged 32 minutes against Centauri in a tough loss, but played

extremely well. In Saturday's win against Monte Vista she demonstrated an amazing amount of unselfishness in the way she passed up good shots for herself in order to pass the ball to teammates who had better shots and to get them involved. She's always encouraging to the younger players, who look up to her as a player and a person. Morgan is a great example of a Triple Impact Athlete."

Register now for youth spring soccer

By Dorman Diller
Special to The SUN

Soccer players 8 years old through 13 years old (and in sixth grade or below) or born in 2004-2008 are encouraged to sign up now to play on a spring Pagosa Rangers traveling team.

Teams travel in the Four Corners area and play in the Four Corners League or Southwest League. Pagosa Youth Soccer club has coed teams in U-10, U-12 and U-13 age divisions. Team practices will begin in March with the first game in late March or April.

Two skills clinics will be held for players on Feb. 4 and 11 at the Ross Aragon Community Center from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Players will have an opportunity to work on skills and learn more about the club. A parent meeting will be held at 3 p.m. each day to pass out informa-

tion and answer questions.

The early registration discount is \$160 if paid by Feb. 17. The registration fee goes to \$185 afterwards. Registration closes Feb. 24 with all paperwork and payment turned in.

The fee covers league registration fee and insurance, team practice equipment, field rentals, coach stipend, referees, tournament registration and end-of-season party.

Players purchase their uniforms for \$75.50, which includes two jerseys with the team patch on them, shorts, socks and a bag with their number and team patch on it. Scholarships are available until registration closes.

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Wolf Creek Ski Team to host giant slalom race

By Dean Sell
Special to The SUN

The Wolf Creek Ski Team will hold its annual giant slalom ski race on Feb. 11 at Wolf Creek Ski Area.

It will be a two-run race with combined times to determine the winners in each age category. There will be age categories for both boys and girls.

Sign-up is at 8 a.m. at the Base

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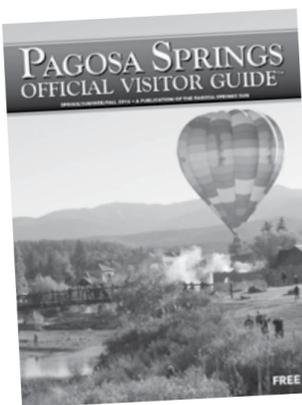
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EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Where do insects go in winter?

By Roberta Tolan
SUN Columnist

I don't think anyone would deny that this winter has been more of a challenge than some that we have enjoyed lately. We humans respond to the cold and snow by cranking up the heat in our homes, putting on warmer clothes or hunkering down at home with a warm fire.

Insects, on the other hand, often respond by undergoing major changes to survive. The following information on how insects respond to our cold Colorado winters was taken from an article written by Whitney Cranshaw, Ph.D., Colorado State University (CSU) entomologist.

Some insect species die out over winters, such as those that annually recolonize the state with spring and summer migrations. Others prepare for winter in several different ways. Caterpillars and beetles tend to burrow into soil or other protective cover. Aphids produce cold-resistant eggs that are attached to buds and needles. Several species like the protection that buildings and homes provide, producing nuisance problems.

Regardless, most species that successfully overwinter undergo physiological changes as well. Insects become "cold-hardy" in the fall, which involves chemical changes, including the production of antifreeze that protects their cells from lethal freezing. At this time, most insects are also in a condition known as diapause, a semi-dormant state where reproduction, development and most feeding ceases. Diapause persists for months and is only ended when certain environmental triggers are passed. Day length is sometimes used to determine when diapause occurs; a critical exposure to chilling temperatures may also be required to end diapause.

The following is a summary of how many arthropods in the state survive winter.

Butterflies

Most Colorado butterflies spend the winter as pupae in sheltered corners, often several yards from the plants that it fed on when in the caterpillar state. However, a few manage to tough it out as adult butterflies, notably the mourning cloak, which may even be seen flying during warm days in winter.

Several butterflies, including the monarch, painted lady and variegated fritillary, show true migration into the state during spring followed by a southern migration in late summer. The monarch overwinters in the butterfly stage in a fairly restricted area in the highlands of Mexico.

Ants

Ants are social insects that maintain a colony from year to year. Underground nesting is the norm, although some nest in wood or around homes. Over-wintering stages are adults — both workers and fertile queens. With warmer temperatures in late winter, eggs are laid and new ants are produced.

Honey bees

Honey bees are social insects that also maintain a colony from year to year. Almost all honey bee colonies are in maintained hives, although a few wild colonies occur in hollow trees, hollows of walls and other protected sites. Overwintering stages are workers and a single queen. Egg laying is suspended in fall and begins again during late winter.

Yellowjackets, hornets and paper wasps

Yellowjackets and hornets are social insects that abandon the nest at the end of the season and start a new colony each spring. Overwintering stage is a fertilized queen, which hides in protected sites such as under bark, around buildings and other locations. In spring, surviving females attempt to individually establish a new colony, a project that is rarely suc-

cessful.

Colonies that do become established grow slowly during the early season, when the queen and a few worker wasps are available for colony chores. However, as the season progresses, colonies expand rapidly. At the very end of the season, queen and males are produced. By early fall, the colony is abandoned and the workers and males die.

Bumblebees

Bumblebees are social insects that make a new colony each year. The only stage that overwinters are the large, fertilized queens that hide in protected areas. In spring, the queens emerge and try to establish a colony in abandoned rodent or bird nests or in hollows that have insulating material nearby. As the colony is originally produced solely by the efforts of the single queen, the first workers produced are malnourished and small in size. However, as these later workers are produced to help with colony chores, the colony becomes full-sized in late summer before it is abandoned.

Lady beetles

Lady beetles overwinter in the adult stage, typically seeking protected locations in the general vicinity of where they spent the summer. In particularly good sites, they often will winter in clusters. One species that recently established in the state, the multicolored Asian lady beetle, frequently winters in homes.

A few of the lady beetles may migrate long distances seeking winter shelter, including at least two species that fly to the mountains and spend the winter under the snow at elevations typically above 9,000 feet. These beetles often occur in spectacular aggregations that are most commonly observed during fall. The beetles then fly to lower elevations in late spring as snow melts. Mass winter aggregations occur all along the Front Range, but apparently they do not occur in western Colorado.

Aphids

Most aphids overwinter as eggs on some trees or shrubs. A typical Colorado aphid life cycle involves feeding on an herbaceous summer host plant followed by return of the aphid to a perennial plant in late summer and early fall. For example, the green peach aphid is a common garden pest in summer, but only survives winters on various prunus species; the potato aphid, another common garden pest in summer, survives as eggs on rose plants in the winter. Some aphids, notably the Russian wheat aphid, overwinter on the plant on which they feed, continuing to feed and develop throughout winter as long as temperatures permit. Other aphids, such as the cotton aphid and greenbug, rarely survive Colorado winters and most found during the summer originate as annual migrants from more southern areas.

