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U haul pot, U get caught (sometimes)

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

In a classic embodiment of the Cheech and Chong characters, two individuals were arrested on Monday, Feb. 13, when they tried to retrieve their recently impounded U-Haul that the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) had found 88 pounds of marijuana in.

Michael David Duever, 34, of Watauga, Texas, and 25-year-old John Andrew Grubb, of Haltom City, Texas, now each face charges of criminal conspiracy and unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing and sale.

The incident began on Jan. 21, when the two were pulled over while driving a U-Haul truck.

According to ACSO Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton, the two originally claimed to be from Tennessee, and driving from California to Texas.

"He didn't have the rental agree-

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Good luck, Pirates!



SUN photo/Marshall Dunham

The Pagosa Pirate wrestling state qualifiers pose for a photo outside of Pagosa Springs High School before traveling to Denver to participate in the state wrestling tournament. Back row, left to right, are Caleb Janowsky, Tate Hinger, Trevor Bryant, Nolan Stretton and Dalton Lucero. Front row, left to right, are coach Dan Janowsky, James Thomas and Will Villalobos.

Discussion of justice center location continues

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu once said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

The question for Archuleta County 2,500 years later seems to be, when does the journey end?

Last year, the county made a choice by majority vote of the board of commissioners, at what appeared to be the end of a long journey of evaluation of several possible sites, to build a new justice center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

All concerned continue to be in agreement that the new center is needed. As Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez observed during a commissioners' work session Friday, under Colorado law, "the county is required to have a jail, and right now, we don't have one ... and that's putting this county in a serious position."

One of the principal components of the new justice center would be a jail. In addition, it would include the Sheriff's Office and the county courts.

Due to present lack of a func-

■ See County A8

Elementary school's 100 Mile Club: Making memories and logging miles

By Laura Mijares
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Springs Elementary School's 100 Mile Club recently hosted a snowshoe adventure at Sonlight Camp featuring great snow, blue skies, camaraderie and a hot dog roast.

Students and parents were able to try out new skills in managing snowshoes while accumulating miles that go to individual and collective totals. Coaches Lindsey Kurt-Mason, Michelle Ziegler and Nicole Jones taught skills while making sure that all students had a great time.

The new club was recently implemented at Pagosa Springs elementary and middle schools as a fitness challenge to students. This challenge, called The 100 Mile Club, is part of a national program that is sponsored locally by the San Juan Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

The 100 Mile Club presents students with a straightforward goal: run, jog or walk 100 miles over the course of the school year.

At the elementary school, participating students and parents are encouraged to log miles before and after school in a variety of contexts.

Miles are tallied daily and charted on a graph for the school community to see. Currently, the collective miles total over 1,900, more than it takes to get to Philadelphia from Pagosa Springs.

The program is adaptable



Photo courtesy Laura Mijares

Pagosa Springs Elementary School's 100 Mile Club enjoys a snowshoe adventure at Sonlight Camp featuring great snow, blue skies, camaraderie and a hot dog roast. The 100 Mile Club was recently implemented at Pagosa Springs elementary and middle schools as a fitness challenge to students.

to the resources and needs of individual students, and may be implemented in many different ways throughout the school day.

Making the program unique

are life lessons in goal-setting, determination and team spirit delivered alongside exercise. Rather than compete against each other, students at the elementary are

members of the 100 Mile Club "team," where every student has the opportunity to be successful.

Whether they run, jog or walk towards their goal, the 100 Mile

Club inspires students of all abilities — athletic, nonathletic, learning disabled, challenged — to be active in an accepting, positive environment.

Area snowpack leading state

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

With several recent winter storms in the books, southwest Colorado's snowpack is looking good.

As of Tuesday, Feb. 14, the snowpack for the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins was at 162 percent of median and was tied with the Gunnison River Basin for the highest snowpack percentage in the state.

The Upper Rio Grande Basin, which neighbors to the east, was

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Finding good news

When Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow a couple of weeks ago, many locals questioned if we would ever catch a break and have some good news this winter.

If you take the time to look for the good in things, you will find it all around you. Let's start with this week's newspaper.

There are numerous stories by SUN staff writers throughout the paper, along with ample opinions on the Letters to the Editor and Opinion pages. Locals contribute quite a bit of the paper's weekly content.

Pagosa Springs Elementary School Assistant Principal Laura Mijares provided the front-page photo and article of elementary students working toward a goal of each going the distance by running, jogging or walking 100 miles over the course of the school year.

On page one Randi Pierce reports on the snowpack in our part of the state as being the highest we've seen it in years.

Take a look at this week's Legacies and you will find that, 50 years ago, a federal grant had been reserved for a proposed community center known as El Centro Community Center. Twenty-five years ago, Warren Grams was named the new fire chief.

John Motter regales us with tales of Pagosa's Past on a weekly basis.

Mary Jo Coulehan fills us in on bike tours that will be visiting Pagosa Country this summer. Colorado Parks and Wildlife announces that applications are now available for 2017 season big game, sheep and goat hunting licenses. Raymond Taylor provides information for veterans about claims for service-connected post-traumatic stress disorder.

Allison Wylie contributed photos to enhance our wrestling coverage about seven wrestlers moving on to state competition this week. Darren Lewis fills us in on the town's parks and rec news.

On the cover of The PREVIEW this week, Lili Pearson shares a photo of 4-H'ers releasing ladybugs as part of the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's pest management program in the Education Growing Dome.

Megan Macht tells us about local firefighters who were recently honored at the annual Firefighter Appreciation Dinner.

Thingamajig Theatre Company's Laura Moore updates us on the final performances of "The Good Body." There are four more days left to catch this thought-provoking "study about women and their tragic and often more hilarious and absurd obsession with their bodies."

Lynnis Steinert shares about her experience as a volunteer for Chimney Rock Interpretive Association and about how you can help this summer at the national monument by attending the upcoming open house.

You will find a plethora of activities and events listed in the calendar. Area churches have submitted information about upcoming programs. Mercedes Leist reminds us of the 2017 World Day of Prayer.

Betty Slade writes about "Bow wow woes" in Artist's Lane. Cheryl Wilkinon reminds seniors about free legal aid to be offered at the Senior Center.

Carole Howard contributes her weekly column about events and books at the library, while Rachael Perry writes about Family Reading Night at the library and the challenge to read 1,000 books before kindergarten.

The Extension Office reminds women about heart health and the importance of keeping our ticker in top shape.

Linda Parker announces the fourth annual "Over the Rainbow" fundraiser coming up for the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir.

There is plenty of "good community news" to be found in the pages of our newspaper.

We welcome your "good news" submissions. If you are sharing photos, please email a high-resolution file to editor@pagosasun.com. Articles may be sent to the same address.

It takes a village to put out a community newspaper. What "good news" of our community are you going to share next week?

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

Have you had your flu shot?



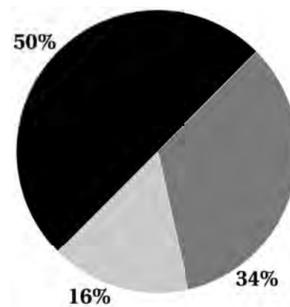
Jeff Jones
"Yes."



Ted Dick
"No, I don't believe in them."



Ken Hodgens
"No, never had one. I'm 69, and I'm not going to start now."



Poll results (167 Votes)
Yes — 34 percent
No — 16 percent
I will not get one. — 50 percent

This week online: Should the county reconsider the location for the justice center?
Vote at www.pagosasun.com

LOOKING BACK



From the March 19, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. NEW FILTER PLANT — This is the new filter plant for the water system of the Town of Pagosa Springs. The plant is located approximately three miles north of town and houses the latest type of rapid flow, back flush sand filter. Its capacity is more than three million gallons per day. The town ordinarily uses about one million gallons per day during peak use periods. The filter plant was officially accepted by the town board Tuesday night of this week.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 11, 1927

FW. Barnett and Harold Huling, arrivals Monday from Denver and department of justice agents, at once commenced an investigation of the affairs of the First National bank of Pagosa Springs, which closed its doors on March 1, 1926. Mr. Barnett left yesterday for Oklahoma to appear as a witness in a federal case, but will return to assist Mr. Huling in the investigation. Whether criminal prosecutions will follow their investigation has not been disclosed.

B.B. Owens, who recently assumed the Haystack well drilling operations, located on the Joe Espinosa ranch, ten miles southwest of Pagosa Springs, announces that next week drilling will be resumed and the well completed to and through the Dakota sands, expected at about 1500 feet.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 20, 1942

A total of 177 men in Archuleta county from ages 20 to 44, registered Monday under the third registration of the Selective Service Act. This was less than 50 percent of the number anticipated. A light registration was reported throughout the nation.

A deal was completed Tuesday whereby Fish and Game Department of Colorado purchased the Earl and Orrin Ford 400-acre ranch on Devil Creek together with 160 acres adjacent from Newton and Hersch. Arthur H. Carhart of Denver closed the deal. Mr. Carhart says that between 200 and 400 wild turkeys have been ranging in the area and that the newly acquired property will be used both as a summer range and a winter feeding ground.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 16, 1967

Word was received here this week that a federal grant of \$40,425.00 had been reserved for a proposed community center building in Pagosa Springs. The notification of the grant reservation came from Congressman Wayne Aspinall last week. Work on securing the grant for a community building was started by Cleo Woods, then deputy director of the CAP, more than a year ago. The plan calls for a 3100 square foot building to be built on the location known as, "The Old Ball Diamond." Total estimated cost of the building and ground is \$53,891.00. Final plans are not complete for the building, to be known as El Centro Community Center. However, tentative plans call for the building to house a main hall space, a reading lounge, a kitchen, office space, storage space and restrooms.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 20, 1992

Local veteran firefighter Warren Grams was named on Feb. 11 as the new chief of the Pagosa Fire Protection District fire department. One day after his appointment, Grams went to work fighting a house fire in the Pagosa Lakes area. Grams started his career as a firefighter with the U.S. Navy, at San Diego. He served with the Pagosa Springs Volunteer Fire Department for eight years, and worked as the department chief during his last year of service.

Area residents were saddened early last week by the death of Mr. John L. Masco, 74, a native of Pagosa Springs. John Laughlin Masco was born to Charles George Masco and Ruby Louisa Laughlin Masco on Jan. 31, 1918 in Pagosa Springs.

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2/14	41	23	S	2.8"	.21"

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WHEN THE COUNTY GOVT. UNVEILS A NEW PROPOSAL...

I THINK I SPEAK FOR EVERYONE HERE WHEN I SAY— HUH?!!

Letters

Gluttony

Dear Editor:
Does gluttony have anything to do with the Donald?
A long-standing belief has been that when we add some pounds to the midriff, we head to the gym and work it off. It seems that as far as calories go, exercise doesn't necessarily affect weight loss.
A caloric study measuring the modern America's daily caloric intake to members of the African Hadza tribe (true hunter gathers) found that there was little difference between the two groups, regardless of the miles and work logged by tribe members finding food vs. sitting in an office. So with few exceptions, gluttony would seem to be a choice.
Donald was the choice mostly

by the "Red States." The common theme expressed for his voters ... they were "alienated," felt forgotten by the government and feared folks of color. But what else do the folks living in the "Red States" tend to have in common with Donald? Certainly not money; but they clearly act like a mob when he says terrorism ... oops make that Muslims. Excluding the Mid East, if you add up all the terrorist acts of horror worldwide it's less than 10 percent of the folks we kill every year with our guns (32,000 plus) ... anyone clamoring for the real safety of background checks? Not to worry, Montana just passed a law that sharia is illegal and just in time as they are up to 20 Muslims among their 1 million-plus residents. Did you know that the heaviest states with the highest enrollment in Obamacare are the Red States; and yes 47 percent of these folks didn't know the Affordable Care Act is Obamacare. These are the same states with our nation's major diabetic problems plus incredible "oxy/heroin" white drug problems where some of the pushers are their "good" neighbors. But, ya know, they're doin' the best they can with NRA memberships, white-is-right gobbly-gook, Dixie flags on bumpers and dedicated (we're talkin' goin' down to the river, speaking in tongues and floppin' on the ground) Bible thumpin. Another interesting fact finder for you to check, for years the Red States have sent less tax money to Washington than they receive; so go TParty and go Donald to clean out the "swamp" ... yesiree. It definitely makes sense these same folks would show the "good rational sense" to double down on beliefs in blatant, provable Donald lies...well the list of their "positive" association characteristics goes on and on ...
So can you tell me if gluttony has anything to do with the Donald; or maybe you can answer this question ... do our acts of moral courage defend America as surely as any act of hate or fear?

Dave Blake

Horrible roads

Dear Editor:
I would like to send a person to take pictures of our road condi-

tions.
County Road 500 is in horrible condition. There is water standing on 13 miles of road to Hwy. 151.

Water running over road, washing out shoulders of road at Espinosa Ranch, County Road 700.

Serious road conditions in the following areas: mile markers 30, 31, 32, 34 and 41.

Worst road conditions we have ever had. Problems — poor maintenance, roads not being crowned, ditches not maintained properly.

Since I left office in 1990 no gravel has been used on lower County Road 500.

Until county commissioners start using a river source of gravel, we will never have good roads again. When will we get people in to run road and bridge who know what the needs of the county are and know something about construction.

County recently hired an engineer to oversee roads and guess what she did, ordered to have gravel from Arboles pit, when loading trucks with one bucket of gravel and one of dirt for binder.

What have past commissioners in last 16 years done for roads — nothing.

I've asked commissioners to come and check roads; too busy in downtown. I did check on roads for 12 years.

Chris Chavez

Chimney Rock

Dear Editor:
What does a national monument do for a community?

As a long-time resident of southwest Colorado, I care deeply about the economic success of our region.

But as new challenges and questions have begun to arise nationwide regarding the value of federal lands, I would like to make sure the public and our elected officials understand the direct and positive economic impacts that special designations, such as Chimney Rock National Monument, have had on local our community.

The national monument designation came from the Obama administration on Sept. 21, 2012. The designation was made under the Antiquities Act with bipartisan

support from Colorado officials, Native Americans, local businesses and other stakeholders. With the monument status came no state or federal funding, but what did come with the status was more people.

A study of the last two years researched the visits to the area to understand the economic impact of those visits. The underlying questions that this research addressed were: will national monument status increase the numbers of tourists to the region and what will the economic impacts be? What we have found is exciting, and telling. Since 2012 Chimney Rock has seen a 43 percent increase in visitors. As a small monument with limited parking and infrastructure, this is a big deal. With each yearly increase in visitation has come a corresponding boost to the area's economy; since 2015 the monument has brought 1.5 million in additional dollars to the surrounding communities. Again, a big deal. While in-state visits account for about 25 percent, the remaining 75 percent of visitors are coming from other states like Texas and the east coast. Why does this matter? Because this small but mighty and extremely culturally significant area is now being experienced by more and more people, and our small corner of the world is increasingly becoming a stop on the tourist map.

The cultural heritage and significance at CRNM is crucially important to the American story and as more people come to experience this area we will continue to promote and protect it for future generations. Yet, some in Congress are starting to beat the anti-Antiquities Act drum louder and louder. I hope that the likely incoming Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke will commit to upholding our national monuments designated using the Antiquities Act.

And to those who would discount the benefits of national monuments or try to overturn designations I hope they will take the time to listen to this story from our little corner of the world, and

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Letters

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 even better, come and visit.
 Danyelle Leentjes

Climate change

Dear Editor:
 Smoking does not cause lung cancer. It is true. Should you trust me? Well I'm not a doctor and I don't know a lot about cancer, but why not? To be honest, I wouldn't trust me either. You should probably seek the advice of a doctor, and trust the American Medical Society.

So then I wonder, how do we have so many climate change experts in Pagosa? It is really staggering that we have so many brilliant minds who have dedicated their life to science and the study of our climate. Or are you analogous to me being a medical doctor?

I have heard recently from people that climate change is not real because no one has considered sun spots as a culprit. I also have heard that science has not considered the impact of volcanic eruptions as an influencing factor. Of course the big one that many claim — as if some undiscovered truth — is that the global climate has not been stable over geologic history, therefore this is just part of the cycle, and this apocalyptic climate change theory is some liberal conspiracy.

Have you heard of NASA, NOAA, the American Meteorological Society and 97 percent of climate change scientists around the world? For sun spots and volcanoes there have been many dozens, if not hundreds of papers and researchers studying this issue (I would be happy to provide a list for those interested).

Do you really think that climatologists drilling through thousands of meters of ice in the Arctic do not understand the geologic climate profile and how it compares to the modern climate and atmospheric chemistry?

People much smarter than me have dedicated their life to these topics, and all the topics related to climate change. More papers have been published on climate change than the theory of evolution. Could it be a giant liberal conspiracy? For that to be true, you would have to have an amazing collusion across the world, with many of the most brilliant analytical minds conspiring, and for what? Money and fame?

As a climate change analyst myself, living in Pagosa, I can say that if I could prove that climate change was just part of the natural cycle and not human caused I would be famous. Not only that, but I would receive millions of dollars in grant money from some of the most powerful special interests in the world like the petroleum industry. Therefore, what is the incentive of this global conspiracy and how could it continue to exist in such a vast and subversive network to have infiltrated NASA, NOAA and other monoliths of scientific endeavor?

If you find yourself scrambling to the Internet for rebuttals, or

fuming with some belief that you are right and all the scientists are wrong, and that you have evidence that no climate scientist can publish, I recommend looking up the definition of crazy and have a cigarette to calm your nerves, because remember it does not cause cancer.

Michael Netzer

'The Good Body'

Dear Editor:
 As a cast member of the Pagosa Center for the Arts' latest local's play, "The Good Body," I have some observations.

After three performances, we have had some extraordinary feedback.

The following quote is from friends that attended a recent performance and had no idea what the play was about except that it was funny.

"The Good Body encompasses the trials of being a female in an enlightening revealing introspective manner evoking much laughter and some tears artfully presented by the cast," Rick and Pie Lafferty, Pagosa Springs.

I believe this production is an important piece for men and women alike. Many aha moments.

Having the privilege to perform this piece, has had a tremendously eye-opening and healing experience for me. I want to thank the community for the support they have given us. I feel like "Good Body" has brought more of us together. I think Pagosa Springs as a town can benefit from having a greater understanding of each other to ultimately bring us together as a strong community.

With gratitude.
 Terri Pritchard

America: The best

Dear Editor:
 "I walk slowly but I never walk backward," Abraham Lincoln once famously said.

America has always demonstrated to the world that we are magnificent, that we can persevere through anything and everything. I see the Americans so eager to put themselves first and to obliterate anyone and anything in their path. I see a weak country bowing down to other nations. I see students at my own school failing. Right before my eyes, I see America walking backward.

The America I believe in puts others before themselves. Americans help fellow Americans regardless of the cost. I see classmates bullying classmates and making it a top priority to make others' lives miserable. I don't believe the founding fathers would have wanted it this way.

Americans need more respect for other Americans. The America I believe in does not let other countries take advantage of our people, our money and our armed military. We are a strong nation and anyone who attempts to break us apart pays for the crimes.

America's military has been

taken advantage of time and time again. I see Iran making a video of our sailors on their knees, surrendering. We let them do that, why did we let them get away with such an act?

The America I believe in does not fail, we do not give up. I see my fellow classmates giving up on their grades and commitments.

Americans do not fail, we strive and we push through no matter how bad life may get, and we become the best we can be. Americans do not settle for good ... we work to be great.

America has always showed the world that it is capable of amazing things. The success during the cold war, the first man on the moon, and all of the inventors and innovators America has produced. We used to be a country that was respected and very powerful.

Citizens used to care for each other regardless of the cost. Americans used to persevere through anything. In America today we have stopped caring, we have stopped respecting one another and lastly we have stopped being the best, but when I look at our service men and women, I see an America that cares, I see an America that respects each other, and I see an America that is still the best.

Ryan Ronish

Solid foundation

Dear Editor:
 In the mid-1970s, when we first came to consider retiring in Pagosa, we found only two churches here — the Catholic church and the Methodist church, both located across the street from each other on Lewis Street. We learned they had been the "pillars" of the community from the very beginning.

Our church home had always been Presbyterian, but we learned something interesting about an agreement between the Presbyterians and Methodists during the early days of settlement in the west: if one was already in a community, then the other would not establish there. That made a lot of common sense to us, why divide small populations just for name-sake? After all, all were "believers" of the Christian faith. So, when we built our home in 1977, we became Methodists when we were in Pagosa.

Another thing that impressed us was the way the two churches across the street from each other cooperated to work for goodness in the community and supported one another by loaning things like tables and chairs for special gatherings — borrow from one another, simply move them across the street and return them back. Both churches worked in cooperation to do good for the community as they continue today.

Raising our family, Sunday was always special at our house — the day before, I would plan a special "Sunday dinner," including dessert. The "day" began with everyone putting on their nicest clothes, then off to Sunday school and church

and home to enjoy "Sunday dinner" together. Those special days provided a solid foundation for our children to grow and provided strength to our daily lives. Yes, we were a "working family" and I know from past experience that it is difficult to make this a priority, but the rewards are greater than those received the other days of the week. Christ had no money, his life was about goodness, forgiveness and love. Yes, they "pass the plate," but no one is checking — it's a personal matter.

Yes, you are loved.
 Patty Tillerson

To SUN readers

Dear Editor:
 I was quoted in last week's SUN editorial as writing "In the three-commissioner system we currently have, there is no real opportunity to build consensus or coalition without violating open meetings laws."

I also wrote that within those constraints, "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 the good and oppose the bad."

To take the first line of that thought and statement and extrapolate that I believe in "closed door" or "secret" meetings misses my point and ignores my six-year record of leadership and my own actions on the BoCC to increase transparency. I was expressing my frustration with the number of times I've been the minority voice for the taxpayers, and that more commissioners might lead to greater diversity and provide more room for the possibility of common ground and common sense on the BoCC.

The editorial clearly implies that I have been less than transparent with respect to the courthouse location discussions. When in fact, the unprecedented transparency of this process is the direct result of my efforts.

In the case of the Hot Springs property dispute, I was contacted by a distraught landowner who is being bullied and betrayed by my fellow commissioners. As with all concerns brought to me by citizens, I brought it to the next public work session. When the landowner proposed a solution that potentially solves the dispute, ends the bullying, avoids litigation, and puts forward a possibly better, bigger and smarter location for a justice center, I brought that forward immediately to a public work session as well. It is my job and full intention to make sure that this alternative gets a full and open hearing.

If the SUN has a position on the courthouse location, let that be up-front and transparent, and backed up by facts. Discrediting me won't change those.

Michael Whiting

Editor's note: The Pagosa Springs
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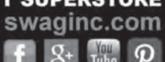
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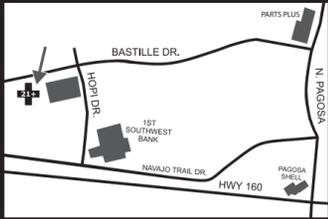
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LEAP helps Coloradans stay safe this winter with home heating tips

By Michele Worthington
Special to The SUN

Home heating is a saving grace this time of year. But, for as much comfort as it provides, it also exposes us to certain safety hazards.

