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Judge to review executive session recording

Public meeting tonight on 5th Street bridge

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

As the Town of Pagosa Springs prepares for its public meeting at 5 p.m. today to discuss the prospective bridge over the San Juan River at 5th Street and the planned mixed-use development the bridge would directly connect to U.S. 160, it now must also respond to a court order for judicial review of town council's executive session conducted Sept. 17, 2015, concerning the development.

Public meeting tonight

Mayor Don Volger and Town Manager Greg Schulte told SUN staff on March 14 that the meeting this evening will include a presentation on the development

■ See Town A8



PFPD firefighters enter Pagosa Springs Medical Center on Saturday, March 12, to respond to a fire. The fire was caused by a light fixture that overheated, but was extinguished by the time PFPD personnel arrived on the scene.

SUN photo/Shari Pierce

Fixture causes fire at hospital

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

On Saturday, March 12, Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) personnel were dispatched to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), on South Pagosa Boulevard, to respond to a fire.

According to the PFPD's incident report, the alarm was triggered at 8:45 a.m., with PFPD personnel arriving to the scene at 8:52 a.m. The last unit cleared the scene at 10:21 a.m.

The report lists equipment involved in the ignition of the fire, citing a "fluorescent lighting fixture," or a ballast, with the cause of the ignition being cited as, "Failure of equipment or heat source."

The report states that no human factors contributed to the fire.

According to remarks made

■ See Fire A8

Break-in: Residents find man on property

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

On Thursday, March 10, authorities from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) responded to a call from homeowners regarding someone had broken into their home.

According to Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton, the incident took place near Yellowjacket Pass, with the owners arriving home to find the man still on their property.

Hamilton explained that, upon arriving at the

house, the couple noticed their driveway had flooded, which was caused by a garden hose being left on.

Hamilton went on to explain that after entering their home, the homeowners noticed food had been moved around in their kitchen and left a banana peel on an ottoman.

At this point, the homeowners called the authorities and looked out to their deck to notice a 51-year-old man removing his shoes and socks and proceeding to "sunbathe" on the homeowners' deck.

■ See Break-in A8



Photo courtesy Allison Guimond/Wolf Creek Ski Area

With 82 inches of snow at midway and 122 inches at the summit, skiers are in for an awesome spring break at Wolf Creek Ski Area. The Fun Race series continues with another race scheduled for Saturday, March 20. The race is free and open to skiers and snowboarders of all ages and ability levels.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Chris Olivarez broadcasts live from the Lady Pirates' Sweet 16 game earlier this month.

By Casey Crow
Staff Writer

The deep baritone voice of Chris Olivarez over KWUF radio's airwaves has been a constant for the Pagosa Springs community for nearly 21 years. From broadcasting the local news during the week to sportscasting live events across the state on the weekend, his familiar voice has become an essential part of the everyday lives of Pagosans.

In January, Olivarez was named Citizen of the Year by the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce for his work in high school sportscasting, an honor that was both humbling and completely unexpected for the local radio personality.

"If anything, it just means people appreciate what you've done and it's humbling 'cause you can

make a case for a lot of people getting that award, and for me it just came out of the blue. It was the last thing I expected to get that call saying, 'you've been named Citizen of the Year,'" Olivarez said.

As you might guess, Olivarez was not actually in Pagosa to receive the award in person, but rather in La Jara broadcasting the basketball games against one of the Pirates' biggest rivals, Centauri High School.

KWUF owners Will and Christie Spears accepted on his behalf, and now his plaque hangs proudly on the wall of the station.

Our newest Citizen of the Year got an untraditional and somewhat comical start in the radio business. He was living in Los Angeles at the time

■ See Olivarez A8

Town vote may help access to broadband

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

On April 5, a ballot question will be presented to voters in Pagosa Springs for a yes or no answer. The question will be very similar to a question overwhelmingly answered "yes" last fall by voters in Archuleta County, as well as those of a host of other Colorado communities, including Durango, Bayfield and Ignacio.

The ballot question deals with access to broadband Internet service and is required by a Colorado statute approved in 2005 known as SB 05-152. It asks whether voters wish "to reestablish their Town's right to

provide all services," subject specifically to the qualification, "without increasing taxes."