Grasshoppers and crickets

There are a lot of different grasshoppers in Colorado (over 60 species), and the ways they make it through the winter also vary. However, most of the damaging grasshoppers (certain melanoplus species) and crickets overwinter as eggs, in an egg pod inserted into

soil. Other species overwinter as adults and even nymphs.

Beef Symposium Feb. 8

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 Marketing 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 to begin Feb. 9

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 from 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.

- 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 of the U.S. Forest Service.

- March 14: "Vegetable Gardening in the Mountains," taught by 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.



Middle School Science Fair

Photos courtesy Al Myatt

Scientific understanding was the goal for Pagosa Springs Middle School students during the annual science fair held Jan. 18. The 29 students from the sixth and seventh grades created 27 projects that spanned a wide array of topics, including the densities of different fluids, growth of crystals, cellphone radiation, comparing data sources when tracking human ancestry and if sound affects your visual perception. The various projects stemmed from a variety of disciplines including chemistry, physiology, engineering and social science.



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One of the most popular sleds in last year's Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race was this Broncos sled. This year's iteration of the event, Sledz on Rez, should again feature fun homemade sleds racing down Reservoir Hill for glory, bragging rights and prizes. Sledz on Rez will kick off at 2:30 p.m. Saturday on Reservoir Hill.

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By Fred Harman



Winterfest 2017 this weekend

By Mary Jo Coulehan and Angela Wirth
Special to The PREVIEW

WinterFest 2017 will occur on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 4 and 5, and the fun begins Saturday morning. Dress warmly, as the hot air balloons will take to the skies from the downtown area beginning at about 8 a.m., weather permitting.

This picturesque event allows for some stunning photographic opportunities of Pagosa in the winter with snow-covered mountains and frozen lakes.

The next event will be the Fat Bike race for all you hard-core cyclists or “newbies.” The event will begin in Yamaguchi Park on 5th Street with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the race kicking off at 9 a.m. Attendees can enjoy a 6K, 12K and Kids Fun Ride.

The event will benefit the Dust2 group helping to put single-track trails in Pagosa Springs. Registration is only \$10 and you can also rent a fat bike for \$10. Bikes will be available for rent at the race site. After the race, there will also be demo opportunities, again for only \$10. This is a fun activity for the whole family.

Get out your creativity for the second annual Barkus Parade in downtown Pagosa Springs. Beginning at Town Park at 11 a.m., the parade will feature fabulous pet costumes on the Riverwalk and down main street. Make a donation of at least \$10 and get a free cup of gumbo. All proceeds go directly to the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs. Prizes will be given for the best costumes.

The infamous Penguin Plunge will take place at 1 p.m. along the banks of the San Juan River at Davey’s Wave, across from the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center. The Penguin Plunge is for the heartiest souls willing to brave swimming in the frigid San Juan River, all to benefit their favorite nonprofit agency.

“Plungers” can download the registration form from the Chamber’s website at www.pagosachamber.com.

ber.com. The form is located under Events and Festivals under 2017 WinterFest or from the home page. Plungers should start collecting pledges now. Prizes will be awarded for the most money collected, the best costuming and who knows what else. Goody bags will also be given out to the plungers.

Participants will register and jump from the Visitor Center side of the San Juan River. Spectators may watch the event and cheer on the plungers from the Riverwalk. Music and lineup begins at noon and the plunge begins at 1 p.m. The event is fast, furious and funny, so don’t miss the antics.

Continuing with the festivities, the Sledz on Rez race, formerly known as the Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race, will take place on Reservoir Hill, with registration beginning at 2 p.m. and the races starting at 2:30 p.m.

This year’s sled race will be hosted by the new Young Professionals of Pagosa Springs (YPOPS) group. This event encourages homemade sleds.

The range of creativity is endless with one of last year’s favorite sleds celebrating the Denver Broncos — and it sure raced down the hill. Prizes will be given for Best of Show, Best Team and, of course, Best Crash, along with some other categories — and there will be concessions available on site.

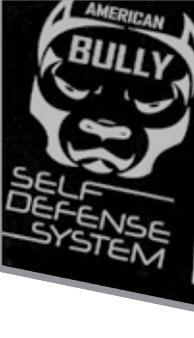
Registration forms can be downloaded from the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com or you can pick up a registration form at the Choke Cherry Tree, Coyote Moon Bar and Grill, Chamber or Old West Press. This event is fun for spectators and participants alike.

The weekend festivities continue on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. when the hot air balloons take to the air again, but this time from the west side of town, weather permitting.

At noon, head over to Pagosa Brewing for the Winterfest Superbowl Blowout, including a cornhole tournament, a special Winterfest drink and settle in for the kickoff of the Super Bowl.

All events during WinterFest are weather contingent, so for the latest information, contact the Chamber or “like” us on Facebook, where the latest updates and pictures will be posted.

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Celebrating the Chinese New Year has become an annual tradition for local Pi Beta Phi sorority alumnae and their husbands, as they gathered Jan. 28 at Aja Chinese restaurant in downtown Pagosa Springs. The scene was set with two lovely bouquets of home-grown red geraniums and colorful red holiday crackers on the table, red being the color of good luck and prosperity in the Chinese culture. Standing left to right: Bob and Lisa Scott, Bob Howard, John Rothchild and Mike McDonald. Seated left to right: Melissa McDonald, Carole Howard, Mary Bailly, Mary Rothchild and Marilyn Chippis. After a delicious dinner, guests were served special Chinese cookies in a golden bowl to bring everyone luck in the coming year.

Homemakers ask, 'What is your favorite thing?'

By Tozi Rubin
Special to The PREVIEW

The theme of Mountain View Homemakers' February meeting will be "My Favorite Thing."

This program is back by popular demand because we've all had such a great time in the past as members shared favorite household tips, personal treasures, books and even recipes.

Be sure to bring something to share that is a big favorite with you. It can be an object, a cooking trick, something in technology, a vacation recommendation or a novel way to use something. You are only limited by your imagination. However, because everyone will want to have time for their "favorite thing," we ask that you limit your "share" to a couple of minutes. The program will begin after lunch.

We invite all area women to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Methodist Church on Lewis Street. We socialize before we enjoy a potluck lunch provided by members. First-time visitors are not expected to bring food.

This is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends in the community.

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

Mountain View Homemakers is a 50-year-old monthly gathering of area women who are interested in making their lives, the lives of their families, and the community more enjoyable. The meetings include lunch and a speaker or activity.

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The cast of "The Good Body": Rebecca Anderson, Joyce Ryan, Devina St Claire, Terri Pritchard, Robin Brobst and Rossanna DuFour. "The Good Body" is slated to open Feb. 10 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

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'The Good Body' to open Feb. 10

By Laura Moore
Special to The PREVIEW

"It doesn't matter where I've been in the world, whether it's Tehran, where women are smashing and remodeling their noses to look less Iranian. Or in Beijing, where they are breaking their legs and adding bone to be taller. Or in Dallas, where they are surgically whittling their feet to fit into Manolo Blahniks or Jimmy Choos. Women I meet everywhere generally hate one part of their bodies. They spend most of their lives fixing it. What I can't believe is that me, a radical feminist for nearly 30 years, could spend this much time thinking about my stomach."

