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Ricky Perez escapes corrections facility

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

On Sept. 22, Ricky Armando Perez failed to return to the community corrections facility Hilltop House in Durango from an approved employment pass and is still missing.



Perez

Perez was serving a 30-month sentence for assault 2-strangulation, a class-4 felony. He has ties in the Pagosa Springs area.

Perez is 29 years of age, Hispanic, 5-foot-11-inches tall, 175 pounds, brown eyes and brown hair.

Distinguishing marks include a dragon head tattoo on his left arm, a snake and tribal tattoo on his right chest, a scar on his left hand (long incision), a scar on his

■ See Escapes A8



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Just as the colors of fall started to change in Pagosa Country, last Friday's storm left a mantle of snow on the mountain peaks, making for spectacular views. Another winter storm moved in over the San Juan Mountains yesterday with 4-8 inches of snow expected over 10,000 feet through this morning in the high country including, U.S. 160 Wolf Creek Pass. Motorists traveling into the high country should be prepared for snowy driving conditions.

Housing assessment results presented

By Marshall Dunham
and Randi Pierce
Staff Writers

This week, a pair of presentations were given outlining an assessment of housing needs in the community.

The assessment was the final draft, with comments and questions from the meetings expected to be incorporated into the final report.

On Monday, Sept. 25, the assessment was presented to members of the public, and it was presented to local governmental officials the following morning at a joint work session of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and Town Council.

The presentations were hosted by members of Economic and Planning Systems (EPS), consultants that the town and county jointly paid for the assessment and consultation.

EPS Managing Principal Andrew

■ See Housing A8

Council approves Continuing Life annexation, tables Elk Run

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 21, the Pagosa Springs Town Council voted to annex one property into town, but tabled the issue of annexing another parcel into town.

The first ordinance reading for the annexation known as the "Continuing Life Annexation" was approved by council, though the agenda item for zoning the annexation was tabled by the council.

The agenda item known as the "Elk Run Annexation" was tabled by the council as well in a split vote.

The meeting had a substantial turnout, with many audience

members expressing that they weren't in favor of the projects due to being members of the subdivision in which the parcels are located.

Continuing Life Annexation

"The 5-acre property is bounded on three sides by Alpha Subdivision, and the Enclaves and vacant land to the north," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting. "The property is within Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, La Plata Electric Association, and served by Black Hills Energy. Subsequent development of the property

■ See Council A8

Proposed jail discussed at community meetings

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A pair of meetings held on Sept. 19 centered on Archuleta County's ballot question seeking a 1 cent sales increase for the purposes of building a new jail and sheriff's office.

The first of the meetings was hosted by Archuleta County and included a presentation by architects Brad Ash and Bob Johnson.

The second meeting of the evening was privately sponsored and

included a presentation by Ash and Johnson, as well as a panel of speakers including former county officials and current sheriff's office and detention center employees.

The project, as presented at the pair of meetings by the architects, would be located within Harman Park.

About the project and ballot issue

As currently designed, the facility

■ See Jail A8



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Celebrating Public Lands Day

Pagosans celebrate National Public Lands Day on Saturday, Sept. 23, by enjoying a day of food and family activities at Coyote Hill. The event was put on by the Pagosa Ranger District and Pagosa Area Trails Council. Activities included trail mix bingo with Ranger Brandon, music by the San Juan String Band, a cross-cut demonstration and branding with the San Juan Back Country Horsemen, fire safety with Smokey Bear and other fun activities such as a scavenger hunt, nature T-shirts and more.




Photo courtesy Stacy Boone



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Opinion

EDITORIAL

110 years of newspapers

On the front page of this newspaper, you will notice that this is the first issue of the 110th year of publication for The Pagosa Springs SUN. The Volume indicates the number of consecutive years the newspaper has been published; the Number is the week during the year that issue is printed.

That's a lot of years.

That's a lot of history.

You will find that history often repeats itself by looking in Shari Pierce's "Legacies" column beneath this editorial on this page each week.

Since 1909, The SUN has been documenting the lives of Pagosans from birth announcements to their obituaries, the developments of town councils, county boards and school boards, our hometown school athletics and arts programs, along with the news and community events.

As long as parents take pride in the birth of a baby, or graduation, or marriage, or any number of life's milestones, people will enjoy reading about them in The SUN.

As long as people care about who died in our community, how high our taxes may rise or who won the high school football game, The SUN will carry on the tradition of bringing the news of Pagosa Country to you.

As long as advertisers have a message to share and public notice information needs to be conveyed, The SUN will deliver those messages and notices to you.

As long as bulletin boards and refrigerator doors display cherished family memories, The SUN will proudly print those memories for you to hang up.

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Here at The SUN, we take the privilege and freedom of printing the news very seriously.

We also take the role of being a government watchdog very seriously.

We've noticed that it makes some who serve on government boards a bit uncomfortable when The SUN makes a Colorado Open Records Act request.

We question why they are so uncomfortable when they should be doing business in the light of day. They should welcome our efforts to keep them accountable. We recently had one board president pay us a visit to ask us why we were "watching them so closely." Easy answer: It's our job.

The SUN also takes its role of providing our readers with content representative of our community very seriously.

The SUN, with its print and online formats, continues to play a critical role in documenting the activities of our community.

It's part of what makes living in a community so special. Everyone wants to have a sense of home, a community where they can be involved and where getting to know neighbors is a blessing, not something to be avoided.

When you work at The SUN, you become aware that you are just another caretaker of this valuable institution. There have been other staff and owners before us, and there will be others after us. We are simply "custodians of a tradition."

It is a tradition that The SUN staff members are proud to carry on.

It takes some effort to create a sense of community. It doesn't happen without the investment of people who care. As we enter this 110th year of publication, Robert Penton, Shari Pierce, Missy Phelan, Randi Pierce, William Thomas, Shana Young-Gawdun, Brian Maurer-Townsend, Marshall Dunham, Lucas Worthington, Pam Burt, Chris Mannara and Terri House are proud of our efforts to inform and document the events of Archuleta County.

There is plenty to celebrate on our birthday.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

What is your favorite thing about fall?



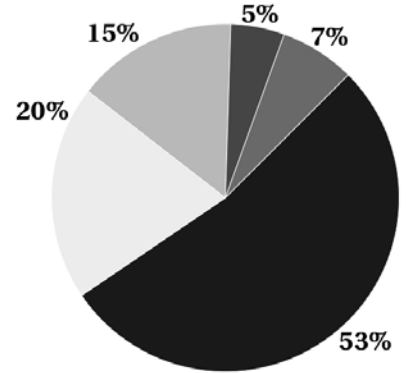
Rigo Esquivel
"Enjoying the festivities while traveling."



Teri Martinez
"Roasting green chile."



Lupe Sanchez
"The colors and the weather."



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The leaves changing colors — 53 percent
Cooler temperatures — 20 percent
Roasted green chile — 15 percent
Pumpkin-spice everything — 5 percent
Ski season is just around the corner — 7 percent

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LOOKING BACK



From the October 22, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. **JAM PACKED** — The main business section of Pagosa Springs was jammed packed with hunters several mornings last week and this week. This photo was taken shortly after sunrise Friday of last week and gives an idea of how many hunters were headquartered in this community.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 23, 1927

The first meeting and picnic dinner of Archuleta County Missourians, held Sunday at the ranch near town of Judge and Mrs. F.A. Byrne, was a big success. About sixty were present and participated in the affair.

There was a splendid attendance at the public restroom Wednesday for the regular monthly business meeting of the Woman's Civic Club. Arrangements were practically perfected for the annual Hallowe'en party, which will be held at the Social Club hall on Saturday evening, October 29. Also, arrangements are being made to construct a community kitchen, all under roof, in the park, and it is hoped that the cement work may be completed this fall in order that the kitchen may be ready for use early next spring.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of October 2, 1942

County Commissioner Dailey Hott's pickup had been operating badly for the past several weeks, so on Monday morning he drove it into the Dunagan Motor Company shop to find out the reason. However, it didn't take Dunagan's mechanics long to find and remove the cause of the trouble, which happened to be a large field mouse nest, nicely built on top of the motor.

Mrs. Susie Ford, County Superintendent of Schools, received six emergency certificates for the following county residents who have volunteered to help out during the teacher shortage in the county. They are Mrs. Ed Noble, Mrs. Natividad Martinez, Mrs. Georgianna Garvey, Mrs. Harry DeFoe, Mrs. Manley Hott and Mrs. Ila Montroy.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 28, 1967

Two men, who sawed their way out of jail here last Saturday night or Sunday morning, are in a Las Vegas, N.M., jail after being recaptured in that town. The two men, Delbert Olsen, of Pagosa Springs, and Jefferson J. Lister, of Compton, Calif., were picked up Sunday afternoon. Town police say that they do not know how the men gained possession of the saw blades to make good their escape. There were five other prisoners in the jail at the time and they say that they did not know where the saw blades came from and were not aware that the two men had escaped for several hours.

Big game season is not far off. The first of the crop of this year's nimrods will start seeping into this area within a couple of weeks to get hunting camps set up.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of October 1, 1992

A dramatic change in the county's long-established practice of plowing snow from private roads and driveways occurred Tuesday when a unanimous vote by the county commissioners established a new policy. The vote followed many weeks of discussion on and rewording of the snow removal resolution. While the resolution brings about a definite change of the county's former practice of accepting residents' requests for snow removal on an almost uncontested basis, it does not totally eliminate the service. Explaining that the County Road and Bridge Department spent an average of \$7,580 per snow storm for plowing private roads and driveways during the past winter, county manager Dennis Hunt said the new policy will enable the county to better manage its monies.

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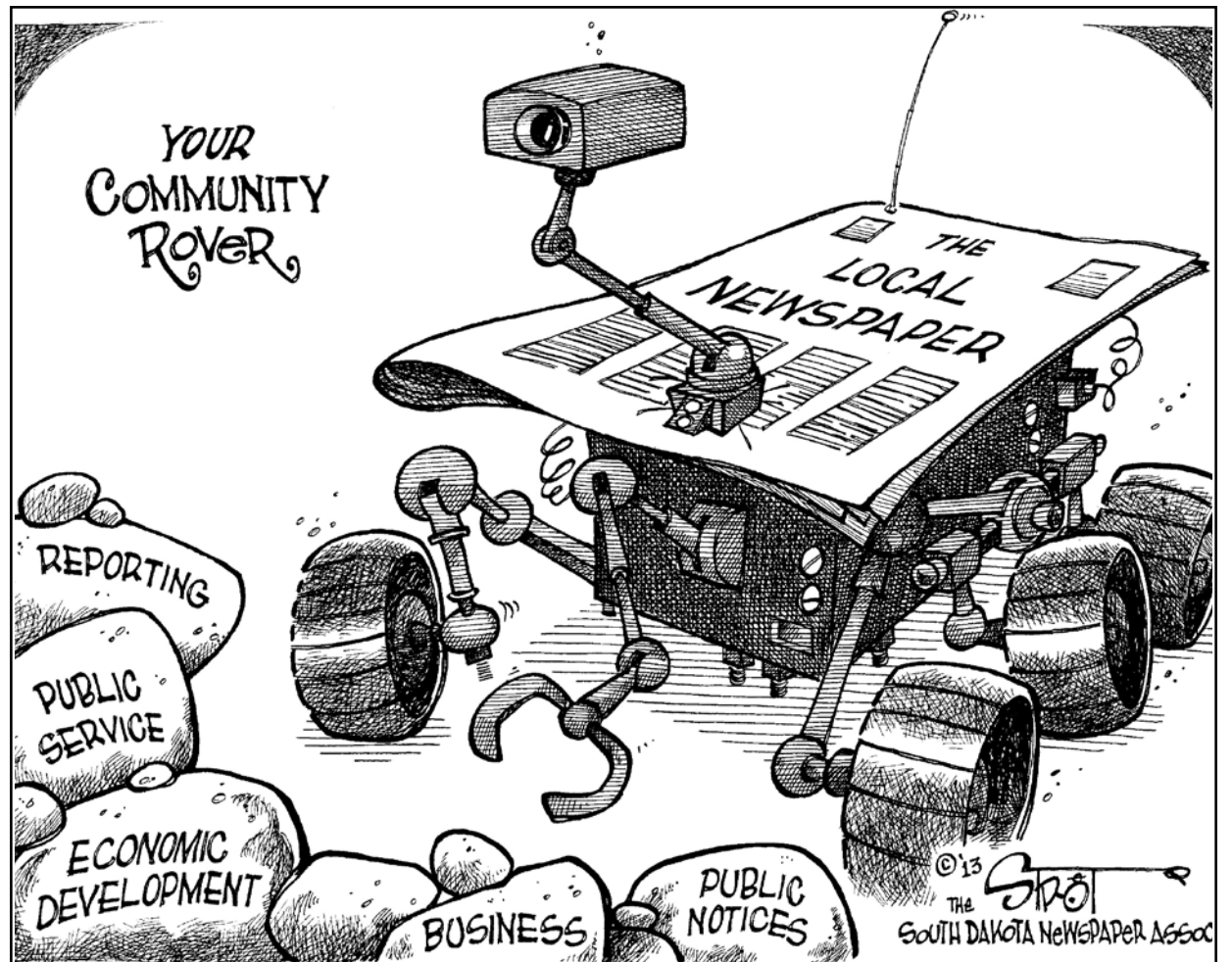
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9/23	58	37	R	-	.25"
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Letters

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Trump remarks

Dear Editor:
Well, Planet X didn't strike earth on September 23rd, gladly we're still here. However, your grandchildren will suffer immensely if this happens ... "Deadly climate change could threaten most of the world's human population by the end of this century without efforts well beyond those captured in the Paris Agreement" Jean Chenault. Let's be blunt, our door of opportunity to forestall earth's death

spiral is truly closing ... forget about getting on the Mars flight. But "be happy-don't worry," as any concern about the future may be only for liberal optimists. For we can count on Donald to keep rattling everyone's cage with ignorant, damaging, dysfunctional, irrational and childish remarks ... oh where is General Kelly.

So let's do a little forecasting if Donald provokes a nuke war with North Korea: it will end life in all Korea(s) and Japan (that's your LG/Samsung TVs, sushi, Apple I-phones, cars etc.etc.); prompt the pull out of the Iran agreement, thus ending what's left of Israel's and Mid-East security (nukes on Israel). And while we're busy in Asia, Putin/Russia may well move into more of Eastern Europe, the Baltics and Scandinavia.

With our nation at war, what's to contain the alt-right, populists, neo-facists and white supremists from going security berserk, and demanding more incompetent brain-dead nitwits from red states to complete the destruction of our institutions/climate/nation while clapping gleefully every time Donald speaks incoherently? Given that kind of polarity, some states may pull out of the Union causing military conflict between Federal and state enforcement organizations. We can forget "Obama Care," Medicare, Soc. Security and dividends from investments for most Americans; etc. etc. etc.

The outstandingly lemming-like incredible thing is all this possible anarchy makes perfect sense to Donald and his self described ... loyal, rational, reasonable, thinking and concerned supporters. Remember that military sage after the battle for Hue in Viet Nam ... "we had to destroy the city to save it!"
Dave Blake

Hate speech

Dear Editor:
The concept of "hate speech" is a construct of the Progressive Left in our country. It is amazing to note that many on the left consider so-called hate speech to be unprotected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

when it is clear that our founding fathers never intended such a restriction on anyone's speech to be prohibited.

I'm not at all confident if the Constitution and its amendments are still taught in our schools so permit me to quote the First Amendment to the Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Please note that there is no qualification that would take away the protection of free speech from something called "hate speech". One can clearly see that the reason for the guarantee of free speech is specifically to protect speech that might be considered unacceptable. Otherwise, there's no purpose for the Amendment.

This ignoring of the First Amendment by the Progressive Left goes to the very heart of our freedom to express ourselves. It would seem that the goal of the "hate speech" enforcers is to change the way that people think. If there is any intrusion of government more personal than the infringement of our freedom of speech, it is the attempted regulation of our thoughts. If expressing our thoughts is prohibited by the restrictions of alleged "hate speech", then we are being told that we have no right to think in a certain way. It doesn't get more personal than that.

Hate speech regulation proponents seem to be seeking a society in which no one is permitted to say anything that might possibly offend someone else's sensibilities. They seek a culture in which nobody's feelings can get hurt. In the final analysis, they want a culture in which only one viewpoint on virtually any subject would be permitted, that is, the viewpoint of the Progressive Left. All other viewpoints are arrogantly considered uninformed, ignorant, or unenlightened. This, of course, is hubris and intellectual dishonesty,

not to mention an unconstitutional restriction of free speech.

Unfortunately, one of the casualties of this censorship is an open and honest discussion of issues impacting our own nation. For instance, there are honest differences of opinion about the LGBTQ issues of our day, abortion v. pro-life, or climate change, but public discussion about these and other subjects is often censored.

The reality is that there is only speech. There are not different kinds of speech. Either all speech is protected or none of it is.

Richard Bolland

Hey Toots

Dear Editor:
In all the efforts to find Toots the only thing we know is, after one sighting Sept. 3rd, she vanished without a trace. That Sunday morning "Hey Toots" and "Hey Dude" were on the upper deck of my brother's house. We had the patio door closed. I realize too late that Toots couldn't hear or see me and that's what caused her to leave the deck. She went looking for me. She was always looking for me and that's why I've always said, "No one will ever love me as much as Toots."

I cannot ask people to continue to search. It is difficult to believe that there is much chance Toots continues to survive; yet so many people told me of dogs that were found after weeks.

May I ask that you continue to be aware of her. If you see a dog with a short tail, please investigate.