The services included are specified in the ballot question as "any new and improved high bandwidth services based on future technologies, utilizing community-owned infrastructure including but not limited to any existing fiber optic network, either directly, or indirectly with public or private sector service providers, to potential subscribers that may include telecommunications service providers and residents, businesses, schools, libraries, non-profit entities, and other users of

■ See Broadband A8

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Celebrating Sunshine

Sunshine week started out with the announcement that Judge Gregory Lyman would review the recording of an executive session held by the Pagosa Springs Town Council, that included representatives of The Springs Partners LLC, with whom they were negotiating.

The court order reads, "The Court hereby finds that sufficient grounds exist to support a reasonable belief that the Town Council of Pagosa Springs engaged in substantial discussion of matters not enumerated in C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) while in executive session on September 15, 2015."

The documents also states, "Accordingly, the Court shall conduct an in camera inspection of the Executive Session Recording."

There are many reasons to celebrate the public entities that worked to let the sun shine in on local government this past year by doing the public's business in the light of day.

We commend the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors for its decision to not discuss negotiations regarding sewer pipeline issues and the intergovernmental agreement between the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District and PAWSD in a duly noticed executive session, but instead, bring the matter to the public's attention and discuss it in an open meeting.

We commend PAWSD District Manager Renee Lewis for choosing to hold a discussion regarding her own personnel issues in public instead of behind closed doors in executive session, which is permissible by law.

We commend our Archuleta County commissioners and staff for including the public in the planning process for a possible future courthouse and judicial center through open meetings.

We commend the county's legal counsel and staff for keeping the public informed on additional repair issues with the current courthouse.

We commend the Pagosa Fire Protection District for holding difficult discussions concerning the Town of Pagosa Springs' fire code enforcement and business license inspections in its public meetings.

We commend the Archuleta School District for holding sessions with the public, staff and school committees to solicit input on budget priorities.

We commend the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for their public outreach to meet with citizens and hear their concerns at monthly "Coffee with a Cop" events.

We commend the Upper San Juan Health Service District staff for their responsiveness and quick action in providing the public with needed information during an emergency situation last weekend. Staff made sure that the public was informed throughout the ordeal.

We commend town councilors David Schanzenbaker and John Egan for speaking up against going into executive session regarding the Springs Partners vested rights agreement.

We commend the citizens of Pagosa Country for speaking out and insisting on being heard.

We commend the Town of Pagosa Springs for hosting a public forum this evening at 5 p.m. concerning the proposed 5th Street bridge project.

As citizens we have an inherent right to access to government meetings and public records. Open and accessible government is vital to establishing and maintaining the people's trust and confidence.

During Sunshine Week, we celebrate our public entities for their commitment to openness and transparency and setting a standard in this regard.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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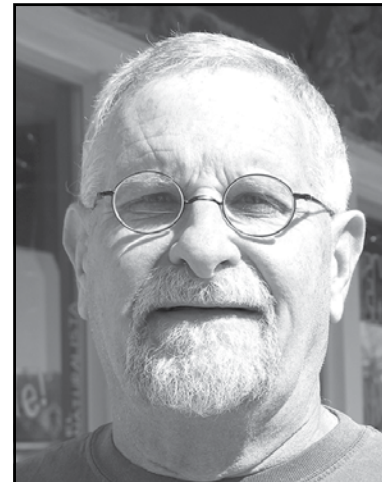
Are you ready for spring?



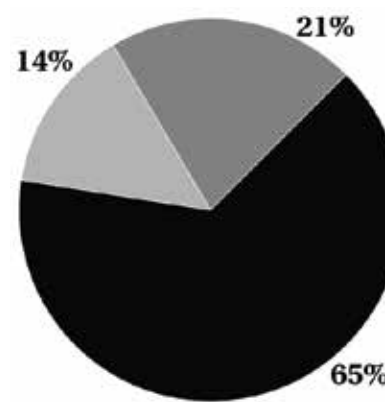
Kaylon Plugge
"I love everything about this, except the wind."



Joe Hanley
"Heck yeah, I'm ready for spring."



Chuck Allen
"Absolutely. Happy to be home."



Poll results (167 Votes)
Yes. — 65 percent
No. — 14 percent
I thought it was here. — 21 percent

This week online: Should town voters opt out of the current broadband limitations?
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LOOKING BACK



From the Apr. 6, 1967, Pagosa Springs SUN. **MOLE CREW** — These are the members of the crew that was operating the mole when it broke through. They are, left to right, back row: Ray Barton, Eddie Villareal, J. Buchanan, M. Ortiz, M. Martinez and Joe Sandoval. Next row, left to right; G. French, V. Lucero, and A. Gomez. Front row, left to right; John Blair, Ed Unmack, Mike Poscovich, shift boss, and Joe Ward.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 19, 1926

Jay Catchpole, receiver of the First National Bank, which recently closed its doors, desires to caution everyone to file their claims against the bank with him before the three months' period is up. Whether your claim is for a deposit or for any other obligation, it will still be necessary for you to file a proof of claim, or you are in danger of losing out when the dividends are declared.

