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A changing landscape

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) demolishes a downtown building located at U.S. 160 and South 6th Street on Tuesday. The building formerly housed several businesses, including a grocery store, hardware store and Sears. The project will then move across the highway for demolition of the building at 602 San Juan St., formerly the location of Making Things New.

The McCabe Creek project will include installing new culverts under the highway and widening and deepening the streambed to support the increased flow capacity that would be demanded in the event of a flood.

CDOT's Region 5 Communications Manager Lisa Schwantes wrote in an email, "We do not have sufficient funding to pursue construction of the McCabe Creek culverts in the foreseeable future. At this time we are not able to place this on our list of potential 2018 projects. We have however identified McCabe Creek as one of our 'priority' projects that would be pursued if state transportation funding comes through with proposed legislation."

In 2014, it was reported that CDOT rated the McCabe Creek culvert as the worst culvert in this part of the state and construction was then set for 2016.



Juveniles face charges after vandalizing house

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Two juveniles face charges of burglary and trespassing — among other charges — after causing damages to a home under construction. According to Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton, the incident occurred on Monday, April 10, at a house under construction off of Golden Pond Place. Hamilton stated that Detective Sgt. Warren Brown estimated that the juveniles caused up to \$30,000 in damage to the house. "The contractor gets to the scene and finds that the house that he's building has literally been destroyed," said Hamilton. "He believed kids may

have been responsible for it." She went on to say that most, if not all, of the windows of the house had been broken, and cement was splashed all over tools and walls. "There was a brand new refrigerator still in the box that had been stabbed with a sharp object or knife," said Hamilton. "There was broken cabinetry ... just extensive damage to this house." She said that Deputy Michael Wedemeyer, who was the first to respond to the scene, noticed some footprints, and proceeded to call Deputy Michael Sindelar and his K-9 unit, Edo. "He picked up the scent right away, and walked about 500 yards west of the residence," said Hamilton. "The dog led him right to these kids that were walking around in the scrub oak

and trying to stay out of sight." Hamilton went on to say that Sindelar ordered the kids to come out into the open after identifying himself, and that the kids complied. Sindelar had the kids sit down and asked them their ages, with one being a 14-year-old male, and the other being a 16-year-old female. "He looked at the bottom of their shoes and it was an identical match to the footprints found on the scene," said Hamilton. "So they took both of them into custody ... They were booked for second-degree burglary, second-degree criminal trespass, criminal mischief and theft." She explained that with juveniles, the ACSO is

■ See Vandalizing A8

Area snowpack remains strong

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

As of April 1, the snowpack in the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River Basin continued to look strong, sitting at 128 percent of median. Statewide, the snowpack sat at 111 percent on that date. "We're still really high up there compared to some of the statewide drainages," said Joe Crabb, one of

the area's water commissioners for the Colorado Department of Natural Resources Division of Water Resources. Crabb presented the information to the San Juan Water Conservancy District board during the board's regular meeting Monday. While the local basin's 128 percent of median is lower than the March 1 mark of 153 percent of

■ See Snowpack A8

February sales tax down 1.2 percent from 2016

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Sales tax collections in Archuleta County for February fell 1.2 percent compared to the same period during 2016. The total sales tax collection in February for Archuleta County was \$614,496.07, according to a report

issued on April 10 by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton. The town and county each received \$307,248.04. "The year to date (January and February) 2017 sales tax is \$14,212 (1.2%) lower than the same period

■ See Sales A8

Hilltop House escapee located in Pagosa area

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) has located a woman who escaped Hilltop House, a community corrections facility in Durango, on March 21. Terri Lisa Thayn, 36, was located at a home in Pagosa Springs on the evening of Sunday, April 9. It was originally believed that Thayn may have been in Pagosa Springs due to her having family in the area. Thayn escaped after failing to return to Hilltop House after receiving an approved pass to look for work. "We received information that she was at a residence in the Vista subdivision," explained ACSO Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton. "Surveillance was set up, and deputies Jason Hibbert, Michael Sindelar and Barry

Adler responded to this residence and attempted to contact her." She explained that the deputies knocked on the door of the residence and the owner of the residence answered the door. "We explained that we knew she was inside and if he didn't go get her he'd be charged with harboring a fugitive," explained Hamilton. "He did go and get her and brought her out." Hamilton explained that Thayn had been taken into custody and transported to La Plata County Jail. Thayn was serving an 18-month sentence for distribution of a controlled substance schedule 1/2.



Terri Lisa Thayn

Prescribed burn planned

By Jodi Mallozzi
Special to The SUN

Fire managers on the Pagosa Ranger District are planning a 260-acre prescribed burn in the area of the Piedra River drainage, located north of U.S. 160 near First Fork Road (Forest Service Road 622), approximately 23 miles west of Pagosa Springs. Operations are anticipated to occur on or around April 20 as long as weather conditions remain

favorable. The four units planned to be treated are a part of a larger project known as the Horsefly. All prescribed fire activity is dependent on the availability of personnel, equipment, weather forecasts and fuel moisture levels. Prescribed fire is an essential tool for restoring forest health in fire-adapted ecosystems. Our forest historically relied on frequent

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Pagosa's pilgrimage

There are spiritual and prayerful aspects to a pilgrimage. In Jerusalem, pilgrims gather each year to trace the steps of Jesus Christ as He carried His cross. Just south of Pagosa Springs, every year tens of thousands of people make the trek to the village of Chimayo in northern New Mexico to pray inside its 200-year-old chapel before a carved image of Jesus on Good Friday.

And right here at home in Pagosa Springs, the traditional Good Friday pilgrimage will start downtown at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church located at 451 Lewis St.

The church building was constructed in 1948 to accommodate the growing congregation at the existing St. Edwards Catholic Church. The church was dedicated as the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on May 22, 1949. The stunningly beautiful, original stained glass windows were imported from Spain. St. Edwards Catholic Church was destroyed by fire in the 1950s.

Great emphasis is placed on the fact that you don't have to be a Catholic to join in Pagosa's Good Friday pilgrimage, which will be led by Father Kenny Udumka, pastor of Pagosa's Catholic community.

Father Kenny will lead the procession carrying the cross and two additional crosses will follow, carried by other pilgrims.

You should plan to be at the church by 2 p.m. for the procession, which will travel up U.S. 160 and end at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church located on South Pagosa Boulevard. We are sure no one will mind if you join in the pilgrimage along the way if you physically cannot complete the entire route.

Law enforcement escorts will be on hand for safety purposes, with a safety talk being given at the beginning of the pilgrimage. Water stations will be situated along the route.

Comfortable shoes are a must and it is important to dress for the weather. The pilgrimage will be held whether snow, rain or shine.

This spiritual journey is a tradition for many Pagosans. According to the Catholic church's press release, "It provides an opportunity to reflect upon Christ's Passion."

People join pilgrimages for a variety of reasons, including:

- To honor their religion.
- To support a relative in the military.
- To pray for peace, miracles or a variety of things.
- To show respect for relatives and friends who have passed.
- To atone for sins of self or a loved one.

The press release reads, "At the conclusion of the walk, Stations of the Cross will begin at 4 p.m. in the Father John Bowe Prayer Garden behind the church. Pilgrims will pray through Christ's passion and death as a prayer leader and a cross bearer move the pilgrims through the 14 Stations of the Cross. Following the Stations of the Cross, at 5 p.m., the Good Friday service will take place inside the church. The Good Friday service includes the narration of the passion of Jesus Christ, Holy Communion and Veneration of the cross.

"For more information, please call the church office at 731-5744."

Whether you participate in the pilgrimage by walking or watching, it is a reminder of the true meaning of Easter. You might find that your pilgrimage is physically challenging, but it promises to be far more emotionally rewarding. It is an opportunity to step back and look to see what is really important in life. You will have plenty of time for reflection during this very individual and unique experience.

No matter your faith, at the end of the pilgrimage, you will find yourself in a different place in more than one way.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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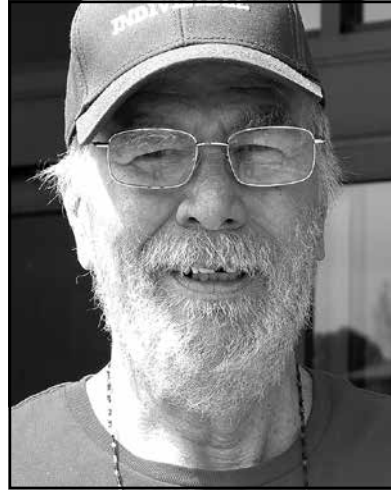
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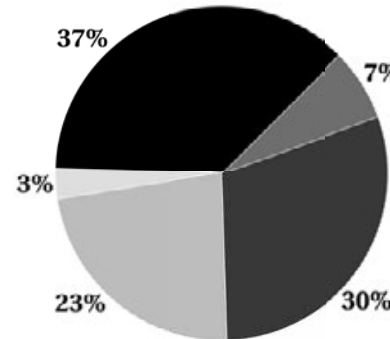
Marlys Nelson
"The economy. So, I'd say tax reform if it's done right."



Kelly Barnes
"Oh, gosh, where do I start? Probably a realistic approach to the global economy."



David Miller
"Russian interference in our elections."



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Health care — 30 percent
The Trump presidency — 23 percent
Russian/international hacking — 3 percent
North Korea — 37 percent

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LOOKING BACK



From the March 5, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. WITH PLEASURE — Members of the Pagosa Pirates basketball team show their pleasure at winning third place in the San Juan Basin A league tournament last weekend in Durango. The Pirates lost one game and won two in the tournament to take third place.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 8, 1927

Alfonzo Montano of Antonito arrived last Friday night and has now opened a new shoe and harness repair shop in the Robt. Van Voast building on San Juan street. It will be known as the Pagosa Springs Shoe Repair Shop, and Mr. Montano has equipped it with new and modern machinery, electrically driven.

The J.A. Turner Shoe Shop, adjoining the Sun office, is now located in the former Geo. Goodman plumbing shop on Lewis street, where Mr. Turner is again prepared to handle all kinds of shoe and harness repairing, harness oiling, or anything pertaining to his line of work. He also carries a line of new small hardware and some second-hand goods for the trade. Pay him a call when in need of his services or wares.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 17, 1942

Just to keep the records straight it might be well to state that The Sun did not muffle the "Burglary" news item which happened over the weekend a fortnight ago. Owing to the tender ages of the burglars, it was deemed best to skip the item. And this was done, not at the suggestion of the parents of the boys concerned. They probably think the matter was hushed up or that this reporter wasn't on the beat. At least they haven't even thanked us for keeping their sons' names off the record and away from the nasty stinking mess.

Of the last group of men sent from Pagosa for induction into army service, a number are in training at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Jim McMillan, J.M. Archuleta, Del Thayer, Virgil Stovers and Edward Valdez are together there.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 13, 1967

Several people have been out fishing in the high country. They report that snow has almost entirely disappeared in many places and that fishing is excellent in some of the lakes where the ice has all melted. Stream fishing is reported as just fair at present but is expected to improve.

The mail service into Pagosa Springs is steadily deteriorating. It has now slipped back to the point where it is not as good as it was 15 years ago. This despite the so-called improvement of the ZIP code. Insofar as local people are concerned this has simply meant poor service, more time, more trouble, and in some cases more cost. If such poor service is to continue then the raise in mail rates that is now being proposed should be protested by this area.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 16, 1992

Pagosa Springs Middle School scientist Will Sanders brought home two awards and a cash prize from the April 9-11 Colorado State Science Fair at Fort Collins. Sanders, a seventh grade student of Cynthia Nobles, won the Honorable Mention award in the Junior Division of the engineering competition with a project titled: "The Effect of Antenna Shape on Transmission." He also took second place in a special awards division sponsored by the American Vacuum Society.

Archuleta County Commissioners unveiled the 1992 phase of a long-range, county-wide road maintenance plan Tuesday. Besides improving driving conditions, the maintenance is designed to reduce the spread of dust particulates in the air.

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LOOK! HE'S RESCUING MY EASTER BONNET — CHIVALRY ISN'T DEAD!

YET...

Letters

Info and apology

Dear Editor:
In response to the article published in the April 6, 2017 Pagosa Springs SUN newspaper regarding the "illegal" Historic Preservation Board (HPB) meetings, we would like to offer additional information and an apology.

As indicated in the article, the HPB was drafting a letter to Town Council via email for later consideration for approval at a future HPB public meeting. This was the basis for article from The SUN regarding what turned out to be unnoticed public meetings.

We believe there was no intent to mislead or deceive the pub-

lic. The HPB is blameless in this regard as they were not aware of the rules and processes for email communications related to the Open Meetings Law. Regardless, the rules of the Open Meeting laws should have been followed and, at the end, it was staff's job to properly advise the HPB in this matter and we failed in that responsibility.

To the Historic Preservation Board, the Town Council, and the community we offer our sincerest apologies.

All advisory boards to Town Council are comprised of dedicated community members who have a great passion to volunteer their personal time away from their families to help better our community. Most all have full time jobs, on top of their obligations to serve as an advisory board member. These volunteers are your neighbors, friends, business owners and work associates who unselfishly give their personal time to achieve the important role they serve for Town Council and our community. Without these volunteers, we would not have been able to achieve so many successes over the years. To all of them we offer our thanks.

The Historic Preservation Board provides a valuable service to our community and there are many great projects they are currently working on that will help keep pieces of our history and heritage intact for future generations and current visitors to enjoy and understand Pagosa's unique story.

Greg Schulte, town manager
James Dickhoff, planning director

Pregnant horse

Dear Editor:
Only a pregnant horse ... Archuleta County law enforcement has been playing Russian roulette for at least four years.

Since 2013, 17 complaints about horses on Highway 84 in the Catchpole area have been lodged and nothing has come of it.

Luckily, the bullet chamber has been empty. On March 28, the hammer found its mark and a pregnant horse died after being struck down in this same area.

Fortunately, the driver and his

grandson were not injured. Luck has now run out; this is the time to end this dangerous game.

How many times have I heard "Colorado is a free range state?" However, as Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton states in The SUN article of 4/6/17, "... there are exclusions to that rule."

The two unidentified horse owners have a date with the judge of the Colorado Combined Courts District 6 at which time they will be advised of the charges against them. We shall be watching closely to see if those exclusions are identified in this process and used to put an end to the practice of allowing a herd of horses to "free range" on the highway.

This time it was "only" a pregnant horse ... next time.

Pauline Benetti

60-vote margin

Dear Editor:
The Republican senators have done it. They chose to exercise the so-called "nuclear option," by voting to pass a resolution to vote on Judge Neil Gorsuch's confirmation to the Supreme Court based on a simple majority vote rather than insisting on a 60-vote margin. It's about time.

For those who don't know, the 60-vote requirement for passing legislation in the Senate is not part of the constitution. It's just a sort of gentlemanly agreement to be nice to each other. Senate leaders like to tout the 60-vote margin as a way of being collegial. The problem is that the Democrats have swung so far to the left that there is very little commonality between the two parties any more. It's like asking the oil industry to be collegial with the EPA. Thus, instead of an exercise in collegiality, the 60-vote margin coupled with filibustering has become a celebration in obstructionism that disenables the Senate to get its work done.

The facade of collegiality simply needs to go away. Drop the 60-vote, self-imposed rule for anything and everything that comes before the Senate. Quit calling majority rule something so ominous sounding

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Letters

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as the “nuclear option.” It’s a bit melodramatic.

But wait a minute, some will object. What happens when the other party takes control of the Senate? Then the minority party can’t obstruct the majority party and more legislation will get passed. To quote my least favorite U.S. president, Barack Obama, “Elections have consequences.” Live with the results. The American people get what they vote for. If we are stupid enough to elect Socialist leaders, then we’re going to get a Socialist government. That pretty much happened in the last administration. The result was that the American people looked at the last eight years and said enough is enough of this foolishness and elected a guy like Donald Trump as their president.

The American people elect their leaders: presidents, senators and congressmen to govern. The congress is supposed to pass legislation. The president is supposed to administer the laws that the congress passes, and the judiciary is supposed to determine if the legislation is crafted in accordance with the text of the Constitution of this nation. No “gentleman’s agreement” should get in the way of that. Let the government govern. If you don’t like they way they are governing, then don’t elect them the next time. It’s not that hard. In this case, you might even get a Supreme Court justice who believes that the text of the Constitution actually matters.

Richard A. Bolland

Climate change

Dear Editor:

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was formed in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme.

The IPCC is made up of hundreds of scientists from throughout the world. The IPCC first expressed scientific consensus that climate change is real and caused by humans in 2001. In 2007, the IPCC’s Fourth Assessment Report states that evidence points to a more than 90 percent probability that human activity is warming the planet. Then in the 2013 Fifth Assessment, the IPCC states that evidence of warming is “unequivocal” and that it is “extremely likely” that human activity has been the dominant cause of that warming. Observations show increased atmospheric CO₂, rising air and ocean water temperatures, declines in the extent of arctic ice and declining pH (acidification) of ocean waters.

Every major scientific organization in the U.S. supports the IPCC’s conclusions. This includes the National Academy of Sciences, the American Meteorological Society, the American Geophysical Union and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Even the U.S. military sees climate change as a national security

threat. I encourage everyone to visit the Weather Underground website, Skeptical Science to read responses to arguments put forth by climate change deniers.

There is indisputable proof that human activity adversely affects the environment. All large cities were enshrouded in smog in the last third of the 20th century until we acted. Acid rain is also linked to the acidifying of our lakes, streams and wetlands and the damaging of forests worldwide. While it’s true that erupting volcanoes and rotting vegetation produces some chemicals that cause acid rain, the biggest cause is the burning of fossil fuels. When fossil fuels are burned, they release sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides into the atmosphere. These chemicals react with water, oxygen and other substances to form sulphuric and nitric acids. Large swaths of forest in North America and Europe have been damaged by acid rain.

Another visible bit of evidence that humans affect the environment is the plastic floating in the world’s oceans. There are five “garbage patches,” the biggest being in the Pacific and it is about the size of Texas. The plastic is destroying aquatic habitats, leaching harmful chemicals and is responsible for the deaths of many fish, birds and ocean mammals.

Powerful forces in the fossil fuel industry do not want the status quo to change. As early as 1977, Exxon Mobile knew about climate change and the affects of burning fossil fuels after conducting extensive research on the subject. Then in the following decades, it has spent billions to promote climate misinformation.

Protecting this little blue orb in the vast expanse of space should not be a partisan issue. Costs for renewables are now comparable to fossil fuels and even less when environmental costs are considered. Job growth in the renewable energy sector far outstrips those in the fossil fuel industry. It’s a win/win for the economy and the earth to invest in renewable energy to produce electricity.

Dave Butcher

Solar talk today

Dear Editor:

A potentially transformative idea regarding community solar will be discussed for an hour and a half today, April 13, at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library in a Lifelong Learning Lecture Series talk being hosted by FORE Pagosa.

Please come to our talk which starts at 5:30 p.m. if you are interested in installing solar at your home or business but perhaps don’t feel you can afford it or think your property is unfortunately shaded by trees ... or if there are any other outstanding reservations you may have about the prospect.

Or, of course, if you are just downright interested in solar and the idea of responsible energy use in general and a wedding of ideal-

ism to pragmatism — with emphasis on the latter. We will be describing an approach to solar that uses the infrastructure of the grid along the lines of what is modeled by the concept of solar gardens to open up new possibilities. Instead of going into details here, we hope to flesh this exciting new approach out at the talk.

Nobody is going to be “taking care” of the environment, unless you mean in a mob hit sort of way, other than those of us who are looking for ways to assert power beyond the ballot box.