According to the American Red Cross, home heating is one of the leading causes of house fires in the U.S. With the cold and snow we've already experienced this winter, we at LEAP want to make sure you keep warm safely during the coming months.

LEAP, the Colorado Department of Human Services' Low-income Energy Assistance Program, provides cash assistance to help Coloradans pay a portion of winter home-heating costs.

"Home-heating safety is simple but crucial," LEAP Manager Aggie Berens said. "We encourage everyone to follow a few basic steps to make sure their home heating doesn't put them at risk."

The following home heating safety tips come from the American Red Cross, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Fire Protection Association.

- Keep anything flammable at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, woodstove or portable space heater.

- Never leave portable heaters or fireplaces unattended. Turn off space heaters and make sure any fireplace embers are extinguished before going to bed or leaving your home.

- Place space heaters on a level, hard and nonflammable surface (like a ceramic tile floor). Keep

them off of carpets or rugs and away from bedding or drapes. Also keep children and pets away from space heaters.

- Never use a cooking range or oven to heat your home.

- Use a glass or metal fire screen to keep fire in your fireplace and catch sparks and rolling logs.

- Have wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, chimneys and furnaces professionally inspected and cleaned once a year. Ensure that these devices are properly vented.

- Use only the type of fuel your heater is designed to use. Don't substitute.

- Protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning and smoke inhalation by installing battery-operated detectors. Test these alarms regularly.

- Defer to skilled professionals to install permanent heating equipment, water heaters and central heating units to ensure code and manufacturer's instructions are properly followed.

Home heating help

Heating your home during wintertime is expensive. If you're struggling to pay your heating bills, LEAP can help.

LEAP provides cash assistance to help hardworking families and individuals pay winter home heating costs or help with broken furnaces or woodstoves. This year the average benefit for people who qualify is currently \$342 per household.

To qualify for LEAP, applicants must be responsible for paying heating costs directly to an energy provider, fuel dealer or as

part of their rent. They also must be permanent legal residents of the United States and Colorado, or have household members who are U.S. citizens.

LEAP-eligible households may also qualify for programs that inspect a home's primary heating source, such as a furnace or wood-burning stove, and weatherization upgrades that improve a home's energy efficiency.

The state of Colorado also offers a rebate of property tax, rent and heat expenses to low-income se-

niors and disabled persons. Please visit the Colorado Department of Revenue's website at www.colorado.gov/pacific/tax/property-tax-rent-heat-credit-ptc-rebate-file for more information and the rebate application booklet.

To find out if you qualify for LEAP, call toll-free at (866) 432-8435 or visit www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap to view the most current program application requirements and download an application. Applications will be accepted until April 30.

Obituary

John O. Martinez

John O. Martinez was born on June 24, 1941, in Coyote Park, Colo., to the parents of Eloy and Violeta Martinez. He is survived by his wife, Rosalie Martinez, and his four children: Matthew Martinez, Anette McInnis, Christina Martinez and Carlos Martinez.



John O. Martinez passed away at his home in Coyote Park on Thursday, Feb. 2, at the age of 75. John is predeceased by his parents, Eloy and Violeta Martinez; his three brothers, Demetrio, Eloy and Del-fin Martinez; and his two sisters, Josefina Valdez and Dora Jaramillo. John is survived by his loving wife, Rosalie, of 53 years. They were married in Pagosa Springs on Feb. 8,

1964. John is lovingly remembered by his wife, Rosalie, of Coyote Park; sons Matthew (Pauline) and Carlos (Joline) Martinez; daughters Anette (Jeremy) McInnis and Christina Martinez; and loving nieces, nephews, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

John was born in Coyote Park, Colo., in 1941. He grew up in Edith, Colo., where he enjoyed helping parents and siblings do ranch work. John grew up learning all the phases of construction and loved to work and provide for his family. John enjoyed being outdoors working on his backhoe and a good laugh and spending time his family.

The recitation of the Rosary was held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Lumberton, N.M., on Feb. 6.

A mass of Christian burial was held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Lumberton, N.M., on Feb. 7.

In Memoriam

Clifford E. Lucero

In loving memory of Clifford E. Lucero — Feb. 13, 2009

We have shed many tears since you've been gone and we have smiled because you lived. We yearn to see you sitting on the couch watching the news as we walk in the house, but we continue to see the legacy you've left behind. We remember in each

waking moment that your time with us is no more. But we cherish the memories, the stories and let it live on. We thank God for the days we had and know we will see you again some day.

We love and miss you.

Eliza; children Alberta, Bernie, Guzman, Madeline, Clifford Jr., Jimmy and Lucille; spouses; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren

Letters

Continued from A4

SUN published its position on the justice center location last September.

Nut cases

Dear Editor:

My wife and I bought a home in Pagosa Springs seven years ago. We love living here. The views, the arts, dining, etc.

However, reading the "letters" left us feeling that we had relocated into a bed of alt-right nut cases.

But last week, two of the letters gave us hope — thank you, Dave Blake and John Farley. Their thoughtful and to our way of thinking, correct, messages gave us hope.

Sooner or later, we must point our fingers at our current "tweeter and chief" and say "you're fired."

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Goals & Accomplishments

Pagosa Springs Medical Center, USJHSD

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.

Mark Floyd, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Upper San Juan Health Service District



What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2016?

Boards don't really do much themselves; they provide guidance and advice to management groups, who do the real heavy lifting. Having said that, I am pleased to follow Malcolm Rodger as chair of our board, and to count the ongoing construction of our new outpatient wing as a shared success. We continue that project, on time and on budget. Second, we welcomed two new board members, Matt Mees and Jim Pruitt, this year. Their election and smooth integration into our group will serve the District well. Both have taken on important committee assignments. Finally, I'll take undeserved credit for another successful year for Pagosa Springs Medical Center and the District. The programs we offer have been well received by the community, and well managed by the management and medical staffs of the Medical Center. A modest bottom line is a sign that we are doing the right things well.

What are your three top goals for 2017?

Naturally, a project as big as the outpatient wing can't just be left to run on autopilot. Getting that to the finish line will remain a top priority for all of us. Once we get through the fun and chaos of moving clinic operations into the new space, we can all breathe a sigh of relief. With that complete, the second priority will be to begin planning, in earnest, for solutions to other shortcomings in our facilities. Every time we've decided that we can do something better, we've found that our customers want more of it. Offering quality surgery programs caused more folks to want to have their procedures done locally; providing better CT and MRI imaging services brought more business; upgrading our Emergency Department services allowed our amazing EMS crews to bring more patients to PSMC, rather than running down the road to Durango. The downside is that our little hospital wasn't designed for us to be quite so good — we're running out of the space we need to handle these volumes well. The third priority is one we'd rather not face, but it is a must. As has been previously announced, our CEO, Brad Cochennet, will be retiring at the beginning of 2018. Brad has represented PSMC in the community for over eight years, now. What's more important to me is that he is the person that makes the board an effective

body. Brad, along with his management staff, keep the board informed and are implementers of the policies set by us. Finding Brad's replacement may be the most important thing this board does for many years.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

Our construction is in the capable hands of the G. E. Johnson Construction Company, so we just need to maintain a little discipline by not adding anything costly to the scope of work. We are already planning the next phase of construction, to remodel the ED and other areas. Then, we'll need to begin budgeting and fundraising — that may take a year or more. Finally, our succession planning task has been assigned to a committee of board members, management and medical staff representatives. They will begin defining our executive management needs and initiating the recruiting process in the next month or so. We hope to be talking to CEO candidates by summer. As always, the support of the community is one of the most valuable assets our board can count on. The citizens of the Upper San Juan Health Service District should always feel free to contact one of us — Mark Floyd, Greg Schulte, Jerry Baker, Kate Alfred, Rick Zak, Jim Pruitt or Matt Mees — with questions, concerns or suggestions.

Brad Cochennet, CEO, Pagosa Springs Medical Center



What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2016?

1. Years of work came together in 2016 when we successfully finished designing, funding and breaking ground for our new two story outpatient medical office building.
2. We successfully received voter approval in November 2016 to continue operating our health district outside limitations imposed by TABOR.
3. The continued maturing of our health district operations as measured by numerous standards. We served a record number of patients with our health services in 2016 and continued making our district financially stronger for future years of community service. From a humble beginning in 1981 to present, the health district has continued to improve and we are proud of our ability to serve each and every patient that comes to us for help.

What are your three top goals for 2017?

1. The successful opening of our new outpatient building with a reorganized patient service approach to registration and scheduling.
2. Establish and gain board approval for our phase II expansion plans to accommodate ongoing growth in our lab, surgery, diagnostic imaging, emergency room and core facility services.
3. Continue to improve all the operational aspects of our services today and evaluate bringing new services as well.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

1. We are working to establish new work flows in advance of occupying our new building and getting people trained and ready for the changes ahead. We have a grand opening planned for June to introduce the new addition to our community along with new doctors we have recruited.
2. We are working with architects and planners to have our proposed phase II expansion plans ready to present to our BOD in the first quarter of 2017.
3. 2017 goals have been established, budgeted, and approved by our Board of Directors for 2017 enumerating the various steps we will be taking to strengthen our services. New services we are proposing for 2017 are being evaluated in business plans to be presented to the Board of Directors during the year.

Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado awards \$6,000 to area nonprofits

By Paige Elliott
Special to The SUN

For the second year in a row, the Community Foundation ended the year in a financial position to award \$20,000 in impact grants to the nonprofit community in southwest Colorado.

Impact grants are unsolicited grants intended to address special community needs that are not currently being met by other philanthropic sources. Generally, they are considered onetime grants that

will have a unique impact. So far in 2017, the Community Foundation has awarded \$6,000 in impact grants to two Archuleta County organizations:

1. The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership received a \$3,000 Impact Grant to support administrative expenses, regional promotions, and advertising for lifelong-learning workshops and costs associated with the Environmental Film Festival on April 8.
2. Kickin' It During Summer Youth Program received a \$3,000

Impact Grant for art supplies, science supplies, field trips, nutritional morning and afternoon snacks and daily activity supplies for their summer child care program.

"Representing Archuleta County on the Board of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has been a rewarding experience," said Jan Johnson. "We are continually seeing a greater awareness of the role the Community Foundation plays in supporting our local nonprofits."

Additionally, the Community Foundation managed the Adobe Fire Fund, an emergency assistance fund for individuals facing financial crisis after being displaced by the Adobe Building Fire in October 2016. The fund was comprised of \$1,715 in individual donations from the community and a \$2,000 Round Up grant from the La Plata Electric Association. The Community Foundation handled the donations and disbursed funds to those in need. In 2016, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado infused \$1.4 million into southwest Colorado's nonprofit community.

Monies dispersed in 2016 include:

- \$1,167,860 in grants to nonprofits from our fund holders and Friends of the Foundation.
- \$217,192 in grants facilitated through the Community Foundation.
- \$7,000 in scholarships to local educational opportunities.
- \$50,750 in grants by the Com-



Photo courtesy Paige Elliott

Jan Johnson and Todd Starr, board members of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado, meet with Sally High, executive director of the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP), to present a \$3,000 Impact Grant to support GGP's Lifelong Learning workshops and Environmental Film Festival.

munity Foundation.

"We are so pleased to see the continued community support which has enabled us to more than triple the grant dollars awarded to nonprofits in our region since last year," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation.

The Community Foundation is always evaluating the different ways we touch the community, and strive for new opportunities to increase philanthropy. To that

end, we are launching the Making a Difference Speaker Series in 2017. Nicholas Kristof, columnist for the New York Times and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, will be our first speaker on Oct. 4 at the Community Concert Hall. Tickets will go on sale in May 2017.

The Community Foundation inspires hope, leadership and generosity in the community by bringing economic stability, professional development and collaboration

to the nonprofit sector. As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation works to increase efficiency, sustainability and success for nonprofits and maximize effective grant making for philanthropists to make southwest Colorado a better place to live.

For more information on expanding the culture of giving to meet the needs of the community, visit www.swcommunityfoundation.org or call 375-5807.



Photo courtesy Paige Elliott

Jan Johnson with Community Foundation meets with Traci Bishop, events/program manager of the Ross Aragon Community Center, to present a \$3,000 Impact Grant for the Kickin' It During Summer Youth Program.

Business

CHAMBER NEWS

Bicycle Tour of Colorado chooses Pagosa Springs as start and finish town on 2017 tour

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

On the heels of the announcement of the 2017 Ride the Rockies (RTR) Tour, it has also been announced that the Bicycle Tour of Colorado (BTC) has chosen Pagosa Springs as the start and finish town for its 2017 tour.

The BTC is a loop tour finishing in the same town that it started and this year the cyclists will arrive in Pagosa on June 17 in preparation for the departure day, June 18. They will return to Pagosa on June 24.

This year, the tour stops include Antonito, Alamosa, Salida, Gunnison, Monte Vista and back to Pagosa Springs. The 23rd annual seven-day loop tour features the San Luis Valley loop and other great towns a little farther north.

In true Pagosa Springs hospitality style, the Chamber will host a Party in the Park, this time in Yamaguchi Park, for the community and the riders. BTC will headquarter at Pagosa Springs High School.

The festivities have been moved to Yamaguchi Park since the park infrastructure has been greatly improved and the transportation for the cyclists is much more convenient to the high school. Upon their return, many of the cyclists will bolt back to their hometowns to recover, but there will be riders who will want to recover in Pagosa Springs and take advantage of our healing waters.

June will be a very busy month for Pagosa Springs, and here is the June line up so far: June 3 — high school graduation; June 9-11 — Folk'n Bluegrass Festival on Reservoir Hill; June 9-10 — The Car Show in Pagosa in Town Park; June 11 — Ride the Rockies at the Pagosa Springs High School and Yamaguchi Park; June 17 — arrival of BTC at Pagosa Springs High School and Yamaguchi Park; June 24

— return of BTC. Shortly thereafter, will be the Fourth of July activities.

Community details for the bike tours

Both bike tours are very community-minded and encourage the host organization to include nonprofit agencies and volunteers as much as possible. Here are some of the community engagement projects that will be available.

Home stays: If you are interested in hosting a cyclist in your home for either bike tour, please contact the Chamber as soon as possible. As a host family, you will be responsible for picking up the rider from the school and returning them the next morning. The rest is up to you. You may want to have dinner for the cyclist in your home, you may want to attend the Party in the Park; work out the details with the rider. The Chamber will take your name and contact information and pair up the riders and the homes.

Vendor booths: For each tour we will be hosting a Party in the Park. This includes food vendors and a beer and wine garden. The Chamber will be responsible for the beer garden and will be seeking volunteers to pour beer and wine. We will also be sending out information to the nonprofit agencies about running a food booth. There will be a limited number of food booths and food should be geared to the appetites and needs of the riders. There will probably be twice the number of booths at RTR than there will be at BTC due to the number of people attending. Depending on the number of nonprofits that apply for food booths, you may not be able to have a booth at both events so that more nonprofits can have the opportunity to earn some money. Nonprofit agencies should look for an email

from the Chamber regarding these booths.

Work groups: There will be several duties where we will need assistance from a nonprofit organization. In return for your efforts, a monetary stipend will be offered depending on the task. We are looking for groups that would like to assist with tasks such as recycling and trash detail, a bike wash, bike security, traffic control and other duties. If you are interested in participating in one of these projects, please contact the Chamber. This is a great way to earn some money for your organization.

Restaurants: The community will be extremely busy, especially June 9-12. We will be reaching out to the restaurants to see if they would like to offer specials to the cyclists on both tours. We will also be putting together a list of restaurant specials to hand out to the cyclists. Watch for an email from the Chamber requesting this information. In addition to offering specials, please make sure that you are well-staffed with employees and stocked with food to accommodate all of the activities, especially the Car Show and the BTC.

RTR Community Grant: RTR is offering one nonprofit agency a \$5,000 grant opportunity. The organization must be a registered 501(c)3 agency and have programs that support recreation and/or youth education. Priority will be given to programs that incorporate cycling safety and bicycle use into their programs, increase access for low-income participants and show strong evaluation results including outcome measures. The guidelines for the grant and the application can be found on the Chamber's website, www.pagosachamber.com, or call the Chamber for more information. The deadline for the grant is March 10.

Entertainment sponsor for RTR: Sponsorship opportunities are avail-

able for the RTR Beer Garden/entertainment site. Sponsorships from \$2,500 to \$5,000 are available. In return, the business will have the naming rights to the local entertainment site, logo placement on the RTR website entertainment page, in the rider manual, in the map book, in the event guide, on the sponsor board at the VIP celebration and much more. This sponsorship also includes one free registration and one guaranteed reservation to the tour depending on the level of sponsorship. To find out more about the features that come with this sponsorship opportunity, contact Mary Jo at the Chamber.

June 9-11 will be a time for our community to show off. It is a time for this community to pull together and organize your groups or offer to volunteer to really make this weekend a community weekend. No one person or organization can pull off such a volume of events in one weekend. We must all work together, get organized and make it happen. Please pay attention to the very important emails that will be coming from the Chamber — not that they're all not all important — but your responsiveness is important and a time-saving factor. Should you have any questions or you did not receive any information by Feb. 21, please contact the Chamber at 264-2360.

Membership news

The next Maximizing Your Membership class will be held on Feb. 27 at the Chamber. The class is from noon to about 1:15 p.m. It's free and a light lunch is provided. While walk-ins are welcome, we ask that you RSVP so that we can assure that enough lunch is provided. Please call Amanda at 264-2360 to reserve your spot.

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Grant awarded for Rapid Rehousing Program

By Elizabeth Salkind
Special to The SUN

Housing Solutions for the Southwest was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for \$139,910 for 2017 for the Southwest Colorado Rapid Rehousing Program.

The Rapid Rehousing Program provides housing support to individuals and families who are facing homelessness. Housing Solutions has been chosen by HUD for over 30 years to work with people experiencing housing challenges in

southwest Colorado.

The Rapid Rehousing Program rapidly connects individuals and families experiencing homelessness to stable housing. In addition to rental assistance, Housing Solutions provides counseling and support services to each program participant to address housing barriers, such as budgeting, education and employment.

Housing Solutions is a HUD-designated housing counseling agency in southwest Colorado. Housing Solutions is part of the Continuum of Care, a network of housing agencies in Colorado,

which is awarded funding under this HUD grant annually. Statewide, HUD has awarded \$29 million for the Continuum of Care grant this year.

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County

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tional jail, the county has been transporting inmates to neighboring counties for detention since April 2015, as County Assessor Natalie Woodruff pointed out at the same session.

But while the need for the new center is clear, the choice of location seems not to be. Or so suggests Commissioner Michael Whiting, who was outvoted on the selection last September.

During the work session Friday, Whiting told his fellow commissioners, "It's never too late to reverse a bad decision."

Whiting's observation came in support of a new proposal for a different site for the justice center. The proposal involves land on the west side of U.S. 84, across from the county road and bridge headquarters, and is currently owned by the Fairway Trust.

The site is part of a proposed mixed-use development planned by members of the Levine family, the beneficiaries of the trust. But the Levines have offered to swap the site for the county's land along Hot Springs Boulevard.

Family representative Robert Levine told the work session that the development site along U.S. 84 would offer more space, although he did not specify any exact acreage that would be provided.

County Administrator Bentley Henderson confirmed to The SUN on Feb. 14 that the actual acreage that could be available has not yet been clarified.

Levine also contended during the work session that location along U.S. 84 is a better choice for the justice center, since Hot Springs Boulevard is a prime commercial area, with schools and residential areas nearby. Levine dismissed the county's choice of the site as the location for the justice center with the remark, "Who puts a jail in all that?"

There is currently no housing immediately adjacent to the county's property on Hot Springs

Boulevard.

Levine's involvement in local real estate development in the community extends over a period of several years.

When asked from the audience by former commissioner Clifford Lucero why he had not offered the U.S. 84 site as an alternative many months ago, when the county was evaluating several options for its choice, Levine responded that he had not been informed that Hot Springs Boulevard was a possibility.

The downtown site along Hot Springs Boulevard, across from Town Hall, was sold to the county by the Levine family in late 1999. The family is currently contending there was an agreement that the site would not be used for a jail, but the county denies there is any enforceable restriction on its use of the property. Litigation over the dispute is pending.

In response to an inquiry during the work session by Henderson if there is anything that might win the Levines' concurrence in the county's choice to build the justice center on the Hot Springs Boulevard site, Levine responded that the family feels very strongly that the site is wrong.

Levine's offer last Friday to the county of an alternative site along U.S. 84 was new, but, as observed by Commissioner Steve Wadley, raised familiar issues. Those issues previously were important in rejection by the county as a site to build the new center on a seven-acre tract it already owns along the same highway.

Both sites would involve expenses not presented by the Hot Springs Boulevard site, to build lanes on the highway for traffic access, known as acceleration and deceleration (A&D) lanes. Possibly a traffic signal would be required, too. In addition, there would be costs for the construction of new infrastructure to provide water and sewer connections.

Furthermore, under state law mandating that the justice center

be located within the county seat, the proposal would require legal annexation of the property and perhaps neighboring property into the Town of Pagosa Springs. And it would reject the views of many, including the Pagosa Springs Town Council, that the new center should be located downtown.

Commissioner Ron Maez asked Levine if he and his family would help pay the extra costs the county would incur if the choice for the location of the center was changed to the Fairway Trust land along U.S. 84.

Levine responded that participation in sharing the costs was a possibility if evaluation showed that expenses the county might incur for such infrastructure would also benefit the family's overall development plan.

"Let's have that conversation," when there is more complete information, he said. "This may be an avenue that could yield a good result for everybody."

Local builder Peter Adams, a member of the town's planning commission and the community's affordable housing task force who was present in the work session audience, then inquired if there was an opportunity for affordable housing construction within the Levine family's development project, in combination with the proposal to locate the justice center there.

Levine responded that affordable housing was part of the overall development plan and added, "we're supportive" of the objective to build affordable housing.

He further explained that affordable housing can be difficult financially to undertake, so it is particularly advantageous in connection with its construction to be able to spread infrastructure costs broadly among multiple development purposes, so the share of those costs borne by individual components will be reduced.

However, Valdez commented shortly thereafter that the discussion of affordable housing had

seemed to contain "mixed messages."

Emphasizing that the Sheriff's Office supported affordable housing for the community, Valdez observed that Levine seemed to be suggesting that it was OK to put a jail near affordable housing to be constructed in the planned development along U.S. 84, "but yet it's not OK to put it down here [on Hot Springs Boulevard] where we have higher dollar houses."

"To me," he said, "there's a lot of mixing and going around pointing the finger and pushing back and forth. But from my perspective, we just want to have a jail."

Valdez emphasized that the choice of location was not significant to the Sheriff's Office.