■ See Letters A4

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Letters

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If it's an old grey female Boxer, fawn with white toes and a black mole on her back, please, please, please don't let her go. She only has you to help her at that moment. Please bring her in to the Humane Society or a vet.

In the event there was someone who picked her up, please look closely at any Boxer that is with someone. If that is the case, my hope is a kind person will be glad to know how to reunite us.

I want to thank everyone who made an incredible effort to find Toots in the last two weeks. Thank you Cathy DeCory for being instrumental in guiding me into the Pagosa Community. Coming down from Denver over this last weekend I met so many people who had heard about Toots through a flyer, our radio ads, the newspaper, the Facebook pages (see Lost/Found Pets Pagosa Springs & Pagosa Searches for Toots Days), or someone telling them about the search. I was amazed to learn how many people who took part didn't even know each other.

My sincerest gratitude to Pagosa Springs, you are a special community.

Carolyn Coggins

Jail design

Dear Editor:

That sure is some rendering of the proposed new jail facility all prettied up and everything. But after everything that this community is going through with the decision of a new jail, that new facility, is shown architecturally drawn in with the same problem causing potential; that infernal flat roof system that has ill-fatedly become popular around here and that plagues even the old jail. Flat roofs are a design not suited for snow country and snowfall shed. Snow cakes up there, creating a problem. It will require hired human man-power to get up there and shovel it off. And ultimately, isn't the problem with the old jail; a flat roof that leaks?

Listen I took the jail tour too. I took in the handwritten signs taped about that pointed to minor trim separation where the brick wall met the ceiling. That pointed to vague discolored dribble in surprisingly few places, and noted also the lack of ventilation in the heat of summer. Although after asking, I found out that conditioned air normally flows through there. But it had been turned off to that section and for the occasion, all markers that solidified any further opinion.

But the factor that changed things for me was seeing the cramped conditions that our law officials have had to deal with in the sheriff's department all along. And that in order to keep track of the inmates, once just right across the hall, with the lighting the way it is there, law had to turn the light out in the sheriff's office just to see to monitor the prisoners quarters. And they were subjected to an

inappropriate view of any female captives that used the shower facilities provided. Then I saw that the only thing that separated law from the jail cells was a cramped narrow corridor with wooden swinging half doors, now all additional factors that added to my changing opinion.

Those facilities are obsolete. And our town should have a new jail, a well-planned out one that is not going to fall into the same plight that the other one did. A practical well-built new facility should be a positive and should gratify the community. Especially since part of my and hopefully your sales tax money will be going to fund it. But I am seriously concerned. Before it is too late, change the rendering, the roof pitch design, and put a pitched roof on the new jail facility. You know the adage; those who don't learn from their mistakes are doomed to repeat them. And nobody wants that.

Carmen Ferguson

Need a new jail

Dear Editor:

We need a new jail.

Colorado state law requires each county maintain a jail at the expense of the county and in compliance with state regulations.

The old jail is not usable as a result of rain damage and cannot be reasonably repaired and updated to meet current requirements.

The new jail will be considerably more efficient in cost and manpower than the temporary conditions under which the sheriff's office is currently operating.

Approximately one third of the sales tax will be paid by out-of-town visitors.

Your favorable vote is recommended in the up-coming election.

Arnold Fisher

GGP fences

Dear Editor:

If you were downtown the morning of Saturday, September 16 for the Colorfest balloon ascension, you saw a mix of tourists and locals on hills and balconies and sidewalks and on the River Walk and the fields surrounding the Springs Resort. All were in a festive mood while enjoying the balloons. I don't recall seeing so many people downtown on a fall morning.

And if you were downtown for the balloon ascension, and walked along the River Walk through Centennial Park, you also witnessed the private party thrown by Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership, "Breakfast with Balloons."

The GGP fenced off an entire swath of Centennial Park from the river to the parking lot. They included the River Walk and the public restroom inside their orange construction fencing.

The GGP was unapologetic that their fence forced the common folks — residents and tourists and children and strollers and dogs — into the parking lot that was crammed with parked vehicles, ve-

hicles backing out of parking spaces, and vehicles driving through the crammed lot. Families were forced into the dangerous situation of playing dodge-the-truck while the GGP sipped their mimosas, safe behind their fence.

I asked a woman behind the fence if I could use their restroom. I was told that I could ... but I could also use the restroom down the way, at the Riverpointe Restaurant.

It's unfortunate that, after the town gave the GGP a ground lease that included so much of a park that used to belong to us, and then used public funds to pay for improvements to the park — that the GGP would, during one of the most popular events in Pagosa, force all others out of the park and into the dangerous parking lot, and use their fence to claim the public restroom as their own.

Don't we all have the right to use the River Walk, and the public restroom in the park?

The GGP apparently does not care how their actions affect others in the park, so I hope the town will intervene. The mayor stated he was not aware of the situation.

The GGP Colorfest event reflects poorly on the GGP — and also, on the town that allowed them to segregate themselves and put others in danger and discomfort on an otherwise wonderful morning for downtown Pagosa Springs.

In the case of the GGP, good fences do not make good neighbors.

Cynda Green

Kaepernick

Dear Editor:

I am just an old retired school teacher, but I would be willing to buy Colin Kaepernick a first class, one-way ticket to the country of his choice if he would agree to stay there for at least five years.

John Pentler

America

Dear Editor:

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood

From sea to shining sea!
Katharine Lee Bates
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Terry Pickett

National Anthem

Dear Editor:

While I did not watch a single NFL game yesterday, I have watched with dismay and disgust news reports of yesterday's player "protests" during the National Anthem prior to games. I spent almost 30 years of my life having taken an oath to protect and defend our country and the rights of others. I strongly defend the First Amendment right of each and every of these players to voice their concerns and views. But, the National

Anthem of our country is not the forum to do that. I completely agree that it is as disrespectful to our country and to those generations of men and women who have sacrificed so much for all us by serving in the military or in public safety.

I find the response by the NFL Commissioner to be the height of hypocrisy. When you consider the "Shield," or logo of the NFL, displays the same colors as our flag and even has a bit of a likeness to our flag, that says something about how the founders of the league respected the flag. Mr. Goodell apparently feels that "Protecting the Shield," as he has often referred to his punitive actions against players, is more important than respecting our flag and country, as well as those who have served to protect them. Even a casual observer of the NFL has observed botched calls by NFL officials, some of which have determined the outcome of games. Yet, if a player or coach dares to use their First Amendment right and criticize the officials call, heavy fines follow. He has expressed many times those actions are to "protect the shield," or the NFL. Mr. Goodell is delusional if he thinks his league and its shield are more important than the flag of our great country.

I for one am done with the NFL. I will not watch another game and while I have not purchased a lot of items marketed by the NFL, I do not plan to by another item marketed by the NFL.

Andy Planeta

Moab trip

Dear Editor:

If you are a guardian or a student at Pagosa Middle School, then you probably know that the 8th graders will be traveling to Moab to partici-

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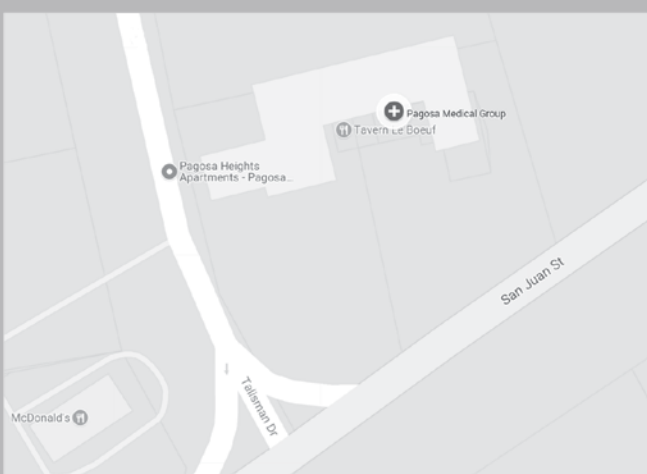
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Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County completed another repair in September. The group installed a new metal roof for Joe and Kathy Torres, of Aspen Springs. This project was funded by the Home Depot Foundation in partnership with Amazing Grace Community Church and Vets for Vets. Volunteers contributed over 200 hours of labor. Now, it's on to the next project. Pictured, from left to right, are: John Lindsay, Larry Parks, Terry Pickett, Chris Horley, Mark Disbrow, roofing boss Lawrence Queen and Paul Wilson. Not pictured: Hector Lopez, Terry Berndt and Carrol Smith.



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Knights of Columbus secretary Gerard Henken gives a \$500 donation to THRIVE Executive Director Marcy Mitchell. Donations are raised by the Knights through fundraising activities such as our annual fish fries, duck race and raffles. The Knights of Columbus want to thank the community for their support.

Local GOP leaders attend National Federation of Republican Women's convention in Philadelphia

By Pat Wainwright
Special to The SUN

Area residents Marilyn Harris and Mary Ann Smith joined nearly 900 fellow Republican leaders from across the nation Sept. 14-17 at the National Federation of Republican Women's 39th biennial convention in Philadelphia, Pa., focusing on leadership training and GOP unity. Harris is the current president of the Colorado Federation of Republican Women. She is also past president of the Archuleta County Republican Women. Mary Ann

Smith is currently a district director for the Colorado Federation. During the four-day event, which centered on the theme "Where It All Began," delegates and other registrants participated in a series of seminars in the areas of campaigns, elections, issue advocacy and membership and leadership development. They heard from Republican leaders, elected officials and other notable guests, including U.S. Sens. Roy Blunt and Pat Toomey, New Jersey Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno and Kentucky Treasurer Allison Ball.



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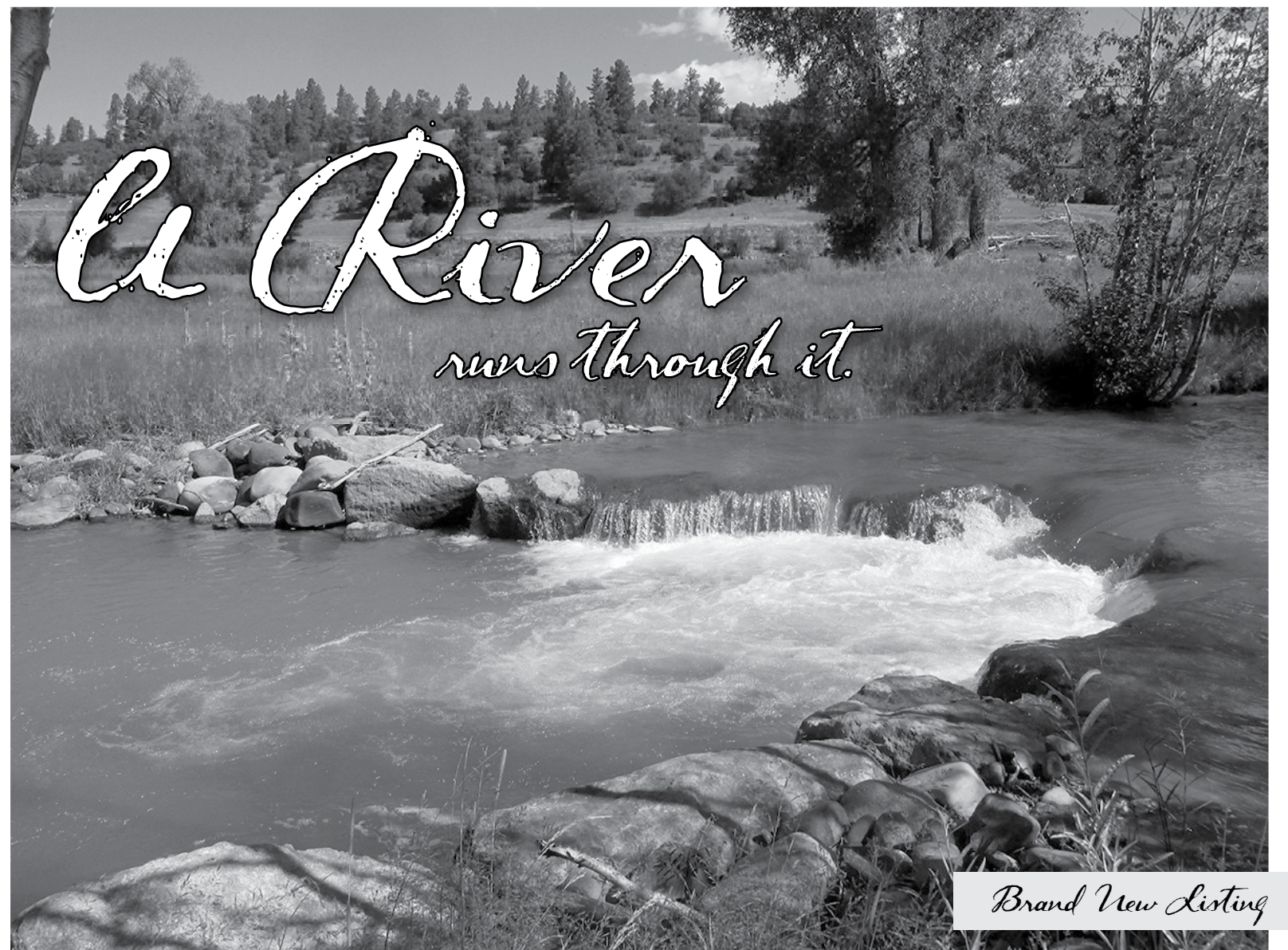
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Freeman, MLS #734721, \$384,990

Homes on Acreage



A Cowboy's Dream

This equestrian ranchette sits on 5 acres and is one of the nicest log homes I have ever seen. This custom full-log home is spectacular, a real show home. The barn and out buildings are top of the line. Your big RV will love it too. Located in Meadows I, no PLPOA.
Stewart, MLS #731407 - \$974,900



Spectacular Mountain Views

A lovely log home, custom features throughout, located in the Colorado Timber Ridge Subdivision on 3 acres. Paved roads, strong CC&Rs. Located 5 miles from hospital, churches, shopping, and golf - a Must-See!
Searles, MLS #731424 - \$859,000



Like Lincoln Would Like to Live Here

This upscale log home is on a very private heavily-treed setting on 5+ acres. The only living things you will see are the deer, elk, and turkeys who live here too. Location is less than 10 minutes from all amenities.
Hearne, MLS #736958 - \$574,990



360° Mountain Views

This home was one of the first homes built in Meadows I. No PLPOA. It sits on 5 acres on Top of the World. Home has just gone through a major renovation. New roof, new paint, new flooring, granite, and more!
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Zissman, MLS #734678 - \$459,000



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This 2-bedroom home is all on one level. Has a nice great room with fireplace, vaulted ceilings, granite in kitchen and bathroom, and a one-car garage. Walking distance to 2 fishing lakes and 27-hole golf course. Priced to sell.
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Obituaries

Mathiason James Maestas

April 10, 1976, Mathiason James Maestas was born to Jeanette Gomez and Steven Maestas, joined the Heavenly Father Sept. 17. Mathiason joins family who left before him: maternal grandparents Mary Martinez and Tomas Martinez; uncle Leonard Martinez and cousin Willie Martinez; paternal grandparents Isaac and Miguelita Maestas; uncle Albert Maestas; and cousin Michael Maestas.



He leaves behind his loving parents, Jeanette Gomez (Jeff Bayze); Steven Maestas (Irma Woody); and stepfather James Gomez.

His siblings include not only his best friend, but his sister as well, Leanne Maestas (Jermaine Jones); stepbrother Robert Gomez (Katherine); and stepsisters Janissa Gomez Hightower and Bethany Woody. Mathiason absolutely adored the many aunts and uncles he was blessed to have. And what's better than aunts and uncles but your cousins, and he had so many of them. The love for all of them will never end. Now he loved his family but his pride and joy came from watching his precious nephews, LeAndre Maestas, Michael, Dialo, Joshua Jones and Anthony Gomez.

Can't forget Tio's princesses Eliyanah and Sharae Jones and Annalise Gomez, all grow into amazing and loving individuals. Mathiason resided in Pagosa Springs, where he attended school. He grew up with a lot of great family and friends. His Pagosa friends know all too well his love for them and he knew theirs for him. He left a mark everywhere he lived including his many years of living in (Burque) Albuquerque, N.M. That whole city and in between to all around he was loved and known. If you truly knew him, you knew his love for Harley Davidsons. His heart melted hearing the rumbling beauty of an iron beast. He longed for the freedom he felt on one. He knew he looked good on one, too. Under all the tattoos and toughness was a man of kindness and loyalty. All Mathiason ever wanted was to help every and anyone. His heart so big and loving you can't help but to love his ability to have made each one of us laugh hysterically. Nothing but great memories of a great man.

Rosary is being held at Pope John Paul II Thursday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m. The funeral will also be held at the same place Friday, Sept. 29, at 10 a.m. with Catholic burial to follow at Hilltop Cemetery. Lunch will be served at the Parish Hall downtown next to IHM Catholic Church.

Ronald Keith Tinsley

Ronald Keith Tinsley passed away peacefully in the early hours of Sept. 20, just shy of his 72nd birthday. Ron was born on Oct. 18, 1945, in Prague, Okla. Just four days after his birth, his family moved to Huntington Beach, Calif., where he remained until he was 18. He then moved north to Mammoth Lakes, Calif., where his love affair with the mountains began. Ron was an avid athlete and sought after adventure. He spent his time skiing both for fun and as an employee of the Mammoth Mountain ski patrol.



His career as a patrolman lasted 14 years, during which time he never felt like he was working. Some of his strongest lifelong relationships were forged during those years.

When he was 27, he welcomed his only child, a daughter, Tera. His love for her was infinite and he insisted that she accompany him on many of his adventures. Much to her mother's dismay, he skied down Mammoth Mountain with Tera in his arms when she was just weeks old. He instilled in her the love of the outdoors, camping, horses, skiing and the beauty of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. There was not a day that went by that Tera could not feel Ron's love and pride for her and her family. She will be forever grateful for that and the free spirit and independence he instilled in her.