As citizens, our investments make the difference nowhere more so than on this very important national and regional issue. Very much like democracy itself, the potentially transformative idea we mean to introduce will only work in proportion to collective will, i.e. how many people show up. You are eligible to make a meaningful contribution if you are a customer of LPEA.

Jonathan Dobson

Free press

Dear Editor:

The general population of this country, a species known as *Americanus ignoramus*, truly believe they have evolved into some higher form of intellect. Nothing could be farther from the truth. There exists this paradigm of false news these days when it appears to have been a part of the whole newspaper industry from the beginning. Here is an interesting quote from John Swinton a journalist for the New York Times in 1880.

“There is no such thing, as of this date of the world’s history, in America, of an independent press ... If I allowed my honest opinions to appear in one issue of my paper, before twenty four hours my occupation would be gone. The business of the journalists is to destroy the truth, to lie outright, to pervert, to vilify, to fawn at the feet of mammon ... [for ignoramus *Americanus* that would be money] We are the tools and vassals of rich men behind the scenes. We are the jumping jacks, they pull the strings and we dance.”

Here we are, 127 years later, does it appear that anything has actually changed when it comes to any form of news being clear, concise, the whole truth and nothing but the truth? I leave that for ya’ll to form your own opinion.

During this nation’s transition from Imperial Rule to Self Rule, the King feared the “Black Regiment” the most. The Black Regiment were the preachers who openly spoke out against tyranny. The men behind the scenes, the controllers of the mammon, to this day, dictate what free speech/free press, is and is not.

It’s obvious to me that the op/ed section of The Pagosa Springs SUN is produced mainly for its entertainment value. The main characters chosen for printing have changed over the years depending

on the whatever the hot topic of the day is/or was. I do not believe it expresses any real opinion of the general population at any given time. Certainly, the op/ed section is used by the publisher as a means to create a topic for discussion of their choosing only, the general purpose being to sell papers. Articles of dubious research are printed not for the purpose informing the people but to create a paradigm of the publisher’s choosing.

There is a very interesting YouTube video entitled, “It Can’t Happen Here!” This video presents a compelling case for what is happening to our society and how the media plays a pivotal role in the manipulation of it. Is the media simply a vehicle for propaganda? I believe so, but that’s just my opinion, print it if you find it entertaining enough.

In liberty we trust.

Greg Giehl

Editor’s note: For clarification, Swinton did not work for the New York Times in 1880. And, Giehl left out part of Swinton’s quote: “There is no such a thing in America as an independent press, unless it is out in country towns.”

‘Mary Poppins’

Dear Editor:

About a year ago, I directed, produced and choreographed my last production for Pagosa Springs High School, accompanied by a beautiful send-off video and celebration.

Thanks to the brilliant Becca Postma, this enduring legacy of performing arts as an annual high school musical continues, with the most recent performance of “Mary Poppins.”

I met Becca as a child in 2001 as she performed in then Music Boosters “Fiddler on the Roof.” I have had the privilege of working with her on stage and being part of her life offstage since then.

It stuck with me when she said a dream of hers would be to come back to her home stage one day and work as a director and choreographer, always looking for an opportunity. It was an honor to mentor and apprentice Becca with “Mary Poppins” as she made her dreams come true. It has been a gift to be part of her work and love for kids and the theater, attributes we both share.

Thanks to Becca for collaborating and partnering, for her patience and love, understanding and vision. Thanks for stepping up so beautifully and working with me and Dan and Venita and Sally and Trace and CUP and so many others in support of our extraordinary young actors. We love you.

Dale Johnson

Earth Day

Dear Editor:

As we know, global warming is caused by solar luminosity, earth’s orbit around the sun, volcanic eruptions, cloud forcing, deforestation, greenhouse gases, global

See Letters A5

Pagosa Catholic Community Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 13, Mass • 7:00 p.m. at JP II
 Good Friday, April 14
 Procession from IHM Church to JP II Church • 2:00 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross • JP II Prayer Garden • 4:00 p.m.
 Good Friday Liturgy at JP II • 5:00 p.m.
 Holy Saturday, April 15, Easter Vigil • 8:00 p.m. at JP II
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Letters

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dimming, etc. Naturally occurring greenhouse gases are comprised of 36-70 percent water vapor, 9-26 percent carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, 4-9 percent methane and a few others.

CO2 occurs naturally in all water sources, volcanic activity, deposits of oil and natural gas and anything that breathes. The human body produces approx. 2.3 pounds of carbon dioxide per day. Carbon dioxide is a colorless and odorless gas that is vital to life. It is a trace gas in the atmosphere at 0.04 percent (400 ppm) by volume. It is also nonflammable, nontoxic and practically free.

Global warming is added to by human activity via growth in population and gross domestic product per capita. This growth has demanded energy consumption from fossil fuels and building materials from the forest to accommodate our standard of living (deforestation, which lessens the amount of CO2 absorption, is getting a lot of attention). The by-product of burning fossil fuels is carbon dioxide (CO2). Carbon dioxide, naturally and man-made, is released into the atmosphere causing a greenhouse effect. The greenhouse effect is the process by which radiation from the atmosphere heats the earth's surface. It is the human activity that has people around the world discussing how global warming could affect ecosystems, food production and economic development.

This concern has encouraged chemical engineers and businesses

to work on recycling CO2 into consumer products. The following companies are doing just that: (1) Novomer in USA (2) Skyonic Corp in USA (3) CO2 Solutions in Canada (4) Carbon Recycling International in Iceland (5) NewCO2Fuels in Germany (6) Liquid light in USA. Information on these companies can be found on the Internet.

These companies, and others, are using CO2 renewable technologies for consumer products in food processing/packaging, insulation, seats, fuels (biodiesel, lithium-ion batteries, methanol, ethanol, jet fuel, etc.), solvents, fertilizers, plastics, baking soda, dry ice/refrigerants, automotive chemicals, cosmetics, beverages, putting out fires, welding, air guns, cleaners and others.

Jeff Maier

Good science

Dear Editor:

The studies that tell us that there is a very large consensus on man-made global warming have been limited to climate scientists. I think they should include all earth scientists to be meaningful.

For example, a geologist would view the situation on a much larger time scale than the last 50-100 years, and might see it as insignificant. A chemist might tell us that the very tiny amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is not nearly enough to cause warming. This dissent is important to good science and should not be discouraged, no matter how strongly one feels to the contrary.

When Einstein published his theory of special relativity, it was

widely accepted by the few scientists in that field. However when he published general relativity, it affected a broader field, and despite his growing reputation, was disputed by a large number of scientists, including Nobel laureates. In an effort to prove him wrong, many experiments were performed, but one by one, these proved Einstein correct. Today only a few disagree. So in that case, Einstein held the minority view, but in the long run prevailed.

If we discourage dissent, or refuse to publish dissent on this matter, as has the Los Angeles Times, then we are stifling good science. If dissent is disallowed, science becomes propaganda.

Dick Riethmiller

The 'Jim'

Dear Editor:

The lead-off letter to the editor in the March 30 Pagosa SUN by Dave Butcher indicated he is very upset with "Jim (who still wears his hateful little T-shirts)."

Well, I must be the "Jim" to which he refers; and my initial retort is ... tough.

Having served in the U.S. Navy for 33 years to ensure that I'd be able to pursue my First Amendment right in retirement; by the Grace of God. I will proudly continue to wear my "hateful little T-shirts."

In closing, I have confidence that Mr. Butcher is not offended with the words on some of my latest multicolored apparel; "Trump wins, liberals lose."

Jim Sawicki

'God is love'

Dear Editor:

"God is love." That was the first Bible verse I was taught as a child. I still believe it is the most powerful. My heart sings when our various religious groups and churches put that to practice in supporting one another, regardless of the personal "title." Most practice our faith in the manner of the families to which we were born — it is called "tradition" and tradition strengthens our personal faith.

Here in America, we are a nation of believers with the freedom to worship God in whatever way serves us best. But back to "God is love." When destructive acts against specific religions occur, my heart is warmed by true Americans who organize their religious communities to provide assistance to those who are "targeted" by hate. When the "chips are down," "God is love" comes to the surface and our differences are insignificant — all are believers and "act upon that."

It has been said that, in a crisis, religion gives us the courage to make decisions we must make and the confidence to leave the results to God.

Patty Tillerson

'Settled science'

Dear Editor:

Without a definitive report which settles the issue of man caused global warming, it comes

down to who one believes: as there are very reputable scientists who disagree. (And if you want to dismiss them as a "Climate Deniers" — to mis-associate them with "Holocaust deniers" — then you're a "climate alarmist," to be mis-associated with "Chicken Little.") During the Middle Ages and the "Black Death" — before the "germ theory" of medicine — a doctor learned from the Bible that washing the hands in running water was purifying. This was dismissed by the medical pros as ridiculous; though proven right in the long run. My point is Yogi Berra's statement, "It ain't over 'till it's over."

In his letter, Mr. Dorgan's reference (thank him for that) said, "the scientific consensus on human causing global warming ranges from 90-100 percent," and "that humans are causing it." But note, this doesn't say that "90-100 percent of global warming" is caused by humans. If so, very similar earth global warming periods in the distant past (discernible in ice core drillings) were caused by man before he arrived.

As I've noted in past letters, the bullying of — especially — public figures loyal to the "climate agenda" is a telling sign that there's more to it than they let on. And adherents, such as Al Gore, have become multi-millionaires even when they've been proven wrong. As well, the earlier "cap and trade" proposal was to have created a commodity market similar to the stock market for speculators to profit, while clean-coal and fossil fuel workers were decimated. The economy is a much fairer arbiter of resources than the unregulated greed of governments. ("Solindra," anyone?) "Follow the \$" is a more sure "test" than to solely listen to the pundits. Lastly, it's also been noted that if the U.S. drastically retrofitted its economy to the "new consensus," in 50 years the earth's temperature would be reduced by .2 degrees C; with ever-growing central governments, increased energy costs and a lower standard of living. It's going to take a lot more than scientists raising their hands for more grant money and corrupt politicians shaming their opponents for the matter to be "settled science."

Charles Wenzel



Photo courtesy Kendra Hittle

Timothy Hittle poses at the Colorado Science and Engineering Fair at Colorado State University with his project "Rocket Sauce: Do different liquids affect the flight of a water rocket?" Hittle won second place in the physics division of the San Juan Basin Regional Science Fair at Fort Lewis College in March and qualified as a state finalist to represent Pagosa Springs Middle School and attend the state science fair at CSU April 6-8 in Fort Collins.

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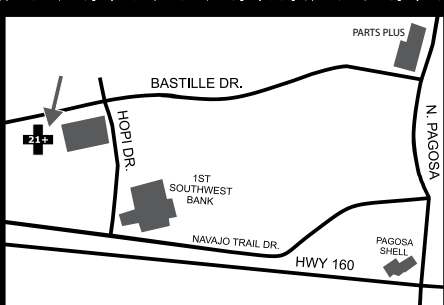
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Obituaries

Richard J. Lange

June 27, 1959 — April 8, 2017

Rich Lange moved to Pagosa Springs in 2004. He worked as an engineer with Century-Link for many years. Rich loved skiing, hunting, golfing and boating. He was an avid bass fisherman and loved spending time outdoors with his loving wife, Barb, and his dog, Cooper. His sudden passing has left a huge hole in our hearts. He will be deeply missed by his nieces and nephew, who loved spending time with him, and all of his family and friends. A celebration of his life will be held in Pagosa Springs at a later date.



Mary Jane McGee

Dec. 11, 1921 — March 23, 2017

Mary J. McGee, 95, transitioned on March 23 at Pine Ridge Extended Care Center, Pagosa Springs. Born in Walden, Colo., as Mary Jane Shumake, Jerry (as everyone knows her), is survived by three children, 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Her surviving children are Donna Twigg, James Moyer and David McGee. Jerry married Charles William McGee on March 1, 1953, in Yerington, Nev.



During World War II, Jerry supported the war effort by "bucking rivets" in the wing tips of the A-26

Invader (because she was tiny enough to fit in the small spaces). Hence, she never heard the bombs or the gun fire. Instead, she heard the constant hammering of the riveting guns in close quarters without hearing protection. Jerry paid the price for her service in later life by losing most of her ability to hear family and friends.

In later life, Jerry lived in Weed Heights, Nev., raising her two youngest sons, Charles Barton and David Michael McGee. Her passions at this point in time were being a member of The Civil Air Patrol Search and Rescue, amateur geology (known as rockhounding in the United States and Canada), exploring ghost towns, gathering pinon pine nuts and wild asparagus, hiking, bowling, bicycling and camping with her family.

After Weed Heights, Jerry moved to Reno, Nev., with her husband and two youngest children. Again, doing the previously mentioned activities and adding playing the organ, raising honey bees and exploring new country.

From Reno, she set her sights on the San Francisco Bay Area and then on to Bakersfield, Calif.

Leaving both her now grown sons behind, Jerry and husband Charles ordered a specially built 36-foot Arden fifth-wheel camp trailer and headed "North to Alaska," where they participated in the construction of the Trans Alaskan Pipeline. Living in the "Fiver" (as they called it) full time, Fairbanks, Alaska, was quite the change from Bakersfield.

Again on the move, the couple traveled through Canada and the Western U.S. and finally settled in Tucson, Ariz., for 25 years. They spent almost all of those years as the live-in caretakers of Unity Church of Tucson.

Jerry survived her husband on Aug. 16, 2010, left Unity of Tucson and moved to Pagosa Springs. Now "full circle," she spent the remainder of her years in her home state inspiring those who had come to know her. Her ability to go out walking on her own and hiking and traveling "at 95" with the family that adopted her, were truly an inspiration to all. Jerry McGee is now where she wants to be and will be truly missed here on earth. Love to all.

Dorothy Virginia Turner Kleckner

Dorothy Virginia Turner Kleckner passed away early Saturday morning, April 8, in Aztec at Cranes Roost Assisted Living Home. A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, April 15, at 11 a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church in Pagosa Springs. Burial will follow at Hilltop Cemetery.



Virginia was born in Buena Vista, Colo., to Bill and Lora Turner, on July 19, 1925. In total, there were seven children: three girls: Doris, Virginia and Bonnie; and four boys: Bill, Albert, Art and Frank. Virginia spent her first 20 years in Buena Vista, graduated from Buena Vista High School and attended Parks School in Denver for a time.

She married Carl Kleckner on Dec. 23, 1945. Two days after they married, Carl took his bride to his families' ranch in the snowy mountains of Pagosa Springs where they would spend the next almost 50

years together. Within a few years, Carl built their new home on the lower ranch and the new home was equipped with electricity and indoor plumbing. Virginia learned the skills to be a rancher's wife and lived and raised her family in her home at the foot of Pagosa Peak.

Virginia joined the Community United Methodist Church in June 1954, and served as president of the United Methodist Women and various other positions in the church. She was a proud charter member of the Mountain View Homemakers Club, and joined the Red Hats in later years. She was honored as the Archuleta County Fair Queen in the '90s.

In 1995 Virginia's "Mr." (Carl) died and five years later, the house he built her burned to the ground destroying almost 48 years of living, though the home was rebuilt. Virginia sustained a full life at the ranch until 2008 when she was no longer able to drive. In the fall of 2009, she moved to Aztec to live among her family there. She was cared for in her daughter's home by family members until 2015 when she began her residence at Cranes Assisted Living Home in Aztec.

Leaving behind: her children, Kathy McWhirter, Debby Snook (Darrel), of Aztec, Bob Kleckner (Eleana), of Pagosa Springs; nine grandchildren: Kelly Pickens, Michael McWhirter and Melissa Dugger, Stacey McKnight, Leslie Beery and Lance Snook; Bobby and John Kleckner and Lorena Bacon; 16 great-grandchildren and two great-granddaughters, Carl's sister Ivy Gaines, of Durango, and many nieces and nephews and friends.

Donations in Virginia Kleckner's memory may be made to the Community United Methodist Church at P.O. Box 300, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

County approves change to utility line requirements

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved a proposed amendment of the county land use regulations requested by La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), the local cooperative power supplier, after a hearing during the BoCC's regular meeting on April 4.

The amendment changes the regulations to permit LPEA to make alterations to above-ground electric lines without potentially needing to meet the normal land use requirement applied throughout the county, except in agricultural zones, mandating that utility lines be buried in the ground.

The change applies only to existing above-ground electric lines that are "grandfathered" by the regulations, due to their existence in place before the regulations were adopted.

Without the change, any work on existing above-ground lines extending beyond "minor alterations," would have terminated their grandfathered status and triggered enforcement of the general requirement for underground installation of utility lines.

A representative of LPEA told the commissioners during the hearing that the request for the change to the regulations was sought by the company in anticipation of improvement this year to the existing electric line along U.S. 160 down Put Hill, as well as a few other places.

The representative advised that the planned work would involve replacement of the existing wires and poles, as well as addition of a

few additional poles.

Archuleta County Planning Director John Sheppard advised that the work, as described, would have exceeded minor alterations, and required enforcement of the requirement for underground installation.

Sheppard explained that approval of the proposed change had previously been recommended by the Archuleta County Planning Commission.

Sheppard noted, however, that a question had been raised about the potential impact of the change on efforts to achieve full broadband Internet service in the community.

The question involved the potential that the county may soon adopt a so-called "dig once" policy to facilitate broadband. Such a policy would require that any construction in a public right of way involving digging be considered as an opportunity to install fiber optic cable concurrently.

Fiber optic cable is used to transmit data-intensive Internet signals needed for broadband service. Dig-once policies are intended to increase broadband availability by reducing the cost of installing the cable through the efficiency offered by the availability of equipment and labor on hand at a place where the fiber is needed.

However, Sheppard reported to the commissioners that the planning commission had felt unable to evaluate the possible impact of LPEA's change in land use regulations in the context of a dig-once policy, since no specific policy or clear standards had been adopted.

The SUN asked the commissioners during the hearing whether it would be possible to delay con-

sideration of the proposed land use change so its possible impact on efforts to achieve full broadband service in the community could be considered.

Discussion ensued among the commissioners, Sheppard and the LPEA representative. The latter suggested that fiber optic cable could be strung from above-ground utility poles as well as buried, and suggested the subject of above-ground utility lines could be considered later, at the time the county considers adoption of a plan to implement broadband.

The representative also assured the commissioners that it would be possible to run fiber optic cable from the upgraded power lines the company anticipated installing, and commented that LPEA supports efforts to achieve broadband.

Archuleta County Administrator Bentley Henderson observed that the planning commission and county staff feel that the proposed land use change is reasonable, and BoCC Chairman Steve Wadley said that he didn't see the likelihood of any negative impact on broadband, because of the possibility of hanging new fiber from the electric poles.

During the discussion it was also observed by Commissioner Michael Whiting that the cost of replacement of the existing electric line would be passed along by LPEA to customers. The amount of that cost was unknown, but the LPEA representative advised that installation of underground lines might cost twice as much as above ground.

The proposal was then approved by unanimous vote of the commissioners.

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In Memoriam

Ben D. Talamante

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Happy birthday, Mi Ben. We miss you lots and our hearts ache for you.

Love, your family

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Bottle-wielding man arrested for assault

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

On the morning of Tuesday, April 11, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) responded to a report of two men fighting, with one wearing a kilt and a wizard hat.

"Today we got a call about two men fighting on Down and Out Road," said ACSO Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton. "The reports said that one man had hit the other in the head with a bottle."

She explained that Detective Sgt. Warren Brown, Sgt. Alvin Schaa

and Detective Monica Medina responded to the call.