The commissioners collectively noted during the work session that achievement of the broadly shared objective to build a justice center would require voter support, consistent with observations made in extensive discussions of the project during work sessions held on Jan. 17 and Feb. 7.

They also reiterated that voter approval of a funding package will be required, although its nature and scope remain undetermined. Previously, they have collectively favored seeking voter approval in November balloting this year to avoid delaying the project.

In addition, reiterated Friday were predictions by Whiting that balloting concurrently with litigation against the Levine family this November would jeopardize potential voter approval of a financing plan. Also repeated by one or more commissioners on Friday were concerns previously voiced that a division among themselves would have the same effect.

In renewing his continuing objection to the existing decision to locate the justice center on Hot Springs Boulevard, Whiting urged his fellow commissioners to make again a comparison of that site to the new site offered in the Levine proposal, similar to the comparisons of sites made during the evaluation undertaken prior to last September's Board of Commissioners vote on the options then available.

Whiting observed, "the only way to know whether this is a better deal financially is to drill down into the details far enough to determine what the costs [of the new proposal] are."

And, he added, making a choice without data "is always a mistake."

Maez responded that he thought it likely the U.S. 84 site would ultimately cost the county more than the site on Hot Springs Boulevard. But he agreed it would be appropriate to look at all options, as long as

it wouldn't result in "slowing down the current process that we're on right now."

Lucero commented from the audience that the decision made by the commissioners last September was based on the best information available, and concurred with Maez that it was important "to keep the ball rolling forward."

Pagosa Springs Town Manager Greg Schulte, also in the audience, observed that if reconsideration of the choice for the justice center site involved evaluation of comparative cost, the county couldn't "guess [the] way into the decision."

To get the information needed properly to evaluate the new proposal, he suggested, seemed likely to require time and expense.

Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger, also in the audience, added that other options for the location could warrant evaluation, too.

Wadley then commented that the commissioners had already devoted a considerable volume of time and effort to the justice center site selection process, and the decision last September had not been rushed. He continued that the county shouldn't go fast, and make a wrong decision, but "we can't sit here for three years and talk about this."

The option of building the center on the U.S. 84 site proposed by the Levines should be considered "as quickly as we can," he said.

Following the extended discussion of the justice center site and the new Levine proposal by the commissioners at their work session Friday, they revisited the topic again on Tuesday, at their next work session. But, this week, the discussion was briefer.

Maez suggested that limited inquiries he had made in the interim since the prior work session indicated that the cost of A&D lanes could vary widely, but might be as much as \$1 million.

In response, Whiting urged that what was needed was a full dress "apples to apples" comparison of the Hot Springs Boulevard and U.S. 84 locations.

Henderson then advised the commissioners that such an in-depth task would be well beyond his "scope" and would require use of experts.

Wadley observed that consultation with experts could also arguably be necessary every time someone might bring in another new proposal.

He said Levine had told the commissioners the previous Friday that his family was willing to bring its resources to bear in helping to rectify what they perceived as an error, so the county should ask them to pay

for the comparison.

Whiting advised Henderson that if the Levines were not willing to agree with such a request, he should come back to the commissioners to report.

Then Henderson asked if work currently planned on architects' detailed drawings to flesh out the design for the Hot Springs Boulevard site should begin.

Wadley said, "let's hold off" for some reasonable period for an opportunity to have a comparison made, because failing to do that will invite "pushback from the taxpayers."

However, if the Levines don't support the effort, he said, the county should walk away from their proposal.

Following this week's work session, Whiting said in a later interview that the request for the Levines to pay for a comparison "smells like an excuse to not look at this closely."

Obtaining a cost comparison was the "responsible" course, he said.

Asked if he would be willing to see a possible interruption of progress forward to completion of the justice center to allow experts to complete a comparison of the two sites, of such a length that it would become impossible to submit a proposal to voters this November, Whiting did not respond directly.

Instead, he commented he did not think a comparison would take that long.

But, Whiting added, "if you are going to lose in November with the present project, why push it forward?"

And, he predicted, based on the present situation, that would be the outcome.

In response to Whiting's suggestion that a request to the Levines to pay for a comparison was merely an evasion, Wadley observed to The SUN that Whiting "was in the room when that was discussed [and] he did not respond."

Wadley also explained that Levine "met with us and said he would bring resources to the table, and every time someone brings up a new property we can't afford to pay \$10,000 to evaluate" it.

He added that the U.S. 84 site also raised the question of annexation, so there are multiple questions to look at. "I'm willing to look but not to require the taxpayers to pay for the look."

And Maez told The SUN, "I look at as [the Levines] brought this to the table late in the game and said [they were] ready to help, so it is reasonable to ask them to pay for it. But I'm willing to be flexible in working out an arrangement."

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County will seek revision of Fairfield bankruptcy settlement

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The commercial developer marketing home sites years ago that today comprise a major part of the Pagosa Lakes area, Fairfield Communities Inc., went into bankruptcy in 1990, in a proceeding filed in Little Rock, Ark., where the company was based.

Bankruptcy proceedings are intended to allow orderly disposition of the claims of creditors, that is, third parties to whom the bankrupt party had financial obligations.

Among Fairfield's obligations at issue when the bankruptcy was initiated were unfulfilled commitments it had made to provide road and utility connections throughout the development, including connections for many then-unsold lots included in the Pagosa Lakes community.

According to Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Manager Alan Roth, those commitments for roads and utilities were embodied in plot plans, which had been recorded for the development area at the time of subdivision.

The failure resulting from a developer's bankruptcy to meet such infrastructure obligations with respect to a partially completed development would tend to impair the marketability of unsold lots, damage the value of occupied properties and undermine the ultimate viability of the development as a community.

As The SUN previously reported in 2012, the harms from Fairfield's failure to meet infrastructure obligations led to the filing of claims by several individual property owners as creditors in the bankruptcy proceeding. A variety of additional claims were brought as well in the wake of the Fairfield bankruptcy, but are beyond the scope of this article.

The individual claims were

ultimately dismissed when the bankruptcy was settled.

Rather than address issues raised by the claims individually, the settlement provided for the establishment under court supervision of two funds from the bankrupt estate intended to allow the infrastructure commitments to be met.

The funds were to provide the resources needed, among other purposes, to build additional roads and connect electric supply to additional lots in Pagosa Lakes. The county and PLPOA had shared responsibility to manage the funds, but money for the latter purpose was placed under the county's primary direct control.

According to Roth, the road building fund has been exhausted in the years since the order was entered. Most recently, he said, it helped to pay for the resurfacing completed in 2016 of Lake Forest Circle and Cloud Cap Avenue, as well as repair of Northlake Avenue culverts.

But it's a different story with the fund for electric connections.

As stated in a section of the county's 2017 budget dealing with the Fairfield Settlement Fund in the county's control, a balance of approximately \$500,000 exists on the county's books, which is supposed to be used exclusively for "electrical trenching and backfilling" for lots in Pagosa Lakes. However, the budget document reports, "there have not been any claims in close to 10 years."

The description in the budget continues with the observations that although the fund is presently "not benefiting anyone," an explanation may be that "lots in the area that are identified as potential beneficiaries of the fund" do not even currently have useful access to "distribution level power," meaning that connections for lots "to obtain primary power" are not of immedi-

ate significance.

What is lacking is nearby La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) distribution lines. Therefore, the discussion of the fund in the county budget concludes with the statement of a 2017 goal: "to petition the Court for a reconsideration of the use of the funds [to] change from 'trenching and backfilling' of primary power to individual lots, to the provision of distribution level power to serve entire areas."

County Attorney Todd Starr told The SUN on Feb. 6 that the county intends to implement that goal soon. It will be filing a petition with the court in Arkansas to broaden the authorized purpose of the fund, to support installation of electric distribution lines in unserved parts of the Pagosa Lakes area.

He added that in addition to PLPOA, LPEA and the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) have endorsed the idea.

PAWSD and LPEA would benefit from expansion of the fund's purpose, he added, since increasing the area of electric service would likely broaden their customer bases.

Starr said that the potential date of action on the anticipated petition will depend on the state of the court's docket, but he is "optimistic" there will be a resolution by this summer.

He added that whether electric lines will be strung on poles or buried in trenches remains to be determined, and depends on the total funding available.

Starr said he hopes that LPEA and PAWSD will participate in sharing the cost in view of their potential benefit.

Roth told The SUN that the additional electric distribution will primarily affect the PLPOA Trails subdivision, lying to the west of the Vista subdivision.

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Haul

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ment for the vehicle, and said he was hired by a guy named Carl to haul some furniture and kid toys for him from California to Texas," said Hamilton in a prior interview.

Hamilton pointed out that the driver and his passenger were "off the beaten path" and that taking I-25 would have been a faster route.

During the traffic stop, the ACSO's drug-sniffing dog indicated that there were illicit substances in the vehicle, which allows officers to search a vehicle without permission from the driver.

"They got into the back of the van, and found a rental agreement. It was in some woman's name from Texas, so it was saying that they were going from Texas to California, not the other way around," said Hamilton, adding that, even though there was enough probable cause to seize

the vehicle, the ACSO obtained a search warrant that night to cover their bases.

She explained that deputies searched the vehicle the next day and found 88.8 pounds of marijuana "professionally packaged and sealed."

"The street value of that type of strain and grade of marijuana is anywhere between \$200,000 and \$400,000," she explained, adding that she believed the marijuana was grown in the U.S.

"Because they didn't have any legal responsibility to that vehicle ... they were claiming that they didn't know what was in the back of the U-Haul ... they were allowed to leave the scene," said Hamilton.

Once deputies discovered the marijuana, there was enough probable cause to get warrants for their arrest, Hamilton explained.

Snowpack

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At 149 percent of median as of Tuesday.

Snowpack data comes from SNOTEL monitoring sites, which are overseen by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

But the figure for the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins is down slightly from the 169 percent of median recorded on Feb. 1. At the same time in 2016, the local basin snowpack was at 128 percent, and in 2015 was at 66 percent.

Joe Crabb, water commissioner for the Pagosa Springs area, updated the San Juan Water Conservancy District Board of Directors about the Feb. 1 snowpack data, snow water equivalent, river flow and more Monday evening during the board's regular meeting.

As of Feb. 1, Crabb said, Colorado's statewide snowpack was close to 130 percent of median.

And the snow, Crabb indicated, is also holding a lot of moisture.

"The snow is deep and it has a lot of good water content to it is basically what this graph is saying," Crabb said during his presentation.

As of Feb. 14, the snow water equivalent (SWE), the amount of moisture snow is holding for the local basin was 164 percent of median — the state's highest.

The statewide SWE as of Tuesday was 147 percent. Neighboring Gunnison Basin, while being tied with the local basin in snowpack, was at 162 percent.

Crabb also noted the flow of the San Juan River over the last year, noting that the river peaked at

2,610 cubic feet per second (cfs) on June 16, 2016, and hit a minimum flow of 48 cfs on July 31, 2016, during the area's long dry spell.

Crabb also outlined levels at Navajo Lake reservoir.

As of Feb. 2, the reservoir was at 28.4 feet below full, or 76.9 percent of full. At this time last year, Crabb noted, the pool was at about 80 percent of full.

Further downstream, Crabb's presentation notes that Lake Powell is at 46 percent of full and Lake Mead is at 40 percent of full (Mead has a trigger point of 30 percent to shut off power production).

"Both of those have been climbing, which is really good news for those areas that depend on that water," Crabb added.

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2016 stats show ACSO had busy year

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

It's no surprise that, as Archuleta County grows, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) gets busier.

SUN staff sat down with Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez, who went over some of the ACSO's statistics for 2016.

Among the highlights are that the ACSO had 7,678 calls for service in 2016, a 19.2 percent increase over 2015 and a 22.5 percent increase over 2014.

"One of the big things in 2016 was that we faced some big challenges, especially being short-handed," said Valdez. "We had vacancies, and were faced with things like injuries, which really made us short on staff."

Valdez said that, although the ACSO has 11 patrol positions, at one point in 2016, the ACSO only had five patrol officers.

"In 2016, we had a total of 17,032 calls for service that went through dispatch," said Valdez. "Of those numbers, the sheriff's department was responsible for 52 percent of those calls. The remaining calls went to the fire department, or the Pagosa police department or EMS. Our calls for service are starting to pick up."

The ACSO took 997 reports, responded to 885 traffic-related incidents, and responded to 36 assault calls.

The ACSO responded to 670 animal complaints, 87 domestic violence incidents, 104 restraining order violations and 167 thefts.

Valdez added that, in 2016, through grant funding, the ACSO was able to get a K9 unit, and that

resource was helping a lot.

"In 2017, one of the big goals that we're trying to push for patrol is to be more visible in the rural communities," said Valdez. "We're trying everything we can to get out there."

Valdez said another goal for the ACSO is to bring in an animal control officer by July 1.

The conversation then turned to the department's investigation section, with Valdez explaining that investigations currently consists of two deputies and a part-time evidence technician.

"We currently have a vacancy in our detective (division) that we haven't filled yet," said Valdez, later adding, "Investigations is in charge of following up on all major crimes."

Valdez explained that the investigations department filed a total of 385 reports in 2016, with 88 of those being new cases.

"They had 18 arrests, 11 sexual-assault-on-a-child investigations, 12 narcotics investigations, 14 background investigations for hiring purposes and two sexual-assault-on-an-adult investigations," said Valdez.

The conversation then shifted to the Emergency Management section of the ACSO, with Valdez saying that it consists of three employees.

"Their primary responsibilities are emergency management, wildland fires and search and rescue," said Valdez. "With search and rescue, they had 44 missions in 2016. Of those 44, 11 were assisting Mineral County, three were assisting Hinsdale County and two were assisting Conejos County."

Valdez pointed out that these missions can range from being two hours long to 18 hours long.

"They're not all simple and easy," said Valdez, pointing out that some missions require utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) and others require snowmobiles.

"They're such a great crew and do an amazing job," Valdez said.

He went on to say that the wildland fire team responded to 20 wildland fires, with four of those going into the second operational period, meaning that they lasted more than 24 hours.

Valdez then spoke of the ACSO's administration department, and explained that the ACSO saw a large increase in sheriff sales. "Sheriff sales" is a term used to describe distressed public property auctions.

"That generated, just in this year, \$71,084.12" said Valdez. "That's way up from last year. It was tough on Mel, our office manager, but she did an amazing job."

The conversation then turned to the ACSO's detentions department, with Valdez saying that detentions has 13.5 full-time employees.

"We have two cells that hold eight inmates, and over the course of 2016, we had approximately 220 transports to and from Durango," said Valdez. "That doesn't include us driving over there and taking an inmate to the dentist, or to the hospital."

Valdez also said that there were a total of 520 arrests in 2016, which doesn't include summonses.

The ACSO also paid \$202,891.08 in 2016 to La Plata County for inmate housing.

Valdez pointed out this doesn't include paying for inmate's medical needs, or the cost of transporting inmates to and from the La Plata County jail.

"I want to compliment the detentions staff," said Valdez. "It's

such a dynamic situation that we're in, and I feel so sorry for staff, even though they're doing an amazing job. They're doing the best with what they've got."

Valdez went on to say that one of the biggest problems the detentions department is facing involves overtime, and how quickly the ACSO is using it.

"The biggest worry that I have is that we're seeing the burnout, and I don't want to lose excellent staff because of the burnout," said Valdez. "We're trying to do everything we can right now to remedy that."

He added that, currently, the ACSO is doing a full assessment of the Archuleta County jail.

In a follow up interview, Valdez drew attention to the ACSO's alternative sentencing and pre-trial services programs.

He said that 45 individuals were on pre-trial services, and four individuals were using the alternative sentencing program.

"That means that those guys that are sentenced technically should be in our facility, but we're saving money because they're out on house arrest," said Valdez.

Valdez explained that the ACSO is still trying to maintain its community programs.

"We're still doing the reading to kids in school, we're still doing Coffee with a Cop, we're doing shopping with Big Brothers Big Sisters, we did the 'Don't Text and Drive' campaign, we did the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, we've acquired some educational books that we're trying to get out to the kids," explained Valdez. "We're trying to do everything we can to be a part of the community." *marshall@pagosasun.com*

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- Feb. 6 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
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Firefighters honored at annual event

By Megan Macht
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) held its annual Firefighter Appreciation Dinner on Feb. 4. The event recognizes the efforts and dedication of all members.

Honors were given to the following:

- Firefighter of the Year: Anthony Ferguson.
 - Rookie of the Year: Ryan Foster and Keaton Tjelmeland.
 - Officer of the Year: Karn Macht.
 - Fire Chief's Award (for outstanding service): Sylvia Thompson.
- Recognition was given for unwavering dedication and enthusiasm to Tom Dorgan and Don Peterson.
- Recognition was also given for longtime service and commitment to Brian Fulbright (20 years) and Steve Voorhis (35 years).
- The PFPD is a comprised primarily of volunteer members who respond day and night to meet the needs of the public.

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Board of directors, Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County

- Feb. 6 — Information only, Tom's Place.
- Feb. 6 — Harassment- stalking-felony, computer crime-misdemeanor, County Road 382.
- Feb. 6 — Identity theft-intent, forgery, theft, County Road 700.
- Feb. 6 — County warrant, Rainbow Drive.
- Feb. 7 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
- Feb. 7 — Cruelty to animals, U.S. 84.
- Feb. 7 — Information only, Lewis Street.
- Feb. 8 — Runaway, Pines Drive.
- Feb. 9 — Animals running at large, Park Avenue.
- Feb. 10 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, San Juan Street.
- Feb. 10 — Information only, U.S. 160.
- Feb. 10 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
- Feb. 10 — Second-degree forgery, conspiracy to commit misdemeanor, San Juan Street.
- Feb. 11 — Animals running at large, unlawful ownership of dangerous dog-misdemeanor, Surrey Drive.
- Feb. 11 — Agency assist, Alpha Drive.
- Feb. 11 — Information only, Solomon Drive.
- Feb. 12 — Second-degree introducing contraband, San Juan Street.

- Feb. 12 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, Highland Avenue.
 - Feb. 13 — Domestic violence, harassment by phone or computer, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Aspenglow Boulevard.
 - Feb. 13 — County warrant, San Juan Street.
 - Feb. 13 — County warrant, San Juan Street.
 - Feb. 13 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
 - Feb. 13 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.
- Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**
- Feb. 8 — Criminal mischief, Pagosa Street.
 - Feb. 8 — Theft, Aspen Village Drive.
 - Feb. 8 — Information only, South 8th Street.
 - Feb. 8 — Information only, North 5th Street.
 - Feb. 10 — Warrant arrest/not local, Terrace Drive.
 - Feb. 10 — Traffic/license/speeding, U.S. 160.
 - Feb. 11 — Third-degree assault, U.S. 160.
 - Feb. 11 — Information only, Trinity Lane.
 - Feb. 12 — Theft, Talisman Drive.
 - Feb. 13 — Information only, Apple Street.
- Pagosa Springs Municipal**

- Court: Judge William Anderson**
- Feb. 9 — Jonathan Dobson, two counts of animals running at large, fines and costs — \$110.
- Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**
- Feb. 8 — Sarah A. Kirschstein, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$98.50.
 - Feb. 9 — Diane Alberta Bruder, driving ability impaired, 48 hours community service probation, 14 days electronic surveillance, two years probation, fines and costs — \$2,533.50.
 - Feb. 9 — Andrew M. Wyatt Pior, speeding 10-19 over limit, driver's license-not in possession, fines and costs — \$280.50.
 - Feb. 9 — Eustacio J. Valdez, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.
 - Feb. 9 — Lesley Meiering, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.
 - Feb. 9 — Cynthia C. Alfini, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$110.50.
 - Feb. 10 — Carradine J. Espinoza, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.
- 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**
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LEGISLATURE

Bills passed to strengthen national security

Last month, the U.S. House Homeland Security Committee updated its Terror Threat Snapshot, which is a monthly assessment of the threat that the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and other radical terrorist groups pose to the United States and the west.

The report shows that in 2016, there were 74 known ISIS-linked plots against the west. In 2014 and 2015 combined, there were 67 known ISIS-linked plots against the west.

The sharp increase in ISIS-linked plots last year is concerning, and now we must be more vigilant than ever in our fight against terrorism.

Last year, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Director James Comey told the Homeland Security Committee that "a number of people who were of serious concern"

were not identified in screening of Iraq War refugees. He continued to say that the U.S. vetting process for refugees has improved since that time, but he could not assure the committee that U.S. officials could verify the identities of Syrian refugees. The former director of national intelligence, James Clapper, also said during a security industry conference that he wouldn't put it past ISIS to infiltrate the refugees fleeing Syria.

On Friday, Jan. 27, the president issued an executive order that



Rep. Tipton's Report

placed a 90-day halt on U.S. entry for any individual traveling from seven countries that were identified by the Obama Administration as being hotbeds for terrorism. The executive order also placed a 120-day halt on the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

I support strong security vetting for anyone who wishes to enter the United States, regardless of their faith, so a temporary halt on accepting new immigrants and refugees while we strengthen our screening procedures is a reasonable action. However, I have been concerned about the impact that the president's executive order has had on individuals who have already been vetted and hold visas or green cards. I have encouraged any Third District resident green card or visa holder who has been

adversely impacted by the executive order to contact my office so we can be of assistance.

To further strengthen our national security, this week the House passed 17 bipartisan bills related to border security, transportation security, and cybersecurity defenses. You can view a complete list of these bills on the Homeland Security Committee's website, www.homeland.house.gov.

America is a compassionate nation that will continue to be built by immigrants, but unfortunately, bad actors try to use our compassion to do harm. Government's priority must be to keep Americans safe, and I believe that can be done while still maintaining a generous immigration system that ensures those who wish to harm Americans do not slip through the cracks.

Cultivating discussion and striving to be inclusive

In light of what is happening on the national stage right now, I have chosen to be inclusive, rather than exclusive, in my actions. What does that look like? It means actually walking across that aisle to talk with Republicans. It means listening to them sincerely in committee work and working to understand their viewpoints.

It is working within my party, disagreeing when necessary to represent my district, and supporting others who do the same. It means working with my party to assure our priorities reflect those of the people of Colorado.

Being inclusive also means talking with constituents. I encourage all of my constituents to reach out via phone, email or by at-

tending one of my many public town halls. When constituents reach out to voice their opinion on an issue I will soon have to vote on, I always take their view into consideration. Whether we agree or not, the conversation is always helpful and helps me be a better representative for southwest Colorado.

I am inclusive with the bills I read, trying to understand what the author wants, without judgment,



Rep. McLachlan's Report

and see if I can strike compromise in my heart. Being inclusive is listening to bill amendments with an open mind, always remembering that we all have the same goal in mind, just different ways of approaching it.

Being inclusive means supporting the resolution the Democrats presented this week in response to the federal ban on people from select predominantly Muslim countries entering the United States. We advocated for those with green cards and visas, whose only crime was temporarily leaving here, their home, then trying to reenter. It is supporting people of every color, every religion and every lifestyle to peacefully live and protest and prosper.