During his 38 years in Northern California, Ron became an avid horseman. He rode bucking broncos in the rodeo and spent a great deal of his time in the Eastern Sierra backcountry on horseback. He was happiest there and had been known to nap on the top of his horse while riding long distances.

In 2001, he and Marcia Jarvis moved from Mammoth to Pagosa Springs, where they purchased a 40-acre ranch. Then, in 2002, they were married there. Over the last 15 years they spent their retirement riding their horses and mules and enjoying the friends and family who often visited. Ron and Marcia loved to travel with their animals to Moab, Utah, and over the course of their many visits, formed a special bond with the people at Red Cliffs Lodge. Before his death, Ron requested that it be written for all to read that his love for Marcia ran deep and his appreciation for her could never be described in words. She was a loyal, compassionate, deeply caring wife for all of their years together, especially in the end when things were especially difficult.

In 2003 and 2007, Ron's two granddaughters were born. Hayley (14) and Cassidy (10) will have many fond memories of their time with Grandpa at the TJ Ranch with his horses, cows, dogs and cats. Ron was extremely proud of his grand-girls and they both loved spending time with him. Both of them learned how to be cowgirls

from the very best.

Ron can best be described as a man who lived life on his terms. He enjoyed each minute to its fullest and all of the items on his bucket list have been completed. He loved to have a good time and wanted all those around him to do the same. The poem that is framed on the wall of the tack room in his barn said this:

Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely

In a well-preserved body — But rather to skid in sideways, beer in one hand, a steak in the other

Body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming ... Wooooo hoooo, what a ride!

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Marcia; his daughter and her husband, Tera and Jamie Black; his two granddaughters, Hayley and Cassidy; many dear friends and family throughout the U.S. and Canada and all of the critters that remain on the ranch. He is predeceased by both of his parents and his first granddaughter, Natalie.

Ron's wishes were to not have a funeral or memorial service. Instead, his ashes will be sprinkled in the mountains by his family at a later date. Condolences can be sent to Marcia Jarvis, P.O. Box 5042, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 and/or Tera Black, 1800 Princeton Ave., Charlotte, NC 28209. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Special Full Moon Program set for Thursday, Oct. 5

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

We have one last event at Chimney Rock — the Full Moon Program on Oct. 5. Chimney Rock will not be open as of Sept. 30, so this is a special after-season full moon.

At this program, volunteers light the trail to the mesa top before the twin spires. A speaker tells the story of the people and their likely relationship with the moon, sun and stars. Watch the full moon rise over the eastern mountain peaks to the music of a Native American flute. You'll be torn between looking west to see the spectacular sunset or focusing on the eastern mountain range to see the first sliver of moon.

This is a reservations-only program and is recommended for children age 8 and up. The program starts at 5:15 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and are considered a nonrefundable donation.

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Job training available for senior citizens

By Judy Campbell
Special to The SUN

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For additional information, call the Jobs for Progress office in Durango at 385-3995.

CHAMBER NEWS

Business After Hours and board nominations open Oct. 2

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

The Chamber is getting ready to host its yearly lottery for the ever-popular event, the monthly Business After Hours (BAH, formerly known as SunDowners).

Some members may remember sitting outside in the cold waiting to be one of the first businesses in line to try and pull for the month that they wanted for a Business After Hours. Those days are gone.

The Chamber now takes the entire month of October for businesses to submit their names to be entered into a lottery to host an event. Here is how it works. If you are interested in hosting a BAH in 2018, submit your business name to the Chamber via email to admin@pagosachamber.com beginning Monday, Oct. 2. Names will be taken until Oct. 31. Then, beginning on Nov. 1, we will start drawing names and contacting businesses. The first business name drawn will have the opportunity to choose its preferred month to host the BAH.

We will then go down the line of names in the order they were drawn for the businesses to host the month of their choice or choose from the months left. There are 10

slots available — there are no BAH events in January and September. We will also create a waiting list in case a business selected backs out for any reason.

In addition, some businesses may want to partner with another business that has been selected, creating an additional opening. If you don't have a store frontage, don't let that stop you from hosting a BAH. You can still apply for a BAH and partner with another business or host your event in a unique location.

BAHs are fabulous and effective networking opportunities. They are used to showcase your business or property, introduce people to new or modified services or products in your business, and great ways for businesses that don't have a store frontage to network with other business owners and community individuals.

It is the responsibility of the host business to provide some type of food — it does not have to be a meal or extravagant. The Chamber provides the beverages and also works at marketing your event to other Chamber members; we invite people new to the community or related businesses. This event is for Chamber members and invited guests.

BAHs should be fun. Busi-

nesses have had scavenger hunts, contests, music, giveaways and other fun activities. The events have been drawing anywhere from 60-90 people. These attendance numbers are great exposure for your business.

If you have any questions on how to host a BAH event or if you qualify, please contact membership coordinator Debra O'Neill at the Chamber at 264-2360.

Chamber board member positions open for 2018

Every year, three Chamber board members go off the board and three new members are elected onto the board. This rotation keeps the Chamber board fresh, engaged and well-represented within the community.

As we prepare for 2018, the invitation goes out to Chamber business owners or managers to sit as a board of director on the Chamber board.

The following are the requirements. Your business must be in good standing with the Chamber for at least one year. The board position is a three-year term. Chamber board meetings are held every month, the day and time to be determined by the new board of directors. Special meetings or subcommittees may be formed and associated meetings held. The Chamber board is a working board and so participation at BAH and Chamber-sponsored events are required.

The Chamber represents a wide range of businesses; therefore, our board is diverse, thus giving the business community a board with a wide range of knowledge, input and various viewpoints.

The Chamber is the administrative arm of the Community Development Corporation and so economic development plays an important role in the organization.

Every year a slate of six candidates

is selected to run for the Chamber board and three candidates from this slate are selected by a vote of the membership to sit on the board. As a business owner, if you are not able to run for the board but would like a key individual in your organization to run for the board position, please contact the Chamber director for clarification and authorization.

Nomination forms are available on the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com. This form must be filled out and returned to the director no later than Oct. 31. If you have questions on what it takes to sit on the board or to be a board member, please contact the director for more information.

With the plethora of savvy and hardworking business owners that Pagosa has, there is rarely a time when there is not a stellar list of candidates to run for the board. It is often a very difficult decision for most business members to choose only three candidates. Voting for the selection of candidates will take place in December.

For more information, contact Mary Jo at the Chamber at 264-2360.

Membership news

We are excited to announce three new members to the Chamber roster: Pagosa Medical Group, Skymuse Drone Productions and Robert's Art.

Our renewing members this week are Pagosa Verde and the Pinewood Inn. For information listed in this article, for community events and business information, visit the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com.

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Last chance to order seed mixes

By Cynthia Purcell
Special to The SUN

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Thanks for making conservation count.

Blood drive set for Tuesday


By Tanner Peart
Special to The SUN

Our local chapter of Future Business Leaders of America is hosting a blood drive in the Pagosa Springs High School music room on Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Sports

FOOTBALL

Pirates maim Bobcats 49-0, play Delta Panthers Friday

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team figuratively stomped the Ignacio Bobcats 49-0 on Friday, Sept 22, in their first home game of the season.

In the first quarter, junior Cade Cowan threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Paden Bailey. Later in the same quarter, Cowan ran in a 28-yard touchdown.

Senior Ty Kimsey ran in two touchdowns in the second quarter, one for 24 yards and the other for 62 yards.

"The 62-yard burst was especially painful for the Bobcats, who had Kimsey wrapped up near mid-field, but the speedy running back somehow broke through the tackle of several Bobcats and scampered for the score," reads an article from The Durango Herald.

During that same quarter, Cowan ran in a 31-yard touchdown.

In the third quarter, senior Keaton Laverty intercepted a pass on a fake punt, and junior Connor Aragon later ran in a 34-yard touchdown.

The Pirates passed a total of 32



Senior running back Ty Kimsey makes a beeline for the end zone in the first quarter of the Pirates' game against the Ignacio Bobcats. The Pirates beat the Bobcats 49-0, with Kimsey scoring touchdown runs of 11, 24 and 62 yards.

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yards and rushed 320 yards, gaining a total of 352 yards.

No official stats were made

available by the coach.

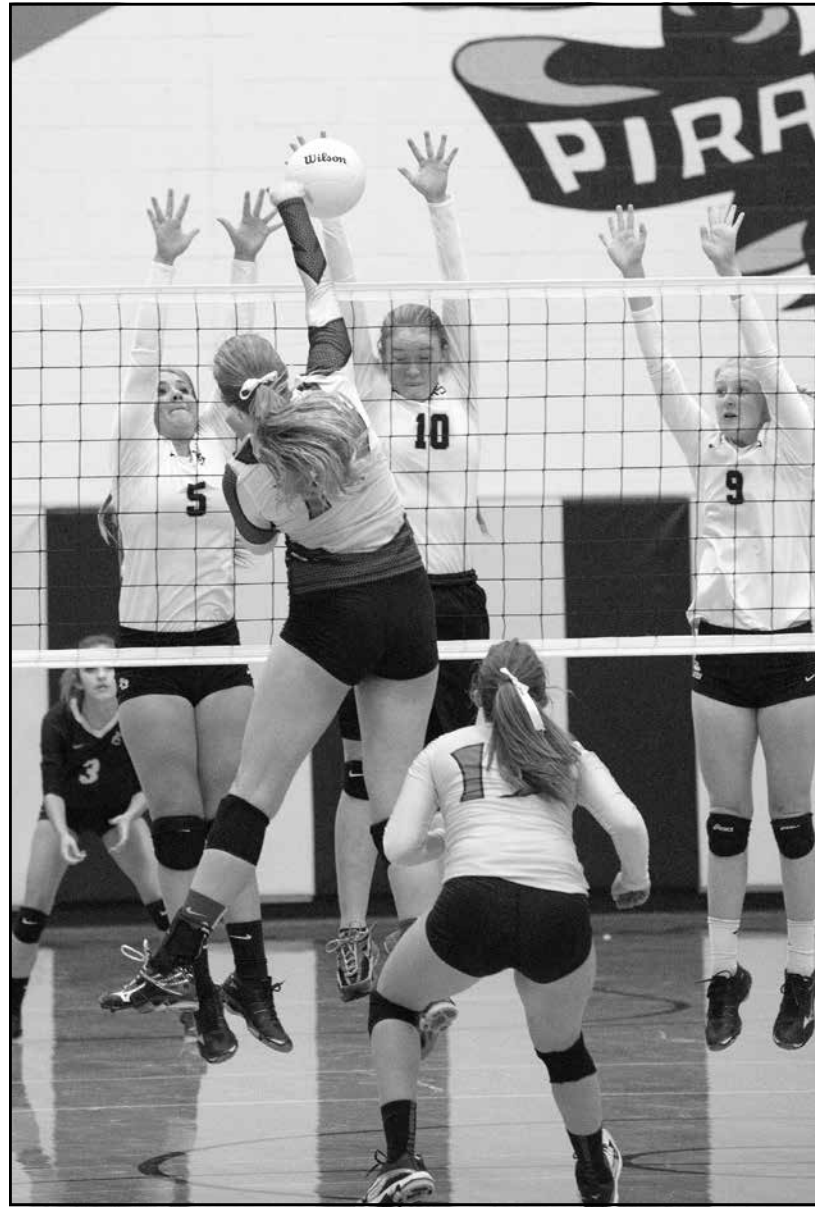
The Pirates have an away conference game against the Delta

Panthers this Friday, Sept. 29, with the fun beginning at 7 p.m.

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VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball prevails over Aztec, loses to Centauri



Pirates Teagan Stretton, Keena Murphy and Taylor Lewis rise up for the block against the Centauri Falcons. Though they played hard, the Pirates were bested by the Falcons in four sets.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team extended its win streak to two on Thursday by defeating the Aztec Tigers in three straight sets before falling to the Centauri Falcons Saturday.

Aztec

The Pirates used the home crowd to its advantage by taking the first set from the Tigers 25-18 and then winning a close second set 25-23.

The third set was decisively won by the Pirates by a score of 25-10.

Of the 24 kills the Pirates accumulated in the game, Faith Ahlhardt led the team with 14.

Diana Scott, Teagan Stretton and Taylor Lewis all added two serving aces for the Pirates.

Scott and Stretton both added three blocks for Pagosa, while Ahlhardt, Keena Murphy and Elsa Lindner all added two.

"Aztec was a much needed win for us," coach Connie O'Donnell wrote in an email to The SUN.

O'Donnell noted that the Lady Pirates, again, had a good game serving the ball, and that they were aggressive on offense.

O'Donnell also had praise for freshman setter Chloe Bridges, who played well in her five-match run, and for the upperclassmen in making Bridges feel welcome.

The win pushed the Pirate's overall record to 7-5 with a match-up against undefeated league opponent Centauri on Saturday.

Centauri

The Lady Pirates then took on

the Centauri Falcons at home on Saturday and lost in four sets.

The Lady Pirates started strong in the first set, battling back and forth with the Falcons and eventually taking the first set 25-17.

The majority of the second set, however, was in Centauri's favor as they quickly stormed to an 11-4 lead over Pagosa.

Pagosa then fell behind 24-18 and made a late rally only to lose 25-23 in the second set.

As the third set began, the Lady Pirates jumped to an early 9-6 lead.

The Falcons and Pirates went

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Pagosa's Megan Greenly is cheered on as she sprints in an attempt to finish first at Saturday's home cross-country meet atop Reservoir Hill. Greenly finished second in the high school girls' race, helping her team to a second-place finish.



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The Pirates boys' cross-country team takes off during Saturday's home cross-country meet on Reservoir Hill. The team battled several injuries during the race, coming in sixth out of 10 teams.

Pirates take second, sixth at rainy home meet

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

It may have been a little rainy Saturday morning, but, for the teams atop Reservoir Hill for the cross-country meet that morning, it was just wet enough and just rainy enough for it to really feel like a cross-country meet, according to Pagosa Springs High School's coach Scott Anderson.

"The meet actually went really well," he said. "Everybody, the people, they come back, they enjoy the course, they enjoy the venue."

And, in addition to the weather, the Pirate teams continued to deal with injury and illness, Anderson indicated.

In the end, the Lady Pirates took second at the event, while their male counterparts took sixth.

A total of 10 teams participated in the high school meet on the day, with the high school races combining varsity and JV runners. Five runners contributed to the team's score.

Megan Greenly was the top Pirate finisher on the day, taking second with a time of 23 minutes, 42 seconds.

"Megan did an excellent job," Anderson said. "She's starting to again get some additional confidence. We knew she could run at the front of the race."

Anderson said Greenly ran tactically and smartly for the first half of the race, but may have taken the lead too early in the second half.

In the end, it came down to a sprint finish for first place.

"It was a great race for her," Anderson said.

Celia Taylor was the second Lady Pirate across the line and finished ninth overall in 23:35.

"Celia did an excellent job," the coach said. "We've been encouraging her to run with our front group, and this race she was able to run through them."

Sarah Ross finished next in 25:42, with the coach noting, "She did a solid job. She's just a strong runner."

Shelby Cronon, despite rolling her ankle toward the beginning of the race and falling again later in the race (the course was slick in spots due to the rain), finished 11th in 25:48.

"Even though she was having a tough day, Shelby did well," Anderson said.

Annabelle Bowles was the fifth Lady Pirate across the line, finishing 19th overall in 26:43 minutes.

Anderson noted that while runners are not expected to take time off from the previous week due to the type of course, Bowles added the second least amount of time to her score from the previous week, behind Greenly.

"It was a great race for her," he said, adding that she was also the runner who took off the most amount of time on the course compared to last year.

Emma Heidelmeier, coming off of an illness, finished 29th overall in 28 minutes.

"I'm not disappointed in her race at all," Anderson said, adding

later that while Heidelmeier knew it wouldn't be her best day, she gave the team what she had.

The Pirates' seventh runner across the line (most 3A races include seven varsity runners) was Grace Thompson, finishing 40th in 30:09.

The boys' had a rougher day on the course, finishing sixth as a team.

This week, the team was led by Trenton Buffington, who finished 23rd overall in 21:35.

"Trent had a great day," Anderson said, explaining that while Buffington usually runs in the middle of the pack, he handled it well when he found himself at the front of the Pirates' pack. "Trent seized the opportunity and had a great day."

Jack Foster finished 28th in 22:14, taking over four minutes off his time from last year.

"To be our second runner, I think it actually empowered him," the coach said.

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Volleyball

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back and forth until the set was tied up at 15.

Both teams continued to trade scores until Centauri eventually pulled away, winning the third set 25-23.

Down 2-1, Pagosa fought to force a fifth set, but came up short, losing to Centauri in the fourth and final set 25-18.

For this game, Ahlhardt led the team in kills with 17, followed by Taylor Lewis with nine and Morgan Lewis with six.

The Pirates' total of 41 kills against Centauri was a team high for the season so far.

The Pirates accumulated only five serving aces against the Falcons. Pagosa did not record any blocks for the game.

When asked about the second set, O'Donnell mentioned that

volleyball is such a game of momentum that it is hard to sustain it for an entire match.

"Mostly, I think it's because there is so much stop and go between the end of a rally and the next serve," she wrote.

O'Donnell also commended Ahlhardt for serving the nine points that caught them up to Centauri.

"That's a ton of pressure on a server, but she handled it like a champ," she wrote.

O'Donnell wrote that if the Pirates would have won that second set, she thinks that they could have won the match, but they were a couple of points short.