The man in the kilt and wizard hat reportedly stated that the other man was being abusive to his dog, which is what led to the fight.

Hamilton stated that the man in the kilt then hit the other man with a bottle, causing at least one laceration to his head.

He was later transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) by PSMC EMS.

The man in the kilt and wizard hat was charged with second-degree assault, with Hamilton explaining that the assault was of the

second degree because the bottle could be used as a deadly weapon.

The man was also charged with harassment.

Schaa later explained that the man wearing the wizard hat had all sorts of items in the hat, such as matches, beads, crystals and several marijuana cigarettes.

The victim who was assaulted and accused of abusing the dog has

been accused of abusing the dog in past instances as well, with Hamilton explaining the allegations of animal cruelty will be investigated further.

Hamilton explained that the man who was wearing the kilt and wizard hat would be transported to La Plata County Jail, and that his bond was set at \$10,000.

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The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

April 3 — Information only, San Juan Street.

April 3 — Drove vehicle without insurance, failed to display valid registration, drove vehicle when license suspended, U.S. 160.

April 3 — Drove vehicle without insurance, expired license plates, improper registration-registration rescinded, canceled or used for another, North Pagosa Boulevard.

April 4 — Animals running at large, West Beucler Lane.

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April 5 — Animals running at large, Beucler Lane.

April 6 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

April 6 — Animals running at large, Heather Place.

April 6 — Domestic violence, harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, Fireside Street.

April 6 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, Beucler Lane.

April 9 — County warrant, Canyon Circle.

April 10 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Suttles Place.

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April 4 — Forgery, Hot Springs Boulevard.

April 4 — Alcohol/open container, Eagle Drive.

April 5 — Information only, U.S. 160.

April 5 — Information only, Paradise Drive.

April 5 — Alcohol/open container, Eagle Drive.

April 5 — Obscene conduct, Country Center Drive.

April 5 — Warrant arrest, North 8th Street.

April 6 — Information only, North 5th Street.

April 6 — Information only, South 8th Street.

April 7 — Traffic/insurance, Lewis Street.

April 7 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

April 8 — Criminal trespass, Hot Springs Boulevard.

April 9 — Theft, Aspen Village Drive.

April 10 — Criminal mischief, Piedra Road.

April 10 — Theft, Pagosa Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson
No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

April 5 — William Scott Bradford, driving under the influence, 90 days jail, 60 hours community service probation, 30 days electronic surveillance, 24 months probation, fines and costs — \$2,604.83.

April 5 — James Everett Gray, violation P/O-civil, five days jail, five days unsupervised probation, diversion program revoked: nine months, fines and costs — \$224.50.

April 10 — Nakita K. Moody, stop sign-fail to stop, fines and costs — \$107.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

April 4 — John Paul Trujillo, assault 3-know/recklessly cause injury, domestic violence-habitual offender, three years probation, fines and costs — \$2,294.50.

April 4 — Jose Veleta-Chavez, false reporting-false information, one day jail, fines and costs — \$258.50.

April 4 — Raymond John St. Laurent, driving under the influence with 3+ priors, 120 days jail, three years probation, 75 hours community service, fines and costs — \$3,318.50.

April 7 — Stephen A. Nordlund, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.

April 7 — Danica L. Jumper, speeding too fast for conditions, fines and costs — \$152.50.

April 7 — Steven W. Gant, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$191.50.



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PFPD responds to vehicular accidents

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to several vehicular accidents last week.

The first accident occurred on Thursday, April 6, at 7:49 a.m., when a semitruck rolled onto its side while trying to navigate the tight curve near the overlook on Wolf Creek Pass.

According to Capt. Will Clark of the PFPD, five firefighters responded, and upon arriving to the scene, found the driver of the truck out of his vehicle.

The original dispatch call stated that the driver was complaining of chest pains.

Clark explained that the PFPD units assisted Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) EMS with packaging the patient.

Afterwards, the PFPD units assisted a Colorado State Patrol hazardous materials team with cleaning up diesel fuel that had leaked due to the accident before

clearing the scene.

The second accident occurred on Saturday evening at the intersection of Talisman Drive and Park Avenue.

According to PFPD Deputy Chief Karn Macht, the incident occurred when one vehicle ran a stop sign and collided into another vehicle.

Macht said that the two vehicles that were involved were a Toyota 4Runner and a Mercedes Benz SUV.

The 4Runner had three occupants, while the Mercedes had one occupant.

Macht explained that no one was injured, though Talisman Drive was blocked for a short time.

He also added that there were leaking fluids, but because it was mainly coolant, no mitigation was required.

Macht responded in a battalion vehicle, with one volunteer responding in a rescue vehicle and another volunteer responding in their personal vehicle.

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Town hosts Town-to-Lakes Trail public input work session

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

On April 5, the Town of Pagosa Springs planning and parks and recreation departments held a public input work session on the Town-to-Lakes Trail.

"A number of years ago, Town Council prioritized the construction of the 'commuter' trail portion of this plan, and specifically the 4-mile hard-surfaced trail along the south side of Highway 160," explains an email noticing the work session. "Though there has not been much visual progress on this commuter trail, Town staff have been working diligently for the last 6 years staging funding and designing phased trail segments with over 2 million dollars in grant funding secured thus far. Two of these trail segments are expected to be completed in 2017."

The email goes on to state, "The Town to Pagosa Lakes Trail project is a multi-year undertaking that will provide the missing connectivity for pedestrians, cyclists, and other non-motorized transportation between uptown and downtown."

Town Planner James Dickhoff made a presentation on the trail while simultaneously seeking public input on different aspects of the project.

Dickhoff began by explaining that there were two different aspects to the trail: a commuter trail and secondary trails.

He explained that the commuter trail would be paved, with secondary trails that branch out from the commuter trail probably not being paved.

His presentation mainly concerned the commuter trail, as the commuter trail is the trail that has been prioritized.

As he presented, Dickhoff posed questions to the audience, such as "Would you support electronic bikes on the trail?" and "Would you support a tax increase to aid in funding this project?"

Sales

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Utilities increased by 1.4 percent, up by \$2,151. Manufacturing increased 4.2 percent, or \$2,037.

Arts and entertainment increased 8.1 percent, or \$790. Administrative and support was up 14.8 percent, or \$216.

The following categories were down over the same period in 2016. Wholesale trade decreased 39.1 percent, or \$23,447.

Construction was down 24.7 percent, or \$5,307.

Club 20 recap, housing needs survey

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The SUN

On April 7 and 8, Club 20 hosted its annual spring conference in Grand Junction. As usual, most of the Western Slope counties were represented at the board meeting, where an array of topics were reviewed and reports from the 10 subcommittees from the winter meetings were highlighted.

Club 20 focuses on a number of issues that face the Western Slope, not just oil, gas and coal. Other committees include tourism, education, health care, transportation, public lands, water, business affairs, agriculture and telecommunications. There are many issues that are currently hot topics, including some at the Capitol level, that affect our western counties. Some of these issues are the current transportation funding bill (HB 1242), broadband, health care and the potential relocation of the BLM offices to an area such as Grand Junction.

The spring session tries to attract our state political representatives in D.C. as speakers, since they are on a short break, and this year was no exception. Congressman Scott Tipton and Sen. Cory Gardner both gave updates of issues and fielded a number of questions from the audience. Topics were health care, water issues, location of the BLM office, the appointment of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court and other highlights.

This session, we also heard from Noel Ginsburg, CEO of CareerWise, an organization dedicated to changing our youth workforce development through business partnerships and intern programs. Greg Smith, CEO of Colorado PERA, gave us an update of the current PERA system and its plans for the future.

Kim Boe, executive vice president of Mind Springs Health and West

Dickhoff stated that the project essentially had four different phases: a west phase, a Harman Park phase, a Put Hill phase and an east phase.

The east phase is located near Pagosa Springs Elementary School, and the west phase would begin at Pinon Causeway and Village Drive.

Both the east and west phases are to be completed in 2017.

He explained that the segment of paved trail near Pagosa Springs Elementary School was almost completed, with the contractor needing about 30 days of active construction to finish that segment of the project.

From the elementary school, Dickhoff explained that the trail would continue west along the southern side of the highway.

The west phase of the project would begin at Pinon Causeway and Village Drive, with a crosswalk being provided to reach the southern side of the highway, where the trail would continue.

From there, the trail would continue east to Aspen Village Drive.

"That project is scheduled to be a 90-day project, so once the contractor mobilizes, weather permitting, it should go pretty quick," Dickhoff said that ground for the west phase of the trail should be broken in the next two months.

Dickhoff then discussed the section of trail navigating from Aspen Village to Harman Park, explaining that this phase of the trail was still under preliminary design.

He stated that connecting Aspen Village to Harman Park was a short section of trail, but would be expensive due to elevation gain.

Because of the elevation gain, switchbacks may be required.

From Harman Park, the trail would continue eastward, but would also have facilities to cross the highway.

"Our hope is to get the preliminary and final design done before the end of winter, and we could go out to bid for construction in 2018," said Dickhoff.

He explained that the commuter trail alignment would have to cross through private property, as the trail can't utilize any Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) rights of way because CDOT may expand the highway in the future.

Dickhoff also explained that the town has been successful in having several easements donated to the town, but that this may not be the case in the future.

The presentation then turned to connecting the Harman Park phase with the easternmost phase, and how the trail could navigate Put Hill.

Dickhoff explained that it may be better for the trail to navigate Put Hill via roads such as Rob Snow Road and Great West Avenue, instead of sticking trail users close to the highway.

Dickhoff then discussed complex issues pertaining to the project, such as topography, soil or hard rock issues, drainage issues, and navigating around environmental wetlands and areas that protect different plants and animals.

He also stated that funding the construction of the trail is dependent upon receiving grants, and the timeline for completing the entire project depends greatly on funding.

Dickhoff's presentation then turned to amenities that could be installed on sections of the trail, including:

- Trailheads and parking.
- Shade structures.
- Seating.
- Viewing areas.
- Interpretive and directional signage.
- Restrooms and drinking fountains.
- Public art displays.
- Trail connectivity.
- Trail lighting.
- Hard-surface trails versus rustic trails.
- Landscaping/trees along the trail.

After going over potential ame-

inities, Dickhoff went over the next steps associated with the commuter trail.

These steps included preliminary trail design, securing trail easements, final trail design, securing funding via grants and budget allocations and, finally, constructing the remaining trail segments.

Then, members of the audience made comments and asked questions about the project.

One audience member asked Dickhoff if he thought enough people would use the trail at night to justify lighting, and, if so, what kind of lighting would be utilized.

Dickhoff explained that lighting would be used along certain sections of the trail, such as near the elementary school or near Aspen Village.

He added he was unsure if lighting would be utilized along some of the more vacant sections of the trail.

Another person asked about dark-sky compliance, and if the lights in town have minimum light pollution.

Dickhoff explained all street lights in Pagosa Springs are dark-sky compliant, and that trail lights are even more so.

"Could you locate where the bears, lions and alligators are, and put lighting there?" joked one audi-

ence member.

One person asked if the section of trail navigating Put Hill would utilize switchbacks or just be a straight shot, with Dickhoff explaining that switchbacks would most likely be used, but he added that it makes obtaining easements more difficult.

One person stated that, if the trail did use switchbacks to navigate Put Hill, he thought that that would be an ideal section for lighting.

"Even driving up Put Hill is so dark," said the audience member. "I would definitely use it to go home, and if it's completely dark it's really tough to see anything, even with lights on your bike."

Another person expressed concerns that lighting sections of the trail at night could attract riff raff.

"Just because you light something, it doesn't mean that it's safe. There's been a lot of work done as far giving a false sense of security when something's lit, like in a park or something," they said. "The lit area of a park, it draws people there at night when they shouldn't be there."

One person asked if there was any consideration on using the north side of the highway when navigating Put Hill, saying, "There seems to be more easement and

access because of businesses on the north side of 160."

Dickhoff explained that both sides were examined, and physically walked, and that it was decided that the north side was a little more difficult to navigate and obtain easements.

"The number of property owners on the north side is almost quadruple the number of property owners on the south side," said Dickhoff.

One audience member stated that, when it comes to the issue of trail surfacing, he'd really like to see thought given to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and making the trails ADA compliant.

Other amenities the audience suggested included trash and recycling receptacles, pet waste stations, bus stops, coffee shops and a dog park.

One audience member even joked that they'd really like to see a brewpub along the trail.

On Tuesday, April 18, the town will host an open house for the public to learn and provide feedback on the town's comprehensive plan.

The meeting will be held in the senior dining room of the Ross Aragon Community Center and is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

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Snowpack

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median, it is better than it was in previous years.

The April 1, 2016, snowpack rang in at 84 percent, while the 2014 figure for the same time period was 86 percent, and, for 2011, was 99 percent.

Crabb also explained to the board that recent high winds had the potential to impact the snowpack by depositing sediment on top of the snow, which increases

the rate it melts.

Crabb further noted that the snow water equivalent (SWI, the amount of moisture in the snow) remains good, with Crabb's presentation showing the SWI at 120 percent of median to date and 117 percent of the seasonal median.

In terms of the river flow, Crabb explained that the San Juan River through Pagosa Springs and the Piedra River had each surpassed 1,100 cubic feet per second (cfs)

in March, though the runoff had fallen back in to the range of 600-630 cfs following that.

As of April 12, the flow of the San Juan River had inched back up, ringing in at 716.3 mday, with higher amounts at night.

He noted that the peak river flow typically occurs around the end of May or first week of June, with the San Juan and Piedra rivers peaking at about the same time.

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Vandalizing

■ Continued from front

required to call the Robert E. DeNier Youth Service Center in Durango.

She explained that the ACSO called the center and screened the juveniles over the phone.

"They chose to release both of

the juveniles back to the custody of their parents," said Hamilton, adding that she believed that their court hearings were scheduled for Wednesday, April 12.

"Without the dog, we probably wouldn't have located them. There

were times where the footprints were undetectable in the terrain," said Hamilton. "The dog was able to stay on the scent and locate both juveniles, so he's a good boy. We've been really happy with his work performance."

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Burn

■ Continued from front

low-severity fire as a necessary process resulting in the reduction of accumulated forest fuel, while recycling valuable nutrients into the soil. The Horsefly prescribed burn is being conducted to mimic this natural cycle while reducing the risk of severe wildfire, improving forest health and improving big game habitat.

Residents and travelers to the area can expect to see and smell

smoke during the two to three days of treatment. Smoke is expected to disperse east toward Pagosa Springs during daytime operations. Smoke may be visible from Bayfield, Pagosa Springs and along the U.S. 160 corridor.

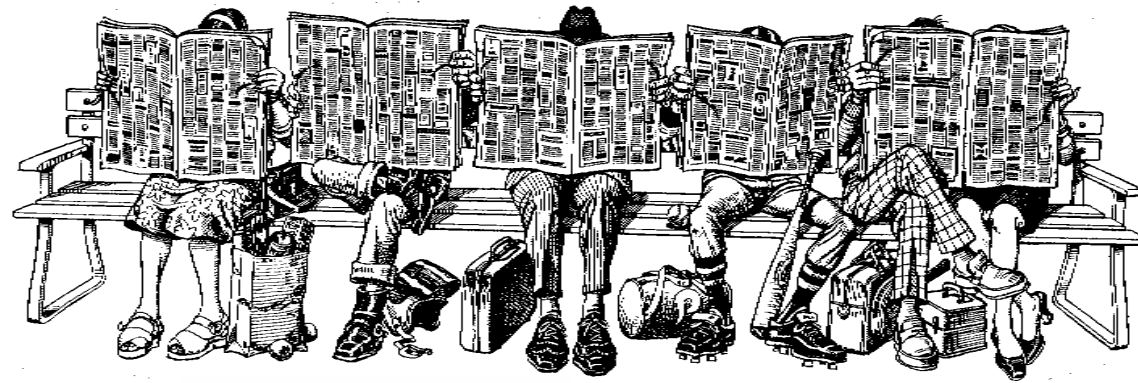
Overnight smoke is expected to settle along U.S. 160 near the Piedra River and may reduce visibility; drivers are urged to take extra precautions and slow down while traveling through areas impacted by smoke.

First Fork Road (FS 622) will remain seasonally closed and no additional trail closures are expected.

For additional information regarding the Horsefly prescribed burn, please contact Jay Godson at 385-1292.

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percent, or \$5,307.

The "miscellaneous" category was down 38.1 percent, or \$4,753.

The "other services" category was down 9.6 percent, or \$1,914.

Professional, scientific and technical services decreased 30.5 percent, or \$1,382.

Mining was down 24.4 percent, or \$605.

Information was down .7 percent, or \$372.

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Housing survey available

While at the Club 20 meeting, I was also able to meet with members of Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA). In speaking with representatives of the group about some of the housing issues in our community, they couldn't emphasize enough about the importance of completing a housing study. Our town and county have authorized a study to be done. With this information from the study, organizations such as CHFA can come in and assist our community.

The Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County have selected Economic and Planning Systems (EPS) to conduct a housing needs study to evaluate housing issues and needs in the region. To best understand housing issues and concerns related to economic development and economic sustainability, they are seeking input from local employers and businesses.

Your input is critical and will be used to inform EPS's understanding of the housing issues facing our community, and the most effective strategies to address these issues.

The Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is assisting in making this survey available and encouraging our business community to actively participate in this survey since housing affects us all. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete. The survey needs to be taken by April 30. All results are strictly confidential and responses will only be reported when combined with all other responses. The results of this study will be available as part of the Housing Needs Study report to the town and county by fall of 2017.

Go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/BTJVCCB to weigh in on this critical issue. Please take a few minutes to voice your insight.

Tipton visits area, discusses broad range of issues

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton, a Republican from Colorado's 3rd Congressional District, covering the western half of the state, visited Pagosa Springs on Tuesday.

Among other local stops, Tipton met with the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) at its weekly Tuesday morning work session and later appeared at the luncheon meeting of the Archuleta County Republican Women (ACRW).

Tipton's discussion with the commissioners focused on a range of local matters, dealing with issues in which the federal government exercises a financial and regulatory role.

In his midday appearance at the political group's meeting, Tipton touched on a few of those same points.

However, most of the hour-long, lunchtime session, during which the congressman responded to questions submitted in writing by members of the public, dealt with national political issues.

One of the local matters addressed earlier in the day by Tipton and the commissioners concerned community infrastructure, including elements such as the new county justice facilities currently in the planning stage, and Piedra Road, among local roads generally.

The current national administration has indicated an intention to support improvements in infrastructure nationwide.

In connection with the new county justice facilities, the dedication on Monday of the renovated La Plata County Courthouse was mentioned during the meeting with Tipton.

Public reports of that renovation in the Durango Herald have indicated that federal funding played a role in the \$5.4 million project; the U.S. chipped in \$1.3 million and took a long-term lease on space in the building.

And, as noted by Commissioner Steve Wadley, chairman of the BoCC, the existing Archuleta County Courthouse has been rated "the worst out of 64 counties" in Colorado.

So far as Piedra Road, Wadley pointed out to Tipton that the road provides access to the southern part of neighboring Hinsdale County, and gets heavy use from persons and for business activity outside of the local community.

The commissioners said that Archuleta County sees a need to pave 3.2 miles of the road to meet the traffic load, and it was noted that the cost is likely to run \$1 million per mile. Wadley suggested the county deserves help to get the job done, if only due to the road's shared importance with the neighboring county.

Tipton did not respond specifically to either of the individual infrastructure needs mentioned by the commissioners.

But, he said, "we'll see what comes out of the idea to beef up infrastructure," and added that he would "continue to advocate for rural Colorado."