In politics, eventually you will reach disagreements. This is the price and prize of democracy. In a government by the people, differences aren't settled by the biggest stick. We debate, we vote, we dialogue and, as best as we can, give each other the benefit of the doubt.

This means that my duty is to oppose policies instead of opposing people. I will uphold the principle of respecting those I work alongside, no matter who they are or where they come from. Our success will depend upon combining the experience, talent and perspectives from people across cultures, political spectrums and county lines. Let's cultivate a better discussion and strive to always be inclusive.

Few bills make it to third reading and final passage

It seems to me as if the session just started yesterday, but the fact of the matter is, we are closing in on one month. It has been the slowest month I recall in my previous six years.

This session I serve on Senate Ag and Judiciary. I hold Sen. Ellen Roberts responsible for that. I guess that Senate leadership thought she did such a great job that I was the logical replacement. I was a little grumpy about Judiciary in the beginning, because my experience in the general assembly had been in Ag and Natural Resources along with Transportation and Energy. I still receive a lot of calls on transportation issues in my new position, but I am actually enjoying the Judiciary Committee. The load has been heavy, it seems, with the Judiciary Committee meeting three to four times per week. By comparison, the Ag Committee has been very light.

There have not been many bills making it through to third

reading and final passage. I suppose a lot of the senators are doing what I am doing, and that is, doing a lot of changes and redrafting prior to introduction. Only two bills have had what I would refer to as significant discussion.

Senate Bill 5, which deals with training for concealed weapons by school personnel, has been the most misunderstood bill so far. The perception is that the general assembly is authorizing the school personnel to carry concealed weapons; however, the fact is that it is already legal for schools districts to approve concealed



Sen. Coram's Report

carry by personnel in their district. In fact, about 25 school districts have enacted this policy, and most of these districts are from rural and very remote schools. This bill actually does let the county sheriff, who must be the person to issue the permit, to set the level of training required to ensure the safety of the permittee, as well as staff and students. It had passed second reading in the Senate on a 21-14 vote, and I would expect a similar vote in third reading and will be sent to the House.

Also in committee this week, Senate Bill 36, dealing with the appellate process for ground water. I ran this bill last year along with Sen. Ray Scott. This was kind of a "slam dunk" in the House, passing 60 to 5. Politics reared its ugly head last year and was killed in the Senate. It is the opinion of this legislator that a group of investors were buying up water rights, then attempting

to sell them to municipalities. The problem is that they have lost their proposal in before Ground Water Commission, then files an appeal stating that they have more evidence. Objectors are then required to hire water engineers and attorneys to go back to court. Cost of defending your water rights can cost as much as \$100,000 each and every time you are in such a litigation. I have had farmers tell me they have spent in the neighborhood of \$900,000. If you want to break a farm operation, I can think of nothing quicker. Senate Bill 36 will change the appellate process to mirror that of surface water, which states you can appeal only on the evidence presented.

I am currently working on many bills, and they are starting to make their way through the legislative process. I plan to give you another update about my proceedings in a couple of weeks.

Town to hold San Juan River Master Plan public meeting

By Rachel Novak
Special to The SUN

As part of the town's comprehensive plan update process, the town's Planning and Parks and Recreation departments will conduct a public input work session regarding the San Juan River Master Plan on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the Ross Aragon Community Center senior dining room.

Join us and let your comments, thoughts and ideas be heard; your input is very important at this stage of the comprehensive plan update process.

The San Juan River master plan encompasses the 2-mile river corridor through town, and staff will be presenting previously completed projects and currently scheduled projects for this specific area through town.

The public will be asked to provide input regarding additional amenities envisioned along this 2-mile corridor. These amenities could include, for example: shade structures (pergolas, gazebos, shade sails, etc.), picnic tables, rustic trails (single-track, gravel, crushed rock, etc.), Riverwalk connectivity, boater improvements, wildlife, fish and bird habitat, more parking, improved access, signage

and restrooms.

This public input work session is one of many public input meetings being conducted as part of the comprehensive plan update process. If you would like to stay up to date on upcoming meetings, please sign up for free, automatic E-Notices on the town's Web page.

If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 264-4151, ext. 221.

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La Plata Electric board candidate packets available March 6

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

Election packets for those interested in running for a seat on the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors will be available on March 6 at LPEA offices in Durango and Pagosa Springs and online at www.lpea.coop.

To be placed on the ballot, candidates must return completed petitions to either LPEA office by 1 p.m. on March 29. LPEA's offices are located at 45 Stewart St., Durango (Bodo Industrial Park) and 603 S. 8th St., Pagosa Springs.

As per LPEA bylaws, one-third of the directors' seats are up for election annually, one in each of LPEA's four districts. Candidates are required to be members in good standing and permanent residents of the district they seek to represent, and cannot work for a compet-

ing enterprise or supplier of the cooperative, plus not be employed or have a spouse or child employed by the cooperative in any position. A complete list of director qualifications can be reviewed in LPEA's bylaws (www.lpea.coop/pdf/policies/LPEA_Bylaws.pdf).

Submitted election petitions must contain at least 15 signatures from co-op members in a candidate's district. A map of LPEA's voting districts is available on the cooperative's website (www.lpea.coop/company_info/board/district_map.html).

Directors are elected for three-year terms. Incumbent directors up for re-election are Bob Lynch (District 1 — Archuleta County), Davin Montoya (District 2 — south and west La Plata County), Jeff Berman (District 3 — City of Durango), and Joe Wheeling (District 4 — north and east La Plata County).

"LPEA is a cooperative, owned by and operated for the benefit of those who use its services," said Mike Dreysspring, LPEA CEO. "So, if you purchase your electricity from La Plata Electric and haven't opted out of membership, you are entitled to run for a director seat and join the board that determines company policy."

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed to the membership in April and all those returned tallied by an independent third party. Results will be announced at LPEA's annual meeting set for May 13 at Sky Ute Casino Resort in Ignacio.

The candidate packets contain additional election information and instructions, including copies of LPEA's bylaws and board policies. Candidates with questions should contact Jeanne Bennett, 382-3505 or jbennett@lpea.coop.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

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

Town of Pagosa Springs compre-

hensive plan update public meeting. River master plan presentation, 5:30 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.

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

Thursday, Feb. 23

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

Tuesday, Feb. 28

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

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 9:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, com-

missioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

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

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

How the state deals with poor-performing schools

By Joyce Rankin
Special to The SUN

In a local control state like Colorado, local school boards usually make their own decisions about the allocation of funds and how best to serve students. We saw an example recently in Jefferson County, where the board, being strapped financially considered closing five schools.

But, in rare cases, the State Board of Education (SBE) can override local control. The legislature passed statute in order to ensure that Colorado's education system holds schools and districts accountable for meeting state expectations for student performance. Those schools meeting expectations have increased autonomy, whereas those not meeting expectations in achievement, growth and postsecondary workforce readiness are assigned "Priority Improvement" or "Turnaround" status.

If a district or school remains in these two categories for five consecutive years, significant action must be taken by the SBE. The timeline for this is called the Accountability Clock and it began in 2009 under a state law known as the Education Accountability Act.

For the first time since the Education Accountability Act was created, the SBE may force districts and schools that have failed to improve for five consecutive years to take significant action to boost student learning.

The SBE has a list of directives it may issue to local school boards in these circumstances. Some are more drastic than others. Among the possibilities: close schools, turn them over to new management, apply for waivers from local and state policies, merge with a nearby high-performing district, or turn over all or some operations to a third party. Currently in the state there are 12 schools and five districts that fit into this category.

Four schools and one school district are from the Third Congressional District that I represent.

Beginning in March, at our next board meeting, the first school district has an opportunity to come before the board with plans for improvement. We will also hear from the State Review Panel, an advisory group that has been monitoring the progress of the school, and the commissioner of education. From these three reports the SBE will make a final decision on the direction the school or district will take.

The evaluation process and SBE pathway for improvement for all districts and schools on the Accountability Clock must be completed by June 30 of this year.

While the law was written in 2009, the intent of the law was to allow lower-performing schools an opportunity to dramatically change, providing students a new opportunity toward higher academic performance. The challenge to change is difficult, however continuing to leave these students behind is not an option.

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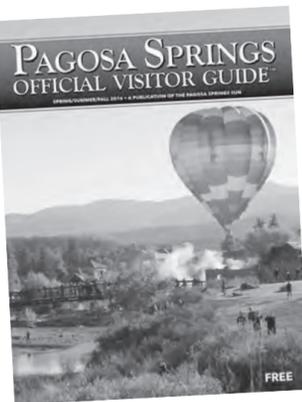
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Education

Charter school contract decision delayed

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Despite being noticed as an action item for Tuesday evening's regular meeting of the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE), action on the charter contract for the Pagosa Peak Open School was delayed.

Instead, the topic was tabled to allow ASD's attorneys to further discuss certain topics with the Pagosa Charter School Initiative's (PCSI) attorneys, though those topics were not explicitly stated Tuesday evening.

Immediately prior to Tuesday's regular meeting, the BOE held a special meeting for the purposes

of entering into an executive session "to discuss a matter subject to negotiations with the Pagosa Peak Open School Charter School," according to that meeting's agenda.

Following that special meeting, the regular meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. (it was scheduled for 6 p.m., but the previous executive session pushed it back).

When the BOE turned to discussion on the charter school, PCSI president Ursala Hudson spoke, first thanking the board for "carefully considering" the contract and changing a few items to be accommodating of both parties.

Hudson then suggested the BOE consider not capping the charter school's enrollment by grade level,

but instead cap the school's total enrollment to allow the school flexibility in catering to those wishing to attend the school, and in meeting its budget.

She noted the charter school was currently at 70 percent enrollment, with enrollment closing at the end of the month.

Shortly after Hudson's comments, BOE member Bruce Dryburgh said, "I move that we table any motion on the open school for a very brief time."

Board president Greg Schick further elaborated that the delay was necessary based on the executive session, saying, "We have visited with our attorneys and we just need a little bit more time between them

and our attorney.

When PCSI Vice President Kerstan Correnti Renner asked how much more time was needed, Schick indicated that the PCSI attorneys said a little extra time would be OK.

Hudson noted that the PCSI board intended to scout potential directors at an upcoming conference, and Dryburgh reiterated that it was between attorneys and the board would "get on it," which Schick echoed.

In a later interview, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed anticipated the meeting could be held Friday, but nothing had been scheduled as of press time Wednesday.
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Health department concerned about increase in mumps cases

Special to The SUN

Public health officials are seeing a large increase in mumps cases reported nationwide, as well as outbreaks in multiple states, including Colorado.

As of Feb. 8, there have been 27 cases of mumps in Colorado, and this number is expected to grow.

Because of the level of concern, Archuleta School District recently sent out an informational statement at the request of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, with that statement providing information about mumps and mumps prevention.

"Because of the high numbers of

mumps cases across the country, it is especially important to make sure your children are vaccinated," said Rachel Herlihy, director of the Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Division at the CDPHE, in January. "Both adults and children should make sure they are up to date on their mumps vaccine."

The mumps vaccine is safe and highly effective, but does not prevent the virus once you have been exposed. Two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine are recommended for children, with the first dose at 12-15 months of age and the second dose at 4-6 years of age. Mumps vaccine immunity can decrease over time, so

some people who have been vaccinated get mumps.

The vaccine is not recommended for pregnant women. Adults born before 1957 are generally considered to be immune to mumps and do not need to be vaccinated, but other adults should make sure they have been vaccinated.

Mumps is a viral infection that causes painful swelling in the glands of the cheek and jaw. Other symptoms may include low-grade fever, fatigue, loss of appetite and headache, but about a third of people who have the virus don't have symptoms. The virus is spread through direct contact with the respiratory droplets or saliva of an infected person. Serious com-

plications from mumps are rare, but include meningitis and other problems.

Symptoms of mumps usually appear from 16 to 18 days after exposure. A person with mumps can spread the disease from two days before to five days after gland swelling begins, so people with mumps should stay at home until at least five days after the swelling starts.

People who think they may have mumps should contact their health care provider.

For more information about mumps, the public can visit colorado.gov/cdphe/mumps or call CO-HELP at (877) 462-2911 or (303) 389-1687. CO-HELP is available 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.

Middle school Honor Roll announced

By Rebecca Aucoin
Special to The SUN

The following fifth-grade students made Pagosa Springs Middle School's (PSMS) second-quarter Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: John Cloward, Donovan Galabota, Jack Hittle, Natalie Mashue, Annie O'Donnell, Annabelle Parker, Drayden Severns and Lucy Taylor.

The following fifth-grade students made Honor Roll: Seth Aucoin, Karis Blackman, Jeremiah Bradley, Collin Bridges, Jeimie Castaneda, Ethan Chavez-Skok, Caleb Crabtree, Chloe Crabtree, Evan Cusick, Eliseo De La Mora, Alexa Dimond, Trey Garcia, Elvis Grigsby, Reece Hammer, Brooke Huddleston, Melissa Jasso-Armandariz, Dennis Kholostov, Bradley Lamoreaux, Blake Laner, Colton Lewis, Kynslie Limebrook, Patrick Matney, Ruth Ann Morehouse, Jeidy Moreno Echavarría, Shahnaz Namin, Hadley Phillips, Bailee Shallenberger, Marie Smith, Noah Stene, Jaden Tuggle-Reed, Nora Vincent and Jilliana Wyman.

The following sixth-grade students made PSMS Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: Aaron Aucoin, Ethan Bergdolt, Kaili Bos, Andrew Bowles, Aidan Grimes, Mason Holshouser, Jonathan Nasralla, Reece Peterson, Jordan Pham, Alexis Queen, Shayden Riggs, Hannah Rockensock, Skylar Sherman, Noah Slingerland, Jordan Stern and Beatrice Yeneza.

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By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
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Apply online at CPW's secure license application portal. This is the last year paper hunting license applications will be available. In 2018, all applications will be online only. All customers need to have an individual email address and password to apply for or purchase CPW products. Returning users should make sure their information is correct when logging in this year.

"We encourage sportsmen and women to review CPW's brochure

and regulations or call our hotline before applying for a license," said Cory Chick, CPW's license administration manager. "We want hunters to be as informed as possible so they are not caught by surprise by new regulations, new unit boundaries or new processes for applying for a license."

The 2017 Colorado Big Game brochure contains regulations for deer, elk, pronghorn, moose and bear, and the 2017 Colorado Sheep and Goat brochure contains regulations for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, desert bighorn sheep and mountain goat.

There are several changes to license reissue, refund and exchange policies in 2017. All license exchanges will be charged a fee of 50 percent of the cost of the original license, not to exceed \$25. Any license that is returned to CPW that

took five or more preference points to draw will be manually reissued to the next eligible person based on the residency status of the returned license. More detailed license exchange and refund information is available online or in the brochures.

Additional changes to 2017 regulations include the addition of fluorescent pink as an alternative to hunter orange. Hunters are required by law to wear pink or orange when taking deer, elk, pronghorn, moose or black bear with any firearm in order to ensure visibility in the field.

This year, big game is now included in CPW's Walk-in Access Program. This will allow public access to some private properties for deer, elk and pronghorn hunting within certain season dates. There will be more details about this program in the Walk-in Access brochure, out in August.

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Chimney Rock Interpretive Association to host open house for volunteers

By Lynn Steiner
Special to The SUN

Chimney Rock, Piedra Parada, Tüvüwünichichi (Ute). Home of the Twin War Gods. Whatever Chimney Rock has been called through the centuries, it has attracted people to it.

Ancestral Puebloans lived there, explorers used it as a landmark and settlers marveled at it. You can walk up the same trail to the Great House Pueblo that the ancient people used and feel them touch your soul through time. You can stand on the Plaza and watch a beautiful sunset and a full moon rise, marvel at the moon coming up through the chimneys during a lunar standstill or enjoy the stars filling the dark night sky. It is fascinating to watch the peregrine falcons teach their fledglings to fly, look down at a turkey buzzard or listen to the crows talk to each other. It is interesting to walk along a trail

and find a collared lizard or a horned toad. It is uplifting to smell the piñon and sage after a rain or memorable to see the cholla cactus covered with magenta flowers or spot the small flowers of the wild onion.

Chimney Rock has amazing archaeological sites and astronomical alignments with a connection to the Chacoan culture.

That is part of the reason why I volunteer for the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA). The other part is the people — volunteers and guests. The volunteers provide all the services needed to keep the site open by greeting guests at the cabin, helping the guests with a self-guided tour, maintaining the trails or leading tours to the Great House Pueblo.

The volunteers assist in special programs such as the full moon, night sky, Native American dances or special astronomical events.

Our guests come from all over the country and around the world.

Many come with Chimney Rock as a destination, but some come just because they drove by and were fascinated by the rock formation. One of my favorite tours was for a group of Swedish folk singers who planned a tour of Chimney Rock as one of their stops. After the tour, they treated me to one of their folk songs. It was wonderful.

Please consider joining our band of enthusiastic Chimney Rock volunteers. CRIA invites community members to the annual Chimney Rock open house on March 17 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the EcoLuxe building at The Springs Resort and Spa located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

There will be a host of CRIA volunteers on hand at the open house who are eager to introduce guests to the variety of roles that support CRIA and the flexibility in level of commitment.

CRIA's Volunteer Training Days will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22, at the PLPOA Clubhouse located at 230 Port Ave. CRIA offers a great, in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers. For more information, call the CRIA office at 731-7133.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest. CRIA relies upon tour and program fees, merchandise sales, grants and generous donations from Friends of Chimney Rock in order to preserve this important part of Colorado's history.

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Weminuche Audubon Society announces scholarship to science camp

By Dottie George
Special to The SUN

Weminuche Audubon Society is offering a scholarship to the American Birding Association's (ABA) Camp Colorado in Estes Park July 26-Aug. 1 for a student aged 13-18 who resides within southwest Colorado.

This weeklong science camp offers students an opportunity

to meet other young people with similar interests, explore careers in birding and ornithology, and learn about the bird life and natural history of northern Colorado. A description of the camp is available at the ABA website: www.events.aba.org/aba-young-birder-camps/

Weminuche Audubon Society will also provide round-trip airfare from Durango to Denver for the scholarship recipient if requested.

The ABA provides round-trip shuttle service between DIA and Estes Park.

Two items are required from applicants. Students who are interested in applying should submit a letter of recommendation from an adult who is not a relative. Students should also submit a 400- to 600-word essay describing his or her experiences in the outdoors and reasons for wishing to attend the camp.

Submissions should be sent to

weminuche.audubon@gmail.com or Weminuche Audubon Society, P.O. Box, 1087, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, by April 15. After attending camp, the student selected by the Weminuche Audubon Society Scholarship Committee is expected to meet with Weminuche Audubon representatives to share highlights of the camp experience. Please contact Dottie George, 731-5759, with questions.

Unitarians to hold John Graves Coffee House Feb. 19

By Avalon Haykus
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend the John Graves Coffee House this Sunday, Feb. 19, instead of its regular service.

For many years, at the beginning of the new year, in lieu of one of the fellowship's regular services, it has been the host of a coffee hour with a variety of folks sharing music, stories, jokes and general

merriment.

This tradition was begun by Graves, who was the fellowship's music director for more than 20 years. Though Graves is no longer with us, we recognize his inspiring contribution to our community by inviting anyone who has an instrument to play, a song to sing, a dance to dance or a poem to read to join us in performance at this year's Coffee House.

We will be honoring Graves as we move the Coffee House service

to his birthday, Feb. 19. Please bring a dessert to share.

This program reflects the Unitarian Universalist principles of "The inherent worth and dignity of every person" and "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a caring, inclusive fellowship dedicated to spiritual growth, justice and serving the needs of our larger community. As a welcoming congregation, we

invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all. Enjoy refreshments and conversation after services, which are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue; then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north. For further information, see pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

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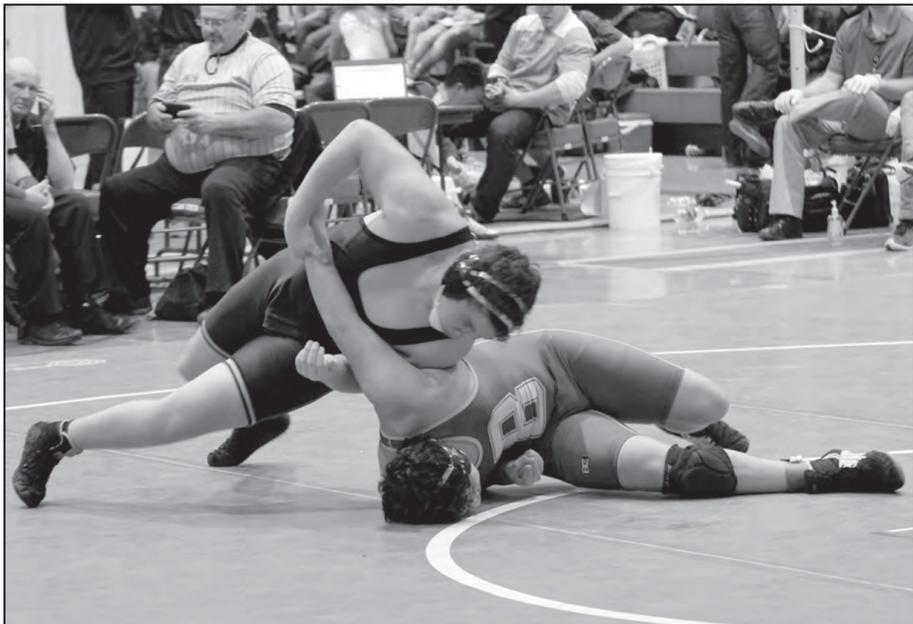


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Nolan Stretton gets his opponent's arm in a precarious position during the regional tournament in Buena Vista last week. Stretton was one of seven Pirate wrestlers to qualify for the state tournament.

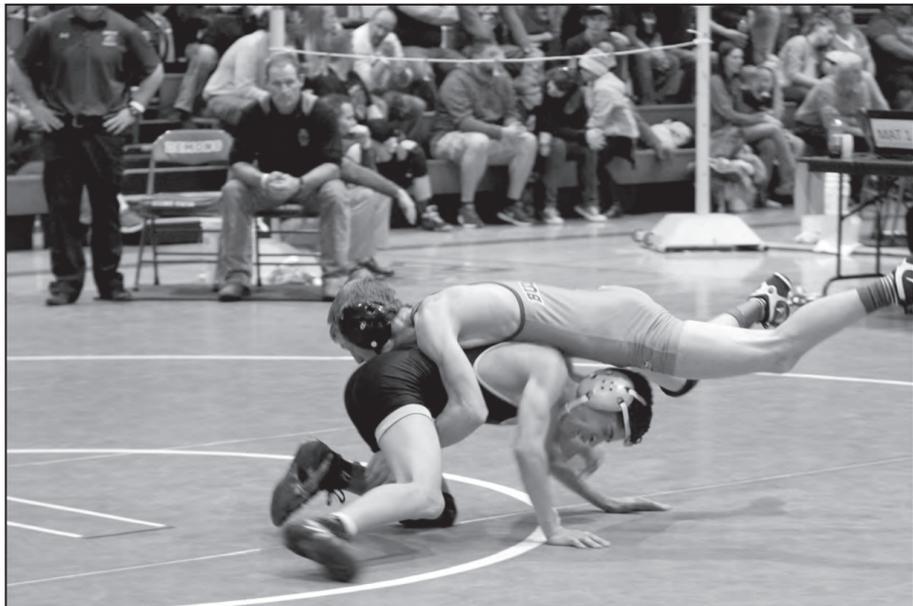


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Will Villalobos attempts to literally get his opponent off of his back during wrestling regionals in Buena Vista last week. Villalobos was one of seven Pirate wrestlers to qualify for state, and the only Pagosa freshman to do so this year.