In Thingamajig Theatre Company's new production of "The Good Body" (opening on Feb. 10), playwright Eve Ensler, famous for the incredible "The Vagina Monologues," turns her unique eye to the rest of the female form. With everything from botox to breast implants, Ensler uses humor and remarkable true stories to rock our view of what it means to have a "good body."

"This play is my prayer, my attempt to analyze the mechanisms of our imprisonment, to break free so that we may spend more time running the world than running away from it. This play is an expression of my hope, my desire, that we will all refuse to be Barbie, that we will say no to the loss of the particular, whether it be to a voluptuous woman in a silk sari, or a woman with defining lines of character in her face, or a distinguishing nose, or olive toned skin, or wild curly hair," Ensler said.

"The Good Body" is performed by local women, including Terri Pritchard, who plays Eve.

"The honor of being chosen to

portray Eve has had an extraordinary effect on me. Being able to restore my once-great sense of humor, as well as touching the deepest wounds in me has allowed an even deeper soul cleansing and new perspective for me to wear on my sleeve," said Pritchard. "I feel transformed and I pray each person (by the way, this is not just a chick thing, men will completely relate as they've had to live with us and listen to us and listen to us and listen to us) will walk away from this and realize that giving a voice to every single thing is critical. I look forward to you sharing your story with me and hopefully we can share a smile and maybe a tear and realize that acceptance with a smile is the best prescription for well-being."

Joyce Ryan, Rebecca Anderson, Devina St Clair, Rosie Dufour and Joan Ward will join Pritchard on stage as women ranging from a teenager at fat camp to a model fresh out of another cosmetic surgery and the women of Afghanistan who secretly eat ice cream despite the fear for their lives from the Taliban.

"The Good Body" is a remarkable piece performed by remarkable women that will make you laugh, make you cry, surprise you and most definitely make you think, "That is exactly what I do!"

We hope you join us for this incredible journey. "The Good Body" runs Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. from Feb. 10-19 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Get your girlfriends together for a great night of laughs and reflection to support the amazing group of local ladies braving it all to bare it all onstage.

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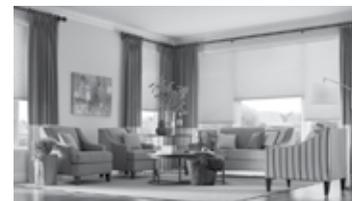
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Happy is a state of heart, humor is a state of mind

I vowed to laugh more in 2017. With all the changes and crazy things going on, laughter could be my only way out of this world. I had an “aha” moment this week. Happy and humor are different. I hadn’t thought about it before. I always thought laughter was laughter, and it made us all feel good.

But, not necessarily; humor is off the top of the head, happy comes from the heart.

If you ask my Sweet Al what makes him happy, he’d say his dog, Whiskey. Ask me, and I’d tell you it isn’t his dog that made me happy.

At a retreat last week I sat across from a lady and I couldn’t help but smile. I said to her, “I see your happy heart. Your heart is shouting happy to me.” A big hallelujah smile came across her face and her smile warmed up the whole room.

I wanted to be friends with her. I told her that there are people who aren’t happy. She said that’s sad. I started laughing. Then we both laughed, not because people were sad, but because we were happy. It didn’t make sense, but happy comes within. It is a gift that God gives to the heart.

I have another friend. I get happy when I think about her. She called me the other day and said she was happy to have a happy heart. I started laughing at her. She said, “I’m serious.” Then we both laughed. It wasn’t that funny, but happy is happy.

Then I have this ongoing saga with our prodigal son. He’s humorous. He’s got a quick wit and he makes me laugh. He doesn’t necessarily make me happy, but he makes me laugh. His humor has a barb to it, it pulls me in and I laugh.

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



I had an “aha” moment this week. Happy and humor are different. I hadn’t thought about it before.

Now, that’s sad.

On the same day the president was sworn in, the snow blew in and our Prodigal flew in. His feet stood on American soil with two golden retrievers standing beside him. Days before, our son wrote, “I want you to meet my dogs. When you meet Reyna, you’ll fall in love. She is like you, busy, outspoken and bossy.”

I wrote back, “Oh, no. Another dog will challenge me and try to run my house. I’m not happy. I’m really, really not happy.”

“Well, I guess you know, Reyna means queen in Tagalog, the national language of the Philippines.”

The family has discussed his dogs and we are divided. We all have our own opinion. Of course, the Prodigal has returned and didn’t ask us what we thought.

I said it anyway. “Give the dogs to a nice family in the Philippines who will take care of them. When you get home, you can find another cute dog at the Humane Society. The cost of shots, chips, being quarantined and shipping two dogs from the Philippines will break the bank. Plus Prince is old and might not make it another year.

“On top of that, you have to rent a van from San Francisco to Colorado because the airlines won’t fly them on to Colorado. All I see, you’re going through a lot of trouble and expense to bring your dogs home, but if this makes you happy ...”

The other members of the family took our son’s side. He needs to bring his dogs with him in order to make the transition. He’s leaving everything else behind, even his new car. He’s sending 10 boxes home and he’s leaving 10 years behind. All he has is his dogs. They make him happy. These are his children. He couldn’t leave his children in the Philippines. Could you leave your child in the Philippines? “Try me.”

My son wrote, “I’m scared to death, but excited to come home.”

I wrote back, “I’m scared to death because you are coming home.”

He wrote, “Alira, my housekeep-

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By Bill Hudgins
Special to The PREVIEW

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Lane

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er, bathed the dogs and brushed them so they would be ready for the flight and ready to meet you. I rented a van for Alira and five of the boys so they could ride to the airport and say goodbye. She's been crying for two days ... over my dogs."

"I've been crying for days over your dogs, too."

"Wait until you see Reyna, she is my bossy girl. You'll think you've seen your shadow."

Whiskey rules the house now. I don't think she's going to give her territory to Reyna. I told our daughter to keep her dog at home when Stephen brings his dogs. I can't handle five dogs. You would have thought I had told her to cut off her arm. She was not happy.

If you've been to our daughter's work, you know how she is. She carries dog biscuits in her apron pocket for the dogs. She knows their names and they wait at the counter for a treat. It makes her day and she's happy and the customers

are happy because she loves their dogs.

Final brushstroke: Humor or happy, that's the question. Dogs make the members of this family happy. I'm not happy with all of their dogs, so I use humor and laughter to deal with them.

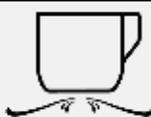
I received a comment from a friend who reads my column. Now this makes me happy. She wrote: "On goldens, laughs, and change! As for your son and his possible pregnant dog; everyone loves blondes — Robbie has 2 at her office here at the plaza so I am sure when the puppies are ready you will have no problem finding good homes, besides what is more laughable and uplifting then puppies in winter! From one who Depends on Change Daily and Laughs Lots." — Jenny.