More praise was handed to Murphy, who is leading the Inter-mountain League (IML) in blocks, and Ahlhardt, who not only leads the IML in hitting percentage, but is also the first non-libero leading

the league in digs as well.

Taylor Lewis was also mentioned for becoming more of a threat, being aggressive and helping the team against Centauri.

The loss moves the Pirate's overall record to 7-6, with a 2-2 record in league play.

The Pirates have moved up, however, in the RPI standings. They now rank 37 out of 70 teams in the 3A classification, versus being ranked 39th last week.

The Pirates now move on to face two more league opponents at home on Saturday, the Alamosa Mean Moose and the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

Varsity action against Alamosa begins at noon and varsity action against Cortez begins at 3 p.m.

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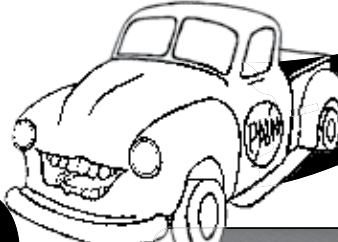
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SOCCER

Pirates looking to rebound from 0-2 road trip

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate soccer team will be looking to right the ship in a pair of home league games this week after going 0-2 last week on the road.

The losses came despite the Pirates taking an early lead in the games against the Ridgway Demons and Telluride Miners.

"We had an interesting weekend," coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason said.

The Pirates' road trip started in Ridgway Friday afternoon.

The Pirates jumped to a 2-0 lead by the game's 31st minute on a pair of fast breaks by Jason Monterroso that led to goals.

"But, the whole game was being controlled by Will Villalobos, who came back to us," the coach said, calling Villalobos' return "a wonderful reunion."

The coach continued, saying, "He made all the difference in the midfield. He was the playmaker, and he was an incredible defender."

However, the tide turned for the Pirates when Villalobos had his

ankle stepped on and had to leave the game, the coach explained.

After Villalobos exited the game, the Demons made a comeback, tying the game at two each by the end of the half.

"We just couldn't control the middle of the field," Kurt-Mason said, later adding that the Pirates started holding onto the ball too long and not passing quickly enough.

The Demons went on to score twice more in the second half, handing the Pirates a 4-2 loss.

Pirate keeper Paul Farrah logged 13 saves in the game.

"We were really, really good in that Ridgway game," Kurt-Mason said, highlighting the first half.

The next day, the Pirates headed to Placerville and took on the Miners in a rainy, snowy, windy game delayed three times by lightning.

And, with a slim roster, the coach explained that Villalobos, despite wrapping and icing his ankle the night before, stepped in as goalie for the Pirates.

"He was ... all about the team," Kurt-Mason said. "He was limping, but he played goalie."

And, like the day before, the Pirates took an early lead in the game, this time on a shot from E.J. Monterroso in the first two minutes.

In the play, the coach explained that E.J. Monterroso came in from outside, took the ball around the last defender and shot from the left side of the box to the right side of the goal.

That lead, however, only lasted about two minutes, with the Miners tying the score 1-1.

Telluride took the lead at about the 27th minute, the coach reported, and followed it up with two additional goals in the second half.

"It was a real fast-paced game," Kurt-Mason said. "It was anybody's game. ... If you don't win it out of the air right away, you're not going to win it."

The loss lands the Pirates at 2-8 on the season (2-7 according to Max Preps, which does not include the Pirates' loss to the Miners at the Coal Ridge tournament) and 2-5 in the Intermountain League (IML).

The Pirates currently fall sixth out of seven teams in the IML,

with Ridgway leading with an 8-1 league mark.

But, despite the win-loss record, Kurt-Mason said the team is rarely out of contention in a game.

"We're always in the game," he said, adding, "We've only lost two games where we really deserved to lose."

Tomorrow at 4 p.m., the Pirates will host the Crested Butte Titans at Golden Peaks Stadium.

"It will be interesting playing Crested Butte," Kurt-Mason said, indicating it would be another fast-paced game. "We just have to match it and do well."

The Titans are 4-2 in league play and 4-4 on the season, placing them second within the IML.

Then, on Tuesday, the Pirates will host the Alamosa Mean Moose for a rematch at 4 p.m., with Alamosa previously defeating the Pirates 5-0 on Sept. 16.

The Mean Moose are 3-5 in league play and 3-5 on the season, putting them fifth in the IML.

Kurt-Mason noted that the Pirates' downfalls on Sept. 16 were poor shape in the defensive moment and being too loose on marking Alamosa.

"We got caught four times in the wrong shape," the coach said.

This week, the Pirates will be looking to correct those downfalls and shoring up their play, and should again be helped by Villalobos in the midfield.

"Go, Pirates," he said.
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GOLF

Pirates take on IML tournament, state next

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

With the state tournament on tap for next week in Lafayette, the golf season is now complete for most of the state's 3A high school golfers, including most of Pagosa Springs High School's.

Two Pirates are advancing to next week's state tournament, but, for the rest of the team, Tuesday's Intermountain League (IML) tournament was the last event of the season.

The tournament was played at

the Rio Grande Club in South Fork and included the four IML teams: the Pagosa Pirates, Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, Alamosa Mean Moose and Monte Vista Pirates.

Pagosa was represented by five golfers on the day, with the top three contributing to the team score.

Nathan Smith finished second overall with an 87, followed by Jonathon Robel in third with an 88.

"Nathan and Jonathon both played pretty well," coach Mark Faber said, adding that both were fairly new to the course and adding,

"Both of them did well."

Tanner Peart notched a 101 on the day, followed by Roland Sanchez with a 122 and Devon Jacquez with a 139.

Peart and Sanchez are the team's only seniors, and Faber noted that it was nice to see them participate in the tournament and work hard.

"It was kind of a nice ending for those two," he said.

With a score of 276, Pagosa finished second behind Cortez (261) at the tournament, followed by Alamosa (283) and Monte Vista (297).

"It was a good way to end, except for the kids who are headed to state," Faber said.

Now, Smith and Robel have their eyes set on next week's state tournament at the Indian Peaks Golf Course in Lafayette.

The pair will play a practice round Sunday before playing one round Monday, Oct. 2, and a second round Tuesday, Oct. 3, for the tournament.

Faber said both are in pretty good shape and are excited to head up for the tournament.

"What a blessing for these kids," he said. "Everybody doesn't get to do that."

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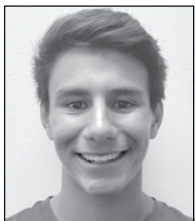
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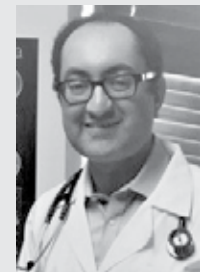


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assist. Jason was pushed and tackled, but never once did he retaliate. He kept giving his maximum effort. Jason respected the officials and all of our opponents. He holds himself accountable for his play and has high standards for his play as well as his team. It was not surprising that Jason was chosen as 'Player of the Tournament.' Jason Monterroso is also well deserving of the Triple Impact Award."



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Education

New teachers join Archuleta School District

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

With the school year in motion, Archuleta School District's new teachers are already making an impact on eager students.

The SUN was able to get into contact with these new teachers, and ask them a few questions about themselves, their teaching styles and what they plan on bringing to the community of Pagosa Springs.

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• My name is Amber Kirkham and I am so excited to be teaching at Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES). This will be my fifth year teaching. I've previously taught pre-school, kindergarten and early childhood special education. I am a Colorado native. I spent most of my childhood on the Front Range, but moved with my family to Pagosa Springs in 2000, where I attended High School. I graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 2004 and attended Fort Lewis College afterward. Currently, I am finishing my masters of arts in early childhood education with an emphasis in early literacy instruction at the University of Colorado, Denver.



• I've seen the amazing things that our district offers to its students and parents firsthand, both as a student and as a parent. The innovative programs and curriculum are top notch. The elementary school prides itself on showing that "Care Reigns Here" and it truly does so through educating the whole child. It's amazing to be part of helping students grow emotionally and academically at every stage of life.

• My students can expect to be a part of a community from the moment they walk through our classroom door. We build relationships, share experiences and grow together.

• I love all activities that can take me into the great outdoors. In the winter, I can be found at Wolf Creek enjoying the fresh powder on my skis or snowboard. In the summer, I moonlight as a raft guide.

• By seeing my students as individuals who have diverse needs, I will be sure to help each child succeed and grow. We collaborate together and create attainable goals.

• Teaching young minds takes a village. By working closely with

the other first-grade teachers, amazing staff at PSES, family and community members, all children will experience meaningful growth and success this year.

Caitlin Brink Pagosa Springs Elementary School, third-grade teacher

• I was born and raised in Lake Tahoe, Nev. I recently moved to Pagosa from Oregon. This is my first year at PSES, and my fourth year teaching. I have experience teaching first through fifth grade, as well as a background in bringing physical activity and inclusive play to school communities.



• I am excited to work in a district that puts emphasis on nurturing the development of the whole child. It is evident that the community of Pagosa Springs and the staff within the school district truly care about the students. I look forward to being a part of this.

• In my classroom, every student is a vital part of our learning community. Students can expect to be heard, respected, to clearly understand the expectations, and of course, have fun.

• I enjoy athletics and outdoor activities. I would love to be involved in community activities that get kids exploring the outdoors. I also look forward to coaching and further integrating myself into the community.

• I am passionate about creating a safe and positive learning environment, where all students feel respected, valued and safe taking risks. In creating this type of environment, students have the ability to realize their full potential.

• I believe every student can succeed and it's my duty to be a partner in that journey. Students should be an active player in their education. I strive to create an environment where students have direct input into how they learn and develop ownership in their own learning process.

Carrie Sykes Pagosa Springs Elementary School, third-grade teacher

• My name is Carrie Sykes and I teach third grade at PSES. I recently moved from Houston, Texas, with my husband, James, and our two boys. Our oldest, Tristan, just started his freshmen year and we also have a kindergartener named Cal.

• I taught first and second grade for eleven years in the Cypress Fairbanks School District. I was drawn to Pagosa Springs for obvi-

ous reasons. The beautiful mountain views and hot springs. Now that I'm here, I have been amazed with how friendly everyone is.



• My students can expect a teacher who listens to them and respects them. I want my students to love coming to school because they have so much fun learning with me. I think when anyone enjoys what they are doing, they will achieve success.

• My teaching philosophy is to treat all my students like I want my sons to be treated. I plan to be involved in as many community activities as I can. Pagosa Springs is an awesome place to live. Go Pirates!

Jodi Martinez Pagosa Springs Elementary School, third-grade teacher

• My name is Jodi Martinez and my family and I are new to Pagosa. I have lived in Texas my entire life, and recently became part of this wonderful community in June.



• The wonderful administration is what had initially drawn me to the school district.

• My students can expect a fun learning environment in which everyone can excel.

• I will be my student's biggest fan. We will celebrate all successes.

• Every child has the ability to learn, it is up to me to create an environment in which they feel motivated to do so.

Matthew Teachworth Pagosa Springs Elementary School, Great Body Shop teacher

• I'm Matthew Teachworth and my teaching position is at the elementary school as the teacher



for the Great Body Shop. I have been teaching for many years, in different capacities, from substituting to rocketry and engineering to serving as the science consultant for a private science program. I am beginning my second year of residency in Archuleta County, having moved here last summer with my wife. Before that, I lived

in San Diego for most of my life and attended college at Cal State Monterey Bay.

• Teaching at Archuleta School District is a new and different experience than anything I have done in the past. Mainly, serving in a small district allows for richer experiences in building relationships with both the students and my colleagues. This wasn't always possible in bigger cities, so it is refreshing and exciting to be able to have a real impact on the growth and development of my own community's future leaders.

• The Great Body Shop is designed to teach a variety of health and wellness concepts to the students, including injury prevention and personal safety, substance abuse prevention, and self worth, mental and emotional health. In my teaching of the curriculum, the students will continue to be presented with these different concepts through hands-on learning, so that they are not only hearing what is being presented but also experiencing it in a manner that helps them build upon each lesson.

• I have quickly learned that Archuleta County has much to offer to participate in activities both personally as well as within the community. Last year, I assisted my wife in 4H's cooking class and this year, I will be serving as the rocketry teacher for 4H. I also hope to be a part of the Pagosa Springs High School wrestling team in the future. Outside of that, I enjoy Frisbee golf, archery and hiking our rich San Juan Mountains.

• Understanding that every student has his or her own learning style and by using a variety of teaching methods, will assist every student in achieving success. Every experience students have can be used to further their knowledge by simply exposing them to new and innovative experiences that create inquiry and retention of information.

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HEALTHY C WILSON and PEGGY J WILSON the following described real estate situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 16 OF BLOCK 5 IN LAKE PAGOSSA PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD MARCH 13, 1970 AS RECEPTION NO. 72998 THROUGH 73013 Account Number: R005328 Schedule Number: 569908203016 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2011-02080 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to MOUNTAIN MANNA LLC...

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National Public Lands Day

Photos by Stacy Boone and Terri House
There was a great turnout for National Public Lands Day on Saturday at Coyote Hill. Smokey Bear joined participants for food, music and activities. The event was put on by the Pagosa Ranger District and Pagosa Area Trails Council with help from the San Juan String Band and San Juan Back Country Horsemen.



PAWSD discusses 2018 budget items

By Chris Mannara
 Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board met Thursday, Sept. 21, to discuss its budget for 2018.

The discussion primarily centered around larger portions of the budget.

Rate study

The first item discussed among the board members was determining which company would be suitable for providing a program for PAWSD's rate study.

In a phone call with The SUN, Business Services Manager Shellie Peterson explained that the rate study analyzes costs of services.

"It makes sure that they are charging their customers in an appropriate way, so that they are getting the revenue they need to maintain the system and continue to provide service," Peterson said in the interview.

Of the two firms considered, Stantec and FCS Group, District Manager Justin Ramsey advocated for Stantec.

Ramsey leaned toward Stantec's model because of its user-friendliness.

"The reason why I'm leaning towards Stantec is simply because the model that they showed us was much more user-friendly," Ramsey stated during the meeting.

The Stantec model allowed for visualization of the rates being adjusted in real time, he said.

"These guys [FCS Group] still have that same model and you can still get that same data, it just didn't flow quite as nicely," Ramsey said.

The board approved a motion unanimously to go with Stantec for

PAWSD's rate study.

Ethernet network

The next item discussed was for PAWSD to integrate its own Ethernet system for its SCADA radio communications.

The main reason for wanting to upgrade its system is because of the age of the technology that PAWSD is currently using, Ramsey said in a follow-up interview.

"The bigger reason we are looking at this is because the communications that the SCADA runs on is a Motorola-based system and it's just outdated and they will no longer support it," Ramsey said.

The proposal within the budget would allow for PAWSD to have its own internal Ethernet that would run its own SCADA communications, Ramsey said.

The proposed cost of this expenditure would be \$87,900.

The proposed cost, however, is just the start of the process, Ramsey said in the meeting.

"That's just the getting the backbone in, then we have to start transferring all of our individual lift stations and treatment plants," Ramsey noted.

The process of implementing a new Ethernet system would be an ongoing process, Ramsey said.

A benefit to this proposal is that it allows for a reduced cost in maintenance on the SCADA network, he said.

Brown's Hill, an engineering and controls company based out of Littleton, does all the work on PAWSD's SCADA communications.

"When we need them [Brown's Hill] they physically come down here and work on it, but with this new setup they can do it remotely,"

Ramsey mentioned.

Having Brown's Hill working on the system remotely would save PAWSD money, Ramsey said.

Health care

Another topic discussed pertaining to the budget dealt with health insurance for PAWSD employees.

PAWSD is considering going under a new health insurance plan that is partially self-funded, Ramsey said during the meeting.

PAWSD is also looking at two different sets of health care providers, Peterson said.

"We don't have it narrowed down yet as to which companies we would go with, or which of these two directions we would go," Peterson said.

Peterson noted that the district has good health coverage, and that it is a big advantage.

In the follow-up interview, Peterson mentioned that the goal of switching providers is to keep the same health coverage because it is one of the bigger benefits that PAWSD offers at the moment.

"We really want to keep that trump card, if you will, because we haven't been able to do a lot of increase in salaries," Peterson said.

The hope for PAWSD is that employees wouldn't see a difference in the cost of their insurance, Ramsey said.

PAWSD is still researching its health care options, Ramsey noted during the meeting.

"We are looking at our options and will determine if there is a way to save some money somehow without reducing benefits to the employees," Ramsey said in an interview.

The goal at the meeting was to have the board aware that there is a search for other alternatives, Peterson said.

"Our current coverage came in at a renewal rate that was higher than we had experienced in the last few years," Peterson said.

The burden of this increased renewal rate would have been difficult for the employees, Peterson said.

"It's really too early to go into a lot of specifics other than the fact that our intent is to not have to reduce benefits, and to not have to pass more health care costs along to the employees," Peterson said.

The goal is to offer the same benefits at the same price, or less, Peterson noted.