Seven Pirates to wrestle at state

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Seven Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestlers qualified for the state tournament at regionals over the weekend, where the Pirates placed fourth out of 12 teams.

Coach Dan Janowsky explained that, last year, five wrestlers qualified for state.

Juniors Dalton Lucero, Tate Hinger, Nolan Stretton and Trevor Bryant, sophomores Caleb Janowsky and James Thomas, and freshman Will Villalobos all qualified for state this year.

"This is the third time that Tate and Dalton have qualified, and the second time that Trevor has," said Dan Janowsky.

"I thought we wrestled really hard and competitively," said Dan Janowsky. "It's pretty easy to get nervous with that kind of stuff, and I thought they handled the pressure quite well."

In the 106-pound division, Villalobos wrestled 19-14 and placed fourth in his weight division.

At 120 pounds, Thomas wrestled 11-10 and also placed fourth.

In the 138-pound division, Hinger went 28-7 and placed fourth.

At 145 pounds, Bryant went 20-11 and placed third.

In the 152-pound division, Lucero went 24-6 and placed second.

"Dalton got a pin against a rival in the semifinals that he's never beaten before," said Dan Janowsky. "He got a fireman's (carry) and hooked up a cradle and pinned him, and that was another big match for us."

At 170 pounds, junior Colton Castro wrestled 24-9 and placed fifth, just barely missing the cutoff to qualify for state.

In the 195-pound division, Caleb Janowsky went 22-8 and placed first in his weight division.

"Caleb got a 37-second pin in the finals, which brought our group to their feet," said Dan Janowsky. "You don't get many of those in your career. I think he's the first sophomore I've had to win a regional title."

At 220 pounds, Stretton went 24-10 and placed third.

"All the matches are so tough, because it's an elimination tournament," said Dan Janowsky. "If you don't place in the top four, you're eliminated for the season, and everybody feels it."

The coach explained that the team was still struggling with cold- and flu-like symptoms, and said he thought it had an impact on a couple of the Pirates.

"I think it affected Tate Hinger more than anybody, but he was really sick, and James Thomas too," the coach said. "But they wrestled through it."

Dan Janowsky pointed out that, even though the Pirates came in fourth, they were second in terms of the number of wrestlers who qualified for state.

He also pointed out that none of the wrestlers were seniors, so it's expected that everyone who qualified for state will return to the team next year, giving the Pirates a nice foundation to build off of.

"We still address areas that need some work and that were revealed during the regional tournament," said Dan Janowsky, adding that catering to individual wrestler's needs is easier, because there are now only seven heading to state.

"They still work out hard, and we brush up on fundamentals and getting a good solid defense," said Dan Janowsky.

He said he hopes the Pirates enjoy the opportunity to wrestle in the biggest indoor stadium in the state.

The state tournament will be held at the Pepsi Center in downtown Denver today, Friday and Saturday, ending the season for Colorado high school wrestling teams.

"For a couple of days, you live the same life that the professional athletes do, and it's a lot of fun," said Dan Janowsky. "The kids fight so hard for it, because they want that moment."

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Learn to cross-country ski this Saturday

By James Dickhoff
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Nordic Club is hosting a learn to cross-country ski clinic this Saturday, Feb. 18. Nevertheless, beginners and intermediates are encouraged to come on out and learn some great tips from our cross-country ski instructors for skate skiing or classic cross-country skiing techniques.

The clinic will be held at Cloman Park, located at the end of Cloman Boulevard, just past the airport entrance. Please RSVP at PagosaNordic.com under the events tab as space is limited.

The learn to cross-country ski clinic begins at 10 a.m. sharp, so attendees are required to show up and sign in prior to 9:45 a.m. to ensure you have time to park, gear up and be ready to go by 10 a.m. We apologize, but late arrivals will not be able to attend the clinic due to the disruption to the classes underway and in respect for those that arrived on time. Check in begins at 9:15 a.m. You will need to bring your skis, boots, poles and be dressed appropriately.

All local ski shops offer a discount on rentals for the clinics; just mention you are attending. The clinic is free, however, we recommend a \$5-\$10 donation or annual Nordic Club membership. See you on Saturday.

The Pagosa Nordic Club serves as the local advocate for groomed cross-country ski trails and you can find current cross-country ski trail grooming reports, trail maps, activity and event schedules at

PagosaNordic.com.

Pagosa Nordic is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, 100-percent volunteer organization with a mission "To enhance winter recreational opportunities in Pagosa Springs by maintaining accessible groomed winter trails for skate skiing and classic cross country skiing for all ability levels and to encourage and promote the use of these winter trails through education, marketing and events."

Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Bryce Raymond
Wrestling

Year in school: Senior
Favorite subject: Art
Comments from coach Dan Janowsky: "Bryce has been an important member of the wrestling program for four years. Throughout Bryce's four years as a PSHS wrestler, he has worked each and every day to improve his wrestling skills, his strength and his conditioning, and in doing so has brought out the best in himself and his teammates. He is a true example of what a triple impact player is."

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BASKETBALL

Pirates take on Demons tonight in final regular-season game

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

Last week was a mixed bag for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirates, who saw a mix-up in their varsity lineup and went 1-1 over the week in a pair of league games.

The Pirates now own an 8-10 overall record and a 4-6 record in the Intermountain League (IML).

The varsity lineup change came in the form of players now missing from the roster — Lane Schaaf, Zach DeVooght and Zach Strohecker.

PSHS Principal Sean O'Donnell declined to comment on the absences of the three seniors from the roster, and coach Randy Sorenson failed to address the absences in his post-game comments to The SUN.

But, despite the changes, Sorenson indicated several good things in the week's games, including improved rebounding and defense.

Montezuma-Cortez

Friday night, the Pirates took on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers in Cortez, but returned home with a 45-31 loss.

The Pirates fell behind early in the game, with the Panthers leading 8-4 at the end of the first quarter and 23-11 at the half.

"We got behind early in the Cortez game and never could catch up," coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN. "We made a run in the third quarter to cut into the lead and it was a close game in the fourth quarter but we had to foul at the end of the quarter to have a chance and Cortez made free throws to put the game away."

The Pirates helped to make it a close game in the third by outscoring the Panthers 13-7, making it a 30-24 game going into the final period.

But, with their successful free throws (the Panthers were successful from the line 82 percent of the time in 11 attempts in the game), the Panthers outscored the Pirates 15-7 in the fourth, making for a 45-31 final score in favor of the Panthers.

"We played pretty well we just were not able to put the ball in the basket, missing a lot of open shots. Our team rebounding was better which was good to see," Sorenson commented.

Isaiah Griego led the Pirates in

scoring with 11, followed closely by Keaton Laverty's 10 points, which included a pair of 3-pointers.

Ethan Brown put up five points, Jesus Pacheco tallied four and Nate Lewis recorded one.

Griego also led in rebounds, pulling down 13 of the team's 32. Brown followed with nine.

The team notched seven steals in the game and turned the ball over 14 times.

Centauri

The next night, the Centauri Falcons came to Pagosa for the Pirates' final league game of the season, and the Pirates sent their foes back to La Jara with a 50-37 loss.

Unlike the night before, the Pirates jumped out to an early lead in the game, 18-11 after the first quarter, and continued to lead throughout the game.

By halftime, the Pirates led 34-21 and 44-32 at the end of the third quarter.

"Against Centauri we got off to an early lead and led throughout," Sorenson wrote. "It was a good team win with lots of kids contributing. Our defense was better, especially our help defense. We got some scoring from a few kids which we need. It was good to get a win in our last home league game of the year."

Griego again led the Pirates' scoring, notching 21 points in the game, including a pair of 3-pointers. Laverty again followed with 10 points.

Brown and Pacheco each had eight and Cade Cowan added three to the scoreboard in the form of a 3-pointer.

Griego also led with nine of the team's 21 rebounds.

The team stole the ball eight times in the game while turning it over 10 times.

Up next

The Pirates have one remaining regular-season game slated to be held in Durango this evening against the 4A Demons.

The Demons are 17-3 on the season.

"We have a really tough game against Durango on Thursday and we have been working hard," Sorenson wrote. "Durango is playing well and they have some very athletic kids that play well together. It will be a tough test."

Following tonight's game, the



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Pagosa's Jesus Pacheco goes up for a shot during Saturday's 50-37 victory over the Centauri Falcons. The Pirates end their regular season this evening in Durango against the 4A Demons.

Pirates will wait to see where they land in the bracket for the IML district tournament.

With regular-season IML play done, Alamosa (17-2 overall) and Bayfield (13-6 overall) each ended the season with a 9-1 league mark, Pagosa and Cortez (7-12 overall) each ended the season with a 3-5 IML record, and Monte Vista (6-13 overall) and Centauri (8-11 overall) each finished with a 2-8 league mark.

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Two teams out of each of the

state's seven districts will qualify for the 32-team state bracket, with the other teams determined by the RPI (Ratings Percentage Index) rankings, which takes into account a team's strength relative to other teams.

The Colorado High School Activities Association is now using RPI rankings to determine post-season seeding in all team sports.

As of Wednesday morning, all six IML teams were in the top 40 on RPI (out of 72): Alamosa was eighth, Bayfield was 11th, Cortez was ranked 29th, Pagosa sat at 33, Centauri ranked 36th and Monte Vista was 38th.

Pagosa Paw Sled Dog Race taking place this weekend

By **Jennifer Martin**
Special to The SUN

Come join us for the seventh annual Pagosa Paw Sled Dog Race on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18 and 19. This is a must-see spectator event.

Races start at 8:30 a.m. both days, so show up early for the excitement as sled dog teams gear up for their

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There is also a sportsman class offering a 4-mile and a 1-mile course

for those who just want to try it out.

Cash prizes are awarded for competitive entries (based on a combined score for racing both days) and medals for sportsman participants.

To register as a racer, visit the Rocky Mountain Sled Dog Club website, <http://rmsdc.org>, or call Jennifer Martin at 264-9358.

The Pagosa Paw Sled Dog Race

will take place at the Toner Ranch. The ranch is located 15.5 miles north on Piedra Road from U.S. 160. After crossing the Piedra River Bridge, turn right on Taylor Lane. Go 1.7 miles to the race site on the left; there will be a corral and cattle chutes on the right. Please allow enough time to reach this venue. The 17 miles are up a dirt road, so allow a good hour from town. Once you reach the race location, Taylor Lane loops back into Piedra Road, allowing easy access for larger vehicles and trailers.

RECREATION NEWS

Youth volleyball registration continues

By **Darren Lewis**
SUN Columnist

The recreation department is accepting youth volleyball registra-

tion for 9-10 and 11-12 age groups through Feb. 24.

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

The 11-12 division will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

The cost is \$35.

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

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Pagosa fourth-graders Peyton Frank, Finn and Cooper Ralston, and fifth-graders Nathaniel Kinsley, Bradley Lamoreaux, Blake Laner, Cole Lewis and Ridge Wilson take first place and win the Snowdown basketball tournament on Feb. 4 in Durango.

BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates drop close contest to Centauri, beat Cortez and Ignacio

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team brought its regular season to a close Tuesday evening with the team's 15th win of the season.

And they did it without two of the team's five starters — Devin Wilson and Megan Farrah, who were benched out of caution following injuries Saturday evening.

The JV Lady Pirates also concluded their season in strong fashion Tuesday night — with an undefeated record.

Now, the varsity Lady Pirates will enter postseason play, which begins with the district tournament, as the No. 6 team in the state.

Montezuma-Cortez

The Lady Pirates' week of play started with a trip to Cortez to take on the Panthers in what coach Wes Lewis said was "not a very pretty basketball game."

"I was just happy getting out of there with a win and nobody getting hurt," he said, adding there was little flow to the game and a lot of whistles.

But, despite the lack of flow, the coach was pleased with the Lady Pirates' defense and ability to secure a strong win.

"We were good defensively," he said. "They had a really tough time scoring."

In fact, the Panthers were unable to score more than six points in any quarter.

Pagosa jumped to an early lead in the affair, outscoring the Panthers 14-5 in the first and 15-6 in the second, giving the Pirates a 29-11 lead at halftime.

The dominance continued in the second half, with Pagosa outscoring Cortez 12-3 in the third and 9-0 in the fourth.

Lewis noted that Cortez is likely to be a force to be reckoned with in the coming years, with a strong freshman class of players.

A total of nine different Lady Pirates scored in the game, led by Morgan Lewis with 21.

Morgan Lewis also led in rebounding, pulling down 12 of the team's 37. In team fashion, a total of nine Lady Pirates rebounded in the game.

Pagosa stole the ball eight times in the game and turned it over 13 times.

Centauri

Saturday night, the Pirates welcomed their top IML foe, the Centauri Falcons, but sent their visitors home with another close win.

Centauri claimed a 30-27 victory over Pagosa.

"It was a typical Centauri matchup," Lewis said. "It was low-scoring and it was a close ballgame throughout."

The Lady Pirates' first baskets came in the form of free throws nearly halfway through the first quarter, and the game continued to be a back-and-forth affair.

Centauri led 8-7 after the first quarter.

Defense was key in the second quarter, with Centauri scoring four and Pagosa notching only two, leaving the Lady Pirates down 12-9 at halftime.

The Lady Pirates struck back in the third quarter, outscoring their visitors 13-11 and tying the game, but saw Megan Farrah suffer an ankle injury that took her out of the game and a head injury that took Wilson out for a short time.

And while the coach had to take on a next-man mentality in the heat of the game, it was difficult to see



Pirate senior Megan Farrah attempts a shot while being challenged by Centauri's Melissa Wilson during Pagosa's loss to the Falcons Saturday. Farrah, who had recently returned from injury, suffered another injury in the game.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

players injured.

"Megan, my heart just breaks for her. She's such a great athlete and such a great kid," the coach said, adding, "She's been a great player for our program for four years and for her to go down like that after she just got back and had a couple games under her belt ... my heart goes out to her. And it hurts our team, it hurts our team, obviously, not having her out there."

He also noted, "To be a good sport

and a good competitor, you don't want to see anybody get hurt, especially one of your own."

Centauri edged out their hosts in the fourth, outscoring Pagosa 7-5, with two Lady Pirates, Morgan Lewis and Wilson, fouling out in the game's final minutes.

"We were in foul trouble a lot of the game and that was costly for us," Wes Lewis said, later noting the team needs to be better about keeping key players out of foul trouble, defending dribble drives better and valuing possession. "We certainly had too many turnovers."

The team turned the ball over 25 times in the game, versus Centauri's 12.

"I think we're going to have to figure a way to eliminate some turnovers going down the stretch if we're going to make a postseason run," the coach said, adding, "We can't have so many ill-advised ... turnovers."

Morgan Lewis again led the Lady Pirates in scoring, this time with 13, followed by 11 points from Wilson, two from Keena Murphy and one from Taylor Lewis.

Ignacio

Tuesday, the Lady Pirates ended their regular-season play with a nonconference matchup against the 2A Ignacio Bobcats, who entered the game with an 11-5 record.

The game went into the books as a 46-24 win for the Pirates.

Following an 11-11 first quarter,

the Pirates were able to hold the Bobcats scoreless in the second while scoring five of their own, giving the Lady Pirates a 16-11 lead at halftime.

Following a "pivotal" play to begin the second half in which the Pirates gave up the ball and allowed Ignacio to score, Wes Lewis indicated the Pirates didn't bow to pressure and instead settled in.

Pagosa outscored Ignacio 19-5 in the quarter, building a "comfortable cushion" going into the fourth.

The Lady Pirates again outscored the Bobcats in the fourth, 11-8, to end the Valentine's Day game up 46-24.

"I think Ignacio's a team that's going to be really tough next year," Wes Lewis said, noting they battled the Pirates "really tough" for a half.

And the coach noted that the team's freshmen stepped up in the absence of Farrah and Wilson.

"I thought our freshmen were great," he said. "I mean, we were down two starters tonight with Megan and Devin being out, and I think any time a team loses two starters ..."

The coach noted that he was able to start four juniors along with freshman point guard Teagan Stretton.

"Teagan Stretton did a nice job running the point guard for us in Devin's absence," he said, adding, "Taylor Lewis and Hailey Griego came in and played big minutes for us and just got some good things going ... As a collective group, those seven kids that logged those minutes were huge."

Morgan Lewis logged 17 points in the game, followed by eight each from Griego and Murphy. Taylor Lewis added six, Ada Peshlakai notched three, and Elsa Lindner and Zoee Strohecker each added two to the team's total.

Of the Pirates' 17 rebounds, five came from Morgan Lewis.

The team turned the ball over eight times and stole the ball 21 times, including eight from Morgan Lewis.

Up next

The Pirates are now waiting to see

where they land in the IML bracket for the district tournament.

At the close of the regular season, Centauri (18-1 overall) led the league with an 8-0 IML mark, followed by Pagosa, Alamosa (8-11 overall) and Monte Vista (11-8 overall) each ended with 5-5 league marks, Bayfield (6-13 overall) ended at 2-8 in the IML and Cortez (1-18) went 0-10.

Districts begin Tuesday with a play-in game, and will continue Thursday and Saturday with the second round and championship.

Wes Lewis noted that Farrah and Wilson will take the remainder of this week off before likely rejoining the team in practice.

He is "confident" Farrah will return by Thursday's game and "hopeful" Wilson will, with her status considered "day to day."

Two teams out of each of the state's seven districts will qualify for the 32-team state bracket, with the other teams determined by the RPI (Ratings Percentage Index) rankings, which takes into account a team's strength relative to other teams.

As of Wednesday morning, Centauri sat as the No. 2 team in 3A girls' basketball, Pagosa was No. 6, Monte Vista was No. 15, Alamosa was 28th, Bayfield was 38th and Cortez rang in as the No. 54 team (out of 70).

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Public Notices

Notice to Bidders — Requests for Proposals: The Archuleta School District #50 JT is accepting proposals for Information Technology Management and Support. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at the Archuleta School District #50 JT Administration Building, P.O. Box 1498, 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Copies of this RFP and the specifications for the required services can be found on the District's website: www.mypagosa.k12.co.us in the "District" section. Alternatively, specifications can be obtained at the School District Administration Office, Monday - Friday from 8:00-4:00 or by sending an email to mhodson@pagosa.k12.co.us. Published February 16 and 23, 2017 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2016-02 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust. On November 17, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records. Original Grantor(s) MILTON C. BRUDER and JANE R. BRUDER, HUSBAND AND WIFE Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Current Holder of Evidence of Debt BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Date of Deed of Trust February 10, 2010 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust February 25, 2010 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 2100255 Re-Recording Date of Deed of Trust March 29, 2010 Re-Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 21002130 Original Principal Amount \$84,452.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$79,541.16 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF PAGOSA SPRINGS IN THE COUNTY OF ARCHULETA IN THE STATE OF CO CONDOMINIUM UNIT 80 IN CONDOMINIUM BUILDING 45, PINONWOOD CONDOMINIUMS, ACCORDING TO THE CONDOMINIUM MAP FILED FEBRUARY 3, 1984, AS RECEPTION NO. 121404, AND AS FURTHER DEFINED AND DESCRIBED IN CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION FOR PINONWOOD CONDOMINIUMS FILED FEBRUARY 8, 1984, AT BOOK 207, PAGE 709 AND AMENDMENT TO THE CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION FILED FEBRUARY 21, 1984, AT BOOK 208, PAGE 161, ALL IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO. Also known by street and number as: 164 VALLEY VIEW DR, 3207, PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147. TYPE OF SALE: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION. The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal

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Unpaid Assessments: Costs: \$1900.51
Attorney Fees: \$1000.00
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Daniel Snyder and Michele Snyder, lien No. 21603413 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 6/3/2016, against the following described "Timeshare Property" to wit: Unit Number 37, Building Number 37, Unit Week Number 21 in Eagle's Loft (Phase III) as recorded in Reception No. 130203 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on May 30, 1984, under Reception No. 123459, as amended by that First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 13, 1984, Reception No. 124494, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado
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Ravensmuth Trust, lien No. 21603417 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 6/3/2016, against the following described "Timeshare Property" to wit: Unit Number 30, Building Number 30, Unit Week Number 46 in Eagle's Loft (Phase III) as recorded in Reception No. 130203 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on May 30, 1984, under Reception No. 123459, as amended by that First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 13, 1984, Reception No. 124494, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado
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Court Address: 449 San Juan St. PO Box 148 Pagosa Springs CO 81147
Case Number: 2016CV30037
PLAINTIFF: EAGLES LOFT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.
DEFENDANT(S): ROGER MORAN, ET AL
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM
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Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Eagles Loft Property Owner's Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorney's fees and costs.
Agent: John D. Alford, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 43104, 6804 Rogers Ave., Suite B, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72903 Association Assessments Due to: Eagles Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debt: Timeshare Owner's Assessments due to

Association in the amount of Roger Moran \$2900.51
James Mantell \$2807.60
John Albert Wall, Jr. \$2900.51
Abel Pinto \$2808.42
Amount of Judgment Entered on March 10, 2016: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
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THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, will, at 10 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association hereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: [2-9-17]
Last Publication: [3-9-17]
Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

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The name, address, and business telephone number of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
John D. Alford, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 43104, 6804 Rogers Ave., Suite B, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903.
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.
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This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed December 22, 2016.
Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

Exhibit A
Detail Listing of Judgment Calculations
As of March 10, 2016
Defendant/Property Matter Amount
Roger Moran, lien No. 21603419 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 6/3/2016, against the following described "Timeshare Property" to wit: Unit Number 41, Building Number 41, Unit Week Number 29 in Eagle's Loft (Phase IV) as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$1900.51
Attorney Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2900.51
James Mantell, lien No. 21603420 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 6/3/2016, against the following described "Timeshare Property" to wit: Unit Number 41, Building Number 41, Unit Week Number 35 in Eagle's Loft (Phase IV) as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Unpaid Assessments: Costs: \$1900.51
Attorney Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2900.51
John Albert Wall Jr., lien No. 21603422 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 6/3/2016, against the following described "Timeshare Property" to wit: Unit Number 55, Building Number 55, Unit Week Number 35 in Eagle's Loft (Phase IV) as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Unpaid Assessments: Costs: \$1900.51
Attorney Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2900.51
Abel Pinto, lien No. 21603423 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 6/3/2016, against the following described "Timeshare Property" to wit: Unit Number 45, Building Number 45, Unit Week Number 35 in Eagle's Loft (Phase IV) as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Unpaid Assessments: Costs: \$1900.51
Attorney Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2900.51
Published February 9, 16, 23, March 2 and 9, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
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This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Eagles Loft Property Owners Association, Inc., recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagles Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Eagles Loft Property Owner's Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorney's fees and costs.
Agent: John D. Alford, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 43104, 6804 Rogers Ave., Suite B, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72903 Association Assessments Due to: Eagles Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debt: Timeshare Owner's Assessments due to