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Cook with a Cause this Valentine's for a special dessert

By Ashley Wilson
Special to The PREVIEW

Just in time for Valentine's Day, whether you're looking for a girls' night, date night or a way to surprise you special someone with an amazing dessert, this class will have it all on Feb. 12.

Chef Kellie Stevens, owner of the Alley House Grille, is partnering with the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program (ACVAP) to offer a chocolate and wine cooking class.

There's no better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than learning how to make a mouthwatering chocolate pastry and then learn from the Alley House's very own wine rep all about port as a pairing with chocolate.

We all know that wine and chocolate are Valentine's staples and here is a great way to get experts to show you how to put it all together.

This class, as well as one held every month, support ACVAP. Local chefs come together to offer their skills and expertise and teach participants a different

menu every month.

As we come into 2017, ACVAP wants to honor healthy relationships that are one of the building blocks for ending violence in our community. A healthy relationship takes time spent together and these classes give the community an opportunity to have an activity to do just that.

Date night and girls' nights are great ways to build support for each other, increase understanding, and spend time learning something together.

As an ode to Valentine's Day and February being the month of love, ACVAP would like to applaud those relationships around us that are healthy, loving and safe.

So come Cook with a Cause. If chocolate and wine are not your thing, we have a class every month. March — Tess Challis, vegan cooking; April — Doug Neel, homemade mozzarella; and May (back by popular demand) — Rob Bell, flambé. For more information, call 264-1129.

If you or someone you know need help, we have a 24-hour hotline for information and help if you are experiencing any type of violence, 264-9075.

Public invited to Growing Partners meeting Feb. 7

By Leslie Wustrack
Special to The PREVIEW

Growing Partners of Southwest Colorado will hold its monthly fellows training meeting at the River Pointe Cafe, 445 San Juan St., on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

The public is invited to attend from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. to learn about community organizing, food systems and the upcoming free six-month community leadership training.

Founded in 2007, Growing Partners is a partnership of agencies and individuals working together with an overall vision of creating

a healthy, local food system that reaches all ages, incomes and cultures. One of the organization's goals is to help community members learn the tools of leadership to affect positive change in their communities within the members' own personal areas of interest.

Meeting schedule

10:30-11:30 a.m. — Community Organizing 101 and Food Systems 101. Presentation by Gretchen Groenke, Growing Partners.

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — A visit to the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Education Dome on the San Juan River; question and

answer with Roberta Tolan, Archuleta County CSU Extension director.

The free community leadership training will begin in March 2017. The training is designed to support community members in shaping the world they want to live in. The program will teach personal development, collaboration skills and strategies for creating change. In addition, one-on-one support for attendees' specific interests and connections to relevant resources and opportunities will be offered.

More information will be available at the Feb. 7 meeting. For more on the nonprofit organization, visit growingpartners.org.

Fort Lewis College Theatre kicking off its spring season with a timeless classic

By Kathryn Regan
Special to The PREVIEW

We set the stage for Fort Lewis College (FLC) Theatre Department's 2017 spring season with "A Doll's House," originally written by Henrik Ibsen, adapted by Simon Stephens and directed by Felicia Meyer.

Performances run Feb. 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Feb. 12, at the MainStage Theatre located on campus in the Theatre Building.

"A Doll's House" follows the lives of Nora and Torvald Helmer. When the characters are introduced, they seem to have a perfect life: a beautiful home, wonderful kids and textbook marriage; however, the warmth of their idyllic marriage is plagued with shadows from their past. In an effort to save her husband, Nora seeks financial help in the most unlikely of places and finds that she has risked everything she holds safe.

When asked about "A Doll's House," Meyer said, "Although this play is a relic of the past, written in

1879, our ensemble is interested in learning how Ibsen's themes matter today. Nora is caught in her marriage web of sex and money and lies, while Torvald is caught in society's web of expectation. Can we find and recognize the lasting impact of our inherited Victorian beliefs about marriage, sexuality and duty to society playing out in our own lives?"

With help from an FLC cast and crew, Meyer takes a classic 19th century play and makes it relatable with today's audience. Full of excitement and drama all the way to the very end, "A Doll's House" is sure to leave the audience wanting more.

FLC Theatre will continue with its comedic operetta "Pirates of Penzance" (Gilbert and Sullivan), March 24-April 1. Tickets are on sale now.

Tickets for "A Doll's House" are available online at <http://www.durangoconcerts.com>, by calling 247-7657 or by visiting the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Av-

enue in downtown Durango. Ticket office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Four free fun Valentine's events at your library

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff



We have four different free Valentine's events at the library for your enjoyment in the coming days, with all materials provided and no registration required:

- This Saturday, Feb. 4, from 3 to 4 p.m., our all-ages art session will feature heart mobiles. You'll have fun creating a unique hanging mobile with brightly colored paper hearts. No matter your age, please join us.

- On Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the adult crafts session at 1 p.m., you will create gorgeous heart-shaped wreaths of paper roses.

- On Thursday, Feb. 9, from 4 to 6 p.m. is a Valentine-making party for all ages. You'll be able to handcraft awesome Valentines while you munch delicious treats with your family and friends. Everyone loves a handmade Valentine.

- On Friday, Feb. 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. is an anti-Valentines lock-in for ages 12-17. Join us for food, games and activities for teens who are tired of a romantic Valentine's Day.

Teen advisory board

Today, Thursday, Feb. 2, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

Teen role-playing

The role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders will take place Monday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Spanish basics

Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., you can practice your Spanish and learn how to talk about your house. You'll also learn how to conjugate the verbs "to have" and "to be." All are welcome. No registration is required.

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

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m., join Michael for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. This is an excellent way for kids of all ages to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

Baby storytime

Every Saturday from 9:05 to 9:25 a.m., join 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

"Everest" documents the adventures of two climbing expeditions on the mountain. "A Man Called Love" is based on the international bestselling book. "Kubo and the Two Strings" is an animated action adventure. "The Yellow Handkerchief" is a love story set in post-Katrina Louisiana. "The Magnificent Seven" is the classic western. "Witness for the Prosecution" stars Marlene Deitrich and Charles Laughton. "Finding Dory" is the Disney Pixar hit. "Wish Me Luck" is season one of the PBS British World War II series.

Large print

"River of Time" by Naomi Judd is memoir by the country music star. "Eggnog Murder" by Leslie Meir, Lee Hollis and Barbara Ross is a mystery.

Nonfiction

"Senior Moments" by Willard Spiegelman gathers more than six decades of lessons from the author's career as a writer and professor. "The Way of the Writer" by Charles Johnson reflects on the art and craft of storytelling and is a guide to the writing process. "The Wellness Mama Cookbook" by Katie Wells provides 200 simple, delicious and healthy recipes, as well as meal plans and time-saving tips. "Mrs. Sherlock Holmes" by Brad Ricca details the history and cases of New York City's first female detective and lawyer.