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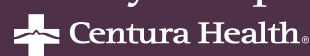
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Mountain Chile Cha Cha

Town Park • Saturday, Sept. 30





Photo courtesy Jacque Aragon

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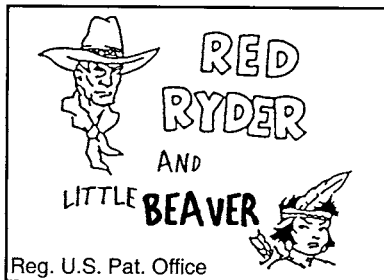
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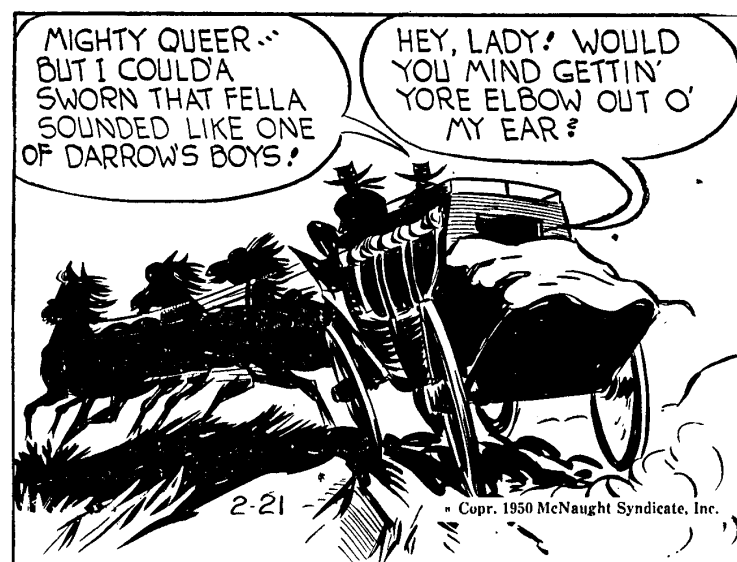
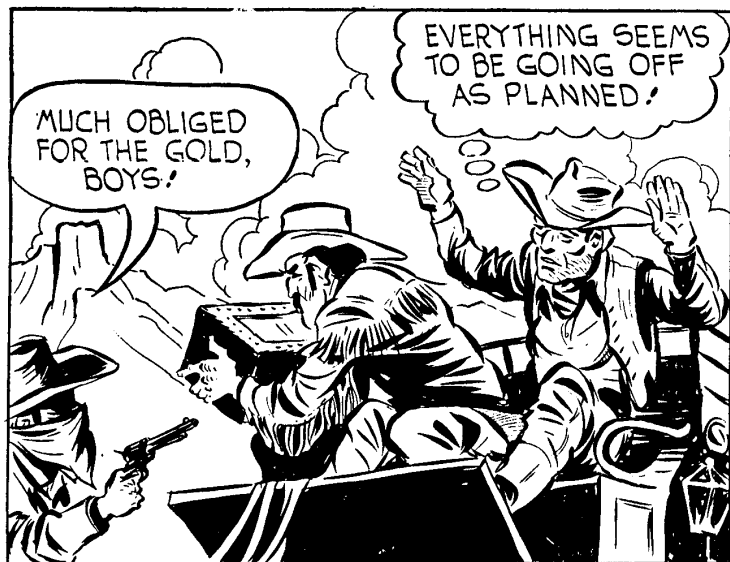
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By Fred Harman



Get ready to do the Chile Cha Cha

By **Jacque Aragon**
Special to The PREVIEW

Are you ready to do the Chile Cha Cha? The Brooks-i Band will be bringing its original party rock 'n' roll dance music to Town Park for the Mountain Chile Cha Cha Saturday, Sept. 30.

Local musician Brooks Lindner has been entertaining music lovers in the Chicago area, Austin and Pagosa Springs for over 30 years. The original music of the Brooks-i Band includes the sounds of rock, blues, country and reggae to create a fun set of music that is sure to get your body moving.

This year, Brooks-i will be debuting a special song written just for the Cha Cha.

He said, "I was riding my bike up in Turkey and the song just came to me, and I thought, 'Why haven't I written this song for the Cha Cha before?'"

So, get ready to do the Chile Cha Cha with the Brooks-i Band.

The Mountain Chile Cha Cha is hosted by GECKO (Giving Every Child Knowledge of the Outdoors), and will take place in Town Park, rain or shine. There is a kids' fun race, a 5k, 10k and half marathon

for competitors of all abilities. Go to joingecko.org for more information.

The Cha Cha will also featured the annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic, which celebrates the green chile harvest and a local green chile enthusiast who sated our green chile palettes for years with her tasty homemade recipe.

Roughly 40 entrants, both amateur and professional, compete in the cook-off each year. Some cooks get creative; others go classic. Three judges volunteer for the difficult and filling job of choosing their favorite chiles. Each judge tastes all chiles present and rates them on a scale from 1-10, plus takes notes in case the scores are close. Then the scores are added up and monies and medals are awarded to first, second and third places in meat, vegetarian and commercial categories.

Once the judges are finished, the tasting is opened up to the public at 12:30 p.m. Each person who participates in the tasting pays \$7 and is entitled to 10 tastes and a vote for the People's Choice Awards for first, second and third places. Commercial entries will also be eligible for these prestigious awards.

Latin-fusion concert extravaganza to raise money for Archuleta County seniors Friday, Sept. 29

By **Lisa Saunders**
Special to The PREVIEW

For one night only, locals can experience the entertainment extravaganza of the year, a hot and spicy blend of music and dance featuring the lovely Lisa Saunders.

With a bold vision to create an over-the-top musical showcase, Saunders teamed up with award-winning director/choreographer Ali Whitman and popular dance

and movement groups.

Also called upon for this show is the amazing fashion and costume designer Adrienne Young, who brings to life her beautiful and creative visions of costuming to the stage.

The show will feature a 12-member orchestra under the direction of Durango's Jared Wright, along with Stillwater Music's Batucada De Durango samba band, who will

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Volunteers working to make Little Black Dress Affair: Prom Night special

By Dee McPeck
Special to The PREVIEW

The engine of our small town is fueled by the energy of volunteers. Every nonprofit organization relies on people power for successful events that allow them to continue their good work in the community.

The Little Black Dress Affair benefiting Seeds of Learning is no exception. Over the course of nine years, literally hundreds of volunteers have helped plan the fun, serve the food, tend the bar and create great memories for guests. The vital help that our volunteers provide allows the generous contributions received from the evening to go directly to helping our at-risk kids.

Over 80 percent of the children who attend Seeds each day are from low-income families that cannot afford to pay full tuition. The education these children are receiving will help them succeed in kindergarten and later in life. They in turn will become successful adults giving back to their community. The circle of being helped and helping others will roll on.

On Oct. 14, our volunteers will



Photo courtesy Pagosa Photography

Volunteers are crucial to the Little Black Dress Affair, which benefits Seeds of Learning. Volunteers are getting ready for the fun at Little Black Dress Affair: Prom Night on Oct. 14. Tickets are still available.

help create Prom Night for 300 ladies at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The evening will begin with appetizers, beverages and an amazing silent auction. More creative volunteers have planned, engineered and donated unique themed masterpieces for bidders to enjoy. You'll find everything from gardening to pet care, bourbon tasting to beginning quilting, all "packaged" in inventive new ways. A delicious catered dinner will follow while the

Cannondolls entertain you with a rockin' good time.

This year, we have the Young Professionals of Pagosa Springs shouldering many of the volunteer tasks. Their offer of help has allowed some of our tried and true volunteers from the past the opportunity to attend this event as a guest for the first time.

Tickets are \$55 and are available at Seeds of Learning, 575 S. 7th St., Monday through Friday from 8

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be performing a variety of Latin fusion inspired songs.

This performance is packed with colorful and flamboyant choreographed numbers featuring samba and salsa dancers, show girls, aerial silks and other surprises. Visually and musically, this will be a night of epic entertainment. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to benefit the Archuleta County senior citizens and programs via the Pagosa Senior Center.


The Pagosa Senior Center has been an active organization in the community for years, offering programs, activities and more for seniors to help provide a vibrant, active life. As a nonprofit, funding is crucial to continue the center's variety of programs that are offered. Come and enjoy this incredible concert and make a lasting impact for such a notable organization.

The benefit concert will take place on Friday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online at pagosacenter.org or directly from the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 731-7469. There will also be limited VIP seating packages available.

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Professor of family history to speak at genealogy meeting

By April Holthaus
Special to The PREVIEW

The Archuleta Genealogy Society is hosting Katherine Sturdevant, a professor of family history at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs and a national genealogical conference speaker.

There will be two separate workshops on Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. You are welcome to come for the day or attend only the seminar you find speaks to your family history need.

Please bring your lunch. Drinks and snacks will be provided. The

meeting is to be held at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street.

Session one: "Keeping it Honest: Creative Non-Fiction Writing Techniques for Family History." Your family history can be an accurate record for posterity and still have plot, characters, mystery, romance, humor and even smell. This workshop includes why it is urgent to record family stories.

This session will also include:

- How to use creative nonfiction writing methods to bring them to life.

- How to approach these projects incrementally.

- How to make them more manageable and more publishable.

Session two: "Find Fellow Descendants: A Gold Mine of Family History." Cousins might be holders of family treasures that did not come down to you. Learn the best ways to find and reach these folks, often creating a shared experience that is itself worthy of recording. This includes important details, stories and explanations; precious photographs, documents and heirlooms; and genetic or traditional hand-me-downs that help tell your family stories.

Sturdevant has taught family history as a college course for 25 years and is the author of "Bringing Your Family History to Life through Social History and Organizing and Preserving Your Heirloom Documents."

In April 2018, she will co-present with the director of the Mormon History Library to the annual Organization of American Historians conference, a workshop in these methods for academic historians.

Dems to hold annual chili supper

By Lynn Frederick
Special to The PREVIEW

The Archuleta County Democratic Party will hold its annual Chili Supper at 5 p.m. on Oct. 6 at the Archuleta County Extension building, located at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84.

This year, we are honored to have our representative to the state assembly, Barbara McLachlan, and the state Democratic chair, Morgan Carroll, attending. A donation of \$10 is suggested for an adult dinner; children are free. In addition to a variety of chili with all the trimmings, we will have salad, cornbread and ice cream sundaes. Beer and wine will be available for \$5.

McLachlan was elected in 2016.

She is on the Education Committee and the Transportation and Energy Committee.

Among the bills she has sponsored is one to address the shortage of teachers in rural communities. This bill allowed school districts to hire retired teachers without it affecting the teachers' retirement. She has sponsored resolutions supporting our national monuments and Colorado Ute Indians.

McLachlan is also co-chair of the Young Farmers Committee, which is charged with encouraging young people to pursue careers in agriculture and in preserving our lands for agriculture.

McLachlan will be the keynote speaker and will welcome your

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a.m. to 5 p.m. Reserve your table for eight friends and join us for an evening of fun with a purpose. Call for more information: 264-5513.

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Saddle up for the Scholastic Book Fair Oct. 16-27

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Springs Elementary School will host the Scholastic Book Fair Oct. 16-27 during school hours in the school library. Families, teachers and the community are invited to attend the fair, which will feature a special theme: Wild West Book Fair — Saddle Up and Read.

This is an exciting time for students at the school and many activities at the school accompany the Book Fair as it is a fun and gratifying way to increase interest in reading for pleasure. Parent/teacher conferences are Oct. 16, 17 and 18 and the Book Fair will be open during these after-school and evening hours.

Book Fairs are scheduled to coincide with parent/teacher conference nights so there is another opportunity for busy families to visit the fair together. Students love showing their families the decorations and the books they have their eye on. Dress like a cowboy/cowgirl will be Oct. 27 for the students and staff.

Family Night will be held Oct. 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. The Partners In Education Committee (P.I.E.) have organized the evening. A delicious and nutritious homemade dinner will be served and there will be other fun cowpoke activities. Additionally, students will be allowed

to wear their Halloween costumes to family night.

Students visit the Book Fair with their class to preview the books for sale, especially the new releases. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available and there is always a huge supply of bargain items as low as \$1.99. Students also view the “Author DVD,” supplied by Scholastic, which features authors discussing the books they wrote with kids in mind.

The elementary school has been hosting a book fair since 1982. The two book fairs last school year earned the school over \$11,130 in scholastic dollars and \$1,084 in books for the school library. Through Scholastic, educational supplies can be ordered at a discount. Last year’s proceeds were used to “makeover” four classrooms with alternative student seating, area rugs, SMARTboards and projectors. Additionally, comfortable student furniture for the library was purchased. Proceeds also assist with purchasing the meal and entertainment for the Family Night event. The goal is to continue to supplement other classrooms.

Individuals attending the event can also help build individual classroom libraries by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List Program that

■ See Book Fair on next page

Supper

■ continued from previous page questions about issues facing our county.

Morgan Carroll will also be attending the chili supper.

Carroll was elected chair of the Democratic Party in March 2017. She represented House District 36 in the Colorado House and was president of the Senate in 2013-14 and minority leader in 2015. She also ran unsuccessfully against Mike Coffman for U.S. representative in 2016.

She is author of “Take Back Your Government: A Citizen’s Guide to Grassroots Change” and is a practicing attorney.

All donations benefit the local party. If you want to donate chili or other food items such as grated cheese, ready-to-serve salad and dressing, or chips and salsa; want to volunteer to assist; or have questions, contact Sue Yalom at 731-1091 or Becky Herman at 903-0788. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

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It's a family affair as the Thomas family arrives at the set of Curtains Up Pagosa's "Elf the Musical." Anika Thomas will serve as Shawanda, Connor Thomas as Charlie, Kaeden Thomas as Michael, Avonlea Thomas as Elf No. 2 and Katrina Thomas as Elf Coach Extraordinaire.

Cast of 'Elf the Musical' announced

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is excited to announce the terrific cast for its winter show, "Elf the Musical."

For this production, performance rights were restricted to ages 18 and under and we found the best of our young actors to portray all of the wonderful and

fun characters that will grace our stage in "Elf."

Alex Foster is featured in the starring role of Buddy the Elf, with other talented actors portraying lead roles: Kaya Knox as Jovie, newcomer Elaine Friday as Emily, Adrian Roque as Walter, Kaeden Thomas as Michael and Hunter Swinehart as Santa.

Our supporting roles are played
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Book Fair

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is highlighted within the Book Fair.

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all age ranges and many excellent gift ideas.

The community is invited to attend the Book Fair as a shopper or volunteer during book fair hours as the event is hosted in the school library and staffed by volunteers. For more questions or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

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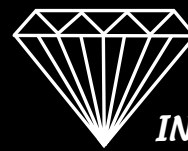


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On Thursday, Pagosa Springs High School seniors from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club, sponsored by Mrs. White, volunteered at Loaves and Fishes. The students served the guests and cleaned up the hall afterwards. The guests appreciated the students' outgoing attitudes and heartwarming smiles. Pictured above from left to right are Sierra Smith, MacKenzie Wedameyer, Mrs. White, Tate Hinger, Carl Owens, Michael Wedameyer, Irving Plna and Colten Castro. Not pictured are Teagan Stretton, Nathan Smith, Bryonna Armijo, Brayden Shulda and Adelyn Dozier. The FCA club is striving to uphold the four pillars: service, integrity, teamwork and excellence.

Loaves and Fishes provides a free weekly hot meal on Thursdays in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall on Lewis Street to anyone who comes seeking food and fellowship. The lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Loaves and Fishes is able to accomplish its mission thanks to the participation of 26 community organizations, including seven churches, 15 civic groups and three businesses. It is a recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit. All are welcome at the community meal. Weekly menus are posted on the Loaves and Fishes Pagosa Facebook page and more information is available at www.loavesandfishespagosa.org.

'Elf'

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by: Emma Happ, Connor Thomas, Anika Thomas, Miles Roque, Kayla Nasralla, Sydney Mitchell, Ella Hemenger, Cheyenne Todd, Maya Nasralla, David Morehouse, Marisa Medina, Karissa Foster, Antonia Bussoli, Alyssa Martinez, Madeline Stewart, Gracelyn Kiker and Avonlea Thomas. Featured Elves are: Gracelyn Kiker, Avonlea Thomas, Alec Jacquez, Emma Ziminsky and Sierra Liverett. Rounding out the ensemble cast are: Lexi Kappauf, Olivia Mazur, Anja Nasralla, Ruth Ann Morehouse and Raygan Porter.

CUP's "Elf" is produced, directed and choreographed by Dale

Johnson with musical direction by Robert Neel. Assistant directing, choreography and costuming are by Jeremy Medina. Our accompanist is Diane Geraghty. Neel is currently assembling musicians for our live pit, a mainstay of CUP's musical productions.

"Elf the Musical" will be performed on our home stage at the high school on Nov.16-19 (four shows only).

Check The SUN for more information as we get closer to opening. CUP is the primary support for the performing arts in our schools, as we use our profit in service to our students and community.

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Music director steps down from Curtains Up Pagosa

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) has announced the resignation of its longtime music director, Sally Neel.

In March, Neel was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer that has metastasized to her liver, resulting in a large tumor.

“To look at her, you would never know that this dreadful disease is now a part of her life,” said Dale Johnson, production director for CUP. “Her positive attitude and willingness to serve is as strong as ever. However, it has become necessary for her to slow down and to address this illness. She can no longer provide the energy it takes to produce a show. Obviously, this leaves a huge hole in the organization that we are now attempting to fill.”

Neel came from Dallas to Pagosa Springs with her husband, the Rev. Doug Neel, and her son, Robert. Being new to the community, they were looking for a way to acclimate Robert, providing him with a group of friends who also enjoyed the arts.

“We found an article in The Pagosa Springs SUN that announced auditions for Stephen Sondheim’s musical ‘Into the Woods,’” said Sally Neel. “I asked Robert if he would be interested in auditioning and he was thrilled.”

“We went to the high school at the appointed time to find 20 or 30 people waiting to audition. Lisa Hartley, who was the elementary school music teacher, greeted us and signed Robert up for his audition time. Then she looked at me and asked if I was going to audition as well. I told her that I had no plans to do that, but Robert spilled the beans and told her that I am a professional musician. So, I got hooked. We both wound up auditioning and getting parts. Robert played Jack (and the Beanstalk)

and I played his mother. And so began a nine-year love connection between the Neel family and Curtains Up Pagosa.