TIMESHARE TRADE INS LLC, ET AL
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc., recorded the 26th day of June, 1986 under Reception No. 140481, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered November 15, 2016, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s): Timeshare Trade Ins LLC, Doris M Crawford, Robert Crawford, Jonathan Kemmerer, Marcus Coffelt, Genny VanDorn, Jordan Duke, Anthony Abraham, Gemini Investment Partners Inc., Resort Management Services DBA Club Select Resorts, Harrison D Green and Josephine F Green
Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Property Owners Association, recorded the 26th day of June, 1986 under Reception No. 140481 in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorney's fees and costs.
Agent: John D. Alford, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 43104, 6804 Rogers Ave., Suite B, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72903 Association Assessments Due to: Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debt: Timeshare Owner's Assessments due to

Association in the amount of Roger Moran \$2900.51
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By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

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As of March 10, 2016
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Timeshare Trade Ins LLC, lien No. 21603424 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 6/3/2016, against the following described "Timeshare Property" to wit: Unit Number 7106, Building Number 2A, Unit Week Number 9 in Elk Run Townhouses as recorded in Plat File No. 317 under Reception No. 140480, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado ("Declaration"). The property has located upon it four (4) buildings, with each building containing four (4) units and numbered as follows: Building No. 1-Units 7101-7104, inclusive, Building No. 2-Units 7105-7108, inclusive, Building No. 3-Units 7109-7112, inclusive, Building No. 4-Units 7113-7116, inclusive.
Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$1623.05
Attorney Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2623.05
Doris M Crawford and Robert Crawford, lien No. 21603425 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 6/3/2016, against the following described "Timeshare Property" to wit: Unit Number 7110, Building Number 3A, Unit Week Number 35 in Elk Run Townhouses as recorded in Plat File No. 317 under Reception No. 140480, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado ("Declaration"). The property has located upon it four (4) buildings, with each building containing four (4) units and numbered as follows: Building No. 1-Units 7101-7104, inclusive, Building No. 2-Units 7105-7108, inclusive, Building No. 3-Units 7109-7112, inclusive, Building No. 4-Units 7113-7116, inclusive.
Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$1623.05
Attorney Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2623.05
Marcus Coffelt and Genny VanDorn, lien No. 21603427 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 6/3/2016, against the following described "Timeshare Property" to wit: Unit Number 7115, Building Number 4A, Unit Week Number 15 in Elk Run Townhouses as recorded in Plat File No. 317 under Reception No. 140480, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run

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Unpaid Assessments: Costs: \$1623.05
Attorney Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2623.05
Jordan Duke, lien No. 21603428 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 6/3/2016, against the following described "Timeshare Property" to wit: Unit Number 7101, Building Number 1A, Unit Week Number 27 in Elk Run Townhouses as recorded in Plat File No. 317 under Reception No. 140480, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado ("Declaration"). The property has located upon it four (4) buildings, with each building containing four (4) units and numbered as follows: Building No. 1-Units 7101-7104, inclusive, Building No. 2-Units 7105-7108, inclusive, Building No. 3-Units 7109-7112, inclusive, Building No. 4-Units 7113-7116, inclusive.
Unpaid Assessments: Costs: \$1623.05
Attorney Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2623.05
Anthony Abraham, lien No. 21603429 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 6/3/2016, against the following described "Timeshare Property" to wit: Unit Number 7114, Building Number 4A, Unit Week Number 15 in Elk Run Townhouses as recorded in Plat File No. 317 under Reception No. 140480, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado ("Declaration"). The property has located upon it four (4) buildings, with each building containing four (4) units and numbered as follows: Building No. 1-Units 7101-7104, inclusive, Building No. 2-Units 7105-7108, inclusive, Building No. 3-Units 7109-7112, inclusive, Building No. 4-Units 7113-7116, inclusive.
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Resort Management Services DBA Club Select Resorts \$2923.00
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Total: \$2686.24
James Mantell, lien No. 21603421 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 6/3/2016, against the following described "Timeshare Property" to wit: Unit Number 41, Building Number 41, Unit Week Number 21 in Eagle's Loft (Phase IV) as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Unpaid Assessments: Costs: \$1900.51
Attorney Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2900.51
John Albert Wall Jr., lien No. 21603422 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 6/3/2016, against the following described "Timeshare Property" to wit: Unit Number 55, Building Number 55, Unit Week Number 35 in Eagle's Loft (Phase IV) as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Unpaid Assessments: Costs: \$1900.51
Attorney Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2900.51
Abel Pinto, lien No. 21603423 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 6/3/2016, against the following described "Timeshare Property" to wit: Unit Number 45, Building Number 45, Unit Week Number 35 in Eagle's Loft (Phase IV) as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 449 San Juan St. PO Box 148 Pagosa Springs CO 81147
Case Number: 2016CV30038
PLAINTIFF: ELK RUN PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.
DEFENDANT(S): JUDY C SMITH, ET AL
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM
This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership dated December 30, 1988, recorded January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 0160495, Book 239, Page 2 and Second Amendment to Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums recorded January 16, 1990, at Reception No. 0168714, Book 280, Page 213, with the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, at such time as the final as-built plat has been recorded.
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered November 15, 2016, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Separate Owner(s): Judy C Smith, Jordan Duke, Sharon Owen, Kenneth L Yount Jr., Krystyna Bower, Gerald Legstler, Joseph Y Hoff, Janie V Hoff, Harvey A Voss, Marvie Lou Durbin-Voss, Timeshare Trade Ins LLC, Kathleen K Kangas and Angela A Berry
Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership dated December 30, 1988, recorded January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 0160495, Book 239, Page 2 and Second Amendment to Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums recorded January 16, 1990, at Reception No. 0168714, Book 280, Page 213, with the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, at such time as the final as-built plat has been recorded.
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Village Pointe Property Owner's Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorney's fees and costs.
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Sharon Owen \$2714.35
Kenneth L Yount Jr. \$2919.13

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Town to consider zoning regulation changes

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Feb. 9, Pagosa Springs Town Planner James Dickhoff held a public meeting pertaining to reducing lot sizes in the R-12 and R-18 districts of town.

The meeting was scheduled after the town council's first reading of Ordinance 853.

The council will consider a second reading of the ordinance during its next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23.

"WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby determines that for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the Town, it is in the best interest of the residents and visitors of the Town to amend the Land Use Development Code regarding increasing the dwelling unit density in the R-18 district, in essence creating a R-22 district and amending the minimum lot size in the R-12 and newly created R-22 districts," reads the ordinance.

"The original intent and purpose of this ordinance came about because our current Land Use Development Code is inconsistent in regards to current minimum lot size versus the allowable density," said Town Planner James Dickhoff. "We're only talking about the R-12 and the R-18 residential districts."

Dickhoff explained that "R-12 districts" means that that district can have 12 dwelling units per acre, and that "R-18 districts" means that that district can have 18 dwelling units per acre.

Dickhoff gave examples of where districts are located, explaining that the neighborhood between South 10th Street and South 6th Street, with the exception of South 8th Street, is zoned as a R-12 district.

The area adjacent to North 6th Street and Florida Street is zoned R-18, with Dickhoff explaining that there are no R-18 districts in the "up-town" area of Pagosa Springs.

Dickhoff pointed out that there are also R-12 districts behind Walmart and behind City Market.

Dickhoff then presented some math to the audience.

"Our current code requires a minimum lot size in those two districts of 7,500 feet. That's the equivalent of a typical town lot, 50 (feet) by 150 (feet)," Dickhoff said. "An acre, just for reference, is 43,560 square feet. When we look at the number of allowable dwelling units per acre in those districts, we come up with smaller lot sizes."

Continued Dickhoff, "If you build one house on a typical lot, the equivalent density is six dwelling units per acre. Our allowable density does allow, for the R-12, for example, to build two houses on one lot, and you could do that today. You just couldn't subdivide and sell those separately."

One acre, divided by 12 dwelling units on that acre, results in each lot being 3,360 square feet.

One acre divided by 18 dwelling units results in each lot being 2,420 square feet.

"For reference, the ordinance is

considering increasing density in the R-18 districts to 22 dwelling units per acre," said Dickhoff. "In essence, allowing four more dwelling units per acre."

One acre divided by 22 dwelling units results in each lot being 1,875 square feet.

"Some of the research that we did conduct indicated that, nationwide and in Colorado there are trends towards allowing smaller minimum lot sizes and encouraging higher density," said Dickhoff. "Nationwide, smaller lots and home sizes do reduce rental purchase prices, they reduce utility costs because you're reducing the footprint of the home size, and of course that relates to less maintenance expenses, as well."

Dickhoff explained that a lot of the research centered around other communities in Colorado.

"Durango, for example, does allow townhomes on lots as small as 1,800 square feet, and single-family homes on lots at 3,500 square feet," said Dickhoff. "Telluride, in their high-density residential district, they allow a 2,500 square foot minimum lot size."

Dickhoff pointed out that allowing higher population density in certain districts would increase the usage of alleyways in that district.

The conversation turned to the tiny house movement, with Dickhoff explaining the difference between actual lot sizes and tiny home sizes.

"The typical tiny home definition means that it's 399 square feet or under that, and tiny homes are actually built under the recreational vehicle code. They're considered RVs because international building code requires 400 square foot minimum for a dwelling unit size," explained Dickhoff.

Dickhoff explained that in order to subdivide a lot, the lot owner must go through an application process, and added that not all lots are eligible to be subdivided.

Many audience members expressed concerns over the potential congestion the ordinance could create.

"I moved here a couple of years ago from Houston, and one of the areas that I used to have a home in was an older area, near the downtown area, and they proposed this and told us, 'Oh, it's going to be wonderful, we're going to make all this money,' and the ones of us who owned them made money, because we sold it to builders at outrageous sums and they put 12 homes where one home was," said an audience member. "But the parking, the noise, the traffic getting to and from, it's deplorable. I won't even go near that neighborhood when I go back to Texas."

Dickhoff pointed out that higher-density lots would help reduce sprawl, and keep the town from growing too far outwards into the surrounding countryside.

"If you look at our community as a whole, we really have really small areas of high-density areas," said Dickhoff. "Most of our community is low-density. I would say, and I'm

just guessing, that probably 80 or 90 percent of our entire community is definitely low-density. So we're really looking at very specific areas."

One audience member asked whose responsibility it is to maintain the town's alleyways, with Dickhoff explaining it's the town's responsibility.

He said that there's also the possibility of turning some alleys into one-way alleys, citing safety and easier traffic mitigation.

"There's no change in the R-12, all we're doing is allowing for smaller minimum lot sizes," said Dickhoff.

One audience member explained that she was a real estate agent and said, "People like to move here because they're not condensed. They're tired of Houston, and they're tired of Dallas ... they're tired of being up against somebody and want some space ... I'm trying to figure ... everything's going to be so condensed and is this going to be a desirable place to come when you're going to see these little tiny homes and there's four cars and five dogs and six bicycles and they're all outside of this 600 square foot house?"

Dickhoff again pointed out that, when it came to the big picture of the Pagosa Springs community, high-density residential districts are tiny pockets in the grand scheme of things.

One audience member asked how these zoning changes would benefit the existing community, instead of the future community.

"I think it benefits the community because ... one of the goals would be to help keep our workforce closer to where they're working so they're not having to drive from out of town," said Dickhoff.

He explained that the housing situation is prohibiting companies in the area from growing, because prospective employees are unable to find housing upon arriving here, and are therefore unable to take the job.

"It's a chicken before the egg type of thing in that scenario," said Dickhoff. "We need to provide housing opportunities for our entire community, and not just one segment of it."

"It's really important, I think, for everyone to realize that infill is happening and our community is growing," said one audience member. "As the community grows, the community has more needs for services, and if you have no place for those service providers to live locally, it's not good for the community as a whole."

"I just wanted to say that I've casually had conversations with people around town, for example, a clerk in a grocery store, we were talking when I was checking out and she was telling me she can't find anywhere to live," said another audience member. "She can't afford anything ... I'm not sure if she's sleeping on a friend's couch or what, but she can't find a place to live, and she has a job that she'd like to keep."

The town council will consider the second reading of Ordinance 853 on Thursday, Feb. 23.

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Town awards bids for variety of projects

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council awarded several bids to different companies for a variety of items and services on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

The town accepted bids for:

- Playground equipment for Yamaguchi Park.
- Paving a section of the Riverwalk trail near the River Center.
- Bleachers for the Ross Aragon Community Center.
- Construction of phase one of the DUST2 urban single-track trail.
- Construction of a pump track in Yamaguchi Park.

Town Projects Manager Scott Lewandowski presented the agenda item to the town council.

"We looked at last year, and recognized that some of our bids went out pretty late in the season," said Lewandowski, adding that the town implemented a plan to release invitations to bid earlier, in the hopes of getting a greater number of cheaper bids.

"The idea is that we do bid awards several at a time. You'll see some next meeting, and you'll see some in March," said Lewandowski. "The idea is to get all contracts in place by April or May, so it's before construction season, and that way our bids are timely, our contracts are in place and, hopefully, we'll get good bids back."

Lewandowski explained that the town advertised and raised awareness for these invitations to bid in several different formats, including posting them on the town website, printing an article in The SUN about the upcoming projects, and even

started using a statewide website called Rocky Mountain Bid Net.

"We've thrown out the biggest net possible," said Lewandowski.

For playground equipment in Yamaguchi Park, the town budgeted \$125,000 for the project and received four bids.

The lowest bid was made by Made in the Schade at \$99,376, which would result in the project coming in \$25,624 under budget.

"On their own behalf, they gave us a \$25,000 preferred customer discount because we have a track history with building the pirate ship at Town Park," said Lewandowski.

For paving a section of the of the Riverwalk trail near the San Juan River, the town budgeted \$25,000 and received two bids.

Strohecker Asphalt had the lowest bid at \$21,000, resulting in the project coming in \$4,000 under budget.

"Our recommendation is Strohecker Asphalt because, one, it's the low bid and, two, it's project continuity, because they've done the first phase of that section of the river trail," said Lewandowski.

For bleachers in the Ross Aragon Community Center, the town budgeted \$23,000 and received one bid.

Norcon had a bid of \$22,357, which would make the project come in \$643 under budget.

"In addition, the contract for the DUST2 Urban Single Track, Phase 1 and the Yamaguchi Park pump track are both recommended to be awarded to Tony Boone who went through a competitive process in 2016," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting.

"This one is a little unique. We're working with DUST2, and within

our partnership, we've piggybacked off of their procurement system," Lewandowski said.

The town budgeted \$50,000 for phase one of the DUST2 urban single track, with renowned trail builder Boone bidding \$29,790.

This would mean the project would come in \$20,210 under budget.

"We're comfortable recommending Tony Boone for that project," said Lewandowski. "Tony Boone is well received, and if you've ever ridden Salida, Durango or anywhere around here, he's probably made some of the trails."

Lewandowski went on to say that, because Boone would be in the area, the town has "engaged with him to do the pump track work at Yamaguchi."

Lewandowski showed a tentative plan of the pump track, featuring several berms and 17 rollers.

"We're confident that, within our budget, we can carry this out," said Lewandowski. "The material is ready at Yamaguchi, it's going to use the fill dirt from the skate park bowl."

Said Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger of Boone, "I was very impressed with his background and his down-to-earth manner. The guy knows what he's talking about ..."

The town budgeted \$8,000 for that project, which is what Boone's low bid came in at.

"I would move to authorize the mayor to award contracts to the respective low bids presented on the report per staff recommendations," said council member Mat deGraaf, with council member John Egan seconding the motion, which passed unanimously.

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County plans aggressive road sealing, other road work

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

An objective of Archuleta County for the year 2017 recently identified by County Administrator Bentley Henderson was stated as simply, "establishment of the pavement preservation program."

The SUN asked Henderson to elaborate.

The administrator explained that, primarily, the program will take the form of an aggressive crack-sealing effort, for which funds were provided in the 2017 budget.

Henderson added that although crack sealing is a common road maintenance practice, it was not previously done regularly by the county, and was contracted out when it was. But, the county's present budget includes funds to bring the work in house.

Henderson specified that the budget provides \$27,000 for the county to acquire specialized equipment, described as a "hot box, hot tank and pressure hose."

It also includes \$15,000 to hire two part-time workers for 15 weeks this summer and \$63,000 for material, described as "157,500 feet of crack seal," specified as the

quantity needed for 11 roads at 40 cents per foot.

County Public Works Director Susan Goebel-Canning followed-up on Henderson's explanation with additional details.

She attributed the particular need for the preservation program now to the reality that, for several years, the national and local recession caused belt-tightening that limited the ability to provide full maintenance to the county's roads.

Goebel-Canning explained that "the key is sealing when you see a crack," because if a crack is neglected, allowing water to penetrate the surface, and a freeze follows, the expansion occurring as water turns to ice destroys the road's sub-base.

Preventive maintenance of a road including sealing begins to be needed after about five years of use, she said. Ultimately, however, more aggressive work will be required.

When the sub-base is destroyed, Goebel-Canning added, maintenance is not enough, and the road will need repaving and maybe complete reconstruction.

Appropriate maintenance of an asphalt road, she said, will hopefully avoid the need for reconstruction for 20 or more years.

For the new preservation program, Goebel-Canning advised that "we have many roads that need immediate attention if we are to preserve them. We anticipate 900 hours of crack sealing work per year initially, but as we get caught up, hours will be reduced [in the future] since we will only need to address new cracks that form."

County roads on the list provided by Goebel-Canning for resealing this summer include Piedra Road, North and South Pagosa Boulevard, Light Plant Road, Aspenglow Boulevard, Mission Drive, Handicap Avenue, the north section of Lake Forest Circle, North Lake Avenue, Buttress Avenue and Hatcher Circle.

In addition, the county plans patching operations during the construction season this year on Bastille Drive, Hatcher Circle, Lake Forest Circle, North and South Pagosa Boulevard, Mission Drive and Pines Drive.

In addition, Goebel-Canning said there are plans to pave or re-pave Backswing Drive, Butte Drive, Monument Avenue, Trails Boulevard and Pines Drive if funding allows.

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PFPD assists EMS with man in cardiac arrest

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to a medical assist and a semi truck rollover over the weekend.

On Friday, Feb. 10, units were dispatched to Lewis Street around 5 p.m. at the request of Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) EMS, explained the PFPD's Kam Macht.

Macht said that, when units arrived, they found an unconscious and unresponsive man in his 70s, and it was later determined he was in full cardiac arrest.

The PFPD team assisted PSMC EMS in applying a defibrillator to the patient.

Macht said the patient was sta-

bilized on the scene and then transferred to PSMC by PSMC EMS.

Macht said that himself, Will Clark and three volunteers responded to the incident in a battalion vehicle and a rescue vehicle, and added that he rode in the ambulance with the patient to the hospital.

Then, that night, the PFPD responded to the scene of a semi truck rollover near mile marker 160 on Wolf Creek Pass, around 11:30 p.m.

The original dispatch call described possible entrapment, but Macht explained this wasn't the case, and that both individuals in the truck were out when the PFPD arrived.

Macht said that it's unclear how the truck lost control while coming down the pass, but it could have been due to either a mechanical problem

or icy roads.

When the truck lost control, it rolled onto its side, explained Macht.

He said that fuel was leaking across the road, and that the PFPD team used about 20 pounds of floor dry to soak it up.

Afterwards, the PFPD assisted Colorado State Patrol with traffic control.

Macht explained that five personnel responded to the accident, with two people in a rescue vehicle, one in a command vehicle, one in an engine and one in their own personal vehicle.

Macht said the two individuals that were in the truck were checked out by PSMC EMS, but that he was unsure if they were transported to PSMC.

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Ladybug liberation

at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Education Growing Dome



Photo courtesy Lili Pearson

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership using ladybugs for pest management

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) recently celebrated a week of beautiful weather with two special events in the Education Growing Dome — ladybug liberation and plant sale initiation.

4-H students gathered to release 1,300 ladybugs into the dome as part of the GGP's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program.

The GGP's IPM program is based on prevention, monitoring, control and avoidance of all toxic pesticides; it includes a variety of methods and techniques such as the use of biological and nontoxic materials. Volunteers monitor plants in the dome twice a week and use soap and neem oil-based spray for control of pest problems.

An important aspect of the program is learning to live with an acceptable level of pests. The release of
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Pagosa Brewing Company: Live Trivia, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Johnny Dango, 6 p.m.

Friday

Borde Rio: Rewired Blues Band, 5 p.m.
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Songs of the Fall, 6 p.m.

Saturday

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

Sunday

Borde Rio: Bob Hemenger, 4 p.m.
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Steve Blechschmidt, 4 p.m.

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Pagosa Brewing Company: Tim Sullivan, 6 p.m.



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By **Fred Harman**





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4-H students gather after re-leasing 1,300 ladybugs into the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's (GGP) Education Dome as part of the GGP Integrated Pest Management program. From left to right are Caroline Smith, Marie Smith, Kynslie Limebrook, Miles Baker, Madeline Baker, Elan Ramirez and Kaila Limebrook.

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ladybugs is a biological method intended to control, not eliminate, the aphid population and the children had fun and learned about the program as they participated in it.

Seeds planted in November have come to fruition. The GGP now has a dome full of plants, herbs, beans, peas, lettuce, chard, cabbage and broccoli — you name it and it is probably in the dome.

These plants are on sale now until they are gone, but by then new seeds will be up, so the plan is to have starts perpetually available

to the public and at a very good price. Small, medium, large and extra large pots go for \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$4, respectively. Also available are aquatic plants.

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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will host “Over the Rainbow: Making Dreams Come True for Young Girls in Pagosa Springs” at the Ross Aragon Community Center on March 10.

Fourth annual ‘Over the Rainbow’ fundraiser set for Pagosa Springs Girls Choir

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) is preparing to host an enchanting evening of fun, food and two-stepping for all guests at its fourth annual “Over the Rainbow: Making Dreams Come True for Young Girls in Pagosa Springs” fundraiser.

This year’s festive event will feature a silent auction, catered dinner, live musical performances and a dance, all happening at the Ross Aragon Community Center on March 10.

Making their way through the doors of the Community Center on March 10, guests will find themselves “Over the Rainbow” — a place where a love of music and song, and the help of a supportive community give the members in the PSGC opportunities to realize

that the dreams they dare to dream really can come true.