Thrillers and mysteries

"Winter's Child" by Margaret Coel is the latest in the Wind River

Reservation series.

Other novels

"Say Goodbye for Now" by Catherine Ryan Hyde is set in an abandoned animals shelter on an isolated Texas ranch. "Take Back the Sky" by Greg Bear is the third story in the War Dogs sci-fi trilogy.

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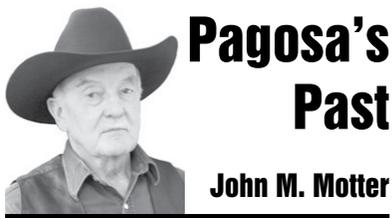
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A new understanding of old-timers

This week I'm weaving a little history of my personal life into my column. I'll be 83 in March and have camped out in Pagosa Country for about 50 of those years. We've lived in Dulce, N.M., for the last 18 years, where my wife, Vicki, has taught elementary school, we've pastored Dulce Baptist Church and, for nine years, I've taught GED and other subjects in the Jicarilla Apache Department of Education (JADE). I've given notice to the Tribe that I'm hanging up my boots here at the end of March.

The year has been rough on my body — a knee replacement in January, compression fracture in my back in April and pneumonia the last two weeks. I don't plan to hang up the reins and walk away any time soon, just find a new hitching post.

Truthfully, it's a time of sadness. I've known a lot of old-timers here, some of whom came in on covered wagons. I interviewed a number of them over the years. When I asked to interview Paul Decker who owned the "Feedstore at the Bottom of Wolf Creek Pass," he agreed, but pointed out the risk considering "the last three old-timers you've interviewed passed on shortly after."



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

Now I'm growing a new understanding of what it means to be an old-timer. Etched on a memory screen somewhere in my head is a picture of the late Pres Valdez, who has a lot of family remaining here and whose family has lived within a couple of hundred miles of Pagosa Country for several hundred years.

Pres was one of my best friends, but a lot of people could say that. He always had time to shoe a horse for me. For a long time, Pres ramrodded the Mill Creek Ranch where he and Stella lived in a well-scrubbed cabin behind the main house that was home to a well-scrubbed and well-loved passel of youngins.

For those who don't know, Mill Creek Ranch nestles up against the mountains a few miles east of Pagosa Springs. It was first home-steaded by the Dowell family, specifically John L. Dowell, the first mayor of Pagosa Springs.

Pres was in his 60s when I first knew him, still irrigating pastures and chasing stray cows through the brush behind the ranch. He could still rope and ride as well as many half his age, and it is said he still wrapped his legs around the ribs of a bucking bronc or two every Fourth of July, just to see how long the bang-tail would last.

The time came for Pres to retire and he moved in with family members on 8th Street just past the library. One morning, I grabbed a few breakfast rolls and headed over to the Valdez place to see how Pres was doing. The family showed me into the living room where Pres was waiting.

There he stood, one hand in each hind pocket of his faded jeans, staring through a window eastward across the valley. Nobody needed to tell me what was on his mind. Across the valley snuggled at the bottom of the South San Juans was Mill Creek Ranch, and in every nook and cranny on that ranch snuggled a memory. Pres was slow in turning to shake my

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Library

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"Don't Let My Baby Do Rodeo" by Boris Fishman tells of a couple tracking down their adopted son's birth parents to understand his behavior. "The Mortifications" by Derek Palacio follows a Cuban émigré family in America — but in Connecticut, not Miami.

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"My mother used to say, 'Angels fly because they take themselves lightly.' She taught me that there is always a way around a problem — you've just got to find it. Keep trying doors; one will eventually open. She also taught me to accept failure as part and parcel of life. It's not the opposite of success; it's an integral part of success." — Arianna Huffington, bestselling author, co-founder and editor in chief of the Huffington Post, now owned by AOL.

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Past

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hand, and maybe there was a tear there.

Today, I know better than I knew

then what was on Pres's mind. As I ride down almost any road in the county; looking east, west, north, or south — it doesn't matter where

I look — staring back at me are the memories, some good, some bad. There they are, no blinking, no winking, just staring.

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Yoda's unconditional love and acceptance

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

The little mixed dog looked up at me from his kennel. The sign on the kennel read, "escape artist, climbs cyclone fences." How could something so small accomplish such a feat?

The owners of the pet rescue showed us video proof. He resembled a squirrel scurrying up the fence. No doubt he had done this before. May be the reason he wound up on the streets in Jenks, Okla. We wondered how bad life must have been to compel him to escape.

How could we say "No" to those sun-flaked eyes? They begged us to take him home. We agreed to the adoption terms and signed the necessary papers. The adoption was held at the local PetSmart and with the newest family member in tow, we walked in.

A few minutes later we pushed a cart out with all the items needed to assure a life of leisure for our little one, the backseat of the car full of all the necessities a new dog requires.

We named him Yoda. Part Chihuahua and terrier, he has sharp, pointed ears and wiry hair. He reminds us of Yoda from "Star Wars." Small in stature, with a natural ability to overcome obstacles.

Yoda, a good little traveler, settled into his bed in the backseat for an uneventful trip home. He still hasn't quite figured out white grass; but otherwise is comfortable in his new home. He loves lap time and wants to be wherever we are.

As I reflect on Yoda's short life, I marvel at his acceptance and love of two strangers. It's as if he understands he's a part of our family. We rescued Yoda from a rough life and certain death.

I'm reminded how I wanted to escape a life of pain and abuse. The noise of the world drowned out my cries for help. No place to hide,

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a safe place was a mere dream. I was lost and alone, wandering with no place to call home. Then Jesus came and rescued me from the depths of loneliness and despair. He invited me into His family. Now I know the unconditional love and acceptance of my Heavenly Father.

I believe Yoda chose us to be his parents, like we chose Jesus to be our Lord and Savior. As we provide and care for Yoda, he is a constant reminder of God's provision and protection.

Because of Jesus, we have been accepted into His family.

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." — Jeremiah 29:13 (KJV).

I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

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UU topic: 'Spirituality — A Definitive Definition'

By Pauline Benetti
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a program titled "Spirituality — A Definitive Definition," with Pauline Benetti, this Sunday, Feb. 5, for its regular service.

This service will follow a different format as we explore three interpretations of the theme "Spirituality" and in the process realize, of course, that no definitive defini-

tion of spirituality exists.