Those who attended the school operetta, "The Feast of the Little Lanterns," at the auditorium last evening are loud in their praise of the presentation and state that if you fail to attend tonight you are missing a rare treat.

We acknowledge receipt this day of a cocoanut in its natural outer covering, sent to us by Mrs. Lydia McGee from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 21, 1941

Jay Catchpole is recovering this week from cuts, and abrasions suffered early last Sunday morning when the truck he was driving turned over on highway 160 a half mile west of town. Catchpole was returning from a dance at Pine Grove Hall and was alone in the Conoco truck when the accident happened. The machine turned over more than once and the driver received a severe scalp wound when the cab door fell on his head while he was attempting to crawl out of the machine.

The children of the grade school presented an operetta, "The Snow Queen," on Tuesday evening at the high school building to a large crowd. The play, ably directed by Miss Monger, was one of the best and most colorful performances that has been staged in Pagosa.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 17, 1966

The Town Board took action at a special meeting this week to start the actual process of applying for a Federal grant to improve, enlarge and revamp the town water works. An engineering firm was engaged to do the preliminary engineering work and a firm of attorneys was retained to handle the legal formalities of applying for the loan. The engineering firm will make a preliminary study and prepare a report on two alternate plans. The plans are designed to bring adequate, pure, and clear water to the Town. The first plan proposed is that of bringing water from the West Fork of the San Juan River by gravity. The other plan, as proposed, included the construction of a large pumping plant at town, a filter, and water purifier.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 21, 1991

The first regular meeting of the board of trustees of the newly incorporated town of Pagosa Springs was held on Apr. 20, 1891. In recognition of the beginning of official government by the citizens of the new town, Dr. Duane Smith of Fort Lewis College will present a talk on the history of Pagosa Springs and its surrounding area, at the Liberty Theatre on Apr. 13, 1991. Gov. Roy Romer is expected to designate Pagosa Springs as "Colorado Honorary Capitol" for the day. Pagosa Centennial Inc. members have a set a tentative calendar that mixes traditional events with new, Centennial-specific events. Local individuals, businesses, and groups have assumed responsibility for specific events and are working to ensure their success.

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ANOTHER NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL WHO HASN'T A CLUE ABOUT OPEN GOVERNMENT LAWS!

PRESS

I CAN'T WAIT TO DO THE PUBLIC'S BUSINESS

... LET'S DISCUSS THIS IN PRIVATE

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TELEGRAMTOWNS

Letters

Pinocchio's nose

Dear Editor:
Donald (Pinocchio) Trump's nose is getting longer each week. The one good thing about Trump is that Trump is bringing out the dark side (racism and hate) within the GOP. The past is catching up to Trump.
As we're learning from back in 2000, Donald (Pinocchio) Trump knows about David Duke and the KKK. Trump denounced David Duke in 2000, but Trump claims he has no memory of David Duke or knows a thing about white supremacy. By the time the presidential debates arrive, Donald (Pinocchio) Trump's nose will be so long Trump won't be able to stand on the stage to debate.

Ron Alexander

Trump fans

Dear Editor:
Res ipsa loquitur ("The thing itself speaks") ... so we hear the world is becoming less religious, is it fair to presume similarly self-interest has spiked and morality has dipped? Is there a connection between these possible changes and our evangelicals proving themselves untrustworthy hypocrites in

their support of Donald?
So let's try and connect the dots ... When you look at Trump's fans attending rallies, you could easily see your next-door neighbor; so what does it mean that they cheer his spews of obvious lies and the complete lack of diverse attendees-Muslims/blacks or "free speech" at Trump's rallies? Scuffles; fans encouraged by Trump to punch the protestors, then the puncher is arrested while threatened with death on site by the puncher?
Meanwhile Donald refuses to acknowledge the public support of the KKK let alone admit he's even familiar with their murderous racist history or their White Power agenda ... "David Duke who" ... and "everyone here who wants to vote for me" give the Nazi salute (my interpretation).