This memorable evening will begin with a silent auction that beckons with dazzling, must-have offerings generously donated by local artists and businesses. This year’s offerings include a flight to Telluride for lunch (included) and shopping. Also offered will be three trips to some amazing destinations.

An enticingly delicious dinner will be presented and followed closely by delectable dessert choices. Our fabulous parents who double as gourmet chefs will fill the “temptation table” with homemade desserts.

The choir members, under the direction of Linda Parker and accompanied by Gwen Taylor, will join the fun with a short performance to thank their audience for their support. To complete the wonder and delight surrounding the evening,

“Over the Rainbow” guests will be invited to don their ruby slippers, cowboy boots or footwear of choice and trip the light fantastic to the ever-popular dance music performed by the San Juan Mountain Boys.

“Over the Rainbow” tickets, which include dinner and entertainment, are \$30 per person. They are available for purchase from The

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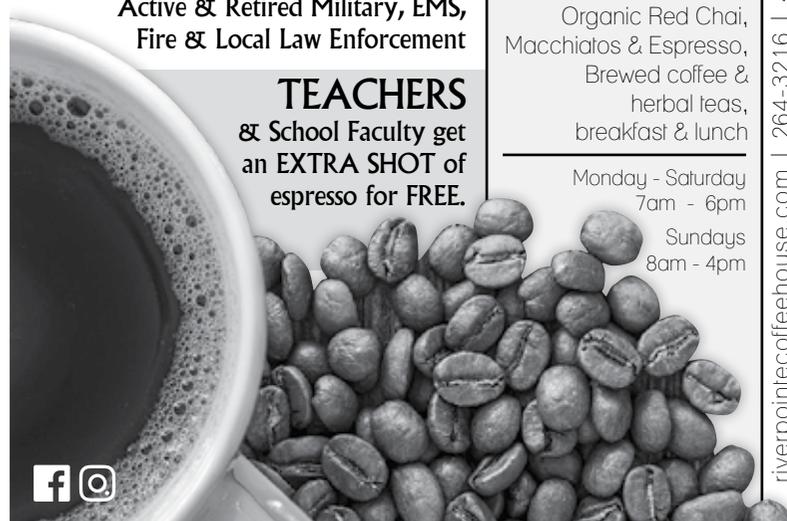


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'The Good Body' entering final weekend

By Laura Moore
Special to The PREVIEW

"The Good Body" — playing for four more nights at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts and starring locals Terri Pritchard, Rosanna DuFour, Joan Ward, Joyce Ryan, Robin Brobst, Devina St Clair and Rebecca Anderson — is a thought-provoking study about women and their tragic and often hilarious and absurd obsession with their bodies.

Playwright Eve Ensler, of "The Vagina Monologues" fame, takes us down a hilarious, racy and outrageous path that explores the subject that has plagued women for centuries — comparing ourselves to the insane beauty standards of society.

The praise for the opening weekend of "The Good Body" has been rolling in:

"Thanks for a thoroughly delightful (and poignant) evening.

I actually guffawed in places and then was moved by the honesty of the script and the performers. I can only imagine the raucous rehearsal process. You've got some brave ladies there! And talented! I'm so glad I caught this show!" — Dennis Elkins.

"We just saw this tonight. It is tears-rolling-down-the-cheek hilarious! These ladies did a great job! So much talent here in Pagosa." — Alice Keil.

"Went to 'The Good Body' last night at Pagosa Center for the Arts. All the women were absolutely and painfully fabulous and stunning but I must say ... Terri Lynn Christian Pritchard (playing Eve) won my heart over! This is a 'must see' show lady friends who have ever struggled with any body issues ... I'm sure there are a few of you. So Good! Must See!" — Lauri Hearty.

"The Good Body" is presented

by Thingamajig Theatre Company, a 501(c)3 that operates inside the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Final show dates are: Thursday, Feb. 16, through Saturday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$28 in advance and \$33 at the door and are available by calling 731-7469 or online at www.pagosacenter.org.

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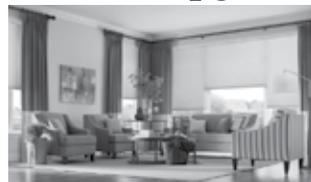
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Bow wow woes

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

I am knee deep in dogs. Did someone call for a party? Leave me out of it. I am not in a party mood.

There are usually only two dogs in the house, but, courtesy of Philippine Airlines, two more have now arrived. I should've called for extreme vetting. At any moment, an additional one or two may arrive, invited or not.

Whether belonging to my Sweet Al or one of our children, I've realized that their dogs are no different than other people's children, just hairier and with a perpetually wet nose. The family hurts for them, hugs on them, laughs with them and feeds them from the table the moment I turn my head.

I'm the only one who is seeing clearly; everyone else is blindly in love. I'm not sure how it is in most households, but Slade dogs come with their own entitlement, "housedog."

Our son says, "My dogs are from a hot climate, so they can't stay out in the snow very long. They're not used to the cold, which makes their legs and joints stiff."

If I leave one of his dogs outside for too long, my son expects someone to give them an oil rub massage — by the fireplace.

"Oooh, no! It's not going to be me."

Before the intrepid travelers made their trek from a sunny island beach to a snow covered San Juan, I asked our son, "Does your dog lift his leg?"

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



"My dog? Of course not, Prince has manners. I've taught him better."

Day one, Prince entered our house, went directly to Whiskey's bed and wet on it. Whiskey's white teeth showed, she growled and was ready to fight for canine supremacy.

I said to our son, "You're dog wet on Whiskey's bed. You need to clean it up."

"He was just saying hello."

"Now Reyna is in my chair. She needs to get out."

"Reyna, get out of Grandma's chair. Go get up on her bed." A big laugh came from Stephen, and then I growled and showed my teeth.

Our son spent a fortune flying his two dogs from the Philippines to Pagosa. But shortly after their arrival and a brief introduction, I found myself on dog-sitting duty.

Before my Sweet Al and our son stepped into the car to head for town, Al gave Whiskey a bone. It didn't take long for me to realize we were about to have a coup d'état.

I said to Al, "Four dogs and one bone. Really! Three are looking at that bone ready to pounce on Whiskey. You can't do that."

"This is Whiskey's home, she

can take care of herself. She doesn't know what is going on; Prince and the others should just stay away from her."

"Well, they won't. Besides, Prince is enamored with your dog. Whiskey is protecting her territory and she will attack him."

Our son said, "Prince is a peacemaker, he doesn't know any strangers. He likes Whiskey, everything will be OK."

I was left standing among two golden retrievers, a golden lab and Whiskey, Al's Drahthaar German wirehaired pointer and beloved hunting dog.

I can see it now, on the front page of The SUN: "A mad grandma fights off four dogs. The dogs were admitted into the medical clinic for treatment. Grandma's name is being withheld from the public due to possible outburst of rage. This is a dog town."

If enough wasn't enough, our daughter and son-in-law's chocolate Lab showed up after they left their house for work. Diesel made a beeline for our house. She traveled 2 miles down the Blanco and even swam across an icy river. She must have thought there was a paw-ty going on.

Our youngest daughter called to say she was coming over. I told her, "Leave your dog at home." I explained what was going on. She left her black Lab at home, but not without a little pity party of her own. She was upset at me because Daisy was the only one not invited to the party.

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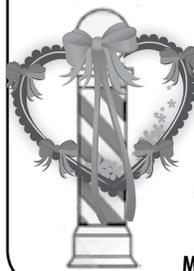
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This year SOCO is fortunate to participate in this event again, and will be receiving all proceeds from the bathhouse on Tuesday, February 21st.

SOCO is responsible for all expenses (equipment, travel, food, lodging, etc.) while competing in 22 different sports year round. **Please come down to The Springs and soak on February 21st, to benefit our local athletes.** The mission of Special Olympics Colorado is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. To donate, volunteer, or participate with our local program contact Bryan Looper @ (970) 946-2335.

SPECIAL HOURS

The Pagosa Springs SUN will be closed for the noon hour on Thursday, Feb. 16.

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“There are no party hats, there is no cake. There is no party, she’s not missing anything but a few dogfights.”

“But Daisy wants to meet her new cousins and see her sisters.”

“Then you will just have to show her the family photo album. I don’t want her here. It’s just too much.”

To be fair, like children, these dogs all have their own individual personalities and temperaments. Stephen’s golden retrievers are the best behaved. They do not leave his side and he looks at them with love-struck eyes. It’s easy to understand why he wouldn’t leave them behind when he moved back to the U.S.

Even as I am sitting at my desk and writing, Reyna walked over, put her head on my lap and looked up at me with big brown eyes. How could I not be inclined to love her? Or, at the very least, I could smile at her and pat her on the head.

Angel’s dog is the alpha dog. She eats the other dogs’ food and thinks it is within her complete right to lie on my couch whenever she wants. So, now, in the middle of my beautiful living room sits a beautiful couch, with a chair laying on its side acting like a field scarecrow.

Our daughter who lives down the road came by to get her dog. We started talking and then she left. She forgot to take her dog. So here I now sit, in the middle of five

dogs and with one pouting at home because she thinks she is missing out on the paw-ty.

Final brushstroke: When children bring their hairy children home to grandmother’s house, Grandma has to bite her lip or risk being bitten. “Love me, love my dog” seems to be this family’s motto. While it all just seems like too much puppy love for me, loving my children and Sweet Al means loving theirs. I wouldn’t be surprised if Valentine’s ads with dog photos start showing up in The SUN.

Readers’ comments

“I went to the thrift store, but I didn’t get picked up. I wondered what Sweet Al’s secret is.” — JD, Pagosa.

“I enjoy the variety of Faith articles, and your Sweet Al column as we now call it. I cut out the article about thrift stores being a great place to pick up old men; just heard back today from a friend in Austin to whom I sent it, and she totally agreed! Her husband has gorgeous blue eyes and this wonderful oratorical voice. She said, ‘I, too, have a similar ‘problem,’ my Booker has had women at Central Market who have remarked on his wonderful voice, etc., etc.; just can’t let these guys go out on their own. Many thanks, and keep writing!’ — SG, Pagosa.

Send your comments to betty@bettyslade.com.

2017 World Day of Prayer set for March 3

By Mercedes Leist
Special to The PREVIEW

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer.

It is an annual movement initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions. It is a movement that brings together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and ac-

tion throughout the year.

Through the World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

The women of the Philippines invite us to consider these words: “Am I being unfair to you?”

This year’s worship theme is taken from Matthew 20:1-16, the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. This service is sponsored by the Community United Methodist

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PCNT to discuss loving the world Sunday

By Carla Ryan
Special to The PREVIEW

The theme is “Love” for the February messages at Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT). The Rev. Carla Ryan will next focus on “Love and Everything Else” at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service on Feb. 19.

While love of self and of God are at the top of the “love list,” what follows (in this series of talks) is everything else: one’s own church or spiritual group, family and friends and, finally, the rest of the world.

Ryan will complete the series on Feb. 19 by exploring ways in which we can experience love (God) and connection through those areas of life and the experiences we hold closest to our hearts. It will make for a rather full topic and one filled with plenty of stories, examples and fun.

The series, originally planned for four weeks, is wrapping up a

bit earlier due to the last Sunday service, Feb. 26, being presented as a town hall format for PCNT to consider its future. Instead of a topic presentation that day, members of the Core Council leadership team will be on hand to answer questions, respond to comments and welcome suggestions as the church group evolves in the months ahead. A survey is also currently underway for those unable to attend the Feb. 26 gathering in person.

After getting a manageable, but unexpected, health diagnosis recently, Ryan is stepping down from her role as senior minister by the end of April. She and her husband will be moving to a warmer, drier climate to facilitate the healing process and be closer to family.

Until then, Ryan will work with the leadership team and congregation as they determine the vision for this New Thought community. She offers years of ministry

experience and a wealth of ideas to the decision process so, if they so choose, the church can remain intact.

Members have expressed a sincere desire to continue their gatherings, even if the format and location change. The church has leased its space until the end of May.

PCNT honors all lifestyles, belief systems, religious paths and people for who they are, children of the Divine. New Thought is a trans-denominational philosophy and draws from all the world’s major religions to teach universal principles and concepts for a positive, joyful life. Be part of this unique spiritual adventure.

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.

The power to remain

By Jeff Smith
Special to The PREVIEW

A wise person knows that, sometimes, just hanging in there is the best you can do and is all you need to do.

Proverbs 10:30 says, “The righteous will never be uprooted, but the wicked will not remain in the land.”

After His arrest, Jesus stood before his many, mighty foes, head bowed and at last had nothing to say. He who was the “Word” had no more words. He had no witty comeback for their taunts. There was no plan for escape. No happy endings could be seen looming on the horizon. All that was left to do was to do nothing. One person against the whole world is a daunting scorecard. The silence though, did not mean that nothing was

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being said and the absence of motion did not mean that nothing was being done. Wise people know this.

The Greeks had a race in their Olympic games that was unique. The winner was not the runner who finished first. It was the runner who finished with his torch still lit.

Faith writers

Meet our Faith Writers’ Team at http://bettyjslade.com/BJS/Faith_Writers.html.

For anyone who would like to write for the Matter of Faith, email betty@bettyjslade.com.

Prayer

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Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary Pope John Paul II, Saint Patrick’s Episcopal Church and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Join us in the worship and the

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Cement sidewalks and a new bank

In 1906, the Pagosa Springs town board ordered a cement sidewalk built on Pagosa Street. Prior to this order, all sidewalks downtown had been built of wood.



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

And in May of 1908, the town board discussed what actions should be taken as a result of loss of the money deposited at The First Bank of Pagosa Springs. The bank had failed, not through local mismanagement, but because the parent bank in Denver had failed. Pagosa Springs was again without a bank.

Already in January of 1908, The Pagosa Springs New Era had announced, "Fred Catchpole, former cashier of First State Bank of Sterling, Nebraska, one of the soundest banks of that state, was here visiting his friends Dr. and Mrs. DeMotte, and investigating conditions

with a view to starting a bank at Pagosa if the place suits him and our people think he suits the place. Mr. Catchpole made The New Era a pleasant visit and assured us that he was not here to 'butt in' on any efforts of the home people to start a bank, but that now since the agreement had done away with any probability of another bank being started on the assets of the first bank, he felt at liberty to start a bank with the co-operation of home people if he and they felt so generally inclined. Mr. Catchpole seems to be a man worth much to any community and The New Era hopes he will be encouraged to become one of us."

Catchpole's new bank, called The Citizens Bank of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, commenced business March 1, 1908. It remains as one of the oldest businesses in Pagosa Springs still operating under the same name. A.J. Nossaman was the first president, Fred

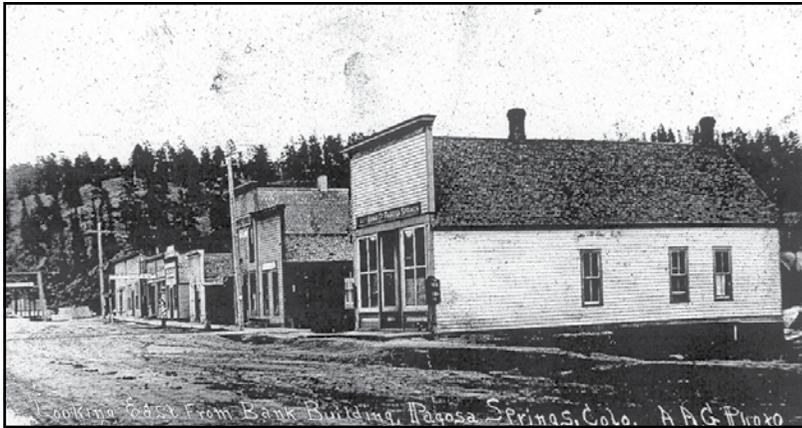


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In the early 1900s, the false-front building in the center of this picture housed a drug store, and then the first bank of Pagosa Springs called appropriately The First Bank of Pagosa Springs, as the sign across the top of the building reads. When the first bank closed in 1908, Fred Catchpole founded The Citizens Bank of Pagosa Springs and housed it in the same building.

Catchpole the first cashier, and J.S. Hatcher the first vice president.

Catchpole's new bank, called The Citizens Bank of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, commenced business March 1, 1908.

Citizens Bank opened business in the same building on the south side of San Juan Street that had housed The First Bank of Pagosa Springs. A two-story brick building was begun almost immediately on the northwest corner of San Juan and Pagosa Streets. Completed in 1909, the same building housed Citizens Bank until the late

1970s. Like the old town hall across the street, Citizens Bank became a community landmark and survived several disastrous fires.

Down through the years, its list of stockholders reads like a who's who of important Pagosa Country community leaders, especially including the Catchpoles.

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What the stats say about your library

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Annually, at this time of year, Meg Wempe, library director, prepares a report for the library's board of trustees summarizing the highlights of the past year.

The information is also used when your library applies for grants and it is shared with state, county and town governments to keep them informed. Here is a condensed version of that report on 2016 operations:

- Major objectives achieved: Converted the early literacy collection from being catalogued by author to being organized in 11 different categories like you'll find in a bookstore such as "things that go" (e.g., cars, trains, buses) so children can find what they want more easily; installed a self-checkout station and DVD dispenser; working on a plan to install a book return at City Market; and formed a board subcommittee to write a new three-year strategic plan.

- Resource sharing: AspenCat allows our patrons access not only to the 28,745 items in our collection, but also more than 1 million items in the other 106 AspenCat libraries.

The Colorado Library Consortium courier service provides daily delivery to subscribing libraries throughout the state. In 2016, we borrowed 9,385 items — up 15.9 percent over 2015 — and loaned 2,638, up 21.6 percent.

By taking advantage of the purchasing power of the State Library and Colorado Library Consortium, we subscribed to multiple educational databases at substantial savings, and purchased download-

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able audio books, e-books and magazines. In 2016, our patrons downloaded 5,000 items and logged 432 sessions on our electronic databases, a decrease of 32 percent.

- Collection development: Providing our patrons with materials that are current and relevant to the diverse interests of the community is one of our principal goals. In 2016, we added 3,685 items, including 597 from donations, and deleted 2,907 worn or outdated items. Our materials budget for 2017 is \$52,885, or 9.6 percent of our total expenses.

- Usage stats: More than 91,000 patrons walked through our doors last year, a very slight increase over 2015. We checked out 98,589 items, a decrease of 4.8 percent from 2015. Public computer usage decreased 4 percent to 20,070 sessions, not counting patrons who used their own devices in the library or accessed our wireless service after hours.

- Programming: Providing programs for all ages is also a high priority. From early literacy to adult education, 6,190 people attended one or more of our 507 programs, up a significant 24 percent. Our programming budget is 1 percent of our total expenses.

- Donations, grants and volunteers: We are very fortunate to have the ongoing support of the community. In 2016, we received \$7,414

in donations and \$7,387 in grants, 2.7 percent of our total revenue. Our volunteers contributed 699 hours, about one-third of a full-time position.

- Continuing education: To continue to provide our community with the best possible service, several of our staff attended a variety of educational and networking opportunities last year. In 2017, staff education is 1 percent of our total budget.

Library closure

Your library will be closed Monday, Feb. 20, for Presidents Day.

One more free Valentine's event tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. is an anti-Valentine's lock-in for ages 12-17. This is food, games and activities for teens who are tired of a romantic Valentine's Day. For your child to participate, you must fill out a permission slip to be presented upon entry. Pizza will be served.

All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 17, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for a PG movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to identify the film titles in the media, but you can find them listed on the activities calendars.

All-ages art Saturday

This Saturday, Feb. 18, from 3 to 4 p.m. our all-ages art session will feature pine cone suet birdfeeders. Have fun creating a unique feeder to feed the birds all winter long. No matter your age, please join us.

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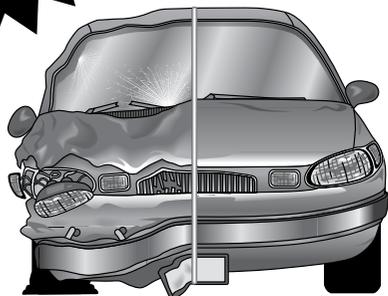
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All-ages art is offered every other Saturday.

Book event for adults

Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 17, is the first day to pick up “Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can’t Stop Talking,” a nonfiction book by Susan Cain, for a special book discussion on March 18.

The first 15 people will get a copy that is yours to keep. No registration is required. This is a separate event from the book club for adults, which meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles.

Spanish conversation

Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., practice your Spanish with others at this informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. No registration is required.

Teen role-playing

The role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Thursday, Feb. 23, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Tech sessions

Rachael is available for Tech Tuesday 10 a.m. to noon and Tech Thursday 2 to 4 p.m. Drop in with your technology questions.

Teen gaming

Teen gaming happens every Tuesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teen gaming fans in the seventh through 12th grades. Enjoy X-box 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Kids storytime

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.

Large print

“The Outfit: To Hell and Back” by Matthew P. Mayo is a western. “The Midnight Bell” by Jack Higgins is a Sean Dillon thriller. “The Secrets of Wishtide” by Kate Saunders is a Latitia Rood mystery. “The Old Man” by Thomas Perry is an adventure about a 60-year-old Army intelligence officer on the run for 35 years. “Collecting the Dead” by Spencer Kope follows an FBI agent whose tracking ability depends on his ability to see “shine” from people. “Below the Belt” by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington mystery.

Nonfiction

“My Life, My Love, My Legacy” by Coretta Scott King is a memoir by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s wife. “Unbound” by Steph Jagger follows a woman who sold everything to ski 4 million vertical feet in a year. “The

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The Ruby M. Sisson Library hosted Family Reading Night Thursday in conjunction with Seeds of Learning. Families learned the importance of reading every day and left with two new books for their home libraries.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten: Library hosts Family Reading Night

By Rachael Perry
Special to The PREVIEW

In his presentation at Family Reading Night Thursday, Michael Bradley, early literacy librarian, emphasized the importance of reading to your young child every day.

He introduced families to the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge and displayed books and materials to support family efforts to read many, many books. The library recently received funds to provide incentives for young children as they reach each 100-book milestone in the challenge. Families of young children are encouraged to stop by the library and learn more about the challenge.

Bradley modeled interactive techniques for reading to young children such as asking questions while reading as well as predicting what might happen next in the story. He emphasized making reading aloud a bedtime ritual and using funny voices to entertain and encourage children to join in. It is important to read a variety of different books in order to build a child's vocabulary. However, he added that it is fine to read the same book over and over. Young children love repetition and hearing the same book read aloud

builds grammar skills.

Each family in attendance received two books to add to their home libraries. In the family surveys completed after the presentation, 100 percent of families indicated they intend to spend more time playing, talking and reading to their child. In addition, 100 percent of the families indicated that after the Family Reading Night program, they feel more confident helping their child learn.

The Family Reading Night event was conducted in partnership with Ruby M. Sisson Library and Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center. There are plans for several Family Reading Nights each year.