We shall hear, through the read sermon, from the professional, the minister, whose job it is to think deeply, read widely, feel expansively and verbalize for the benefit of all. We shall also hear from the private person who depends largely on life — its ups and downs — and what that brings to her attention about what goes beyond the practical day to day. And we shall ask questions of ourselves, lots of them, to help us

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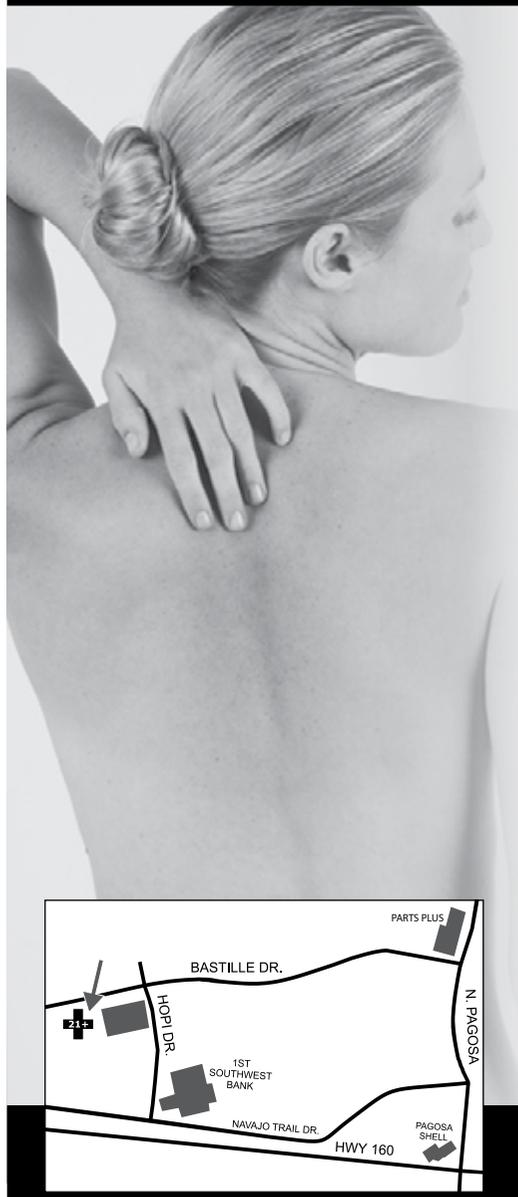
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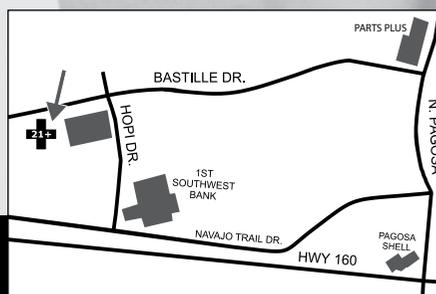
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Love rules in February at Pagosa Community of New Thought

By **Carla Ryan**
Special to The PREVIEW

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, it seems appropriate to select "Love" as the central theme in February for messages and music at Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT).

The Rev. Carla Ryan will focus first on "Love and Self" at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service on Feb. 5.

Just like in Maslow's hierarchy of needs, there's a progression to the concept of developing love in our lives and our openness to it. When

we are able to truly love ourselves first, awareness expands and we are able to more readily give love to and receive it from others.

What does it mean to truly love ourselves? And where does the rest of the world and God fit into this hierarchy? Ryan will share personal experiences to demonstrate, as well as stories of wisdom from other spiritual teachers.

Following the service (from 1 until 2:30 p.m.), the monthly study group will meet to discuss Lesson 9 of the "Extension Study Course in the Science of Mind," written by Dr.

Ernest Holmes. The group facilitator is the Rev. Mike Ryan.

Ongoing students are encouraged to review their workbooks and SOM textbook prior to meeting for a full and rich discussion.

Besides the regular Sunday morning services, the February schedule includes two mid-week (Wednesday) gatherings in a class-like format, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., on Feb. 8 and again on Feb. 22. The purpose will be to discuss the "how-to" basics of Science of Mind's prayer (also known as

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all attend to and experience beyond the day to day of our lives.

Come prepared to join the Fellowship on this journey.

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

Thursday, Feb. 2

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.

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

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

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

San Juan Outdoor Club. 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Program speaker will be Mike LeRoux, director of emergency operations for Ar-

chuleta County, and member of Search and Rescue. Light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome. For more information, go to www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org.

Friday, Feb. 3

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.

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

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

Saturday, Feb. 4

WinterFest Balloon Ascension. 8 a.m., downtown.

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

Archuleta County Democratic Party Reorganization Meeting. 9:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Registration is at

9 a.m. and the meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. Selection of officers. Contact Becky Herman, ACDP chair, at 903-0788 or email becky.herman98@gmail.com for more information.

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

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

WinterFest Fat Bike Race. 9 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Attendees can enjoy a 6K, 12K and Kids Fun Ride. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Pagosa Peak Open School Enrollment Presentation. 10 a.m., 7

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spiritual mind treatment). There will be lecture, discussion and experiential exercises for all guests.

A workshop is scheduled for Feb. 11, titled "Win/Win in 7 Steps" (12:30 to 4 p.m.) and 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 matter 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 facilitator.

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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). 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.

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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.

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

WinterFest Barkus Parade. 11 a.m., Town Park. The second annual parade will feature fabulous pet costumes on the Riverwalk and down main street. Make a donation of at least \$10 and get a free cup of gumbo. Prizes will be given for best costumes.

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.

WinterFest Penguin Plunge. 1 p.m., San Juan River, Davey's Wave. The Penguin Plunge is for the heartiest souls willing to brave swimming in the frigid San Juan River, all to benefit their favorite nonprofit agency. Plungers can download the registration form from the Chamber's website at www.pagosachamber.com.

WinterFest Sledz on Rez. 2:30 p.m., Reservoir Hill. Registration begins at 2 p.m. This year's sled race will be hosted by the Young Professionals of Pagosa Springs. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.pagosachamber.com.

All Ages Art-Heart Mobiles. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Create a unique hanging mobile with brightly colored paper hearts. No matter your age, join us. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Sunday, Feb. 5

WinterFest Balloon Ascension. 8 a.m., Pagosa Lakes.

WinterFest Cornhole Tournament. Noon, Pagosa Brewing Company. Enjoy cornhole, a special Winterfest drink and settle in for the kickoff of the Super Bowl.

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 at 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, Feb. 6

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 ■ **See Calendar on next page**



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

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

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

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

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

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

Weminuche Audubon Society. 6-8 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. Anyone with an interest in conservation in general or birds in particular is welcome to attend. The agenda will include plans for the upcoming members' meeting and the yearly Citizen Science Project, the Great Backyard Bird Count. Call Becky Herman at 264-2171 for more information.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

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

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.

Community Organizing 101. 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., River Pointe Cafe, 445 San Juan St. Growing Partners of Southwest Colorado is holding its monthly meeting. Learn about community organizing, food systems and the upcoming free six-month community leadership training. For more information on the nonprofit organization, visit growingpartners.org.

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

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact 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.

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.

Terrific Tuesdays. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Learn to dance the rumba. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

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

34th Annual San Juan Basin Beef symposium. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds. Learn the trends of the cattle market and what is driving it from the director of the Livestock Marketing and Information Center. The cost for the full day and a delicious, hot beef lunch is only \$25 if registration is received by Feb. 3. To register or for further information, call 264-5931.

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

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.