“Robert and I had a wonderful time on stage, though it was very clear that he had a far greater talent for acting than I did. He continued to act in CUP’s musical productions and I opted for the pit, first as their pianist, then as their musical director. Even my husband got involved. He enjoyed playing President Roosevelt in ‘Annie’ and King Herod in ‘Jesus Christ Superstar.’ More recently, he has served as president of the executive board for CUP.”

In all, Sally Neel has directed the music for 15 productions that have included “The Beat Goes On,” “Forever Plaid Tidings,” “Annie,” “HollyDaze,” “South Pacific,” “Cinderella,” “Man of La Mancha,” “Pippin,” “Snow White and the Seven Dwarves,” “Beehive,” “Jesus Christ Superstar,” “Shrek,” “HollyDaze Too,” “Fiddler on the Roof” and “A Charlie Brown Christmas.”

“Working with production director Dale Johnson, and with the many hundreds of volunteers, actors, tech crews and musicians has been one of the most enjoyable and fulfilling experiences of my life,” said Sally Neel. “It takes a great deal of time and commitment, but the payback has been a hundredfold more than what I put into it. I have a passion for this organization and their mission to mentor young people in the performing arts.

“I believe in the ability of the arts to bring out the best in humanity. I believe that it is important to offer children, youth and adults the opportunity to be on stage, to sing and dance, and to become a part of a creative team effort.”

CUP gives back to Pagosa’s young people through scholarships. CUP makes money through community donations and through the proceeds from its summer and

winter musicals. After expenses, the money is dedicated to offering college scholarships to students majoring in the performing arts; to providing scholarships for high school students who wish to take private voice, dance or instrumental lessons; and to assisting the arts programs in the schools in paying for unbudgeted expenses. Not only that, but CUP has a large storage space filled with costumes and sets that are generously shared with other arts groups in town free of charge.

CUP is a completely grassroots organization. It was formed in 1989 by community members who enjoyed performing on stage and had no venue or organization through which to do that. So, they got together and wrote, produced and performed a play for the community.

They had such fun and received such wonderful support for their efforts that they did it again — and again. They formed a nonprofit organization called Music Boosters, allocating the money they made towards a scholarship program for student thespians. The name of the organization was changed to Curtains Up Pagosa in 2012 to give the organization a more theatrical identity.

The executive board, now under the leadership of local realtor Kim Moore, is made up of about eight dedicated community members.

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- 5:30 to 6:30pm at Pagosa Bible Church—209 Harmon Park Drive (behind Wells Fargo)
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Hunting stories and brotherly love

My Sweet Al jumped at the chance of hunting with his brother. He spent two weeks getting ready. He carried totes of hunting gear from the garage to the house. He tried on his camouflage, found a couple of pairs of pants that still fit. He polished his gun and sharpened his hunting knife. He counted 20 boxes of shells, hoping there were enough, and found his hunting boots.

The day arrived. They drove to southern New Mexico to shoot doves. They paid a woman to hunt on her property, an old empty dairy with so many doves they had to step around them. The doves were on the fence, on the telephone poles and on the wires.

When Al arrived home, I asked, "How many doves did you shoot? Did you have fun?"

"I shot eight and left them with my brother. I can't see so good with my good eye anymore. My brother said I needed a cannon to shoot one dove."

Al came home empty-handed, but with a different hunting story this time. It was about his wonderful brother and the brotherly love they share. His brother called to see if Al arrived home safely and I heard Al say, "I love you, too."

That's a first. My, my, my, how

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



some things have changed, but some things remain the same.

It wasn't like the other hunting trips when Al hauled out a deer alone in 4 feet of snow. Or the story he told when he wrapped his coat around the elk he shot so he could find it later. He left the elk in deep snow with his tag attached to its horns and walked 2 miles to get help. When he approached the highway, his car had been towed. In the dark, with blood on his hands and clothing, the weather dipped to freezing and Al flagged down a car.

Suspicious and scared, the driver rolled down his window 2 inches. Al convinced him he didn't shoot anyone, but he was a hunter who left his bloody elk in the field wearing his coat. I wouldn't have picked him up, but the driver believed him and drove him to 84 and the Lower Blanco. At 2 a.m., Al walked the rest of the way home with no coat with frostbit fingers and toes.

Those are just a couple of Al's many hunting stories, and I've heard them all more than once, but this story had a different spin. Wall-paper your mind with this picture. Two brothers, 80 and 83 years old, all dressed up in camouflage with 20 boxes of shells each, going on the hunt. They drove around the whole time looking for birds, never leaving the truck.

Hunting with his brother is not about sleeping on the ground or in a tent. It's not about sitting around the campfire trading tales with his hunting partner. It's staying in a five-star hotel with all the fineries.

At the end of the day, for David it's about hunting girls. For Al, it's hunting a Hallmark movie and making sure he's in bed by 9.

This is Al's hunting story. "My brother doesn't have to look for the girls, they come to him. He loves the club crowd."

The club crowd is totally out of Al's league, so he left his brother in the bar and went to his room. His brother called me around midnight from the bar and told me Al was in his room and he was glad his brother wasn't turned like him and how much he admired his brother. A few glasses of wine began talking for him. I told him that I've never worried about my Sweet Al. He is innocent to all of his nonsense.

When they arrived back in Albuquerque after the hunt, David told his brother, "Get cleaned up, we are going out to my favorite hangout." He knows every woman who walks through the door. David claims, "I like the girls and will always like

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Volunteers make up the entirety of the organization, providing everything from front-of-house duties to advertising, backstage jobs, costuming, makeup and hair design, set design and construction, and lights and sound.

The directors, actors and instrumentalists in the pit are all volunteer as well, each putting in hours of preparation time.

"In truth, no one would put in this much work if it wasn't fun," said Sally Neel. "I have had a wonderful time working with such amazing and talented people. Our young people continue to blow me away with their enthusiasm, their willingness to work, their wonderful attitudes and their incredible talent. I have watched many go on to make a career for themselves in the arts, which is most gratifying. They are an extended family to me."

Indeed, her time with CUP has come full circle. Robert Neel, a recipient of one of CUP's college scholarships, graduated from Santa Fe University of Art and Design with a degree in musical theater and displayed his conducting and teaching skills for the first time as musical director for last summer's production of "Sister Act." He will also serve as musical director for this year's winter production of "Elf."

This is only a temporary fix, however.

CUP currently is seeking others who are willing to step into the role of music director. If you are interested in the position of music director or wish to volunteer for other areas of the organization, please contact Johnson at 946-1500 or go to the website www.curtain-suppagosa.org.

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Today's energy talk to feature Durango Mayor Richard White

By Karen Goodwin
Special to The PREVIEW

Durango Mayor Richard White will be in Pagosa Springs this Thursday, Sept. 28, to talk about how our local community can move toward a 100 percent renewable energy future.

His presentation will take place 5:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes

Property Owners Association Clubhouse on Port Avenue off Vista Boulevard. White is an expert on renewable energy.

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) provides power to La Plata and Archuleta counties. LPEA is one of 43 rural electric distribution co-ops that purchase electricity from the Tri-State generating plant in Nebraska. Two-thirds of the elec-

tricity produced by Tri-State comes from burning coal, the most polluting form of energy and a major contributor of greenhouse gases.

Coal is now one of the most expensive sources of electricity, while solar is one of the cheapest. Between 2003 and 2014, Tri-State's price to sell electricity to LPEA and its other rural co-

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the girls. I'm not doing anything wrong. I'm single."

When they entered the club, Al and his brother split up. Al said he sat at the bar and ate his piece of pizza alone. David was hanging around the girls. Al didn't talk to anyone, but watched his brother at the end of the bar. It's the "Cheers" scene. They all know David's name. He doesn't sit on a barstool. He leans up against the bar and watches the girls. Women, one by one, paraded in front of David, hugged him, kissed him and whispered in his ear.

Al was mesmerized by his brother. After all of these years, he still can't get over the women flocking around him. Those girls would have eaten my poor little Al's lunch and his pizza, too. He's no match for these young things.

I stopped Al in the middle of his story. "All the women were flocking around your brother, but why didn't you shoot all those doves flocking around the two of you when you were hunting?" I could tell him what was going on with his brother, but I wouldn't burst either of their bubbles and ruin their fun. The story was making Al feel good about his brother and I was feeling really good about my true blue Al.

His brother is 83 and these girls are in their 20s, like early March and late December coming together. They are packing heat and he is pumping Geritol.

Al is an observer and loves beautiful clothes. He described what the girls were wearing, not what they were doing. "One of the girls who came up to my brother was gorgeous, around 25, full of energy, and cute as a button. She was wearing cutoff blue jean shorts, cowboy boots and a white silk blouse."

On the way home, Al asked him, "What about that gorgeous girl who was hugging on you?"

"I told her no, but she kept asking. I didn't want anything to do with her."

He asked his brother, "What about that other girl? You spent a long time talking with her."

David shook his head. "I know her ex-husband. He's a good guy. She has so much alimony she doesn't know what to do with it, but she still wants more money. I know better than fall for that kind of girl again."

At the end of the day David told Al, "I'm proud of you. You've got more than I've got. Good kids, good wife and a nice home. But, I couldn't live your life, I love the women."

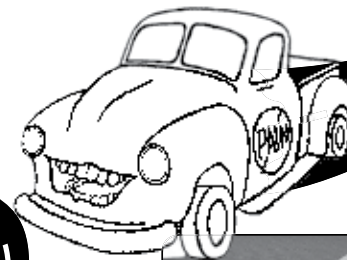
Both brothers went home happy after a week of hunting. They admired each other, enjoyed each other, but were puzzled about the other one's life. Al isn't telling him about the Hallmark movies he watched in his room and his brother isn't talking about what was going on in his room.

Final brushstroke: As different as

night and day, those brothers love each other. They have been through thick and thin together. For David, the girls know his name and make a fuss over him. For Al, he's happy to come home, knowing I'll be waiting for him and will make a fuss over his hunting stories.

Readers' comments

Send in your hunting stories to betty@bettyslade.com and I'll post them. But, don't be surprised if I put my spin on them.



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The roots of a tumbleweed

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

I watch from my living room window as winds swirl around the empty lot next to our home. A tumbleweed appears from nowhere, its origin unknown. Blown by gusts of air over miles of farmland. A fence line brings it to an abrupt halt, the trash collected on the journey wedged between two posts until released by a prevailing wind.

The tumbleweed is a reminder of my life before Jesus. Dad uprooted our young family when

A Matter of Faith

Mom passed away. We relocated to a different town. I never forgot my roots, but a dysfunctional childhood clouded the memories.

An abusive stepmother compelled me to move on. I became a tumbleweed tossed and torn. A

bleak future and unknown destination stretched before me.

Difficult circumstances and tough decisions pushed me headlong on a destructive path. Outside forces set boundaries. Opposition strengthened my determination. It would be years before I put down roots.

Somewhere along the way, I met Jesus. He broke loose the ties to my past. His Word penetrated the deep crevices of my heart. One by one He ripped away the hurt, shame and disappointment. Jesus freed my heart of unwanted debris.

Through the gentle tug of His Holy Spirit, He lifted me up and transported me into a life I never dreamed possible. I experience His love and acceptance. I feel His peace. His grace surrounds me. I rest in Him, no longer tossed from place to place.

Because of Jesus this tumbleweed found a home safe within his outstretched arms.

“Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong” — Ephesians 3:17 (NLT).

King’s Kids slated to kick off Oct. 4

By Dorman Diller
Special to The PREVIEW

Keep Walking in Jesus is the theme for the annual King’s Kids program at the Church of Christ.

Bible stories about living a Christian life will come from the book of Acts. Activities will include singing, Bible study, games, prayer, refreshments and a visit from the puppets.

King’s Kids will begin Wednesday, Oct. 4. Classes will meet each Wednesday evening through Nov. 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. The six-week free program of Bible study is sponsored by the Church of Christ located at 277 Lewis St. to help children learn more about God, His word and to grow into better young people. Children 2 years old through the eighth grade are invited to attend.

Following the last class, there will be a closing program. The evening on Nov. 8 will begin with a Thanksgiving dinner. Following dinner, the children will present a short program of some of the

things they have learned. Awards will be presented for perfect attendance and outstanding work.

The Joy Bus will run to provide transportation in the downtown area. Enrollment slips may be found in today’s paper or you may call the church building to enroll your children.

For more information, call the church building at 264-2552 or Dorman Diller at 264-4454.

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Pagosa Community of New Thought announces grand-opening celebration

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) welcomes everyone to join us for a fun-filled “housewarming” celebration.

Please join the Rev. Janet Wyrick at 10 a.m. on Oct. 1 to explore how to engage in life with our hearts open.

It will be PCNT’s first event at our new location in the Momentum Fitness building at 40 North 15th St., on the north side of U.S.

160. We will have live music and refreshments, and welcome everyone to join us in a “laughter workshop.”

Laughter certainly has moments when it feels unwelcome. Yet even in our saddest moments, finding the ability to giggle or laugh can move us a little bit forward with balance, without disturbing the process of feeling sadness. Additionally, laughter prevents us from feeling too serious about life in general, which can be a trap

of adulthood. To be fully alive in adulthood, we need to incorporate our childlike, silly self.

Find laughter today.

Our Monday evening movie will be “The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success” featuring Deepak Chopra and Olivia Newton-John. This will be held at our new location at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 2.

We welcome everyone to come and join us. Lift your heart and spirit in song, prayer and meditation. You will do amazing things. Welcome home. We’ve been waiting for you.

Weekly 10 a.m. Sunday gatherings and Monday 6 p.m. film/discussion groups are held at our center in the Momentum Fitness building at 40 North 15th St.

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

UU topic: ‘Kindness Can Change Our World’

By Zoë Groulx
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a service titled “Kindness Can Change Our World,” with Zoë Groulx, this Sunday, Oct. 1.

Unitarian Universalists strive to live by and uphold seven principles. These principles are not dogma or doctrine, but a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities.

The First Principle tells us to affirm and promote “the inherent worth and dignity of every person.” Observance of this principle requires kindness in our dealings with others. Additionally, the Second Principle, that of “justice, equity and compassion in human relations,” encourages us to be kind as we interact with the world around us.

The Fellowship will focus this service on kindness as it relates to ourselves and to the larger community. We will explore how the practice of kindness can change our world.

Groulx describes herself: “My past led me here but no longer exists — it is comprised of a seemingly infinite cascade of moments and interactions, far too many to relate here. Throughout that past and now, I am one tiny but significant part of this infinite universe, no more and no less than you, no more and no less than our planet,

no more and no less than each bacterium, each rock, each ray of light, each wave of energy. I would love to meet you and have a conversation with you, should you introduce yourself to me after the service. (Despite this whimsical bio of the moment, I am a pretty down-to-earth and practical person.)”

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

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

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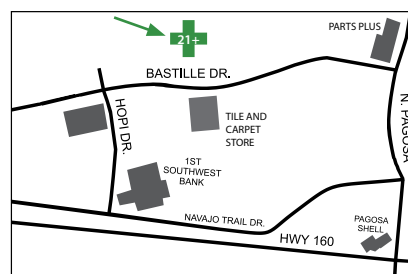
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Second Chance Book Sale set for Oct. 6-7

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We hope you will come by the library on Oct. 6 or 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take advantage of the Second Chance Book Sale.

You'll find great buys for all ages — books that were not sold at the Friends of the Library book sale in August plus new ones that have been processed since then. In addition to books, a wide variety of other items will be offered, including book sets, audio books, CDs and DVDs.

Library staff will be organizing the event, setting up and working the cash register for your purchases. This is a win-win situation. You get great bargains and your library raises funds in addition to the \$5,600 made at the Friends book sale. Every penny goes to making your library even better.

Lifelong Learning

Mark your calendar for the fall Lifelong Learning Lecture series starting Oct. 12 and watch for more details in future "Library News" columns.

All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 29, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for a PG movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to identify the film titles in the media, but you can find them listed on the activities calendars.

Teen role-playing

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

Adult education

Our PALS program — Pagosa Adult Learning Services — takes place three days a week: Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. plus Tues-

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days and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help with high school equivalency, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Computer/technology classes

Join us each Monday from 2 to 3 p.m. to learn a technology skill or application. Topics will vary each week.

Oct. 2 is digital photos, Oct. 9 is Microsoft Excel basics, Oct. 16 is Ancestry Library Edition and Oct. 23 is Windows 10.

No registration is required. Note that there will be no computer class Oct. 30.

Teen gaming

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

Tech Time

Drop in with your technology questions for free help on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Kids storytime

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

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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.

Spanish language books

“La Camisa del Marido” by Nelida Pinon is an anthology of nine stories exploring family relationships, conflicts and secrets. “Pele: Porque El Futbol Importa” by Pele and Brian Winter is a memoir of this soccer great. “El Nombre de Dios es Misericordia” by Pope Francis shares the pope's thoughts on the importance of misery. “Cartas a la Dra. Isabel: Mensajes y Consejos de El Anghel de la Radio” by Isabel Gomez-Bassols is a collection of letters to help men and women overcome their problems. “Reta Tu Vida No Es Dejar de Comer Sino Aprender de Comer” by nutritionist Jose Fernandez provides menus and inspirations to help your family achieve a healthier diet.