In addition, a Tipton staff member present in the meeting reported that the national administration had requested legislators "to compile a list of needs." She suggested that the county should submit its needs to the congressman's office.

And Tipton commented that the county needs to get on "the list for



Rep. Scott Tipton

infrastructure."

There will be competition, he suggested, and rural areas need "to get their voices heard."

The importance of improvement of local Internet facilities, so the full community can enjoy broadband service, was also addressed.

In part, the discussion concerned the allocation of federal money from the Connect America Fund (CAF), through the Federal Communication Commission (FCC), to the primary local Internet provider, CenturyLink.

The FCC funding provided to CenturyLink in 2015 designated over \$1 million for improvement of Internet service in Archuleta County.

However, as Commissioner Michael Whiting commented during the meeting, since the time that the CAF funds were made available, "we're hearing the right words" from CenturyLink regarding broadband service, but not seeing action.

Tipton agreed with the commissioners on the urgency of obtaining broadband service for the community, commenting, "there is a tale of two economies in Colorado."

He explained that, currently, there is a boom along the Front Range, while the western part of the state "has never recovered" fully from the deep recession of the last decade.

The congressman commented that the region "needs broadband" in the present era, in the same way it needed electricity in an earlier day, when the depression era Rural Electrification Administration facilitated delivery of electric power to homes in previously underserved areas countrywide.

There must be accountability for the CAF funding entrusted to CenturyLink, Tipton said, adding that he had discussed the importance of broadband service in rural Colorado with the company.

In addition, the discussion between Tipton and the commissioners also concerned energy, particularly the local "biomass" project of businessman J.R. Ford.

The biomass project would be capable of producing electric power

with turbines fired by burning wood removed from area forests. It would also provide local employment in the generation process.

Wadley noted the biomass project would not only be a locally valuable means of generating power, it would as well be highly useful to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), as a means of helping dispose of dangerous excess fuels that pose a risk of forest fires within the San Juan National Forest. He noted the project has the support of USFS.

Commissioner Ron Maez commented that it simply makes good sense to burn for productive use forest fuels that otherwise would need to be removed by prescribed burns, which choke our air with smoke.

Whiting added that biomass is also renewable, since the forest keeps growing. By the time all available fuels have been removed the first time, a new generation of fuel needing removal has developed.

Despite the significant useful potential of the project, Whiting pointed out that a roadblock to its implementation has been posed by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Inc., the cooperative association that generates the electric power distributed locally by La Plata Electric Association.

Whiting said that the payment that Tri-State had offered for the electric power that could be generated by the biomass project was unreasonably low. To distribute the power to users, it would be necessary for the generating company to accept it onto the regional power grid it operates.

In a later comment to The SUN, Whiting attributed Tri-State's low payment offer to its intent to protect its existing capital investment in conventional power-generating equipment.

But, as Whiting noted in discussing Tri-State's position on payment during the meeting with Tipton, the power grid it operates has been subsidized by taxpayers. Accordingly, he commented, there needs to be reasonable public access to the grid, and more competition in energy markets.

Tipton did not respond to the

commissioners' specific points concerning the biomass project. But he wholeheartedly endorsed the concept, noting both that it is a form of renewable energy, and that it would create the kind of good jobs urgently needed in the region.

Tipton repeated his endorsement of the local biomass project when he discussed the topic of energy in response to a question raised at the later ACRW luncheon.

The congressman predicted that renewable energy sources will continue playing an increasingly large role in the U.S., and commented that "J.R. Ford's project right here in Archuleta County is great."

Tipton stressed that to have affordable energy, all energy sources are important. The country should "become energy self-sufficient," and create "jobs for Americans," he said.

In addition, Tipton reiterated at the luncheon his belief that "broadband is critical for rural Colorado," because of its importance for economic growth. He stated he intended to discuss the use of CAF funds designated for the community with CenturyLink.

Among other points discussed by Tipton in the ACRW meeting were his concern over the indications that Russia had made efforts to influence elections in the U.S.

"The Russians are not our friends," he said.

The congressman also responded to concerns that the U.S. Department of Justice might seek, under the present administration, to interfere with actions taken in various states, including Colorado, to liberalize marijuana laws.

Tipton observed that there may be valid reason to question the high potency of marijuana allowed to be offered for sale to recreational users under state laws.

But he expressed doubt that the federal government could undertake full enforcement of its own standards in the face of contrary state laws, in light of the increasing number of states that have approved marijuana use.

Among other points, Tipton also commented on health care. The Affordable Health Care Act passed by Congress during the previous administration of President Barack Obama "has failed," he said.

The present issue for Congress, he asserted, is how to achieve real affordability in health care insurance.

Tipton said that Congress needs to ensure that "people with pre-existing conditions are not excluded from the marketplace."

However, he advocated more choice, and asserted that insurance premiums should not be set "as if everyone had pre-existing conditions."

In emphasizing choice, Tipton suggested that it would be unreasonable to require insurance buyers to pay for care they do not need, citing as an example requiring grandparents to pay for insurance including maternity care.

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Education

Proposed bill provides funding for lead testing in schools

Lead can seriously change the trajectory of a child's life. Studies show that lead is never safe in a child's body. Exposure can seriously affect a child's IQ, attention span and create numerous other physical, behavioral and cognitive issues.

This week, Rep. Tony Exum and I are introducing HB17-1306 to the Education Committee to protect Colorado's children. Using money in the existing Water Quality Improvement Fund, the bill provides funding for testing lead pipes and fixtures in old public elementary schools. Older buildings will be tested first, followed by newer schools.

Exum and I want to make sure Colorado's kids aren't being exposed to such a dangerous chemical while at school.

Lead contamination is a serious issue in old buildings with lead service lines, pipes and fittings, which can leak into water supplies. This happens often in schools because the buildings have long periods without water use, such as holidays, summers, weekends and overnight, when the water has longer contact with the plumbing. Worse, many Colorado schools have not been updated since 1991, when lead was banned in any new



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plumbing installed in buildings.

The lead testing would be optional; no school district would be required to participate. Funding would cover 90 percent of the testing, with schools contributing the final 10 percent. Stakeholders agreed districts should pay a portion of the cost so they are both emotionally and fiscally invested in the process. Many districts want to test their faucets and service lines, but have not been able to find the funding.

Once we know the extent of the problem, we will know how to respond.

We are supported by many organizations, including Children's Hospital and the Colorado Rural School Alliance. This bill will particularly help smaller districts

struggling to pay for this testing. Many larger districts, such as Denver, Jefferson County and Aurora, have already paid for their testing. Their results reveal that about 5 percent of the faucets in their schools are contaminated.

Children should expect to have clean and ample water at their school drinking fountains. Anything less is unacceptable. We have heard about the tragic situation in Flint, Mich., where students consumed contaminated water for months; we are all worried about the harmful long-term effects on those children. We want to make sure that never happens here.

The bill will be heard in the House Education Committee April 17, and we hope to have your support.

Middle school releases third-quarter honor roll

By Rebecca Aucoin
Special to The SUN

The following fifth-grade students made the third-quarter Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: Seth Aucoin, Karis Blackman, Jeimie Castaneda, Chloe Crabtree, Jack Hittle, Melissa Jasso-Armendariz, Blake Laner, Natalie Mashue, Annabelle Parker and Lucy Taylor.

The following fifth-grade students made Honor Roll with a grade-point average of at least 3.285: Dennis Kholostov, Colton Lewis, Marie Smith, Collin Bridges, John Cloward, Annie O'Donnell, Hadley Phillips, Bailee Shallenberger, Jillianna Wyman, Harley Armijo, Caleb Crabtree, Bradley Lamoreaux, Jeidy Moreno Echavaria, Donovan Galabota, Kynslie Limebrook, Patrick Matney, Nora Vincent, Reece Hammer, Elvis Grigsby, Chase Harper, RuthAnn

Morehouse, Noah Stene, Monique Young-Martinez, Eliseo De La Mora, Trey Garcia, Jaden Tuggle-Reed and Halle Munyon.

The following sixth-grade students made PSMS's Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: Ethan Bergdolt, Aidan Grimes, Jonathan Nasralla, Jordan Pham, Hannah Rockensock, Skylar Sherman, Noah Slingerland and Beatrice Yenezza.

The following sixth-grade students made Honor Roll with a grade-point average of at least 3.285: Aaron Aucoin, Lynelle Bartz, Andrew Bowles, Gabriella Coda, Reece Peterson, Chantelle Caldwell, Alexis Queen, Mateo Zamudio, Kaili Bos, Kaison Clifford, Braylon Cotts, Keigan Hughes, River Johnson, Kali Jury, Jackson Swearngin, River Vincent, Kamaron Winkler, Jacob Bolger, Samson Wiens, Jordan Heaton, Emma Ziminsky, Beatrice Carpenter, Kayla Laucius, Shayden Riggs, Carson

Young-Martinez, Karissa Foster, Jai Loveday, Daniel Bradley, Jovanka Ponce de Leon, Audreauna Shahan, Chelsea Casaceli, Trent Connor, Ivanna Erne, Justin Rivas and Jordan Stern.

The following seventh-grade students made PSMS's Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: Olivia Craig, Gracie Horras, Joel Munoz, Ameya Novak, Davis Parker, Lauren Peart, Michelle Saucedo, Anneka Sleat, Nell Taylor and Ebanie Wilkins.

The following seventh-grade students made Honor Roll with a grade-point average of at least 3.285: Arden Blakemore, Sawyer Blakemore, Stormie Mitchell, Rhoad Kay, Brenna Bayles, Kelsey Britton, Rylie Knapp, Molly Graham, Will Aucoin, Thomas Barker, Trevan Fletcher, Lilivina Gilbert, Alexandra Howe, Dimitriy Kholostov, Timothy Hittle, Santos Munoz, Samantha Owen, Keira Torrez, Theo Warden, Breck Wilson, Griffin Grose, Jack

Lane, Ethan Robel, Taylor Capistrant, Jace Feirn, Audrey Martin and Isabella Shorridge.

The following eighth-grade students made PSMS's Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: Grant Aucoin, Nicole Bartz, Ella Blechman, Ivory Carpenter, Kinzee Clifford, Davian Cutler, Darian Dominguez, Samaya Dunn de Pulido, Megan Greenly, Sasha Hampton, Jillian Jolley, Nolan Kay, Kylie Keuning, Peyton Khung, Shayla Kneipple, Cameron Lewis, Maya Nasralla, River Pitcher, Elan Ramirez, Kelsi Rollins, Nicholas Roth, Kevin Segura, Nina Smith, Mackenzie Wedemeyer, Noah Weiszbrod, Erik Wyman and Wyatt Zeigler.

The following eighth-grade students made Honor Roll with a grade-point average of at least 3.285: Brae Bergdolt, Zoie Condrey, Sydney Kohler, Trevor Moore, Sophia Raymond, Tristin Bowman, Taylor Cotts, Jacqueline Echavarría Robles, Gisel Moncada, Kiera Su, Burke Walter, Luke Connors, Alethea Barrows, Kamerahn Bass, Chloe Bridges, Makayla Collins, Richard Fiedler, Tara Knox, Shade Matteson, Elijah Olivares, MaKayla Perea, Danielle Roque, Gabriel Heraty, Alyssa Martinez, Ember Ortega, Cole Reis, Wyatt Schuchart, Samara Armijo, Isaac Bonin, Kendall Cusick, Charlotte Foster, Dominica Gomez, Ella Hemenger, EJ Monterroso, Brighid Parken, Trevor Torrez, Sierra Abner, Tyler Bowdridge, Savannah Cowan, Cooper Evans, Lorah Jacobson, Laven Legg, Britain Peterson, Isaac Stewart-Munoz, Grace Thomas, Dylan Tressler, Savannah Atole, Lilian Bolger, Samuel Castaneda, Ameillia Davis, Cole Harris, Cam Hinger, Mitchell Lewis, Yasmin Moncada, Lizbeth Quezada, Flor Montes and Dylan Manzanares.

Pagosa Charter School seeking board members

By Bill Hudson
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Peak Open School, the community's new public charter school, is accepting applications for its board of directors.

The all-volunteer, nonprofit board currently has five board members and is actively seeking to add an experienced educator

as required by the school district's approval process.

The board also seeks an additional board member who need not have an education background.

Community residents interested in applying to the board should contact Ursala Hudson, 946-6204, or Kierstan Renner, 946-6362.

More information about the

school's design and philosophy are available at pagosapeakopenschool.org.

The school is also enrolling for grades 2-4. Families interested in kindergarten and first grade are invited to add their children to the waiting list for those grades. Pagosa Peak Open School is open to all Archuleta County families and is tuition-free.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Tuesday, April 18

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education visit to Pagosa Springs High School. 10 a.m., 800 S. 8th 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 comprehensive plan meeting public open house. 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center senior dining room, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Wednesday, April 19

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

Thursday, April 20

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District work session and board meeting. 4 p.m. work session, 5:30 p.m. board meeting, PAWSD administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave.

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

Monday, April 24

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting, superintendent evaluation. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle

School library, 309 Lewis St.

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Outdoors

Breeding bird atlas editor to speak at Weminuche Audubon Society

By John Porco
Special to The SUN

On April 19, the Weminuche Audubon Society (WAS) monthly meeting will feature a presentation about “The Second Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas” by Lynn Wickersham, of Durango, the statewide coordinator and editor of the atlas.

Wickersham will discuss the atlas and changes in breeding bird distribution across a 20-year interval. Several of our local members are proud to have been enthusiastic volunteers in collecting data for the atlas. Come and learn about conservation of our wild bird populations.

Wickersham has also agreed to talk about her experiences as a bird banding organizer and leader in Durango. She holds a Master Bird Banding Permit from the U.S. Geological Survey Bird Banding Laboratory. She will talk about the process of starting a bird banding effort here in Pagosa. Be sure to come with any questions you may have about bird banding or the atlas.



Photo courtesy Weminuche Audubon Society

Lynn Wickersham, statewide coordinator and editor of “The Second Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas,” will speak at the April 19 Weminuche Audubon Society monthly meeting.

Wickersham has almost 20 years of experience as an avian ecologist, with an emphasis on reproductive ecology of neotropical migratory

birds. She has bachelor's degree in wildlife biology from Colorado State University and a master's degree in biology from Arkansas

State University. In 2008, she co-founded Animas Biological Studies in Durango with husband John Wickersham. Prior to launching the company, she worked as an environmental consultant, authoring hundreds of technical documents and managing projects related to threatened, endangered and sensitive birds. Her primary interests are the impacts of land use and land management practices on movements, habitat use, productivity and recruitment of birds.

Join us at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St., on April 19. Setup and socializing begin at 6 p.m. The program will start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome; WAS monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of every month are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given out. Memberships will be available for those who may wish to join the chapter.

See weminucheaudubon.org or contact Becky Herman at 264-2171 for more information about the society, its mission and its schedule of upcoming events.

Chimney Rock Volunteer Training Days to include archaeologist presentation

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) invites community members to join us for the free annual Chimney Rock National Monument Volunteer Training Days on April 21 and 22.

CRIA offers a great, in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining its team of volunteers.

After the two-day training, new volunteers will receive extended training with veteran volunteers at the site until they are comfortable in their new positions. Another perk of becoming a volunteer at Chimney Rock National Monument includes outings to other archaeological sites. Later this spring, volunteers will have the opportunity to visit Salmon Ruins

and Aztec Ruins.

April 21 is designed to orient new volunteers to CRIA and the monument. Volunteers will meet at the PLPOA Clubhouse (230 Port Ave.) at 8:30 a.m. for instruction, and then carpool to the monument after lunch, weather permitting, for a tour of both trails.

Volunteers will be split into two groups that will be led by an archaeologist and one of two Native American Puebloan guest speakers who will give their unique and personal perspectives of the site occupied by their ancestors over 1,000 years ago (Jemez tribal member “Brophy” Joseph Toldeo and Zuni tribe member Octavius Seowtewa).

Lunch will be provided. Anyone planning to attend must call the CRIA office at 731-7133 to register by end of the day Friday, April 14.

April 22 is for all the CRIA volunteers. Please meet at the PLPOA Clubhouse at 8:30 a.m. to check in. The program will begin at 9 a.m. and end around 4:30 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided. In addition to special speaker Paul Reed, the day will include updates for 2017 from the CRIA office and the Forest Service as well as recognition of volunteers' contributions in 2016.

CRIA is proud to have speaker Paul Reed on Saturday at this year's Volunteer Training Days. His presentation, “The Complexity of Chaco Canyon: A View from the North,” will go beneath the surface to explore the uniqueness and magic of the ancient Puebloan society headquartered at Chaco Canyon and extending across the Four Corners area.

Reed has conducted fieldwork and research in the southwest for

more than 30 years and is currently a preservation archaeologist with the Tucson, Ariz.-based Archaeology Southwest; for 16 years he has been a Chaco Scholar at Salmon Ruins, N.M.

Among his other interests, Reed leads tours to Salmon and Aztec Ruins, Chaco Canyon, the Chuska Valley and the Navajo Country, and gives public presentations on different topics in southwestern archaeology and history. Together with a group of research partners, Reed has recently initiated a research project — the Edge of Cibola Project — supported by the National Science Foundation that will investigate the southern Chacoan area periphery and the Mogollon interface (from Grants, N.M., south to Quemado, N.M.) in the period from 1150-1450.

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. For more information about the Chimney Rock 2017 season of events, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Water Conservancy District applies for \$2 million loan

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) board discussed several aspects of its proposed Dry Gulch raw water storage project during its regular meeting Monday night, including loan financing, a mill levy increase, contracts and new names for the project.

Among the decisions made at the meeting was approving a resolution allowing the district to apply for a \$2 million loan to help acquire property needed for the project, as well as for preconstruction expenses.

That loan, however, would be contingent upon the SJWCD successfully raising its mill levy to one mill during an upcoming election.

In introducing the topic to the board, chair Rod Proffitt explained that he had already submitted the loan application to the Colorado Water Conservation Board

(CWCB), but that the resolution would “essentially” formalize that application.

Proffitt noted he would be appearing before the CWCB during that board's meeting in May (to be held in Pagosa Springs) to see if the loan is approved, at which point the SJWCD would have to work on the mill levy increase being approved.

The SJWCD website notes that the district's budget “is based on a one mill levy passed by the taxpayers at the time the District was formed in 1987.”

However, the certification of the levy for 2017 states that the district receives a total of .317 mills, which, in 2017, means \$67,792 in revenue to the district.

The resolution states the need for the loan, stating, “the District presently owns or controls most of the land necessary for the construction of the dam and the reservoir basin, but still requires land from the US Forest Service and private land owner.”

The resolution further states, “the costs to acquire the rest of the land needed for the reservoir basin and pre-construction expenses are expected to be \$2,000,000.”

The 40-year loan, Proffitt explained during discussion, comes with a 2.75 percent interest rate, which mean debt-service payments of about \$96,129 per year.

One mill, he said in response to a question by board member Al Pfister, would raise about \$213,000 per year, meaning the district would also have funding for other projects such as the stream management program.

Board member John Porco suggested that he didn't see an alternative to the loan if the district wanted to proceed with the project, with Proffitt echoing that sentiment in saying that he felt the loan was the district's one source of money to complete the project.

Proffitt also noted during the discussion that he had the dis-

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Burns Canyon Road will be closed on April 19

By Brandon Caley
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Ranger District plans to close Forest Service Road 649 Burns Canyon Road to all traffic on Wednesday, April 19, from approximately 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in order to replace the cattle guard at the beginning of the road.

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Sports

TRACK

Murphy beats school discus record (again)

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track athletes participated in the Abel Velasquez Invitational in Ignacio on Saturday, April 8, with one Lady Pirate beating her school record for discus — again.