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

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

Adult Craft Paper Rose Wreaths. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. These gorgeous heart-shaped wreaths would be a perfect gift for yourself or someone you love. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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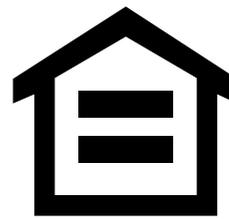
Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

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

Spanish Basics: Around the House. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson

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

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

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship, 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, Feb. 9

Gardening and Landscape Series: 'All you Need to Know About Gardening in the Mountains.' 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Extension building. Including water, climate, growing season, wildlife and microclimates. Class is delivered electronically with question-and-answer availability. Cost is \$35 per class or \$150 for the entire series. Call 264-5931 to register and for more information.

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

Mountain View Homemakers. 11:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Come prepared to share your favorite thing: a book, a recipe, a house-

keeping or computer tip, whatever you think is a great idea. All area women are invited. For information, call Tozi at 731-3360.

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.

Valentine-Making Party. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Everyone loves a handmade Valentine. At this all-ages party, we'll be getting creative, handcrafting awesome Valentines and munching delicious treats. Supplies will be provided. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Town Planning Department Public Meeting. 5:30 p.m., Community Center. To explain and discuss the code amendments contemplated in Ordinance 853 for the R-12 and R-18 districts. Property owners within these districts and adjacent property owners are encouraged to attend this meeting, which is scheduled prior to town council's consideration of approving Ordinance 853 on second reading at a future public town council meeting. Call 264-4151, ext. 225 or email jdickhoff@pagosasprings.co.gov for more information.

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

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

Friday, Feb. 10

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.

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The Chain Bridge over the Danube River in Budapest is reputed to be one of the most beautiful bridges in the world.

Photo Club to look at highlights of a trip down the Blue Danube

By Gregg Heid
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

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

Our speaker for the evening will be Bob Green. He will share photos of his trip down the Blue Danube River from Prague to Budapest. The presentation will not be a comprehensive record of the trip, but will only hit the photographic highlights.

The challenges of travel photography and production of the best quality images will be discussed.

Questions about techniques and equipment will be answered along the way. All members will want to attend the meeting to discover “why we were left high and dry in Eastern Europe.”

Everyone is invited to bring 10-15 pictures on a flash drive of their winter activities. Long time photographers and those just starting out are welcome.

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Members of Pagosa Springs' Aikido of the San Juans dojo celebrate Kagami Biraki, a traditional Japanese New Year's ceremony.

Local aikido students celebrate Kagami Biraki

By Lisa Jensen
Special to The PREVIEW

Students, family and friends of Aikido of the San Juans recently celebrated Kagami Biraki, a traditional Japanese New Year's ceremony.

In Japan, the New Year's period lasts a few weeks and is a time for family and other groups to assemble together. Rice cakes, or Kagami mochi, are rounded in the shape of old-fashioned metal mirrors and are offered as a symbol of personal reflection.

Japanese legend tells of a deity who fell out of favor with the other gods because of his unusually cruel nature. This deity was banished and found his way to a secluded cave, where he came upon a mirror-like object. Gazing upon this object caused him to look at himself and reflect upon his actions. After many years of personal reflection, the deity returned to the other gods, who immediately noticed a great change in his mannerisms and character.

To members of Japanese feudal society, mirrors represented the soul or conscience. It was important to keep them clean since mirrors reflected back on the viewer his or her own thoughts. For samurai, polishing weapons and armor symbolized polishing one's spirit, a method to clarify thought and strengthen dedi-

cation to one's obligations and duty in the coming year. Likewise, souji, or cleaning, is part of training in traditional dojos. Besides the physical task of cleaning, the practice is really intended to continually polish one's spirit.

In traditional martial arts dojos, Kagami Biraki represents a renewing of the spirit and rededication to training in the coming year. The celebration symbolizes working on and perfecting the self, and reducing ego.

The founder said, "Never stop polishing that jewel, you who tread this path."

It represents practice to keep the mind and resolve clear.

Aikido is often called the art of peace. Practitioners first learn to connect with their training partner, maintaining this connection throughout the technique. The emphasis is on blending with the other person's energy and re-directing it in such a way that neither person is hurt. Aikido's founder, Morihei Ueshiba, determined that the true purpose of martial arts training is to better oneself and to seek to protect or help others.

In physical practice, aikido immediately reminds us that we are all connected and inspires us to keep this connection throughout all our endeavours.



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Tax help for seniors available in Durango

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

For the past several years, the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) group out of Durango has come to the Pagosa Springs Senior Center offering free income tax preparation for seniors. This year, due to lack of adequate volunteers from Tax Help Colorado out of Denver, the Durango VITA tax volunteers will not be able to assist senior taxpayers in Pagosa Springs.

Seniors can, however, go to Durango for help with their taxes. The schedule is as follows: Seniors only, Mondays, beginning Feb. 6 (you may call for an appointment in January, 382-6445). All ages, Saturdays beginning Feb. 4 (you may call for an appointment in January, 335-9776).

The qualifying income level for free assistance is \$54,000.

Health and wellness

The Pagosa Springs Senior Cen-



ter has initiated a new 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 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, of Alpine Medical and Specialty

Practices.

Zappone has been a nurse practitioner for six years and a longtime resident of Pagosa Springs. She understands the difficulties of 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 wellness event will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 21.

Computer center

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

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20 Chamber group, maybe
21 Addams family butler
23 Bundle
24 Without end
26 Hailey novel
28 Family subdivisions
30 Strong indignation
33 Medal-worthy
36 In addition
38 Buzzer
39 Genesis name
40 Dense grove
42 Pastoral place
43 Increase, with "up"
44 "Take one"
45 _____ of truth
47 Sound asleep?
49 Secret stuff
51 Diamond measure
53 Run
57 Tell all
59 Cary Grant, originally
61 Pull an all-nighter
62 Fictional Roger or Peter
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66 Dissimilar
67 "Earth in the Balance" author
68 Chip off the old block
69 Move unsteadily
70 All over
71 Wrap up

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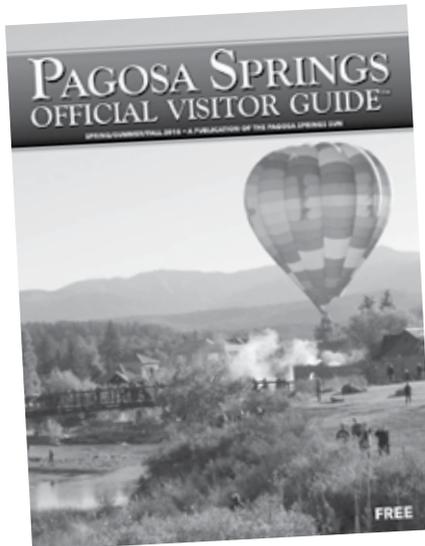
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Answer to Last Week's Crossword:

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Senior

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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 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, Feb. 2 — Beef cheeseburger, cucumber salad, sweet potato fries, salad bar and brownie.

Friday, Feb. 3 — Salmon patty, ginger butternut squash, steamed asparagus with lemon, focaccia bread and salad bar.