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“Computer Basics/eighth edition has been updated for Windows 10. “Solve Your Money Troubles” offers strategies to get out and stay out of debt. “Raising Passionate Readers” by Nancy Newman describes five easy steps to success in school and life. “Cuba” is a DK Eye-witness Travel guide. “Option B” by Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant showcases personal experience and research on finding strength in the face of adversity. “The Four

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Novels

“Sing, Unburied, Sing” by Jesmyn Ward focuses on a family road trip through Mississippi. “Star Wars Phasma” by Delilah S. Dawson is the latest in the Star Wars series. “The Golden House” by Salman Rushdie tells of an enigmatic billionaire who moves to New York. “Something Like Happy” by Eva Woods follows two friends who spend 100 days working to be happy. “Little Fires Everywhere” by Celeste Ng features two families who live in the very proper Shakes Heights suburb of Cleveland. “Love and Other Consolation Prizes” by Jamie Ford tells of an orphan raffled off during the 1909 World's Fair. “The Vengeance of Mothers” by Jim Fergus explores the Brides for Indians program via the journals of two of the brides. “The Twelve-Mile Straight” by Eleanor Henderson begins with the birth of

two babies, one light-skinned and the other dark.

Mysteries and thrillers

“Enemy of the State” is a Mitch Rapp thriller by Kyle Mills. “A Legacy of Spies” by John Le Carre is the first Smiley mystery in 25 years. “Good Me Bad Me” by Ali Land features the daughter of a serial killer. “The Child Finder” by Rene Denfeld begins when a child disappears while choosing a Christmas tree in the forest. “Need to Know” by Fern Michaels is a Sisterhood mystery. “Dinner at the Center of the Earth” by Nathan Englander follows a secret prisoner held captive in a black site. “Proof of Life” by J.A. Jance is a J.P. Beaumont mystery. “The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye” by David Lagercrantz continues Stieg Larsson's Millennium series.

Large print

“Robert H. Parker's “The Hangman's Sonnet” by Reed Farrel Coleman is a Jesse Stone mystery. “Y is for Yesterday” by Sue Grafton is the penultimate book in this alphabetic mystery series. “Glass

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CDs

“The Western Star” is a Walt Longmire mystery. “I Know a Secret” by Tess Gerritsen connects two homicides in different locations. “Dark Rites” by Heather Graham is number 22 in the Krewe of Hunters series.

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Quotable quote

“Life is a series of yellow pads. It’s real therapy to cross things off and make a new list.” — George Stevens Jr., American Film Institute director.

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Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering to focus on cowboy humor this year

By Linda Mannix
Special to The PREVIEW

Living a hard life, working outdoors with livestock and equipment, a cowboy’s life can take many twists and turns. This year, the 2017 Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering is focusing on cowboy humor — how the cowboy finds humor from the funny side of the fenceline, which might include horse wrecks and ironic twists of fate.

Rancher and cowboy poet R.P. Smith from Nebraska will lead a group of some of the finest humorists in the world of cowboy poetry. Andy Nelson, Gary McMahan and Terry Henderson are featured in the Premier Show on Thursday, Oct. 5, titled “Laughing Stock,” at the Henry Strater Theater. Two shows, one at 6 p.m. and one at 8 p.m., will highlight funny stories, poems and the comedic mistakes of living the cowboy life.

The Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering runs from Oct. 5 to Oct. 8 with a bent towards humor. The Friday and Saturday evening shows feature humorists Otto Rosfeld, Floyd Beard, singers Trinity Seely,

Pat Meade and others.

Oct. 7’s events start off with a real cowboy chuckwagon breakfast at 7 a.m. on the corner of 5th Street and Main Avenue, followed by the “motorless” Cowboy Parade at 10 a.m. with plenty of horses, riders, wagons and walkers.

After the parade, there is another “not to be missed” cowboy humor show, the Cowboy Comedy Revue, at 10:30 a.m. in the Henry Strater Theater.

Free sessions of cowboy poetry and music on Saturday will run from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Strater Hotel, Lone Spur Cafe and Cerda 7. A free session of poetry and music at 4:40 p.m. at Toh Atin Gallery will focus on this year’s fine art poster, “Ten Below Zero,” by artist Andrew Peters.

Cowboy hats and boots will be the norm in downtown Durango as the town goes “western” for the Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering Oct. 5-8. Enjoy a wide variety of family-friendly shows and activities. The complete schedule is available at www.DurangoCowboyPoetryGathering.org or call 749-2995.

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From Fil Byrne to Henry Gordon's cattle drive through the Wild West

We're writing about Fil Byrne, Pagosa pioneer and first school teacher. I don't know what Byrne's education was, but I suspect he was a high school graduate and that was about it. In those days if you had a high school diploma to prove you finished high school, folks figured you knew enough to



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John M. Motter

teach others what you knew.

Byrne arrived with the first settlers in Pagosa Springs and was involved in just about everything that went on. He finished his career by serving as county judge for eight years. That responsibility ended with his office in the present courthouse in 1932.

In last week's photo, we showed Fil and a cowboy named Henry Gordon. Henry is another of my favorite Pagosa Pioneers. Henry died at the age of 101 in Pagosa Springs in May of 1934. He was born a little north of St. Louis, Mo., on Oct. 30, 1832.

You who know western history will recognize that the fur trapping business in the Rocky Mountains was in full swing in 1932. Kit Carson, Jim Bridger and other trappers were busy catching beavers and dodging Indians. Much U.S. history took place during Henry's life, including the Civil War, Spanish American War and first World War.

As a teenager, he worked on the railroad between St. Louis and Kansas City. Later, he lived in Indian territory — now Oklahoma — and still later drifted down to Texas where, as a cowboy, he became associated with the O'Neals, Keiths and others in the Erath County area. The time was the mid-1870s, when the cattle drives from Texas to the railroads in Kansas, i.e. Dodge City and others, were in full swing. Wyatt Earp and others like him weren't TV stars; they were real people packing real guns.

In any case, the O'Neals with Henry Gordon and others decided to have their own cattle drive. They rounded up a bunch of longhorns and headed for the Pecos Trail made famous by Charles Goodnight. One branch of the Pecos Trail ended up near Cimarron, N.M., and that's where the O'Neal party stopped to rest and graze their cattle.

Cimarron in 1876 was about as Wild West as any place on the frontier. A major feud between cattle ranchers was taking place, the Jicarilla Apache had no reservation but were getting rations



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

Fil Byrne is pictured here as county judge in his office in the county courthouse, where he served in various positions over a span of 28 years. This photo was probably taken in 1932, his last year of service to the county. The office is in the same courthouse we are using today.

there and camping outside of town, and several well-known western outlaws called Cimarron home. This is the environment the O'Neal party chose for resting their cattle and horses.

It should be no surprise to learn that the Apaches barbecued several of the O'Neal party longhorns. Naturally, the O'Neals were smart enough to avoid taking on a whole band of Apaches. Instead, they went to the sheriff, who turned over their claim to the territorial government.

Imagine my surprise to learn just a few years ago while reading microfilm on New Mexico territorial history, that, through the Army, the government had reimbursed the O'Neals for "cattle stolen by Indians at Cimarron."

A footnote might be in order to justify the Indians. Their main sources of food were nearly gone. The white man had killed most of the buffalo, deer and elk the Apache formerly depended on. As would any parents when their children were suffering from hunger, the Jicarilla took action. The nearest "corner store" was the herds of cattle owned by the white men. And, so, the Jicarilla fed their young ones.

More next week on Henry Gordon and the O'Neal trail drive to Pagosa Country.

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Tickets available now for Senior Center fundraiser

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

Lisa Saunders is donating a portion of the proceeds from the Benefit Concert Extravaganza on Sept. 29 to the Pagosa Springs Senior Center.

The event will be at 7 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

There will be Latin-fusion-inspired songs performed by Lisa Saunders and her amazing 12-piece band, Broke with Expensive Taste. Joining the ensemble will be the Batucada De Durango samba band and a variety of salsa and samba dancers, show girls, aerial silks and other surprises.

General admission tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online at pagosacenter.org or at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 731-7469. VIP seating packages are available.

Falls prevention program

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center is pleased to announce our third Matter of Balance program.

A Matter of Balance is an award-winning falls prevention program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falls.

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- Set realistic goals for increasing activity.
- Change their environment to reduce fall risk factors.
- Promote exercise to increase strength and balance.

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- You are concerned about falls.
- Have sustained a fall in the past.
- You restrict activities because of concerns about falling.
- You are interested in improving flexibility, balance and strength.
- You are age 60 or older, ambulatory and able to problem solve.

The Matter of Balance program lasts eight weeks. The program began on Sept. 27, with the next class on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Classes are on Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Snacks will be provided. Class size is limited.

Please call 264-2167 for more information or to register. The classes are free.

Health and wellness

The Senior Center has a pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring, or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplement

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tal insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next wellness event will be in October.

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging long-term care ombudsman

By Kay Kaylor

A new feature of this column will be this section by your local long-term care ombudsman on resident rights and relevant laws and news about nursing and assisted living homes.

Colorado has 51 staff and 22 volunteer ombudsmen, and this region has two of us covering Archuleta, La Plata and Montezuma counties. We are all certified and must complete at least 15 hours of continuing education annually.

I am the Archuleta County ombudsman and I work part time to help protect the rights of people living in local facilities. Licensed facilities are required by law to allow ombudsmen to enter and visit with residents without interference from facility staff.

As an advocate for residents, I strive to help them resolve issues related to care, health, safety and resident rights to their satisfaction. I also attend regular resident and family council meetings, which residents use as a forum to express any complaints or approval.

The program is administered by Disability Law Colorado under a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services. Local ombudsmen are guided, trained and evaluated by the state long-term care ombudsman, Anne Meier. In future columns, I will detail the resident rights intended to maximize quality of care.

For further information, you may call me at 403-2164.

Memberships

Senior Discount Club memberships are offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

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

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

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

Thursday, Sept. 28 — Beef chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, shredded Brussels sprouts, dinner roll and salad bar.

Friday, Sept. 29 — Chicken and

sausage jambalaya, okra, braised greens, French baguette with butter and salad bar.

Monday, Oct. 2 — Pork green enchilada, charro beans, Mexicali corn and salad bar.

Tuesday, Oct. 3 — Chicken potpie, seasoned green beans, salad bar and applesauce spice cake.

Wednesday, Oct. 4 — Beef Italian meatballs with spaghetti and

marinara sauce, snap pea medley, focaccia bread and salad bar.

Thursday, Oct. 5 — Crunchy baked catfish, roasted beets, green peas, salad bar and lemon dessert.

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Cutting up a big game carcass

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

The following article is by By D.E. Benson, Colorado State University Extension specialist and professor in fishery and wildlife biology.

The decision to cut up a big game animal yourself or pay a professional butcher can be a difficult decision, especially for the novice. Locker plants have the advantage of cold-storage facilities for cooling and aging the carcass.

An unheated garage, porch or shed, where the carcass can hang in cool weather (near freezing or below at night), is required for home aging. Aging can be omitted, but the result is a slight loss in tenderness.

The advantages of butchering a big game carcass yourself include: saving money; cutting, wrapping and labeling exactly as desired; and learning more about the anatomy and condition of the animal. Expect to spend one or two evenings skinning, cutting and wrapping the carcass.

Quick facts

- If weather is cold, postpone skinning until immediately prior to butchering.
- Small animals may be made entirely into ground meat; large animals may be made into steaks, roasts and other cuts.
- Quick freeze meat at zero degrees F after wrapping for the freezer and eat within six months for best quality.

Equipment

Required equipment for butchering meat includes: a sharp knife (sharpening stone and steel), freezer wrapping paper, freezer tape, marking pen, a large cutting board, two containers (for bones and meat scraps, and for burger or stew meat) and a butcher saw. For the containers, a plastic pail, roaster or cardboard box lined with freezer wrapper work well.

Skinning

If cold weather allows, postpone skinning until immediately prior to butchering. The hide will help keep the meat moist and clean.

Hang the carcass either by the hocks or head for ease and cleanliness during the skinning process. Cut the skin around the neck just below the head and around each leg above the hoof, then up the inside of each leg to the center cut.

Working from top to bottom, separate the hide from the carcass. Leave as much fat, connective tissue and muscle fibers with the carcass as possible. Avoid getting hair and dirt on the carcass or cutting holes in the hide.

Trimming and cutting

Remove the head by cutting

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through the muscles between the skull and the first neck vertebra, then twist the head off.

Remove the meatless lower legs with a saw or cut through the ligaments and cartilage at joints and twist them off.

Cutting can be simple or complex. Many hunters cut all the meat off the skeleton and grind it for hamburger, sausage, salami, etc. Others use the boneless meat for jerky or stew meat, or cut up a big game carcass and make several kinds of steaks and roasts, ribs and hamburger.

The decision on how to cut up a big game carcass should be based on the family's preferences for meats and to some extent on the size of the carcass. For example, if it is a small antelope or deer and the family uses ground meat frequently, grind most of the meat. On the other hand, a large elk or moose can be processed into a variety of cuts to avoid boredom on the menu.

Yields and losses vary, depending on the size of the animal and where it was shot. An animal shot in the head will have a higher yield than average, while an animal with single or multiple wounds in the leg, shoulder or loin will have a lower yield. Also, a carcass butchered without aging or with less than two weeks of aging will have proportionately higher yields.

The following procedures provide a variety of cuts, including steaks, roasts and ground meat. This procedure assumes that the carcass is hanging by its hocks, the most standard position. If the carcass is hanging by its head or laying on a table, the method can be changed accordingly.

Work with one part of the carcass at a time and leave the rest of the carcass hanging in a cool location.

Remove one of the front legs and shoulders from the rib cage. No saw is necessary. Separate the muscles of the shoulder and make into steaks or roasts. The shank can be ground or cut for stew meat. Remove the other front leg and shoulder and treat it in a similar fashion.

Trim as much meat as possible from the neck. It makes excellent mincemeat, stew or ground meat. Remove the boneless flanks by cutting along the last rib down to the loin, then along the leg. This can be used for ground meat or jerky. On larger animals, this portion is thick enough to be used as a steak. Next, remove each loin. Cut

along the entire length of the backbone next to the dorsal spine, then cut along the lateral spines of the backbone the length of the backbone. Sever the loin where it is still attached at the small of the back. Remove the loosely attached meat near the neck end of the loin. This meat is good for stews, ground meat or other uses, but distracts from the tenderness of steaks. The loin is most suitable for steak. Cut crosswise 3/4- to 1-inch thick for steak. You could also cut into large sausage-like pieces about 8 inches long or into whatever size you wish to cook. Cooking the whole chunk reduces surface area and increases moisture retention.

On loins from smaller animals, such as deer, make longer sausage-like pieces that are cut into portions after cooking or butterfly steaks by cutting sections about 2 inches thick, then cutting those almost in half, but leaving enough connective tissue to hold both halves together.

Cut off the meat on and between the ribs and use it as ground meat or jerky. To prepare ribs for barbe-

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cuing, saw the ribs into 5- to 7-inch pieces. Cut into widths, usually two to four ribs wide, depending on the size of the animal. Ribs also can be cut into shorter pieces and used in stew.

The tenderloin is a small muscle connected to the underside of the backbone just in front of the pelvic area. Cut it from the backbone. It, along with the loin, is one of the most tender pieces of meat and most suitable for steaks. Tenderloin from deer-sized big game can be cooked whole. Larger tenderloins may be cut in lengths or made into butterfly steaks as previously described. Many hunters who age their carcasses remove the tenderloins early to avoid drying.

Remove the backbone just in front of the hind legs. Separate the two hind legs by sawing through the middle of the backbone. Remove the rump roast by cutting off the upper end of the leg. This cut should go through the ball-and-socket joint.

The sirloin tip is the football-shaped muscle at the front of the hind leg. Remove it next. It makes an excellent roast. Separate the large muscle of the round (upper part) of the leg. These can either be cooked whole as roasts or cut into steaks.

The shank of the hind leg, like that of the foreleg, contains considerable connective tissue and probably is best for ground or stew meat. The bone remaining also can be used. The backbone can be cut into sections and used in making soup. Bones also may be used as dog food.

Ground meat and jerky

If a meat grinder is not available, many commercial locker plants will grind meat. Big game meat is not nearly as fat as beef and most people find it desirable to add about 20 percent beef suet. For making breakfast sausage, add 30

to 35 percent pork fat.

In addition to using the ground meat for breakfast sausage and hamburger, there are several other tasty items one can make with the ground meat. Many locker plants make excellent salami by using big game meat. It is often available as Polish, Italian or German sausage.

Jerky is another tasty treat. A few locker plants will prepare it, although it's a simple process and can easily be made at home.

Wrapping, labeling and freezing

All fat should be trimmed off meat before wrapping. Meat should be wrapped in special freezer wrapping paper designed for that purpose. It can be purchased at most grocery stores. Double wrapping is recommended if meat is to be frozen for several months. Steaks can be divided with two pieces of freezer paper between to allow easy separation prior to thawing.

All packages should be labeled as to contents and date. Knowing the contents will be useful in evaluating cutting procedures. Be precise in labeling. Loin steaks should be labeled differently than round steaks, for example. Dating is particularly important if there is more than one carcass in the same storage unit or if meat is stored for a long period of time.

After wrapping, packages should be quick frozen at zero degrees or colder. Packages should be spread out on freezer shelves until frozen solid, after which they may be stacked or placed in freezer drawers. Meat should be eaten within six months.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. Anyone needing to receive or renew certi-

fication can register by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

We will also attempt to schedule classes on additional dates with five or more registrations.

Cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. The type of first aid information provided will vary by the needs of the audience.

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Thursday, Sept. 28

Pickleball. 8-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rummikub. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library

at 264-2209 for further information.

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.

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information.
Southwest Organization for Sustainability and Pagosa 100% Campaign Energy Talk. 5:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Richard White, mayor of Durango, will discuss community planning for a clean energy future.

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

Friday, Sept. 29

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

Pagosa Christian Women's Retreat. Sonlight Camp. Through Oct. 1. The theme is Living Loved: Being Known. See <https://sites.google.com/site/pagosachristianwomen/> or call Faith at 507-0181 for details.