Keena Murphy broke another school record for discus, beating her previous record of 128 feet, 10 inches with a distance of 130 feet.

The girls' team placed first at the invitational, garnering 144 points, and the boys' team placed fourth, scoring 63 points.

"I thought we had some really good times, and accomplished the things we wanted to accomplish," said coach Connie O'Donnell. "We wanted to get the boys' 4x800 down in time, and we did a good job with that."

But O'Donnell indicated that an increased level of competition could have helped the Pirates excel more.

"The thing that was disappointing was that both Bayfield and Durango didn't really have their varsity teams there, and that would have been nice, because we would have had more competition in some of those distance events to push our times down," she said. "But, I feel like even so we ran well without a lot of the competition."

O'Donnell went on to say that positions are still subject to change, especially with relay teams, but things are getting closer to being finalized in terms of which athletes will have a niche in what events.

She also explained that observing different athletes' sprint times helped her plan for what relay teams might work well in the future.

She added that, upon returning from spring break, many athletes were a little out of shape from not doing the assigned workouts.

"I didn't have them do the regular workouts, because I was worried about them injuring themselves," said O'Donnell, adding that she didn't feel like this impacted the athletes' performance at the meet.

In the girls' 100-meter, Megan Farrah finished first with a time of 13.85 seconds, Emily Rockensock placed 12th with a time of 14.96, and Piedra Goss placed 14th with a time of 15.03.

In the girl's 200-meter, Goss placed sixth with a time of 30.37, Zoe Strohecker placed 13th with a time of 31.67 and Taleah Hauger placed 14th with a time of 31.73.

In the girl's 400-meter, Farrah placed third with a time of 1:06.66 and Carly Owen placed fifth with a time of 1:07.46.

"I was so proud of Megan running the 400 because she's never run one before," said O'Donnell. "She finished, and she was in such pain ... but all that meant to me was that she ran it right. I was really proud of her for attacking it."

In the boys' 400-meter, Irving Pina placed fifth with a time of 57.06 and Colton Castro placed ninth with a time of 1:00.51.

In the girls' 800-meter, Shelby Cronon placed third with a time of 3:01.96.

In the boys' 800-meter, Ethan Brown placed third with a time of 2:12.15 and Cade Cowan placed fourth with a time of 2:12.27.



Photo courtesy Melanie Cowan

Cade Cowan participates in the long jump during the Abel Velasquez Invitational in Ignacio last Saturday. Cowan took first in the event, jumping a distance of 20 feet, 4.5 inches.

In the girls' 1,600-meter, Cronon placed second with a time of 6:46.44, and Katia Atole finished fifth with a time of 7:01.42.

In the boys' 1,600-meter, Nate Lewis placed second with a time of 5:12.41, Tate Hinger placed eighth with a time of 5:31.42, and Kaleb Buffington placed ninth with a time of 5:34.16.

In the girls' 3,200-meter, Delaney Khung placed first with a time of 13:31.01 and Celia Taylor placed fourth with a time of 14:11.19.

In the boys' 3,200-meter, Jacob Hughes placed first with a time of 10:36.22. "Jacob didn't get his fastest 3,200 yesterday because he had no competition," said O'Donnell. "But he ran a really good time for running by himself."

Buffington placed fourth with a time of 12:16.52, and Coy Thomas placed sixth with a time of 12:25.75.

In the girls' 100-meter hurdles, Amy Jones placed sixth with a time of 19.87.

In the girls' 300-meter hurdles, Jones placed seventh with a time of 58.20.

In the boys' 300-meter hurdles, Noah Haarmann placed fourth with a time of 46.45.

"Noah used to be a hurdler but kind of gave it up to run 800s," explained O'Donnell. "He went over them the other day in practice,

and he had such good form, and I thought, 'You should try this again.'"

In the 4x100 meter relay, the girls' relay team placed second with a time of 57.31.

In the 4x200 meter relay, the girls' team placed second with a time of 1:58.17.

In the 4x400 meter relay, the girls' team placed second with a time of 4:32.85.

"The girls' 4x4 and 4x2 are ranked in the top 18 in the state, and I know that we could take time off of them," said O'Donnell. "With our 4x2, our hand-offs were awful, so I know that we can shave seconds off that."

In the 4x800 meter relay, the girls' team placed first with a time of 11:43.24, and the boys' team placed second with a time of 8:32.39.

"For our first two legs (of the boys' 4x800 relay) it was neck and neck, and that was really good, because they had to push themselves," said O'Donnell.

Cade Cowan placed first in the boys' long jump with a distance of 20-4.50.

"He didn't get his best distance, but he's still staying up there," said O'Donnell, adding that, often, an athlete will get their best distance early in the season and then be unable to sustain those distances throughout the season.

"He keeps jumping in the 20s, and staying there, which is really good,"

said O'Donnell.

In the girls' long jump, Kori Mogensen placed fifth, jumping a distance of 13-10.

In the girls' triple jump, Taylor Lewis placed first with a distance of 29-8, Taylor Jones placed second with a distance of 28-11 and Andie Miller placed fourth with a distance of 27-3.

In the girls' high jump, Lewis and Miller both placed fifth with distances of 4-5.

In the boys' high jump, Paul Farrah placed second with a distance of 5-7.

"I was looking at the rankings this morning, and if he gets one more inch, he'll be in the top 18 for high jump," said O'Donnell. "I think he can, because it's still pretty early."

In the girls' shot put, Murphy placed first with a distance of 34-1, Teagan Stretton placed fifth with a distance of 27-10.5, and Alondra Hernandez placed eighth with a distance of 25-3.5.

In the boys' shot put, Dean Hudran placed ninth with a distance of 34-8.5.

Hudran placed ninth in discus with a distance of 99.

In girls' discus, Murphy placed first, throwing a distance of 130 and beating the previous school record (also held by Murphy) by over a foot.

Hernandez placed second with a distance of 89-3, and Stretton placed eighth with a distance of 71-2.

"These next two weeks are really hard with practice. We'll have longer, pretty intense practices," said O'Donnell. "These two weeks are really crucial to try to build for the end of the year. After these two weeks, we'll back off a little bit."

This Saturday, April 18, the Pirates will travel to Bayfield High School to compete in the Pine River Invitational.

The meet is scheduled to start at 9 a.m.

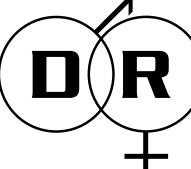
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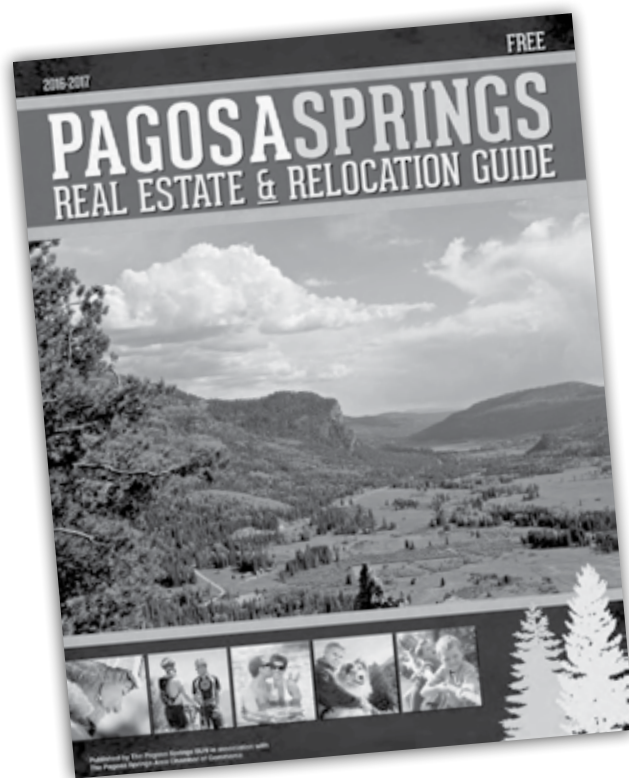
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The sixth-grade boys' Pagosa Youth Basketball Team are champions of the Mid America Youth Basketball Ignacio Tournament held on April 8. Back row: coach Wes Lewis; front row, left to right: Ridge Wilson, Blake Laner, Elijah Pacheco, Colt Lewis, Collin Bridges, Devin Tosie and Kayson Shahan. Not pictured is coach Yui Wilson. The team will play in Pagosa Springs April 13-15 in the Pagosa Youth Basketball Tournament at Pagosa Springs Middle School. The final tournament of the season will be April 21-23 in Durango.

SOCCER

Lady Pirates tally three wins, improve to 7-2

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School girls' soccer team stands in first place in 3A region 5 with a 4-0 league record, and a 7-2 overall record, after winning three games in the last week.

The Lady Pirates won home matches against nonleague opponents Buena Vista and Salida, and also against league rival Bayfield.

Buena Vista

The Buena Vista Demons visited Pagosa for a Friday afternoon match. The Lady Pirates were able to control the play throughout and won handily, 5-0.

While the visitors showed good skill and teamwork on several occasions, and managed to mount attacks into the Pagosa end, effective marking and strong tackling by Lady Pirates' defenders and midfielders mostly halted their advances well away from the goal.

With the strong play in the defensive end by Melissa Medina, Kim Armendariz, Isabelle Pajak and Morgan Thompson, keeper Diana Scott was called on for just one save in the match, collecting her third shutout of the season.

Scott was active, however, repeatedly coming out of her goal to break up the Demons' efforts to overcome the Lady Pirates' tight marking, and advance into scoring position on long passes.

In the offensive end, Pagosa attacks were often led by striker Hannah Marnocha, forward Alyssa Lewis and midfielder Hayley Mitchell, with frequent support from Addie Thompson, Sarah Ross, Alanah Gallegos, Morgan Thompson and others.

Two goals were scored for the Lady Pirates by Mitchell. Marnocha, Lewis and Gallegos added one apiece.

Addie Thompson, Lewis and Ross each registered an assist.

Several goals came on forceful team efforts by the Pagosa side. The final goal of the game was an example. The play was started by Medina, who made a strong tackle in the defensive end, and won control of the ball.

Medina advanced and then passed to Marnocha. The striker worked into the Buena Vista end with Mitchell, then sent the midfielder in toward the goal with a pass into the middle, one of many served up to teammates by Marnocha throughout the match.

Mitchell accepted the pass and carried through the middle of the defense on a strong rush to within 16 yards, and then sent a solid shot past the keeper into the left side of the net.

After the match, coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason said the team had been working on "combination play" in practice, and it showed during the game.

One such combination play he called "overlapping," in which an attacking Pagosa player sends the ball to a teammate also advancing

downfield, and then runs behind her teammate into space further to the outside of the field.

In the meanwhile, the player having received the pass begins to attract closer marking from defenders. That action leaves the original passer open toward the side of the field to accept a return pass from her teammate, with open space ahead to advance unimpeded past defenders and press the attack.

Marnocha and Lewis, in particular, had created multiple good opportunities by skillfully executing this maneuver against Buena Vista, helping maintain the Lady Pirates intensive pressure in the offensive end throughout the match.

Salida

The next day, Saturday, April 8, the Lady Pirates had a much closer match, prevailing against the visiting Spartans by the thinnest of margins, 1-0.

Salida was a very strong opponent, putting their skill, speed and good organization to effective use in both ends of the field.

The match was tense throughout, after the Lady Pirates managed a score in the opening minutes.

The match's only goal was a product of the Pagosa side's skill and teamwork.

Mitchell got through the defense to advance deep toward the right corner of the defensive end. From there, she sent a strong and accurate pass along the ground toward the far post of the Spartans' goal.

Lewis charged forward to meet the pass, and with perfect timing as the goalie scrambled to cover the opening, hit a one-touch shot cleanly into the net.

The play from that point forward surged back and forth, with both teams frustrating many attacks through strong tackling by defenders, but with other scoring opportunities putting both keepers to the test.

Neither keeper flinched, and both teams were blanked the rest of the way. Scott turned in 12 saves to earn another shutout.

But there were close calls. Both Marnocha and Gallegos blocked Salida shots deep in the Pagosa end.

Gallegos' block came while the Spartans had redoubled the intensity of their attack in the game's waning moments, keeping intense pressure on the Pagosa goal.

Gallegos made a tackle to break up one attack, but Salida quickly won possession again and a scramble ensued.

Then a Spartans attacker gained possession in good scoring position, and took a shot from the middle at the 18 yard box, but Gallegos again made the play, making the block.

Gallegos came off the field under her own power, to an ovation from her teammates and the Pagosa fans.

Kurt-Mason named Gallegos the player of the game, saying the Salida shot had been ticketed for



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Alyssa Lewis fights to move the ball up the line during Saturday's 1-0 victory over the Salida Spartans. Lewis scored the sole goal in the affair, which was part of a successful week in which the Lady Pirates won three games.

a score.

"She took one for the team," he said.

But, despite the win, the coach said the Pagosa side had lacked good organization much of the time against Salida. The visitors "overloaded" by advancing players into the attacking end, but the Lady Pirates had failed to adjust.

That required Pagosa midfielders to fall back to break up the Salida attacks, the coach said, at the cost of good team shape, and resulted in difficulty sometimes in getting counterattacks out of the defensive end.

Bayfield

On Tuesday, the Lady Pirates hosted the rival Wolverines, and took a 5-0 win with a strong team effort.

Two goals were tallied by Lewis, and one each by Mitchell, Gallegos and Ross. Two assists were recorded by Marnocha, and one each by Addie Thompson and Ross.

Despite the score, the Wolverines were a difficult foe, with a number of skilled and speedy players. In addition, the visitors had strong defenders and midfielders able to advance the ball deep into the Lady Pirates' end on long passes.

Scott was put under pressure by Wolverine attackers on several occasions, and was credited with nine saves.

Once, she skillfully cut off the angle of an unmarked attacker coming in alone and forced a shot to go wide. And three times she successfully dove to take the ball off the feet of Bayfield attackers before they could launch shots at all.

The Lady Pirates did, however, control the bulk of the play, and had 30 shots on goal in the Bayfield end. Several of their scores came on excellent efforts.

The most outstanding was the Pagosa side's fourth tally, deep into the second half. Several of the Lady Pirates combined to advance the

ball into the Bayfield end. Mitchell then took possession deep into the left corner, where she left-footed a long, high pass toward the far goal post.

No pass from that part of the field could be better, as the height and length of the ball carried it past the keeper despite remaining close to the goal line, and allowed it to descend toward the field almost as if were floating, as Kurt-Mason later pointed out.

Lewis charged the floating ball and skillfully netted a header, and the Pagosa fans erupted with cheers.

After the game, the coach named Lewis the player of the game. But, he said, many of her teammates were equally deserving, mentioning Mitchell, Scott, Marnocha and Medina, whom he noted had completely shut down the best Bayfield attacker.

Kurt-Mason praised the Lady Pirates' shape and organization on the field, which he said was much improved over the Salida match.

And the coach said the team's combination play had been very strong.

He explained that the players' increasing skill and vision were having a big impact on their ability to succeed with combination plays such as wall passes and overlaps.

With all their work and effort, the Lady Pirates are approaching a much higher level of play, he concluded.

The Lady Pirates have away games this weekend, Friday at Center and Saturday at Alamosa.

Their next home game will be against Montezuma-Cortez, on Tuesday, April 18, at 4 p.m.
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Hayley Mitchell
Soccer




Year in school: Senior
Favorite subject: English
Comments from coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason: "Her love of the game, her desire to improve and her presence in the moment, all contribute [to] us having success in practices and games. Hayley's work rate is very high, her passing accurate and whenever we have possession of the ball she is involved. During games last week games she scored 3 total goals and had 2 assists. Hayley is a very coachable player and a wonderful




**Triple Impact
Student-Athlete
of the Week**

Dane Kline
Baseball



Year in school: Junior
Favorite subject: History
Comments from coach Jim Fait: "I would like to nominate Dane Kline as our Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week. Dane is willing to do whatever it takes for the baseball team to be successful. He is a team player and strives to do his best, on and off the field. When the team traveled to Colorado Springs before spring break, Dane threw a no-hitter versus 4A Sierra High School. He struck out 6 batters and had several ground ball outs. I cannot recall a no hitter by a Pirate pitcher in recent years. To throw a no hitter at any level is quite a feat, and at the high school level, it is quite rare."



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COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Dance with The High Rollers April 21

By Traci Bishop
SUN Columnist

Mark your calendars and get your friends and family together for a great night out — a dance with The High Rollers on April 21.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, children 6-12 are \$5 and children under 5 are free.

Doors to the event will open at 6:30 p.m. and The High Rollers will start at 7 p.m. A cash bar will be offered during the event. For more information or to purchase tickets, stop by the Ross Aragon Community Center or give us a call at 264-4152.

CPR and first aid classes

The Community Center will be offering a CPR and first aid class with instructors Nicole Lagioia-Lewis and Darren Lewis on Thursday, April 20.

Space is limited, so please contact the Community Center to sign up, 264-4152.

K.I.D.S. Day Camp 2017

Looking for something fun for your child to do this summer? The Town of Pagosa Springs Ross Aragon Community Center Parks and Recreation Department is happy to announce the K.I.D.S. (Kickin' it During Summer) Day Camp is returning.

The K.I.D.S. Day Camp is open to children ages 5-12.

Each week, participants will experience a day of science/history, a day of exploring, water days and arts/crafts days.

K.I.D.S. Day Camp will start on June 5 and run through Aug. 18. It will be offered Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Activities scheduled for each day will start at 9 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m. All children that are registered for the week must be signed in and dropped off no later than 9 a.m., no exceptions.

Applications for this program are now available. Program fees

are: \$85 per child per week, \$25 per child per drop (upon availability), and there is a one-time application fee of \$15 per child. Multiple child discounts also available.

This year, there is a daily max of 50 children per day. Weekly registrations will be required. For more information about this program, please call us at the Community Center, 264-4152, ext. 532.

More information

The Community Center hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center is located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. The phone is 264-4152.

Water

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tract's attorney working on draft ballot language for the SJWCD to consider during its June meeting in the event the CWCB approved the loan in May.

The resolution passed 5-0, with board member Ray Finney absent from the meeting.

The board also expressed consensus on three agreements, allowing those agreements and contracts to move forward.

The first of those was the Lavery option agreement, which, if approved by both the district and Lavery family, would allow the district to delay purchasing property needed for the Dry Gulch project for up to five years, and offers a

consideration to the Lavery family.

The other two contracts were for environmental and cultural resources studies to be completed.

The board also voted to allow Proffitt to sign the latter two contracts on behalf of the district.

The board also again discussed renaming the project.

Thus far, the project has been known as the Dry Gulch Water Storage Project, though Monday evening's meeting was the second meeting in a row the board has discussed renaming the project to separate the 11,000-acre-foot project moving forward from the 35,000-acre-foot project that was the subject of a legal battle.

A new name, the board has sug-

gested, would also differentiate the project from other places in the state bearing the Dry Gulch name, and could differentiate the project from the resulting reservoir.

During the discussion, Proffitt referenced a memo he had distributed to the board containing ideas for possible names, with the board members suggesting additional ideas during the meeting, such as Elwood Reservoir.

Proffitt indicated the board could narrow the list to five possible names by the June meeting and vote at that meeting, though it was not clear how the board intended to communicate to narrow the options.

Colorado state law notes that communication by a quorum of the

board by any means is a meeting that must be noticed.

Other business

In other business at the meeting, the SJWCD board:

- Opted to co-sponsor the showing of an environmental film during Earth Week with the Southwest Organization for Sustainability.