Monday, Feb. 6 — Chicken a la

king, brown rice pilaf, glazed carrots, roasted broccoli and salad bar.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 — Beef and vegetable kabobs, green beans with almonds, yellow squash medley, salad bar and brownie.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 — Beef meatloaf, mashed red potatoes, gravy, broccoli with red peppers, whole wheat roll and salad bar.

Thursday, Feb. 9 — Chicken tostadas, spinach with tomato, Mexicali corn, salad bar and pineapple/orange cake.

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.

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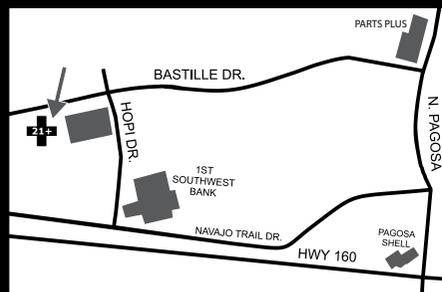
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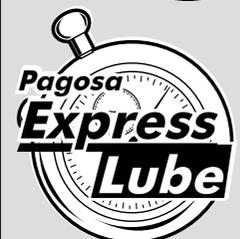
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Join the effort during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

By Cheryl Bowdridge
Special to The PREVIEW

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program (ACVAP) is partnering with Pagosa Springs High School in a Loves Respect Campaign.

Why?

One in three between the ages of 13 and 24 will be in some form of abusive relationship and dating abuse affects 1.5 million teens annually. Forty-three percent of dating college women report experiencing abusive dating behaviors. This might vary from physical abuse, emotional abuse, verbal abuse, digital abuse or control.

We hope that talking about healthy relationships will bring awareness to the youth and adults in our community to promote healthy, respectful relationships, in person and in our technological world.

A variety of activities will take place this month from healthy relationship conversations, a pledge for respectful text messaging, wear orange for love day, public service announcements, a show-respect dance performed by Pagosa

Springs Dance Academy (PSDA) students, proclamations signed by the town and county, and more.

Please join us in our activities to raise awareness and show the youth in our community that we stand beside them.

Feb. 7 — Pagosa Springs Town Council to sign proclamation at town council meeting.

Feb. 13-17 — RespectWeek: Use #Respectweek2017 to promote respect week.

Feb. 14 — Wear Orange for Respect Day. Wear your orange and use the #orange4love along with your photos.

Feb. 14 — PSDA students perform at basketball game.

Feb. 17 — Public service announcements #loveisrespect to share what love and respect mean to you.

Help us get the word out this month.

Tips to help

L.O.V.E.S. stands for listen, options, value, empower and safety. If your friend is in an unhealthy relationship, listen to their story and try not to judge. Give them options and resources, such as talking with a trusted adult about

the situation or calling the local hotline 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 264-9075.

Let them know that you value them and the abuse isn't their fault. They deserve a healthy and respectful relationship. Empower them to make their own decisions. You can give them options, but don't tell them what to do. Consider your friend's safety as well as your own. Don't get in the middle of an unsafe and abusive situation.



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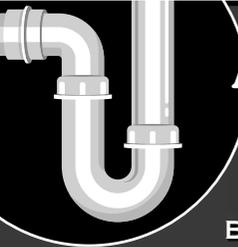
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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets Saturdays at 9a.m. at 234 N. 2nd St., aka CR 200 or Snowball Road. Open meeting, various structure. Call Lyn, 903-0655, or Carl, 903-2346, to confirm we are meeting or for information.

AL-ANON meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Saturday, 10:30a.m., 234 N. 2nd Street (CR200/ Snowball Road). www.al-anon-co.org.

A.A. PAGOSA SPRINGS GROUP. 234 N. 2nd St./ CR 200- Snowball Rd. Sunday 10a.m. (AM); 5:30p.m. open discussion; Monday 12p.m. (D), 5:30p.m. (BB); Tuesday 12p.m. (D), 5:30p.m. (M); Wednesday 12p.m. (D), 5:30p.m. (W); Thursday 12p.m. (D), 5:30p.m. (BG); Friday 12p.m. (D), 7p.m. (D); Saturday 7:30a.m. (AM), 5:30p.m. (D). (Last Friday of the month, 6p.m. potluck, 7p.m. birthday speaker meeting.) Questions, contact (970)245-9649, www.aa-westerncolorado.org or www.aadistrict18.org, or call: Ed K. 946-2606; Val V. 264-2685; Ben B. 264-0217.

NEW ALANON GROUP: Traditional AlAnon Group meets Fridays, 6-7p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Dr. (325)669-9715.

ZHENA'S NOTE CARDS are back! at the new Pagosa art co-op, next to Artisan Chocolates by the Malt Shoppe. Open most afternoons.

NEW OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meeting Thursdays, 11a.m., at Centerpoint Church, 270 Cornerstone Dr. Leslie, (970)799-0775.

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A.A. PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES GROUP meets at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Tuesday 7p.m. Big Book Study (closed); Thursday 7p.m. Discussion (open); Questions (970)245-9649, www.aa-westerncolorado.org or www.aadistrict18.org; Ken or Charlotte (970)903-9690.

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ROOFERS AND LABORERS NEEDED with experience. (970)749-0830.

LOCAL RANCH LOOKING for a wrangler/ laborer for the summer of 2017 May- October. Job description includes fence work, pasture irrigation, cattle knowledge, lawn maintenance, some heavy equipment experience a bonus. Horse experience beneficial. Email pagosadave@gmail.com for information.

CONRAD MEDINA CONSTRUCTION is looking for framers/ siding installers. Must have your own transportation. Call (970)749-4144.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER has an opening for a Data Processing Clerk. The clerk is responsible for accurately posting all insurance payments and adjustments, patient payments and all other types of payments received for the hospital as directed by the Controller. Daily reconciliation of accounts receivable and cash to all sub-systems. Other duties as assigned by the Controller. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration and the human resources office or downloaded from www.pagosapringmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

PAGOSA VETERINARY CLINIC is hiring a part-time morning front office representative. Avimark experience a plus. Please fax resume to (970)264-5834.

THE BUCK STOPS HERE is hiring a Full-time Kitchen Cook for high paced kitchen where everything is made from scratch. Great staff atmosphere and pay. Apply with Kevin at The Buck Stops Here Market & Eatery at 19 Navajo Trail Dr.

264-2101

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Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

HELP WANTED

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for full-time Housekeepers. Must be willing to work nights and some weekends. Applications may be picked up at the human resources office or downloaded at www.pagosaprimedicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

SUPPORT AIDES NEEDED FULL-TIME with benefits. Will train. Apply at Pine Ridge, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

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Completed bachelor's degree. Degree must be in agriculture, education, youth development, natural resources, human development, social or behavioral sciences or a closely related field.

For full consideration all materials must be RECEIVED no later than 11:59 PM Mountain Time on Thursday February 2, 2017.

Please apply at:
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