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, Hand and Foot, Rummikub. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

All-Ages Movie. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the cast of musically inclined animals, such as a mother pig, teenage gorilla, a shy elephant and a punk-rock porcupine as they make musical sounds with their voices in order to win a competition. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Infatuacion. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Latin-fusion concert extravaganza featuring Lisa Saunders, to raise money for the Pagosa Senior Center. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online at pagosacenter.org or directly from the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 731-1469. There are limited VIP seating packages available. Contact Kaitlen Smith at 903-3129 for more information.

Saturday, Sept. 30

Mountain Chile Cha Cha 5k, 10k and Half Marathon. 7 a.m., kids' race, 8:30 a.m., main race. Scenic trail run on private trails. Followed by an all-day chile festival. Register online at www.joingecko.org.

Mountain Chile Cha Cha. Town Park. Featuring a Latin music concert, several races, Mexican beer garden, margarita contest, green chile roasting on site and an all day kids' corner.

Zumba. 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

Baby Storytime. 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. For babies 0-12 months. 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. For toddlers 12-36 months. 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.

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Group to provide support sessions for people who are experiencing grief because of the death of a loved relative or close friend. For more information, call 731-3185.

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.

Sunday, Oct. 1

Uke Jam. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Come strum, sing and share the fun. All levels welcome. Instruction for beginners provided.

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

Monday, Oct. 2

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

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

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community

Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

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.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Computer Class: Digital Photos. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to learn a useful or fun technology skill or applications. 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.

High Country Squares Club Dance. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Mainstream and Plus Squares dancing with Jim Park calling. The beginning lesson will be from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays before the club dance. Contact Steve at 731-0044.

Tuesday, Oct. 3

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

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

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further

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

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Kevin Kelly, Ph.D., at (505) 699-0824 for more information.
Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rummikub. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.
Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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.

Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

First Place 4 Health. 5:30-7 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. First Place 4 Health is an international program that offers a healthy living option to weight loss. Focus will be on the four essentials for overall health and well-being: the mind, emotions, body and spirit. For more information, call Marie Rascoe at 731-3185.

The Incredible Years Parenting Class. 5:30-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. This class is created for families with children ages 2-8 years. The class will help strengthen children's social skills, emotional regulation and school-readiness skills. For questions and to register, call Michelle Carpenter at 946-0664 or Lynne Bridges at 264-5513. Class size is limited.

Terrific Tuesdays. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse. Join us this month as we learn country western two-step. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Falls Prevention: A Matter of Balance. 9-11 a.m., Senior Center. This program is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falls. Snacks will be pro-

vided. Class size is limited. Call 264-2167 for more information and to register.

Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Ave. This is a program for kids ages 3-5. The program includes Bible time, crafts and game time. This is a service to the entire community: All little kids are welcome. Parents are welcome to come and visit with their little ones. For more information contact, Frank and Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email at CEFlittle-kids@gmail.com.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Free Screenings. 10-11 a.m., Senior Center. San Juan Basin Public Health screenings on total cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure checks, referrals and translations for Spanish speakers.

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.

Movie. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Popcorn and beverages provided.

Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rummikub. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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.

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

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

The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

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, Oct. 5

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

Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rummikub. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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San Juan Outdoor Club. 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. MK Gunn will be speaking on Honeymoon in Heaven: Hiking the Colorado Trail. Enjoy a vivid slideshow and stories. Light refreshments will be available at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome. Go to www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org for more information.

Friday, Oct. 6

Second Chance Book Sale. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sisson Library. In case you missed the Friends of the Library book sale, here is your second chance. The library will be holding a book sale and there will be great buys for all ages. We will be selling a variety of items: hardback books, audio books, paperbacks, fiction, nonfiction, CDs, DVDs and more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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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.

Contend for Pagosa and Prayer Room Re-launch. 4:30-10 p.m., 755 San Juan St., Suite E.

Archuleta County Democratic Party Annual Chili Supper. 5 p.m., Extension building. This year, we are honored to have our representative to the state assembly, Barbara McLachlan, and the state Democratic chair, Morgan Carroll. A donation of \$10 is suggested for an adult dinner; children are free. For more information, contact Sue Yalom at 731-1091 or Becky Herman at 903-0788. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, Oct. 7

Zumba. 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and

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Tara Mandala Retreat Center Open House. 9:30 a.m., Tara Mandala Retreat Center. You are welcome to join us for a guided tour of our beautiful retreat center and Tara Temple, which includes a brief introduction to meditation with time for Q&A and a vegetarian buffet lunch. Please arrive by 9:30 a.m. For more information and to register, go to taramandala.org/open-house.

Fundamentals of Buddhism: A Practice and study with Debra Quayle. 10 a.m., Universalist Unitarian, Suite B-15, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are welcome.

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Group to provide support sessions for people who are experiencing grief because of the death of a loved relative or close friend. For more information, call 731-3185.

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.

Archuleta Genealogy Society. 10 a.m.-noon, 1-3 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. There will be two separate workshops. We will be hosting Katherine Sturdevant, a professor of family history and a national genealogical conference speaker. Session one, from 10 a.m. to noon, will be "Keeping it Honest: Creative Non-Fiction Writing Techniques for Family History." Session two, from 1-3 p.m., will be "Find Fellow Descendants: A Gold Mine of Family History."

Sunday, Oct. 8

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

Monday, Oct. 9

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Queen hit "Radio _____"
- 5 Fat unit
- 9 Actors
- 13 Like thick smoke
- 15 Mystique
- 16 Look up and down
- 17 English county
- 18 Depict
- 19 Indian bread
- 20 Building featured in Mailer's "The Armies of the Night"
- 22 Diminutive
- 24 Day to remember
- 25 Small crown
- 26 Fire-starting weapon
- 30 Refresh
- 31 Hotshot pilot
- 32 H.S. math
- 36 Bass, for one
- 37 Bad blood
- 41 Big deal
- 42 Fiery stack
- 44 "I told you so!"
- 45 Springfield, for one
- 47 Office item
- 51 Make a mess of things
- 54 Elizabethan collar
- 55 Former student
- 56 Exhausted
- 60 Isolated
- 61 High time?
- 63 Fluid build-up
- 64 By and by
- 65 Quitter's word
- 66 Museum piece
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- 68 As a result
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- 4 Radio exposure
- 5 Half a winter pair
- 6 Archeological site
- 7 Chair part
- 8 Staffing level
- 9 Bend out of shape
- 10 From the top
- 11 Bluish gray
- 12 Doctrine
- 14 Maze feature
- 21 "___ lost!"
- 23 Before, in verse
- 25 First name in fragrance
- 26 Letter opener?
- 27 Mrs. Munster
- 28 State
- 29 Indy entrant
- 33 River vessel
- 34 Dillydally
- 35 Ending for "theater" or "church"
- 38 Release
- 39 Leak slowly
- 40 Hobo, for one
- 43 Periodic Table entry
- 46 Nonbeliever, to some
- 48 Barley beard
- 49 "Now!"
- 50 Persian, e.g.
- 51 Buffet item
- 52 Spitting image
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Friday, Oct. 13

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.

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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.

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Sunday, Oct. 15

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

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Ways to improve your mobile phone etiquette

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Mobile phones have had a major and largely positive impact on 21st century society. From facilitating communication to improving access to information, mobile phones have affected how human beings live their lives in myriad ways.

As ubiquitous and essential as mobile phones have become, there are still many instances when they can prove irritating. While it's easy to lose awareness of one's surroundings when using a mobile phone, it's important that mobile phone users prioritize etiquette

when using their phones in public.

1. Keep private conversations private. When the phone rings while you are in public and you don't want to allow the call to go to voicemail, answer the call and immediately and politely explain that you are in public. This indicates to the person on the other end of the line that you do not want to broadcast potentially sensitive information to strangers, while also showing those around you that you respect them enough to reserve such conversations for private settings.

2. Always use appropriate language. When using a mobile phone

in public, refrain from peppering conversations with expletives or graphic language. Children may be nearby without your knowledge, but even if there are no young people in the immediate vicinity, your fellow adults likely don't want to hear foul or graphic language.

3. Obey the rules. Movie theaters, airline cabins, libraries and various other places have rules in place governing the use of mobile phones. These rules are designed to ensure everyone has a safe, enjoyable experience. Breaking these rules can be a safety risk in certain situations, but is more often merely inconsiderate of those around you. If you must use a mobile phone but you're in a restricted area, excuse yourself and tend to the matter elsewhere.

4. Don't interrupt a conversation to text or answer a phone call. Many people now have no reservations about interrupting an ongoing conversation to text someone else or answer an incoming phone call. Such behavior is disrespectful to the person you're speaking with and can have an adverse effect on your relationship with that person going forward.

Tips for keeping your children informed

By John Lough

Special to The PREVIEW

Maybe it's a divorce, Dad losing his job, or a seriously ill family member. Are these things that you want to share with your children?

Many parents try to protect their kids by holding back on bad news, trying not to share the emotional

pain that life can bring.

Unfortunately, doing so often does the child a disservice. He or she may grow up with a faulty perception of marriage and family life, and a distorted picture of how the real world works.

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Antique furnishings, decor, coins and toys remain popular among consumers. Unlike the mass-produced merchandise of today, antiques have history, and their endurance through decades, if not centuries, is a testament to the quality craftsmanship and materials used to create these often timeless pieces.

Antiques also might be more affordable than many shoppers think. Savvy shoppers may find mid-range “brown furniture,” which constitutes some antique wood pieces, more affordable than reproductions. Homeowners and apartment dwellers who want their rooms to stand apart often rely on antiques to provide a unique ambiance.

Antique shopping also is a “green” endeavor. Antiquing is an eco-friendly practice, putting to use items that have been recycled and reused.

Antiques also can be a good investment, as they generally retain their value while adding texture, contrast and personality to any room of the house.

Understanding antiques can take time, but even the novice can develop an eye for pieces that strike their fancy. And thanks to the wealth of information about collectibles and antiques available online, shoppers have constant access to information about antiques at their fingertips. Shoppers may even be able to comparison shop

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problems than we realize. They overhear discussions and recognize when a parent is sad, upset or acting in unusual ways. They hear people talk or see things on TV that let them see how troubled the world can be.

When children get news in bits and pieces, it can leave them with a poor understanding of what is happening. When children see Mommy and Daddy are unhappy, upset, angry or worried, they will often assume the worst and think it must be their fault.

Instead, children benefit when they are informed, in an age-appropriate manner, about what is happening. They don't need to know all the sordid details of relationship problems, bad work environments or the loss of a job, but they should have reliable information if what's happening is going to impact them. If information isn't shared, again the kids often assume the problem is their fault.

How much to share depends on the child. Most younger children don't need to know all the details,

but it's important to let your child understand that he or she is included, that the problem isn't his or her fault, and that as parents, you are doing your best to handle the issue.

Share such information at a time when you and your children can sit down together and discuss what is happening without distractions. Allow a child to ask questions and to understand the situation on his or her level. You want to be truthful and reassuring.

Your school counselor, or a local professional counselor, can offer help about the best ways to share bad news with your children, as well as advice on behavior changes that such news might bring.

But whenever a family is facing troubling times, deciding how to communicate with your children should be one of your first — not last — priorities.

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Then some children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. *Matthew 19:12*

The Psalmist wrote, “Children are a gift of the Lord.” Too often children are viewed as an inconvenience. When children were brought to Jesus for a blessing the disciples rebuked the people. After all, they had better things to do with their time than be bothered by children.

But Jesus said, “Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Then laying His hands on them, He departed from there.

Children are a special trust from God. Parents and others who work with children have a great responsibility rearing, teaching, and training children. May we, like Jesus, always find time for children. Let us make use of available opportunities so our children may learn more about Jesus. Remember, the kingdom of heaven belongs so such as these.



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Rosie, the scaredy-cat dog

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Our neighbors' dog, Rosie, didn't like cats. In fact, she wasn't too fond of many things. She had killed more than one batch of our kittens and at least a dozen of our chickens. She came snarling at us when we walked by, and I wasn't sure she wouldn't attack us if she had a chance.

Our neighbors are good people and tried to keep their dog in. They put in an invisible fence, and that kept her home most of the time. But once in a while, there was something so fascinating that she would endure the shock to get out. But even if she didn't get out, there were times she would get excited and bark. Soon, every dog in the neighborhood would join the chorus for the 2 a.m. bark. Our two dogs weren't immune from this devilish deed, and more than once I got up and yelled at them to be quiet.

But one night, Rosie seemed to open the floodgates for a nightmare of barking. She was going crazy with a bark I had never heard before. It was not a vicious "I'm going to kill you" kind of bark, but it was an "I'm afraid for my life" one. My dogs joined in, seemingly calling out encouragement. Soon every light in the neighborhood was on as everyone shushed their dogs.

I soon had mine quietly whimpering, and so did almost everyone on the block. But Rosie kept up her racket even with her owners yelling at her. They were out in their backyard, and I know they were trying to take care of the situation. But for almost an hour Rosie barked. I finally had to close the window even though we had no air conditioning and the heat was stifling.

Eventually, Rosie stopped barking, and I opened the window, but she was whining so loudly I had to shut it again. After a while, I tried once more, and all was quiet.

The next day I nonchalantly walked around the block, passing my neighbors' house. I was hoping to discover what had caused the problem. But there was nothing

unusual except that Rosie didn't come snarling to the edge of the invisible fence line like she always had before. I knew my neighbors still owned her because I would catch glances of her, and I still heard her whimpers. But she didn't bark or act viciously.

A few days later I was out working in my garden, and the 11-year-old girl from that family was riding her bike down the road. I waved at her, and she came over to visit.

"Did you hear Rosie barking like crazy the other night?" Melanie asked.

I nodded. "That was really hard to miss. What happened?"

"My dad said he tried to piece things together from what he saw," she replied. "There was a young cat that came into our yard that had its head stuck in a glass bottle. Dad thinks Rosie attacked the cat because there was dog saliva on the outside of the bottle."

"Did she kill it?" I asked. Melanie shook her head. "The bottle was a really thick one, and she apparently couldn't bite through it. And the sound the cat was making was really eerie coming out of the bottle. Between not being able to bite the cat's head and the eerie sound, it apparently scared Rosie to death. Dad said that adding that to the fact that the cat was running around backward in circles, he thinks Rosie thought it was a mutant cat that had come seeking revenge. We don't know what she thought for sure, but she was at the farthest edge of the yard barking like she was being killed."

"Yes," I said. "I heard that part. So, what did your dad do?"

"He finally caught the cat and was able to grease its neck and get it free. It ran off. But Rosie kept whining, so we ended up having to let her sleep in the house all night."

"I haven't seen much of her since then," I said.

"That's because anytime a cat comes near our property, Rosie hides in her dog house and doesn't come out for hours," Melanie replied.

I smiled and thought that maybe I would get a leash to walk our cat to protect me from Rosie.

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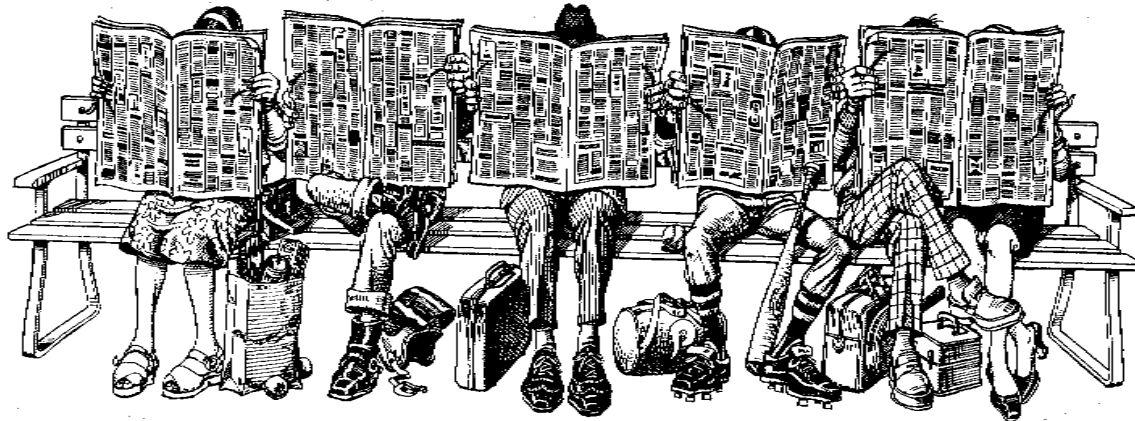
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SNOW REMOVAL: Archuleta School District 50 Joint is accepting bids for snow removal from school campuses during the 2017-2018 school year. Bid packets may be obtained at www.mypagosaschools.com under the District tab then Bids/RFP or at the MaT building or Administration Office. Non-mandatory walk-throughs at each campus will be conducted on Thursday, September 28, 2017; see Bid document for specific times. Bids must be submitted by 2p.m. Wednesday, October 3, 2017. All bids will be opened and awarded at 10a.m. Friday, October 6, 2017 at the Administration Office.

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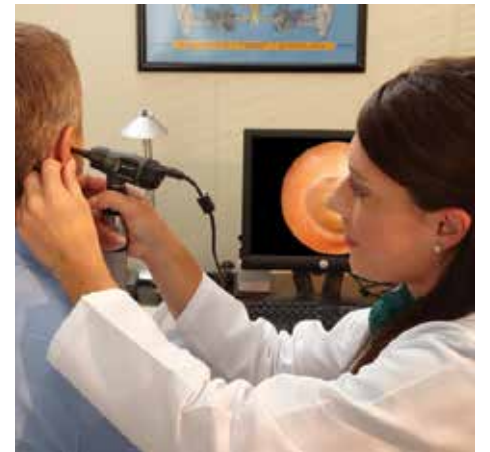
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