- Voted to contribute \$700 to a separate educational effort through the Water Information Program known as Forest to Faucets.

- Heard an update regarding the upcoming CWCB meeting from Pagosa Springs Tourism Director Jennie Green.

The meeting is slated to be held May 17-18.

EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Save a portion of your tax refund and earn a chance to win prizes

By Roberta Tolan
SUN Columnist

April brings spring showers, Easter holidays and Earth Day, but it also marks the deadline for filing our 2016 income taxes.

If you are lucky enough to be receiving a tax refund, the extra money could be burning a hole in your pocket or already earmarked for paying expenses.

It is also an opportunity for saving for a rainy day, and now there is an incentive for doing just that. The following article was written by Gisele Jefferson, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension agent in the Golden Plains area.

For many low- and moderate-income Americans, it does not take many unexpected expenses to put them into crisis mode. A recent survey found that 62 percent of surveyed households had experienced at least one financial crisis in the last year; and 51 percent lacked any emergency savings to help them cope. The majority of the Americans do not have enough savings to survive for two months if faced with a financial crisis such as loss of income

or unexpected medical bills.

There is an innovative, prize-based and proven campaign that can help solve this challenge. SaveYourRefund is an incentive-based promotion that encourages tax filers to save a portion of their refund and potentially win cash prizes. America Saves (www.americasaves.org) and Commonwealth are offering SaveYourRefund as a simple, innovative and fun program focused on a crucial and universal, but often stressful moment in people's lives — filing taxes.

The annual federal tax refund is the largest sum of cash many American households receive all year, often amounting up to 20 percent of annual household income. More than 40 million tax filers received an average refund of \$3,120 per filer in 2015, with over \$124 billion total refunded.

Each tax filer has a unique opportunity to put money into savings with this inflow of cash at tax time. Tax time is also a moment when filers are primed to be thinking about their financial decisions. This is a great time to add to your emergency fund, with the goal of having money set

aside to cover at least three months of your household expenses.

The IRS has created a specific form built right into the tax filing process that enables all American tax filers to automatically save a portion of their tax refund with one simple step. IRS Form 8888 enables this seamless and near universal opportunity to save.

Here is where the fun opportunity presents itself. SaveYourRefund capitalizes on this tax-time moment. This easy method of saving adds an incentive to nudge filers into opting in to saving for their futures. SaveYourRefund offers frequent chances to win and significant prize money to motivate eligible Americans to save a portion of their tax refund.

Through SaveYourRefund, all tax filers 18 and older who use Form 8888 to save a portion of their tax refund can enter a promotion for a chance to win one of 100 prizes of \$100. They can also enter the photo contest for a chance to win the grand prize of \$25,000. The combined financial incentive, "game-like" feel and low barrier to entry create the best mix to incentivize savings. See

<https://saveyourrefund.com> for entry rules and an online entry form.

Taxpayers must split their refund when filing their taxes to qualify for the SaveYourRefund promotion. This process can be different depending on how your taxes are prepared, so read more below to find out how it works.

Use Form 8888 to split your refund, saving at least \$50 in a qualified savings account. People who file their own taxes using TurboTax, H&R Block, TaxAct or others, when reaching the end of the screens, watch for the option to enter direct deposit information for two or more accounts.

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RECREATION NEWS

Community Center gym will be closed Saturday

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for youth baseball for the following divisions: Coach Pitch ages 6-8, Machine Pitch ages 9-10, and Kid Pitch 11-12.

Registrations will be accepted online or at the Ross Aragon Community Center through April 21.

The cost is \$35 per child, which includes hat and team jersey.

Practices will start in May and games will begin in June.

Tee-ball registration ages 5-6

The recreation department is currently accepting tee-ball registrations through April 24.

The cost is \$35, which includes hat and jersey.

The tee-ball season will be held every Monday and Wednesday evening during May.

Adult soccer

The recreation department is

accepting registrations for adult soccer teams through April 21.

The team registration fee is \$150 and an early-bird registration through April 15 is \$100.

Adult soccer games will be held during the month of May every Tuesday and Thursday evening.

You may register your team for play at the Community Center.

Closed gym

The Community Center will be closed on Saturday, April 15.

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

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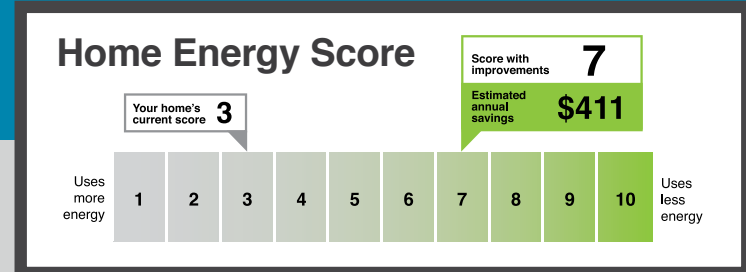
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Saturday, April 22 • 7 p.m. • Pagosa Springs High School auditorium



Sixth annual Band-O-Rama rapidly approaching

By Heidi Tanner
Special to The PREVIEW

For those of you who have never heard of or attended a Band-O-Rama concert, you are probably asking yourself, “What is this all about?”

Way back in the late 1970s in a band hall on the Gulf of Mexico in Texas, the six members of the band staff were talking at the end of a meeting, wishing that students and parents of the band program would be able to hear each other near the end of the school year. This would give each band a real chance to be featured and to show off their skills acquired during the school year and, possibly more important, to allow students to be inspired by the skills demonstrated by the older players.

This was the seed which led to the Band-O-Rama concert concept. That particular school in Texas will be doing its 38th consecutive Band-O-Rama at the end




Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Community Band

This historical photo shows a band in Pagosa Springs and is dated 1917. The Pagosa Springs Community Band is celebrating 100 years of band music in Pagosa Springs.

of this school year and now many bands across Texas are copying the concept.

Six years ago, Band-O-Rama came to Pagosa Springs via band
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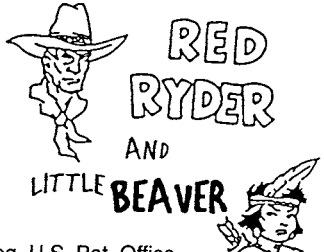
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By Fred Harman

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Band

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 member and conductor Bill Gottschalk, who was one of the band staff members in Texas who started Band-O-Rama. Since that arrival, hundreds of Pagosa's band students have performed not only with their individual school bands, but in the grand finale, when the stage is loaded with more than 100 student-musicians and members of the Pagosa Springs Community Band.

It is interesting to view other benefits of Band-O-Rama. Students, and thus their parents, are reminded of concert etiquette as they are given an opportunity to dress up, some for the first time. Students are mentored by more mature musicians and, over the past six years, a large number of student-musicians have been inspired to continue playing in the Community Band after their high school graduation. The band also includes current students who play in the Community Band in addition to their duties in their middle and high school bands.

This year, Band-O-Rama will be presented on April 22 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, beginning at 7 p.m. There is no admission fee; however, donations are accepted at the end of the performance.

The Pagosa Springs Community Band is a 501(c)3, tax-exempt, non-profit organization and receipts for tax purposes will be issued if requested. All proceeds collected from the concert are shared among the Community Band and the high school and middle school music departments.

Middle school band director Malinda Burnett has chosen some special music for each of the grade

levels to perform for this year's Band-O-Rama.

The sixth-grade band, the beginner level, will strut its stuff to "Go Tell Bill" by Rossini, "Erie Canal Capers," which is a traditional American work song arranged by Pearson, and "Rock Point 5." The seventh-grade band will perform music from the film scores of the world famous composer John Williams. Snippets of movie scores are certain to be recognized by everyone in attendance. The eighth-grade band will entertain you with two contemporary works: "Abandoned Treasure Hunt" and "Buffalo Head." These middle school band students, numbering more than 65 in strength, will amaze you with their advancement from year to year.

The idea for a community band in Pagosa Springs existed as far back as 100 years. Please take a look at the photo which accompanies this article.

The current version of the Pagosa Springs Community Band has been in existence and offering four free concerts a year for six years, however, records do exist which date to the 1917 photograph picturing the existence of a non-school-related Pagosa Springs band. The International Band Educators website shows the photograph, but unfortunately there is no other history available. It would be very interesting to have more information.

The 1917 version shows 10 players who undoubtedly played mostly marches, so during the past 100 years the size of the Pagosa Springs Community Band has increased as well as the variety of music available to perform. Thus, the Pagosa Springs Com-

munity Band is celebrating 100 years of band music in Pagosa Springs.

We cordially invite you to attend the sixth annual Band-O-Rama at 7 p.m. on April 22 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. And, as always, admission is free. Donations gratefully accepted.

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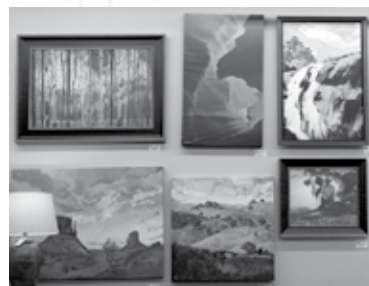
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Easter egg hunt set for Saturday

By Debra O'Neill
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Library's Lifelong Learning Lectures to offer exciting opportunities for all

By Meg Wempe
Special to The PREVIEW

The Lifelong Learning Lectures have begun at the library. This twice-yearly lecture series is free and requires no registration.

The talks are held at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library (811 San Juan St.) on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. from April 13 through May 18. There is quite a lineup and you're sure to find talks of interest to you, so we hope you'll continue your learning with us.

On Thursday, April 13, Karen Goodwin, Doug Large and Jonathan Dobson will present "Community Solar vs. Residential Solar:

An Affordable Revolution." What are the present realities of going solar in Archuleta County? Join FORE (Friends of Renewable Energy) Pagosa to learn about an exciting new concept involving a community-wide approach to solar.

The following week on April 20, we'll hear from Holly Metzler on the subject of climate change, a timely topic during Earth Week. "Climate Reality — Meeting the Challenge Head On" will discuss the causes and effects of climate change and what we can do about it.

On April 27, join Dr. Dean Sanna and Amanda Beasley for "Sacred Centerings: The Wellness Game,"

an interactive lecture with plenty of hands-on activities. Find out how a person can develop a daily health practice, which research has proven to be essential for being and staying healthy.

The San Juan Shootists will present a program on May 4 titled "Romancing the Old West." The San Juan Shootists are a community organization and club that teaches safe and responsible firearms handling while promoting a sport steeped in the romance and legend of the Old West. This exciting presentation will include a live demo (minus the bullets).

On May 11, Cimarrona Kelley will be with us to share her expertise in home buying. If you are new to home buying and are interested in purchasing a home, "What to Know as a First Time Homebuyer" will offer tips to help you feel better prepared for the adventure of buying your first home.

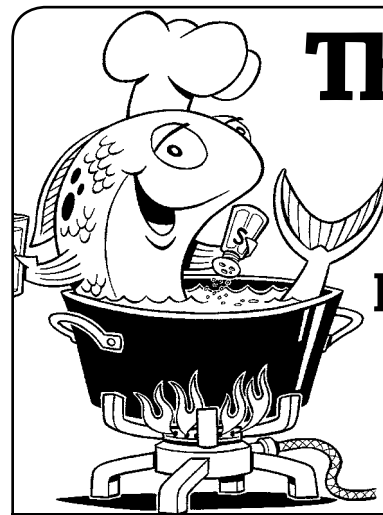
Our final talk to close out this spring's Lifelong Learning Lecture series will happen May 18 with Stephanie Morrow's "Color Me Eclectic with Spring Bouquets." Flowers not only enhance the beauty of your home, but also say a lot about you personally. Join us for a fun, hands-on presentation where you will have the opportunity to create, learn about yourself and bring home a beautiful bouquet made by you and for you.

We do hope that you'll join us for many — or all — of these talks, which are held at your Ruby Sisson Library on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. from April 13 to May 18. The library is located at the intersection of U.S. 160 and 8th Street. Please call us with any questions at 264-2209, or stop by for a visit. We hope to see you soon.



Photo courtesy Sally Neel

The NightSong Trio — Heidi Tanner (violin), Sally Neel (piano) and Jessica Peterson (flute) — will offer classical Music for Meditation beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday evening at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The music precedes the Good Friday service at 6 p.m. Other Holy Week services at St. Patrick's include Maundy Thursday service at 6 p.m., The Great Vigil of Easter at 7 p.m. on Saturday and Easter day service Sunday at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend all of these services.



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Wild West Squares and introductory class attendees pose for a photo. The Wild West Squares' 10-week introduction to square dancing began April 5, but the class is still open for enrollment.

Wild West Squares dance class continuing on April 19

By Carla Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Dancers had a blast at the Wild West Squares meet and greet festivities on April 5 heralding a new start for the next generation of square dancers.

It is not too late to join the fun for the remainder of Wild West Square's 10-week introduction to square dance. The next class of the series is on Wednesday, April 19, from 6 to 7 p.m., at the PLPOA Clubhouse, located at 230 Port Ave. Call Carla Roberts to enroll at 903-6478.

This is a lighthearted, easygoing class open to families, couples and singles. The suggested age for children is at least 8 years old.

This new dance course covers the very basic level of square

dance, so new dancers can quickly master enough calls (or dance steps) to experience the exhilaration of dancing in a group setting. The class focus is for everyone to have an enjoyable dance session while learning the building blocks of square dance. It's an activity the whole family can enjoy. If you have children old enough to follow instructions, they can participate right along with the adults.

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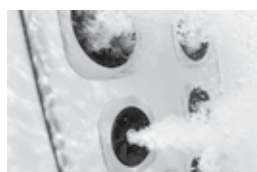
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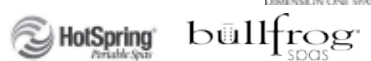
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Tickets available now for Rotary's Kentucky Derby Gala

By Lisa Scott and John Duvall
Special to The PREVIEW

In a town with lots of great parties and events throughout the year, what many have dubbed "Pagosa's best party" will be happening on May 6, between 2 and 6 p.m. at the Keyah Grande Lodge. It's Rotary's fifth annual Kentucky Derby Gala, and it's a party not to be missed.

While watching the simulcast of the Kentucky Derby live from Louisville, Ky., you will be able to place your bets and cheer on your favorite horse while sipping mint juleps, munching on gourmet food, listening to live music and admiring some of the most beautiful and outrageous hats and fashion statements seen anywhere. When Pagosa gets gussied up, Pagosa does it right — sometimes tres chic, sometimes tres quirky, but always tres entertaining. Let's not forget that there will be a men's and women's hat contest.

The catered meal will include bourbon-sauced short ribs with a variety of side dishes and there will be fabulous desserts. Bob Hemenger will provide live mix of saxophone jazz and swing music that you will know and want to dance to. Mint juleps will be flowing and betting on the horses will be fast and furious. Of the betting proceeds, 75 percent will be returned to the winners and 25 percent will support the Rotary efforts in the community.

And, as if these weren't enough reasons that you want to be there, you will be supporting all the good work Rotary does. One hundred percent of the funds we raise is put to work right here in Pagosa Springs. The funds raised at this event will support college and vo-tech scholarships for graduating high school seniors, the Feed Our Children Backpack Program, Pagosa Outreach, sponsoring four Loaves and Fishes events annually and many others.

An "experiences" silent auc-



Photo courtesy John Duvall

May 6 will welcome back one of Pagosa's popular spring traditions — Rotary's Kentucky Derby Gala. Tickets for the party are on sale now, with the event set to have all the makings of the Churchill Downs event, but with Pagosa flair.

tion will be held and the following items have been secured: a seven-night resort stay at any location; three-day Bahamas cruise for two; Creede theater tickets and one night stay; Durango adventure package; six-hour raft trip for four adults in Mesa Canyon; full-day 4x4 trip for four adults; train tickets; rounds of golf; and more.

Tickets are \$40 each and will sell out. You can get tickets from any Rotarian, Chamber of Commerce, EXIT Realty and The Choke Cherry Tree.

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April 14 - Good Friday. Services at noon for prayer and meditation

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Writers' group to host Footprints in Paint with Betty Slade

By Betty Slade
Special to The PREVIEW

Take that first step and leave your footprints in paint.

The Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network (WCCWN) will be hosting Footprints in Paint with Betty Slade on April 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Writers and artists are invited to be a part of Wolf Pack Saturday at Crossroad Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave. The cost is \$20, which includes supplies. Attendees must be at least 16.

"My goal is to take a student from technique and methods to the spirit of the arts," Slade said. "It's a big jump for a beginning artist. It will be even a bigger jump for a writer who will learn to write from the concept of painting. They will experience how to dig deeper and write from their spirit and emotions. In this class, I hope to convey to each student how to be enlightened and create from their spirit."



Betty Slade

Please bring your own lunch. There will be a 30-minute lunch break. WCCWN will supply drinks and snacks. For further details, contact betty@bettyslade.com.

Betty Slade is called a poet of the brush who paints in words. She is an artist, author and columnist.

She has completed two novels and is under contract for a four book series.

She also writes a weekly column, "Artist's Lane," which is published into book form and titled "Living on the Front Page." She manages a weekly column, "A Matter of Faith," for The Pagosa Springs SUN with a team of faith writers.

She has also written biblical study books and two poetry books.

She is the vice president of the WCCWN, where she works with a team of writers.

Her art is on display on cruise ships and in her private gallery in Pagosa Springs.

Betty lives in Pagosa Springs, with her husband, Al. They have four children and four grandchildren.

For additional information about Slade, contact her at betty@bettyslade.com or go to <http://bettyslade.com/BJS/Home.html>.

For more about the WCCWN, visit <http://www.wolfcreekwriters.com/>.

Pagosa Catholic Community Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 13, Mass • 7:00 p.m. at JP II

Good Friday, April 14

Procession from IHM Church to JP II Church • 2:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross • JP II Prayer Garden • 4:00 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy at JP II • 5:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 15, Easter Vigil • 8:00 p.m. at JP II

Easter Sunday, April 16, One Mass Only • 9:30 a.m. • JP II

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What if there were no Easter?

By Jon Duncan
Special to The PREVIEW

What if there were no Easter? Would the world even notice? Would our lives be at all different? Would that mean no Easter dinner with family? No hiding Easter eggs for our children to find? Would we even notice? What does Easter really mean to us anyway? How has it changed our life? Or has it? What if Jesus decided not to go to Jerusalem after his first couple of years of ministry? What if he decided to just keep teaching in Galilee where he had enjoyed more success? What if he had chosen a different path — one that did not include confrontation with the religious system of his day, no in-your-face conversations that exposed the hypocrisy and emptiness of all man-made religion? Would today look different? Would we even notice?

The ninth chapter of Luke signals a change in Jesus' approach to his teaching ministry on earth; verse 51 states this monumental shift in fewer words than it takes you to describe your favorite cup of coffee: "When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51).

The thrilling accounts of the birth of the Messiah from the earlier chapters of Luke have faded into the subconscious memories of the very people who now listened to Jesus' teaching; another day, another lesson, and sometimes even another miracle.

But now there was something different in the way the Master was speaking — more somber, more subdued, more stories with disappointing endings. More talk of a showdown, a confrontation, death, separation — more discussions that made no sense — especially for the Son of God.

And, yet, Jesus seemed determined, focused, intentional. Luke captures this emotional state well: "he set his face to go to Jerusalem."