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"Virtuous Tart" by Susan Jane White provides more than 60 healthy, nutritious and fun recipes. "Lonely Planet's Where To Go When" offers 360 suggestions for destinations around the world and the best time of year to go.

Thrillers and mysteries

"Right Behind You" by Lisa Gard-

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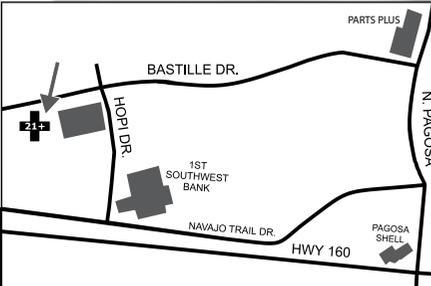
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Late winter the best time to prune trees

By Ryan Lockwood
Special to The PREVIEW

Late winter, from February through early March, is the best time to prune most trees. Trees are still dormant at this time of year and, unlike in early winter, wound closure will be rapid if pruning occurs just prior to the time new growth emerges.

“Pruning trees during the late dormant season reduces impacts on tree health and builds a strong structure for our community trees in the long term,” said Keith Wood, community forestry program manager for the Colorado State Forest Service.

Wood said that although some elms, maples, birch and walnut trees

may visibly exude sap if pruned in the late winter or early spring, this should not harm the tree.

The CSFS offers the following tree-pruning tips:

- Know what you want to accomplish before you saw. Don't remove any branches without a reason.
- Remove any torn, dead or broken branches.
- Try to develop or maintain one dominant vertical top stem, or leader, and don't cut off the tops of trees.
- Space the main branches along the trunk, and prevent branches below the permanent canopy from growing upright or too large.
- Always prune just outside the branch collar — the point where

one branch leaves a larger one (or the trunk), often discerned by raised or wrinkled bark.

- Limit pruning of newly planted trees to the removal of dead, damaged or crossing limbs, or those interfering with the main stem.
 - Avoid removing more than 25 percent of a tree's branches in any one year.
 - Consider recycling pruned limbs by having them ground into mulch.
- If a job requires running a chain saw overhead or removing large branches or entire trees, Wood said it is best to contact an insured, certified arborist. For more information about urban tree care, go to www.csfs.colostate.edu.

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ner is a thriller set in Oregon. “The Sleepwalker” by Chris Bohjalian follows a mother who goes missing. “Clownfish Blues” by Tim Dorsey is about bad guys gaming the Florida state lottery.

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Quotable quote

“The trouble with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, and wiser people so full of doubts.” — Bertrand Russell (1872-1970), British philosopher, historian, writer,

political activist and winner of the Nobel Prize for literature.

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Thursday, Feb. 16

Gardening and Landscape Series: Soils, Fertilizers and Amendments. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Extension building. Taught by Darrin Parmenter, Extension agent in La Plata County. Cost is \$35 per class or \$150 for the entire series. Call 264-5931 to register and for more information.

Technology Help. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Technology help with your computer.

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

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

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

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

Make a Felt Plushie. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Stop by to learn some basic sewing and make a felt plushie to take home. For youth in the 5th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'The Good Body.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Eve Ensler turns her unique eye to the rest of the female form. Whether undergoing Botox injections or living beneath burqas, women of all cultures and backgrounds feel compelled to change the way they look, to fit in. This is Eve's own personal journey coming to terms with her "less-than-flat, post-40s stomach." For tickets and more information, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

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

Friday, Feb. 17

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

'Quiet' Book Pick Up. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sisson Library. On March 18, we will be holding a book discussion about "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking." We will have books available for pick up. The first 15 people will get a copy that is theirs to keep. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Wellness Screening and Blood Pressure Checks. 10 a.m.-noon, Senior Center. Provided by San Juan Basin Public Health.

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

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

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

Movie. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. PG movie suitable for all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Anti-Valentine's Lock-In. 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an evening of games, movies and crafts. In order for your child to participate in the teen lock-in, a permission slip must be filled

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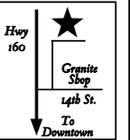
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Saturday, Feb. 18

Pagosa Paw Sled Dog Race. 8:30 a.m., Toner Ranch. Spectacular dogsled racing as well as Nordic skiing. To register, visit rmsdc.org or call Jennifer Martin at 264-9358.

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Com-

munity Center.

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

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

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

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

All-Ages Art. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Pinecone bird feeders. Feed the birds this winter season with a handmade pinecone suet feeder. This hands-on activity is great for all ages. Call

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Sunday, Feb. 19

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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 for more information.

Bunco Party and Soup Feast. 4-7:30 p.m., Mt. Allison Grange Hall. Bring some crackers or a pot of soup to share. Call Yvonne at 799-3064 for more information. Additional details can also be found at facebook.com/mtallisongrange/.

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. 20

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

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

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

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

Computer Help. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Technology help with your computer.

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

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

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

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

Health and Wellness Outreach Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C, will provide clinical assessments.

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

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

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact 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. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Night Yoga: YoGain. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center. YoGain is a fast-paced blend of yoga asana and body weight exercises designed to raise your heart rate and increase strength and flexibility. Open to all levels and abilities. Call 264-4152 for more information.

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Wednesday, Feb. 22

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

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

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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.

Wellness Screening and Blood Pressure Checks. 10:30 a.m., Senior Center. Provided by San Juan Basin Public Health.

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.

Coed Volleyball. 1-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Friendly, non-competitive games open to all ages.

Movie. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Spanish Conversation. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish with others at this informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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

Thursday, Feb. 23

Computer Help. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Technology help with your computer.

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

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

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

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

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

Teen Role-Playing. 4-5:30p.m., Sisson Library. For 7th- through 12th-graders. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

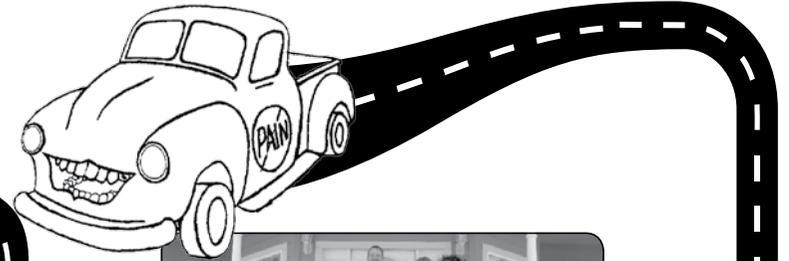
Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center.

Friday, Feb. 24

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

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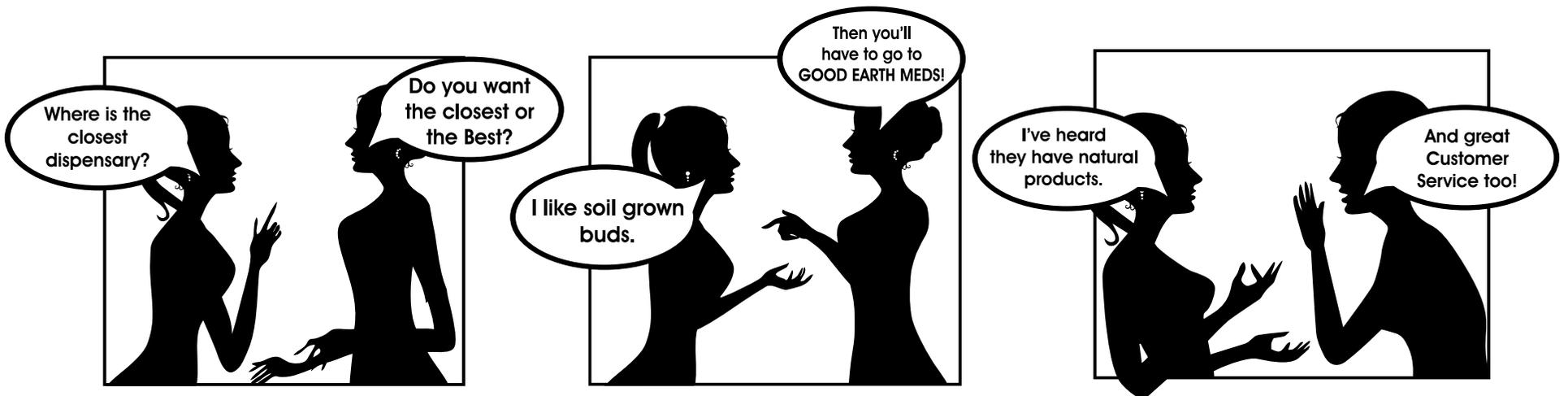
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Alaskan Storyteller Lily Hope. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Alaskan Native storyteller Lily Hope will animate Tlingit stories, share regalia, song and dance, give parents and little a multi-sensory taste of southeast Alaska's Tlingit people. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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

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

Saturday, Feb. 25

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

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

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

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

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

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

Microsoft Word: Resumes. 3-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For adults.

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Sunday, Feb. 26

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 for more information.

Pagosa Uke Jam. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All levels welcome.

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

Monday, Feb. 27

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

Scholastic Book Fair: Happy Camper Book Fair — S'more Fun With Books. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. The book fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including newly released titles, award-winning titles, children's classics, hardback books, and interactive software. There are products for all age ranges. Call Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net for more information or to volunteer.

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

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

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

Computer Help. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Technology help with your computer.

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

Caregiver Support Group. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association. For more information, call 259-0122.

Otaku. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 5th-12th grades. If

you are into anime or manga, this class is for you. Come and watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

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

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

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Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m. Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Join us for Xbox Kinect 360 and snacks.

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, March 1

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

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

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

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Gardening and Landscape Series: Tree and Shrub Selection, Planting and Maintenance. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Extension Building. Taught by Roberta Tolan, Extension agent in Archuleta County. Cost is \$35 per class or \$150 for the entire series. Call 264-5931 to register and for more information.

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Women and heart health: Keeping your ticker in top shape

By Wendy Rice
PREVIEW Columnist

February is Women's Heart Disease Awareness Month. Stroke? Heart Attack? I know, not you. Well, step into this other circle while you read this. This is the greatest gift for your family and yourself.

The concern about women and heart disease is magnified because we deny or aren't as aware as we need to be. To keep that organ the size of your fist working well, it needs some attention.

Heart disease causes more deaths than all cancers, respiratory, Alzheimer's and accidents combined. Did you know strokes affect more women than men? Heart disease is not a "man's" disease, but, unfortunately, research tends to favor men in the studies (25 percent of subjects are women), but symptoms can be

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very different from men. They are often ignored and traditional treatments can have radically different outcomes.

Only one in 10 women know that cardiovascular disease (heart attacks and strokes) is the No. 1 killer of women. The reality is that, nationally, heart disease is the No. 1 cause and, for Colorado, it is the No. 2 cause of mortality for women. Stroke is No. 5.

Ten women over the age of 35 in Colorado die each day from heart disease or stroke. The good news, though, is Colorado's mortality is

"only" 72 percent of the national rate. The bugger is that it is still responsible for 24 percent of all female deaths compared to 3 percent for breast cancer. That is a loss of 3,734 women in Colorado — sister, mother, wife, friend and neighbor. In our own community, one of every four deaths is caused by heart attack or stroke. But more than 86 percent do survive.

Do I have your attention? So, how can we keep ignoring or denying a disease that impacts so many of us?

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Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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 dures can be very different between genders (stress tests, medications, angiography and surgical intervention). Bottom line, regardless of age, when a woman has a heart attack, she is 1.7 times more likely to die than a man. Why?

For starters, we tend to deny. A National Institutes of Health study found that 95 percent of women experiencing a heart attack had new or more pronounced symptoms an entire month before experiencing a full-blown heart attack. Only 53 percent called 911 when they thought they were having a heart attack. Crushing chest pain is not always present.

The study found that the most common symptoms stated were unusual fatigue (70 percent), sleep disturbance (48 percent) and shortness of breath (42 percent). I know, what woman hasn't had these symptoms?

But, realize that the symptoms are often different for women — a woman's heart attack is not necessarily accompanied by that crushing chest pain. Some symptoms could include neck, shoulder, upper back or abdominal discomfort; shortness of breath; nausea; sweating; light-headedness; or unusual fatigue. The symptoms tend to be more subtle because blockages can be not only in main arteries, but also in the smaller arteries supplying blood to the heart. This is why getting to the emergency room quickly is critical to prevent heart damage.

It is important to not be ignorant of this major issue and know you can do something to prevent heart disease regardless of heredity and age. Yes, family is important, but they would be devastated without you — take care of you first. Hispanic women have higher risk; cigarette smokers and being overweight are also significant risks. Women over 65 have more hypertension when compared to men, another risk factor.

The good news is, in addition to the general changes that work for both men and women, there are life-style changes that are more gender specific: for the 14 percent of women who smoke cigarettes in Colorado: stop, utilize techniques to deal with stress/depression, add at least 30 minutes daily of additional physical activity, improve food choices (check out the Mediterranean diet) and reverse metabolic syndrome ("apple shape" or abdominal fat

along with elevated blood pressure, elevated blood sugar and elevated triglycerides).

Ideal cardiovascular health includes: seeing your medical care provider/physician; managing stress; checking cholesterol (less than 200) and blood pressure (120/80 or less) regularly; having a fasting glucose of less than 100 mg/dl and leaner body (even 10 pounds). Reduce alcohol intake to one drink per day for women.

The following recipes are favorites and heart-healthy ones that I hope you will enjoy. Large avocados are recommended for the recipes. If you are making guacamole, try substituting half of the avocado with pureed, thawed frozen green peas.

Vegetarian avocado ceviche

- 1 large ripe, fresh Hass avocado, cubed
 - 1 cup cauliflower, diced
 - 2 tomatoes, diced
 - 1/3 cup red onion, finely diced
 - 1 tablespoon jalapeno pepper, minced
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 1 tablespoon fresh cilantro, chopped
 - 1 tablespoon lime juice
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Combine ingredients and serve as appetizer or side dish.

Avocado corn salsa

- 3/4 cup frozen corn, thawed
 - 1/2 cup grape tomatoes, quartered
 - 1 avocado, diced
 - 1 tablespoon fresh cilantro, chopped
 - 2 teaspoons lime juice
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt, kosher (optional)
- Combine ingredients and serve with pita chips as appetizer.

Gardening and Landscaping Series continues

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 \$20 per class.

Preregistration is required by calling 264-5931. Class topics and dates are as follows:

- 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.

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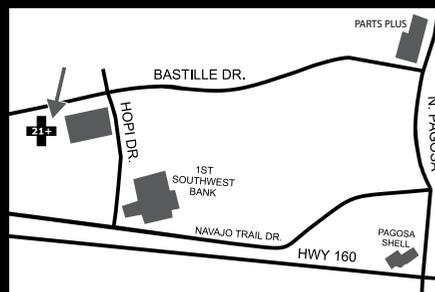
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What is the VA's duty in corroborating in-service stressors for PTSD claims of noncombat veterans?

By Raymond Taylor
PREVIEW Columnist

Generally, there are two types of claims for service-connected post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), those involving combat veterans and those involving noncombat veterans.

A combat veteran is defined as a veteran who has "personally participated in events constituting an actual fight or encounter with a military foe or hostile unit or instrumentality." *Kowalski v. Nicholson*, 19 Vet.App. 171, 180 (2005).

This definition of a combat veteran does not clearly address all combat-like situations. To be sure, simply being in the theatre or zone of combat is insufficient to qualify for combat status. On the other hand, the receipt of a combat decoration or award of a combat medal is sufficient proof to qualify for combat status, e.g., medal of honor, Navy combat action ribbon, combat infantryman's badge, purple heart.

But less clear, for example, is when a veteran of a conflict has been exposed to mortar or rocket attacks. Do these attacks constitute "an actual fight or encounter" with the enemy? Or, are such attacks considered incidental to a soldier's proximity to a combat zone, thus not constituting participation in an actual fight or encounter? The law is not clear on this point.

At any rate, a noncombat veteran seeking service connection for PTSD must establish 1. A current medical diagnosis of PTSD; 2. Medical evidence of a causal nexus between current symptomatology and the claimed in-service stressor; and 3. Credible supporting evidence that the claimed in-service stressor actually occurred. See 38 C.F.R. § 3.304(f).

A noncombat veteran cannot establish the occurrence of an in-service stressor through his own lay testimony alone; rather, such a claimant must provide "credible supporting evidence." *Doran v. Brown*, 6 Vet.App. 283, 290 (1996).

For noncombat veterans, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has a duty to search for records to corroborate the alleged in-service stressors. Typically, the VA must request the Joint Services Record Research Center (JSRRC) to search the archives, located at the National Personal Records Center in St. Louis.

Recent changes

Until recently, the VA required claimants to provide a 60-day time-frame for the alleged occurrence of the stressor before requesting the JSRRC to perform a search. In *Gagne v. McDonald*, 27 Vet.App. 397 (2015), the Veterans Court held that this strict 60-day requirement violated the VA's statutory duty to assist. The Gagne Court explained that, if the claimant provides a longer time-

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frame, the VA should send multiple 60-day requests to the JSRRC.

Once it conducts a search, the JSRRC is required to search daily journals, operational reports, unit and organizational history and casualty reports. Daily journals log the unit's daily activities, including names, locations, and specific incidents and operations. Operational reports are quarterly accounts documenting a unit's major operations and activities, particularly unit locations, strengths, operations, results of operations, casualties and statistical reports. Unit and organizational histories describe the general activities of an Army for a particular period of time, usually six months to a year. A specific type of unit history is called a morning report. Morning reports contain a daily accounting of personnel actions at the company level. They contain the names and status of service members wounded, killed or missing in action. The casualty records contain information of casualty, location and type and cause and type of injury.

For Navy veterans, the JSRRC looks for deck logs/ship histories, Navy shore histories, muster rolls and other records. Deck logs records unusual or significant enemy action. Navy shore station histories and ship history reflect significant events for the year. Muster rolls show assignment of individuals to and from ships and stations. The Navy Military Personnel Command maintains a centralized listing of all Navy combat casualties. Navy war diaries also list casualties.

For more information

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

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

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

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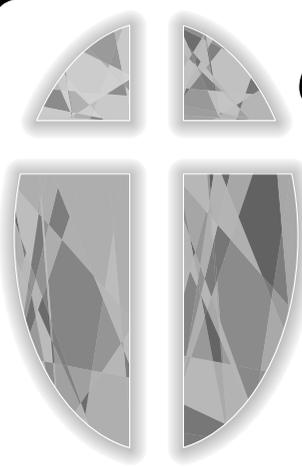
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TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR: Archuleta School District 50 Joint is accepting applications for a technology director, beginning April 2017. Job description and salary schedule information and application may be viewed and completed online through www.mypagosaschools.com.

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.

SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH is hiring a part-time Collaborative Management Program Coordinator in our Pagosa Springs location. The SJBPH Collaborative Management Program (CMP) Coordinator will support the Archuleta County Collaborative Management Program (ACCMP) to ensure the provision of supportive, quality and effective service to children and families. This position will assist in the development and administration of all aspects of the ACCMP program. This will include both individual services for families and the development of prevention programs. This position pays \$18.37 to \$26.64 an hour. Although the full salary range for this position is provided, appointments are typically made at or near the range minimum. Position is scheduled to close February 16, 2017, or until an adequate pool is reached. To apply, go to www.sjbpublichealth.org.

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A full job description is available at HabitatArchuleta.org, click on the "Apply" tab

Interested parties should submit their letter of interest to:

PO Box 2827, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
or contact William Darling, president, at
Bill@wjdarling.com or (970) 264-6960

BOOKKEEPER/ ACCOUNTANT: PART-TIME, flexible hours. Requirements: minimum five years bookkeeping experience, solid knowledge of GAAP, strong proficiency in QuickBooks Online and Excel. Accounting or finance degree preferred. Must have laptop and printer/ scanner. Email resume to mtnac81147@gmail.com.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a full-time **Perioperative Operating Room Registered Nurse** to be responsible for the safe, effective and quality patient-family centered care in the operating room, gastroenterology suite and other areas of surgical services for all patient populations at our critical access hospital located in the beautiful San Juan Mountains of Southwestern Colorado. Our hospital is growing! Our new primary care outpatient facility will be opening this spring. Current surgical specialties include: general surgery, gastroenterology, orthopedics and gynecology. Position is Monday- Friday, no weekends and no holidays, on-call required (2-3 nights per week) with 30 minute response time, BLS/ ACLS required, CNOR/ CRNFA preferred, 5+ years of operating room circulator and scrub experience preferred, knowledge of Cerner Community Works electronic health record a plus. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration and the human resources office or downloaded from www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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Free legal aid to be offered at Senior Center Feb. 22

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

Anthony D. Edwards, of Sholler Edwards LLC, will be at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center for a presentation and legal assistance on Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Edwards offers assistance with public benefits and utilities shut off; landlord/tenant problems; older adults being evicted; simple wills; medical-durable power of attorney and living wills; consumer issues such as advocating for persons harassed by debt collectors; emergency-limited long-term care guardianship and domestic problems; such as abuse (all inclusive: exploitation, emotional, physical, etc.); and elder abuse education presentations: financial exploitation, emotional, physical, etc.

Health and wellness

The Senior Center has initiated a new pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program will include wellness, blood pressure monitoring or allow individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice. There is no charge for Medicare enrollees.

Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID, and if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid 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 long-time 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 Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

VITA tax assistance

For the past several years, the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) group out of Durango has come to the 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 on Mondays (call 382-6445 for an appointment) and all ages on Saturdays (call 335-9776 for an appointment). The qualifying income level for free assistance is \$54,000.

Computer center

The Senior Center provides computer access to seniors who

Senior News

are members of the Discount Club.

Computers stations are available by the hour. If no one has signed up for the next hour, seniors may continue to use the computer for an additional hour(s). Computer and Internet access is available during business hours when staff is in attendance and classes are not in session.

Medicare Mondays

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

Here are some quick tips: If you are collecting Social Security, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare parts A and B. We can help you pick a Part D Prescription Drug Plan. If you don't enroll in a Part D plan, you could face penalties. If you are new to Medicare, you have an eight-month Special Enrollment Period to sign up for parts A, B and D around your 65th birthday. Medicare starts after your employment ends or the group health insurance plan based on your current employment ends, whichever happens first. You do not pay late penalties if you enroll within the eight-month Special Enrollment Period. COBRA and retiree health plans are not considered coverage based on current employment.

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

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

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. 16 — BBQ pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, spinach with tomato and salad bar.

Friday, Feb. 17 — Chicken and dumplings, glazed carrots, green beans with almonds and salad bar.

Monday, Feb. 20 — Closed for Washington's birthday.

Tuesday, Feb. 21 — Baked pork

ziti, yellow squash medley, roasted cauliflower soup, focaccia bread and salad bar.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 — Baked salmon, quinoa pilaf, baked tomato provencal, bacon green beans and salad bar.

Thursday, Feb. 23 — Turkey orzo soup, roasted cauliflower with red pepper, zucchini noodles Alfredo and salad bar.

Reservations and cancellations

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

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