Why? Why now? What was driving Jesus at this point? What was the ultimate reason why Jesus would voluntarily walk into Jerusalem, knowing full well that he would not leave until he suffered and died at the hands of angry men? It was "The Plan." His Father's plan. Not just any plan, but the plan that had been decided upon long before this Jesus had ever been born. But didn't Jesus have a choice? Couldn't he have changed the plan, altered the steps, opted for a different ending to the story? The Bible is clear that Jesus willingly, voluntarily — even joyfully, submitted to His Father's plan. He chose to obey. He laid down his life. He finished his course. He accomplished the mission. He fulfilled the plan.

Our world so often sees this as weakness, misguided faith, lost opportunities, a disappointing conclusion. Our world does not understand this story, it makes no sense to the human race; after all, we have convinced ourselves that

our plan is always the best plan for us. We conclude — from all outward evidence — that we are in control, that life is going according to plan, that all will end well. We conclude that we do not need another plan — especially someone else's plan.

But therein lies the rub. Ask any builder who underestimates the material needed to finish the house; ask the baker who does not check the recipe to be sure she has all the necessary ingredients before she begins baking; ask the road warrior who doesn't check the gas gauge or the condition of his tires before hitting the mountain passes. There comes a time when an emergency reveals that the plan in place was not sufficient, not enough, not a good plan after all. But by then it is too late. Not enough time for a new and improved plan. Lost opportunities. Disappointing endings. Regret.

That is why there is Easter. That is why there is a resurrection. God's plan is that better plan — the best of all plans. The plan that makes up for all of our failures, shortfalls and under-estimations. An absolutely incredible plan, offered to all, but only effective for those who accept it. The buy-in? Faith in His plan over ours, repentance over past pride and rebellion toward him, and a belief that his plan is truly the only plan that really works. For now. For eternity. What if there were no Easter? Would the world even notice? Yes, we would.

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Using the power of gratitude to transform your life

By Tess Challis
Special to The PREVIEW

Luminosity Talks is pleased to present Tess Challis Friday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the PLPOA Clubhouse, located at 230 Port Ave.

In this presentation, Challis will be telling some personal stories about how gratitude has helped transform her life, especially in the darkest of times.

Challis believes one of the most powerful tools is "unconditional

gratitude." This is a fairly challenging concept if you're not used to it, but what it means is to be thankful, even for things you don't want.

It's easy to be thankful for things that we do want in our lives, but how often do we give thanks when we experience loss or disappointment? What if we began to be unconditionally grateful? What would it take to be thankful for every single thing that showed up in our life? What if we trusted that every

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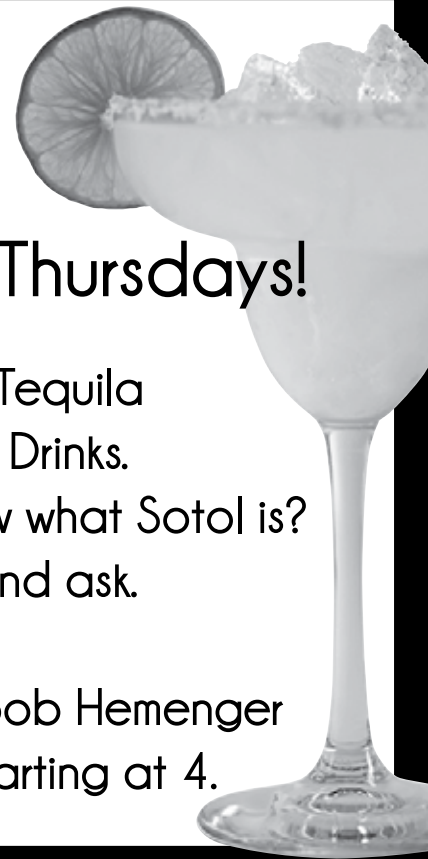
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Holy Week and Easter Services

Following are this week's Holy Week and Easter services that were submitted to The PREVIEW.

Centerpoint Church

- **Good Friday, April 14:** Service, 6 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 16:** "He's Alive," 10:15 a.m.

Church of His Glory

- **Easter Sunday, April 16:** Sunday services, Pagosa Springs Middle School, 10 a.m.

Community United Methodist Church

- **Holy/Maundy Thursday, April 13:** Service, 7 p.m.
- **Good Friday, April 14:** Service, noon.
- **Easter Sunday, April 16:** Sunrise service at Golden Peaks Stadium, 7 a.m.
Worship services, 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.

CrossRoad Christian Fellowship

- **Easter Sunday, April 16:** Sunrise service, 6:45 a.m., Lake Pagosa, 1171 Cloud Cap Ave.
Easter worship service, 10 a.m.

Grace In Pagosa

- **Good Friday, April 14:** Service, Ross Aragon Community Center, 6 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 16:**

Easter sunrise service, The Springs Resort and Spa main hotel, 7 a.m.

Easter Celebration Service, Ross Aragon Community Center, 10 a.m.

John Paul II and Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic churches

- **Holy Thursday, April 13:** Mass, JP II, 7 p.m.
- **Good Friday, April 14:** Procession from IHM Church to JP II Church, 2 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, JP II Prayer Garden, 4 p.m.
Good Friday Liturgy, JP II, 5 p.m.
- **Holy Saturday, April 15:** Holy Saturday — Easter Vigil, JP II, 8 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 16:** Easter Mass, JP II, 9:30 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

- **Holy/Maundy Thursday, April 13:** Holy Thursday Divine Service, 6:30 p.m.
- **Good Friday, April 14:** Chief service, noon
Tenebrae service, 7:15 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 16:** Sunrise Divine service, 7 a.m.
Second Divine service, 10 a.m.

Pagosa Bible Church

- **Good Friday, April 14:** Service, 6 p.m.

- **Easter Sunday, April 16:** "Finding Hope," 9 a.m.

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

- **Easter Sunday, April 16:** Easter/Passover tribute, rebirth of life message, 10 a.m.

Restoration Fellowship

- **Easter Sunday, April 16:** Service, 10 a.m.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

- **Holy/Maundy Thursday, April 13:** Service with music, followed by Agape meal, 6 p.m.
- **Good Friday, April 14:** Musical meditation, 5:30 p.m.
Service, 6 p.m.
- **Holy Saturday, April 15:** "The Great Vigil of Easter," 8 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 16:** Service, 10 a.m.

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Gratitude

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single thing was happening for us, not to us? What if we believed that the universe was benign, and giving us exactly what we need in order to grow, heal, and expand? What if everything was pure love? Wouldn't we be thankful, in that light? And, oh, how this transforms our lives.

Challis is a wellness coach, five-time author and vegan chef. She lives in Pagosa Springs, but

travels often.

Luminosity Talks presents speakers and films that educate, inspire, inform and uplift in a progressive way. The focus is awakening wisdom and how it is lived, and looking at new ways of living that are in harmony with the planet and each other. The event is free, but donations are appreciated.

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UU topic: ‘Bardo: The Moments of Our Life, Death and Renewal’

By Dean Cerny
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship invites you to attend a presentation titled “Bardo: The Moments of Our Life, Death and Renewal,” with visiting pastor Dean Cerny, this Sunday, April 16, for its regular service.

The Pagosa UU Fellowship is having a bardo moment. They are in a state of “in-betweenness.” This state of transition can mean many things to many people. One thing for sure is that this transition involves change.

Perhaps you might be seeking or desire a little change or novelty in your religious thinking and spiritual practice. As the interim minister of this fellowship, I invite you to attend this distinctive bardo moment, Pagosa UU style.

On this Easter Sunday, we will sound the depths of the Tibetan Buddhist concept of bardo and, in particular, will explore how it relates to you personally. We may even arrive at a greater understanding and appreciation of the meaning of Easter in this new era of religious and spiritual exploration.

Cerny was raised in the Presbyterian faith in rural Wisconsin. He graduated from Arizona State in religious studies and obtained his master’s degree in religion and

theology with honors in historical theology from the United Theological Seminary in Minnesota. While in seminary, he attended the UU Fellowship of Northfield, Minn. He served as pastor of a rural community church in southern Utah for almost three and a half years.

Cerny lives with his partner of 37 years, John, and their four dogs in an off-grid home in rural Kanab, Utah. He will soon become a part-time resident of Pagosa Springs, leading services at the Pagosa UU Fellowship twice each month. This is a collaborative effort between Cerny and the fellowship as they explore the potential possibilities of a “settled” form of spiritual leadership.

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

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

Enjoy refreshments and conversation after services, which are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Unit

B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

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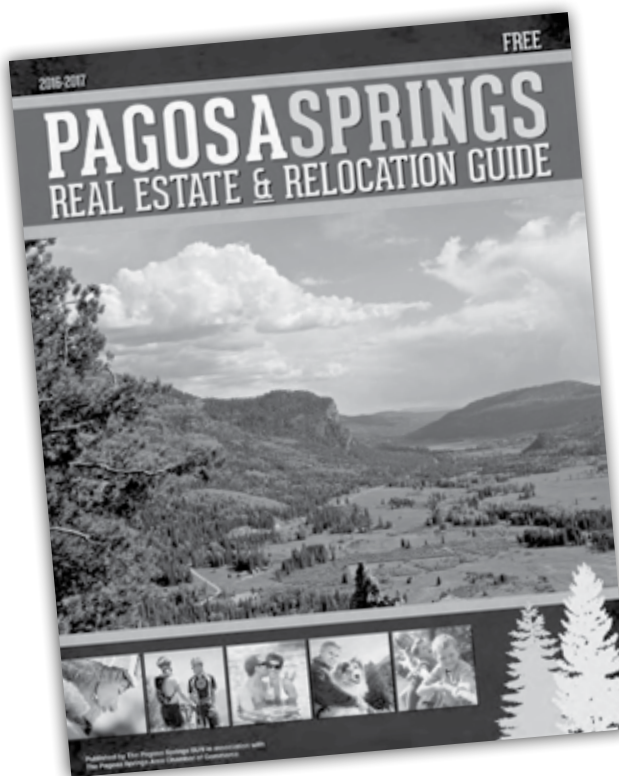
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18,000 copies of the Relocation Guide will be distributed by the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, area businesses, newsstands and one edition of The Pagosa Springs SUN. That’s 3,000 more copies than last year with no increase in advertising rates. Distribution will begin mid June.

Catholic Parish to lead Good Friday pilgrimage

By Roxanne Schick
Special to The PREVIEW

Good Friday pilgrimages will be made all over the world on Friday, April 14. In Jerusalem, pilgrims will trace the steps that Jesus Christ walked as He carried His cross. Here in Pagosa Springs, pilgrims will be participating in a Good Friday pilgrimage as well.

The Good Friday pilgrimage will begin downtown at 2 p.m., proceed up U.S. 160 with a police escort and end at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church on South Pagosa Boulevard. Everyone is invited to attend.

Pilgrims will gather at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 451 Lewis St., for a safety talk by local police. Father Kenny Udumka, pastor of the Pagosa Catholic community, will lead the procession carrying the cross; two additional crosses will follow carried by various pilgrims. Two water stations will be located along the route.

Pilgrims are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate attire. The pilgrimage is held whether snow, rain or shine. The spiritual journey will give pilgrims an opportunity to reflect

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The holy season through New Thought eyes

By **Carla Ryan**
Special to The PREVIEW

On April 16 (Easter Sunday), Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) will host the Revs. Carla and Mike Ryan in a special shared message and rose blessing ceremony. The service begins at 10 a.m.

Following the service, there will be a time of fellowship and hospitality to honor the two departing ministers on their final Sunday in Pagosa. Members are encouraged to bring a covered dish of their favorite entrée or vegetable. Drinks and desserts will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

The day's message will focus in part on the biblical story of Jesus, his final days and the primary message he preached, all of which have been taught for centuries. However, there's

more that can be gleaned from these accounts.

New Thought teachers, such as Ernest Holmes, Raymond Charles Barker and others, studied the meaning behind those historical stories and words and deciphered a metaphysical interpretation that can be applied to our lives today.

As we continue to delve deeper, and if we are open to learning, there are rich lessons to be gleaned from a life of ultimate service, love, loss and faith. Such meanings will be at the forefront of Sunday's message as both ministers share from New Thought teachings based on the story of old, as well as from their hearts and personal experiences. Join us once again as we explore New Thought and ancient wisdom.

The PCNT Music Team also will

be in attendance front and center to share their musical ministry for this special "farewell" service. Michael and Dianne Killen have served this vibrant church since its beginning and have been an integral part of its growth and energy. Their contributions to PCNT will be appreciated for a long time.

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

Weekly Sunday gatherings (10 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, email PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 749-9020, or mail to: P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052. You can also find us on Facebook or at our website, www.PagosaNewThought.org.

Pilgrimage

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upon Christ's Passion.

At the conclusion of the walk, Stations of the Cross will begin at 4 p.m. in the Father John Bowe Prayer Garden behind the church. Pilgrims will pray through Christ's passion and death as a prayer leader and a cross-bearer move the pilgrims through the 14 Stations of the Cross.

Following the Stations of the Cross, at 5 p.m., the Good Friday service will take place inside the church. The Good Friday service includes the narration of the passion of Jesus Christ, Holy Communion and Veneration of the cross.

For more information, please call the church office at 731-5744.



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Father Kenny Udumka leads a Good Friday procession. Udumka will lead this year's procession, with those participating asked to gather at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church on Lewis Street for the 2 p.m. pilgrimage.

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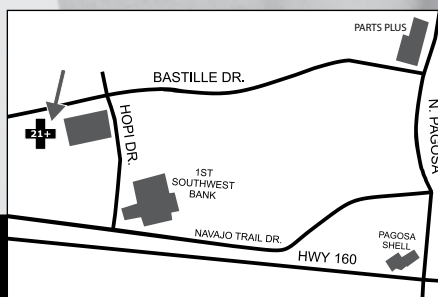
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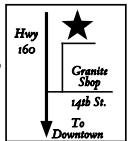
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Earth Week calendar loaded with events

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

The Earth Week calendar is loaded with events to celebrate Earth Day 2017.

The Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS) has been in overdrive encouraging individuals, organizations and businesses to come forth with the event or activity that they would like to sponsor during this week, as well as organizing an Earth Day Fair and a March for Science.

We offer these events as our antidote to feeling powerless in the face of the monumental task of ensuring that our planet remains a healthy home for all of us now and long into the future.

April 22 is the 47th celebration of Earth Day, which began in 1970 with a demonstration by 20 million Americans and has resulted in the passing of legislation. The Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts all came out of this effort.

Here's a recap of just some of the

events. For more events with specific details about time and place, please go to the SOS website (www.sospagosa.org), where you will find links to detailed schedules.

Schedule of events

All week: Free recycling at the Archuleta County Transfer Station and displays at the Ruby M. Sisson Library.

Monday:

- 9 a.m.: UU Fellowship trash pickup meets at Pagosa Brewing and Grill parking lot at 9 a.m.

Tuesday:

- 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership dome tour and plant sale, Centennial Park.

Wednesday:

- 10 a.m.-noon: Mountain High Gardeners Plant Sale and Garden Expo at Extension building.

- 5:30 p.m.: "Watershed," a film, at the Liberty Theatre sponsored by San Juan Water Conservancy District and SOS.

Thursday:

- 8:30 a.m.: Audubon Society Bird Walk and Identification meets

at Four Mile Ranch guest house.

- 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Loaves and Fishes share a community meal at the Parish Hall on Lewis Street

- 5:30-7 p.m.: Lifelong Learning Series, "Climate Reality Project: Meeting the Challenge Head on," by Holly Metzler, at the Sisson Library.

Friday:

- 9:30 a.m.: Tree planting, everyone welcome, at Yamaguchi Park. Hosted by the Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Department.

Earth Day, April 22, is bursting at the seams with activities:

- 8 a.m.: Audubon Bird Walk and Identification River Walk meets at the Community Center.

- 9 a.m.: Step Outdoors 5K Trash Walk meets at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds.

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: SOS Earth Day Fair supporting Environmental and Climate Literacy with seven speakers, 16 informational booths, science experiments, kids' activities, food and music at Pagosa Springs High School.

- 2:30 p.m.: March for Science — part of the International March for Science — meets at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Speakers

Earth Day speakers will run from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the half hour and include: Tom Dahmer, wildlife biologist in China; Addie Deupree, high school science teacher; Matt Tuten, U.S. Forest Service forester; Bill Trimarco, FireWise county coordinator; John Scahill, Department of Energy scientist; and Herb Grover, professor of environmental science.

Six nonprofits selected to benefit from 19th Hole Concerts

By **Paige Elliott**
Special to The PREVIEW

Six Archuleta County nonprofits have been selected to benefit from the 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. The selected organizations are:

- Rise Above Violence.
- Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County.
- Pagosa Nordic.
- Justice Ministries.
- Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.
- Audubon Rockies.

The 19th Hole Concerts pairs a nonprofit with a local music talent on Thursday evenings June 15 through July 20 to offer a fun evening of entertainment. The cover charge is a \$10 donation which supports the six nonprofits selected for the 2017 concert series. At the end of the series, all proceeds are pooled and distributed equally to the six featured organizations.

"This is a great way for everyone in the community to participate in philanthropy and have a lovely evening enjoying music and watching the sunset," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado.

In 2016, the 19th Hole Concerts' inaugural year, \$750 was awarded to each of that year's six organizations. This year, the Archuleta Committee of the Community Foundation anticipates seeing attendance increase and aims to raise \$1,000 for each nonprofit.

The nonprofits will collaborate to promote and generate attendance at each concert through a variety of marketing tasks.

"The committee is anxious to see the benefits of the Community Foundation extend to more local nonprofit organizations," said Jan Johnson, board member of the Community Foundation.

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National Library Week and Lifelong Learning Lectures start today

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

As we join American libraries in commemorating National Library Week April 9-13, it seems appropriate to reflect on the wide variety of free fun and educational activities available to you and your families at your Ruby Sisson Library. You can learn about them every week in this "Library News" column.

One example: The ever-popular free spring Lifelong Learning Lectures start today, April 13, and continue every Thursday until May 18 with outstanding talks from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for six weeks.

Today's opening talk is called "Community Solar vs. Residential Solar: An Affordable Revolution." Karen Goodwin, Doug Large and Jonathan Dobson will discuss the present realities of going solar in Archuleta County, showing that Pagosa is primed to start something truly meaningful in the field of solar energy.

Next Thursday, April 20, lifelong Pagosa resident Holly Metzler will discuss "Climate Reality: Meeting the Challenge Head On," focusing on the causes and effects of climate change, and what we can do about it. She is currently working on her master's degree in environmental policy at the University of Denver.

Future talks will cover wellness, firearm safety, homebuying tips and spring bouquets.

Pick up a brochure at your library with more information on all of these presentations. They will keep your life interesting and your mind agile. No registration is required for these talks.

Library loses two full-time staff

April 4 was the last day of work for Michael, our youth services and early literacy librarian, and Rachael, our adult services librarian, who are moving to Boise. Until we replace them, we must temporarily decrease or adjust some of our programming.

Library News

Please see below for programs that are on as usual and those with changes. Stay tuned to the library website and Facebook for updates on when to expect regular programming to resume. We apologize for any inconvenience or disappointment.

National Poetry Month contest

During the month of April, in honor of National Poetry Month, we're hosting an ongoing free "found poetry" contest. Anyone can participate, so we hope you will put together a poem and enter to win prizes.

Found poetry refers to a poem that takes words and phrases from another source and puts them together in creative ways to produce a new poem. Examples include book spine poems, where you stack books and use the book titles to create a poem; remixing, where you rearrange the words from another source to create something new; and blackout poetry, demonstrated at an event next Thursday, April 20, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. when teens will make a poem by finding words in a page from a book or newspaper.

Just take a picture of your poem and email it to claire@pagosalibrary.org or drop off a hard copy at the library before the end of April. Winners will be announced in early May. There is no entry fee.

Medicaid and Connect for Health session

Kevin O'Connor from San Juan-Basin Public Health and Renee Burch from the Archuleta County Department of Human Services discuss options and changes to

Medicaid and Connect for Health today, Thursday, April 13, in this free session from 1 to 1:45 p.m. No registration is required.

Teen advisory board

Today, Thursday, April 13, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your family and friends tomorrow, Friday, April 14, from 2 to 3:15 p.m.

Teen fan fiction

Monday, April 17, from 4 to 5 p.m., teens in the seventh through 12th grades are invited to a free fan fiction writing event, where you'll be coming up with stories about some of your favorite characters.

Note the change to Monday because of the Lifelong Learning

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Lectures.

DIY for adults

At this month's free origami DIY event on Wednesday, April 19, at 1 p.m., we'll transform an old book into a work of art. No registration is required.

Teen gaming

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

Tech sessions

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

Please note there will be no Tech Time on Tuesdays in April.

Kids storytime becomes playtime

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

Baby storytime

Every Saturday from 9:05 to 9:25 a.m., join us for a free short session of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little ones. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life.

Toddler storytime

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

Activities calendars

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

Nonfiction

"Cast Iron Paleo" by Pamela

Ellgen provides 101 one-pan Paleo recipes. "e Pluribus One" by Sophia A. Nelson offers ways to reclaim our lost compass, civility and codes. "Charleton Heston: Hollywood's Last Icon" by Marc Eliot is a biography of the actor. "A Colony in a Nation" by Chris Hayes examines the surge in crime that began in the 1960s and peaked in the 1990s. "Arthur and Sherlock" by Michael Sims traces the development of Arthur Conan Doyle as the father of the modern mystery.

"Never Out of Season" by Rob Dunn explores how having the food we want year-round threatens our food supply. "Beginning Beekeeping" by Tanya Phillips gives advice to make your hive thrive. "Dishing Up the Dirt" by Andrea Bemis, owner of an organic vegetable farm in Oregon, shares recipes for cooking through the seasons.

Thrillers, mysteries and suspense

"Pekoe Most Poison" by Laura Shields is a Tea Shop mystery with recipes and teatime tips. "Vicious Circle" by C.J. Box is a Joe Pickett mystery. "The No. 2 Feline Detective Agency" by Mandy Morton is the first book in a new series.

Other novels

"In the Shadow of Denali" is the first book in the new Heart of Alaska series by Kimberly Woodhouse. "The Collapsing Empire" by John Scalzi is an interstellar space-time epic. "Orphans of the Carnival" by Carol Birch tells of two London women a century apart. "Two Good Dogs" by Susan Wilson follows four lost people helped by two good dogs.

"All Grown Up" by Jamie Attenberg is a story in comedic vignettes about a 39-year-old single woman and her family. "Edgar and Lucy" by Victor Lodato begins after a young boy survives a terrible accident. "Perfume River" by Pulitzer Prize-winner Robert Olen Butler examines family ties and the legacy of the Vietnam War. "Stand Your Ground" by Victoria Christopher Murray focuses on the two mothers

of a murdered black teen and his accused killer.

CDs

"In the Name of the Family" by Sarah Dunant is set in Renaissance Italy. "Humans, Bow Down" by James Patterson and Emily Raymond is a fantasy. "The Roman" by Sylvain Reynard is a vampire story. "Aftermath: Empire's End" by Chuck Wendig is a Star Wars story. "The Life and Times of Persimmon

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Celebration of expanded services at the library set

By Meg Wempe
Special to The PREVIEW

We are having a celebration at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library on April 26 and you are invited.

The adult education program at Ruby Sisson Memorial Library is proud to introduce its new name, Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS. The celebration begins at 5 p.m. on April 26 and will feature the expanded offerings of PALS for adults in Pagosa Springs and the surrounding communities.

We are very excited about our new name and new resources available for you or someone you know

that may need them. Along with our new name, we entered into a partnership with Pine River Community Learning Center in Ignacio.

Through this partnership, we are able to offer additional Internet-based programs. One of the many new programs we are very excited to add is a distance-learning program. This distance-learning program will allow you to study for your high school equivalence (HSE) from the comfort of your home or anywhere you can connect to the Internet.

We invite the community to explore the expanded Internet-based services and meet some of the

people connected to the PALS program. There will be hors d'oeuvres and refreshments to enjoy while exploring the new educational possibilities in Pagosa Springs.

This celebration is free and open for all to attend at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library at 5 p.m. on April 26 at the corner of U.S. 160 and 8th Street.

No RSVP is required and, if you have any questions, please call the library at 264-2209.

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Wilson" by Nancy Peacock follows an escaped slave. "The Glass Universe" by Dava Sobel is the true story of the major contributions of Harvard women to astronomy. "The Case Against Sugar" by Gary Taubes reveals why sugar is the tobacco of the new millennium. "Wait for Dark" by Kay Hooper is a Bishop/Special Crimes Unit mystery. "Bound Together" by Christine Feehan is a Sea Haven novel.

DVDs

"The Flash" is the complete second season. "The Vikings" stars Kirk Douglas, Tony Curtis, Ernest Borgnine and Janet Leigh. "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" is a fantasy adventure. "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow?" is a romantic comedy.

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Quotable quote

"There is evidence that curiosity has longevity benefits. Asking questions and discovering new things keeps you engaged with the world and with other people." — Laura L. Carstensen, professor of psychology and public policy at Stanford University and director of the Stanford Longevity Center.

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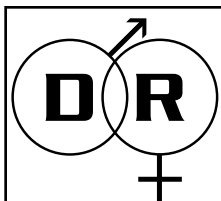
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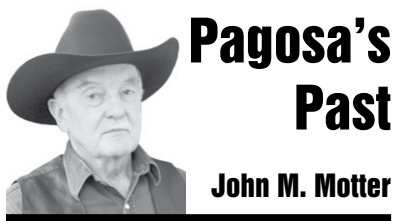
The Wolf Creek Pass work crew is shown camped here with supplies piled up in front as if being exhibited. The stuff appears to be grub or maybe dynamite. Anybody have a better guess?

Traversing Wolf Creek Pass in 1916

We continue with a first-person account of a challenging journey over Wolf Creek Pass when the brand new pass was barely open in July of 1916. The writer is Myrtle Hersch.

Continuing from where we left off last week:

“The report came that the pass would be open shortly, so we started on our way home — David and Marguerite in the Chalmers and Joseph and I in the Cadillac following. When we reached Decker Creek work camp, high up on the mountainside above the present Decker Creek Bridge, we found my sister, and her two teen-age sons, Eugene and George Hatcher, already camped. They were returning from a trip through the Ozarks, and were also waiting to cross the pass. The highway engineer informed us it would be a few



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

more days, as heavy rock work had delayed their progress. What were a few more days, with the semi-permanent camp, good fishing, best of cold mountain water, and big spruce trees about? Besides, it gave us a chance to really try out our equipment.

“On July 26th, a messenger came to tell us the engineer would come at ten o'clock the next morning to line us up for the trip over. By this time two more cars had joined us. We were to break camp and put our tops down, because of protruding

rocks over the road. There were no hard-topped cars then. During the night we had a regular down-pour of rain. A very difficult task packing up in the mud. Clouds hung heavy over the mountains, but we were all ready to roll on time. The engineer started Mr. and Mrs. Vandenberg in front in a Ford roadster, then Mr. and Mrs. Goodnight of Monte Vista in a Buick, the Hatchers in a Velie, third in line, then the Chalmers and Cadillac last, as the heavier cars might mess up the road for the other cars — to use his words.

“While in camp, David and I walked down the narrow steep grade to the open flats below, and even when dry it looked rather hazardous as it was only a few inches wider than the camp wagon. A wall of rock on one side, and straight down on the other; but the engi-

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QUESTION: IF I HAVE SET UP A TRUST FOR SOME OR ALL OF MY ASSETS, WHAT HAPPENS TO THE TRUST WHEN I DIE?

Without looking at it, the only answer I can give is, "I don't know."

The answers provided are not intended to be and are not legal advice. They are solely intended to provide general information about estate planning and may not apply to a particular situation. No attorney-client relationship is created by these questions and answers.



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

Thursday, April 13

Mountain View Homemakers. 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. The chief and assistant chief will discuss the future of the Pagosa Fire Protection District. Covered lunch provided by members. Carpooling recommended. For information, call Tozi Rubin at 731-3360.

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

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.
Connect for Health/Medicaid Presentation. 1-1:45 p.m., Sisson Library. Kevin O'Connor from San Juan Basin Public Health and Renee Burch from the Archuleta County Department of Human Services will be available to inform you of your options and discuss changes to both

programs. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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

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

Lifelong Learning Lecture. 5:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. This talk is titled "Community Solar vs.

Residential Solar: An affordable Revolution." Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Friday, April 14

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

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

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

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

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.
Gaming for All Ages. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming

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 neer assured us it was all right, for it was well packed, but for us not to drive too close together to make room for possibilities.

"We were happy to be on our way again, although it looked as if we might have another downpour any minute. We felt too, we were making history, being the first group of cars over the hill. As we were nearly a mile from our camp, on the steepest pitch, with mud as slick as soap, the Ford stopped. The driver ran back to flag down the line of cars. We all walked down to see if there might be a rock slide, a possibility. Here they had come face to face with a wagon train, three big, loaded, covered wagons, with several extra horses leading behind each wagon, and quite a number of people in their group. These people had been camping for three weeks on Wolf Creek, at the west foot of the pass, also waiting to cross. The engineer

had told them to wait until he gave the clearance, as five cars were on their way over, and it would be impossible for either group to pass the other, excepting at certain places. As the wagon train waited in its camp, the head man's patience wore thin, and "if the pass was to be open on July 27th — By Gar — he'd take his right and go, let come what may." Before leaving his camp, he laid in a supply of Pagosa fire-water, and when he met our group he was all set for battle. He got out of his wagon, buckled on his revolver, and with unsteady steps, and loud, abusive language, ordered all cars to back up to some place where he could pass. "Take the outside of the road, as my horses are not dependable. I'm giving orders to be understood and followed and I'm going through if I have to shoot the last----- to make way for my wagons."

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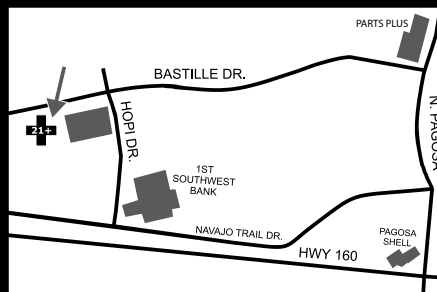
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Personal Growth and Empowerment Life Coaching Class. 5-6 p.m., Community Center. Geared toward providing individuals with tools to find the inner power to make changes within — healing and understanding the core reason for our actions, thoughts and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

Music for Meditation. 5:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. NightSong Trio will be offering classical Music for Meditation. The music precedes the Good Friday Service.

Saturday, April 15

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.

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

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

Essential Oils Class. 11 a.m., Community Center. Ever wondered how to use essential oils correctly? Here is your chance to learn how to safely use them, where they come from and how they benefit you. Instructor is Jessica McGregor.

Wyndham Pagosa Easter Egg Hunt. 11 a.m., Resort Activities Building, 538 Village Drive. All children are welcome.

Mount Allison Grange Easter Supper. 5-7 p.m., Mt. Allison Grange Hall. Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$4 for children and under 6 are free. There will also be a pencil drawing of the Catholic Church donated by Janice Dunavant that will be auctioned. Contact Shirley at 883-2483 if you have any questions.

Sunday, April 16

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, April 17

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

One Book 4 Colorado Book Giveaway. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sisson Library. We will be giving every 4-year-old in Archuleta County a free copy of this year's book. Stop by for this program that is done in conjunction with the Colorado State Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Earth Week: UU Fellowship Trash Pick-Up. 9 a.m., Pagosa Brewing parking lot.

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

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

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

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

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

2209 for more information.

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

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior center.

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

Fan Fiction. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Ever wanted a book to go beyond the last page? Join us to make up and share new stories about some of your favorite characters. Meet in the small meeting room. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. 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.

Tuesday, April 18

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

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

Earth Week: Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Plant Sale. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Centennial Park. Tour and plant sale.

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.

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Kevin Kelly at (505) 699-0824 for more information.

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

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m. Sisson Library. For teens in the seventh-12th grades. Join us for Xbox Kinect 360 and snacks.

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

Town-to-Lakes Trail Master Plan Meeting. 5-7 p.m., Community Center.

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. Join us this month as we learn to dance the cha cha. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

Wednesday, April 19

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., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

Mountain High Garden Club Annual Plant and Garden Expo. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., CSU Extension building. Vendors from Pagosa, Durango and Allison will fill the building. Whether you are a seasoned gardener or new to high-altitude gardening, this is an event you won't want to miss. You will be able to view the latest

products from garden centers, talk with landscapers, purchase tomato plants and learn about the Geothermal Greenhouse Project, the Farmers Market and more. Gardeners will be on hand to answer any questions.

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.

DIY Folded Book Origami. 1 p.m., Sisson Library. For adults. Transform an old book into a work of art. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Movie. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Popcorn and beverages provided.

Coed Volleyball. 1-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Friendly, non-competitive games open to all ages.

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

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

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

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

Weminuche Audubon Society. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Monthly chapter meeting. Guest speaker Lynn Wickersham will present on the recently released Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas. Everyone is welcome. Go to weminuche-audubon.org or contact Becky Herman at 264-2171 for more information.

Wild West Squares Introduction to Square Dance Class. 6-7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. This is a fun, easygoing class open to families, couples

and singles. Suggested age for children is at least 8 years old. Call Carla Roberts to enroll at 903-6478.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, April 20

Earth Week: Audubon Society Bird Walk and Identification. 8:30 a.m., Four Mile Ranch guest house.

Earth Week: Loaves and Fishes. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall. Share a community meal.

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

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Some medical equipment for seniors available locally

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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

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

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, April 13 — Red chili, charro beans, zucchini medley, cornbread, salad bar and lemon

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dessert.

Friday, April 14 — Salmon taco, black beans, Mexicali corn and salad bar.

Monday, April 17 — Chicken potpie, seasoned green beans, salad bar and applesauce spice cake.

Tuesday, April 18 — Crispy pork carnitas taco, multigrain flour tortilla, salsa, squash calabacitas, Mexicali corn and salad bar.

Wednesday, April 19 — Beef meatloaf, mashed red potatoes, gravy, broccoli with red peppers, dinner roll and salad bar.

Thursday, April 20 — Chicken with fettucine Alfredo, Italian squash with mushrooms, seasoned green beans, salad bar and strawberry shortcake.

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.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Jellied garnish
- 6 Not only that...
- 10 Sign near a school
- 14 Arm's length
- 15 "Oz" role played by Bert Lahr
- 16 Piercing site
- 17 Dog tag datum
- 18 In need of re-supply, maybe
- 19 Crowning
- 20 Assembled
- 21 Visual illusion genre
- 23 Money in the bank, say
- 24 Poisonous substance
- 26 Creep
- 28 Kitchen floor covering
- 30 Flying Brits, initially
- 33 Uncompromising
- 36 Fine wool
- 38 Cosmetic additive
- 39 Break off
- 41 Screen symbol
- 42 Laundry room item
- 44 Hard on the ears
- 46 Mason's tote
- 47 Develop sores
- 49 Christmas decoration
- 50 Enduring
- 54 Lacking zest
- 57 Modern surgical tool
- 59 Dedicated lines
- 60 Surrounding glow
- 61 Donations for the poor
- 62 Domicile
- 64 Ruckus
- 65 Poor, as excuses go
- 66 Piano man?
- 67 Caesar's garb
- 68 Cow poke?

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- 69 It's mostly corundum

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- 1 Bouquet
- 2 Underground drain
- 3 Imitates a hot dog
- 4 "Rocks"
- 5 Like some conditions
- 6 Tuna variety
- 7 Yarn spinner
- 8 Combat mission
- 9 "A Chorus Line" number
- 10 Not just trim
- 11 Quite a few
- 12 Wind instrument
- 13 Broke down, in a way
- 22 Trick-taking game
- 23 #1 spot
- 25 Person to respect
- 27 List in detail
- 29 Car dealer's offering

- 30 Sushi staple
- 31 Auth. unknown
- 32 Helvetica, for one
- 33 Chop finely
- 34 Palo ____, CA
- 35 Way to go
- 37 2007 movie, "Ghost ____"
- 40 Under pressure
- 43 Morsel for Muffet
- 45 Say again

- 48 Sauterne storage
- 49 Small crown
- 51 Everybody's opposite
- 52 Snake with venom
- 53 On one's guard
- 54 Gigantic
- 55 Kind of pilot
- 56 Bluenose
- 58 Shot, e.g.
- 61 Mont Blanc, e.g.
- 63 Lazy fellow

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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264-2209 for further information.
Blackout Poetry. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Participate in some creative destruction. Find poetry in an old book or newspaper pages by blacking out all the words you don't want. Meeting in teen area. We

provide supplies. For those in 5th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.
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Eligibility (surviving spouse)

To qualify for DIC, a surviving spouse must meet the requirements below.

The surviving spouse was:

- Married to a servicemember who died on active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty training, or
- Validly married the veteran before Jan. 1, 1957, or
- Married the veteran within 15 years of discharge from the period of military service in which the disease or injury that caused the veteran's death began or was aggravated, or
- Was married to the veteran for at least one year, or
- Had a child with the veteran, and
- Cohabited with the veteran continuously until the veteran's death or, if separated, was not at fault for the separation, and
- Is not currently remarried.

Note: A surviving spouse who remarries on or after Dec. 16, 2003, and on or after attaining age 57, is entitled to continue to receive DIC.

Eligibility (surviving child)

- Not included on the surviving spouse's DIC, and
- Unmarried, and
- Under age 18, or between the ages of 18 and 23 and attending school.

Note: A child adopted out of the

Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



veteran's family may be eligible for DIC if all other eligibility criteria are met.

Evidence required

Listed below are the evidence requirements for this benefit:

- The servicemember died while on active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty training, or
- The veteran died from an injury or disease deemed to be related to military service, or
- The veteran died from a non-service-related injury or disease but was receiving, or was entitled to receive, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) compensation for



service-connected disability that was rated as totally disabling:

- For at least 10 years immediately before death, or
- Since the veteran's release from active duty and for at least five years immediately preceding death, or
- For at least one year before death if the veteran was a former prisoner of war who died after Sept. 30, 1999.

For more information

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

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


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Lifelong Learning Lecture. 5:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. This talk is titled "Climate Reality: Meeting the Challenge Head On." 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.

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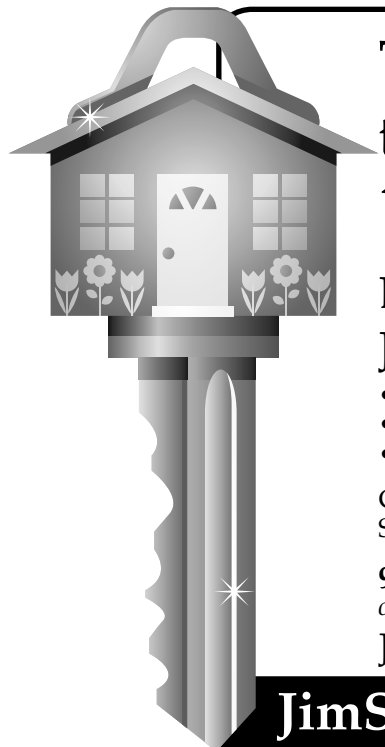
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