Donald's fans aren't protesting national economic conditions, or trade agreements or the changing job market or even Washington stagnation; they are without doubt deathly afraid of the changes racial diversity is bringing to the U.S. Yes, he has a few young fans but well above 90 percent are white "Boomers" who are very angry at something ... frothing at the mouth doesn't reveal thought. I guess Donald is their last gasp at keeping the 1950s ... they must have missed the news that Rosa Parks sat in the front of the bus.

Doubt these musings, then why are Republican senators refusing the nomination for the empty SCOTUS seat regardless of even when the considered party is a black Republican proven conservative Appellate Court jurist.

One of the connective telling dots has to be what the Koch Brothers do with their assembled pool of \$900M this coming election cycle. Will it be Donald who gets the direct benefit and/or will they go after selected opposition seats to maintain the downward spiral of politics and government?

Rejoice Donald supporters, you have the departed SCOTUS "serious conservative" jurist Scalia to thank for the Koch's ability to choose to warp the will of the majority with money.

Either way, "The thing itself speaks."

Dave Blake

Sawyer in town

Dear Editor:
Remember the story of how Tom Sawyer "tricked" the neighborhood boys into helping him paint a fence?

"Tom Sawyering" is convincing someone to volunteer to do something, even pay for it, when it

is clearly their own responsibility. This is exactly what is happening between The Springs Partnership and our town council, under the leadership of Mayor Volger.

The "Springs Partners" have convinced our town to build a bridge to their property and 250 feet of roadway at a cost of \$7 million-\$10 million. There is no requirement in the agreement for the Springs Partners to put any money of their own into the project. Even more egregious, these developers are asking for a 10-year abatement from paying any generated sales tax to the town.

At the town council meeting Feb. 18, the council was implored by concerned Pagosa businessmen to provide a cost-benefit analysis for building the bridge.

How long will it take for the town to recoup their money and see a profit in sales tax?

Based on the history of Aspen Village, it will take decades. The town council needs to remember they were elected to represent its 1,800 residents. This bridge would cost up to \$15,500 per household in Pagosa.

How could that make sense to anyone other than Tom Sawyer?

The town's motivation seems to be that a bridge would be good for our community. While business development and new infrastructure will benefit Pagosa, the town's sole role is to give all necessary approvals, and they should be encouraged to do so. However, the town should not participate in paying for the project.

It is the developer's responsibility to mitigate its traffic impacts on the community. The town leadership is misguided in believing they have to participate.

The town council, led by Mayor Volger, have been meeting behind closed doors to make a deal with the Springs Partnership without voter input or approval. How can this board even vote independently on building approvals when they themselves have agreed to everything in advance? The concepts of prior approval and enhancing the value of private property seems to be against two different Colorado laws.

This is one of the most one-sided agreements I have seen in my 25 years of experience in real estate.

The town has not signed the deal, yet, and I urge everyone to let them know we don't want them to. Please attend the March 17 town work session at 5 p.m. at the Community Center and ask these representatives not to sign this agreement or build the bridge and road. The citizens of Pagosa Springs

deserve a much better use of public funds than enriching three real estate developers.

Julie Church

Gambling

Dear Editor:
Successful real estate development requires thorough market research, market-driven project design and planning, appropriate financing, properly balancing equity and debt structure, strong construction management, and effective marketing and sales. Even with these components covered, there are varying degrees of risk beyond the control of the developers. Managing risk effectively can make the difference between profits and disaster. The best risk takers and risk managers do very well financially. Developers take huge risks as they expect to make huge profits.

When a development is underway without having firm commitments from buyers and tenants (usually in the form of pre-sales and lease agreements), the project is classified as a speculative. Here is what Google has to say about speculative: "... involving a high risk of loss. Synonyms: risky, hazardous, unsafe, uncertain, unpredictable; informal: chancy, dicey, iffy 'a speculative investment'."

The developer is speculating the project will attract the needed sales and leases to service the debt required to get the project built. During the boom years of 2000-2007, many speculative projects were able to attract financing as appreciating real estate values provided the illusion that economic fundamentals no longer mattered. There remains plenty of real estate wreckage from that type of thinking.

Would the town spend \$7 million of public money gambling on a privately owned, speculative real estate project? With \$7 million of public money, the developers' property will increase in value substantially, even without being developed. Will the developers be required to share their profits with the town in exchange for the \$7 million bridge?

Or, is it more appropriate for

■ See Letters A4

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- Is it time to be opportunistic?
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5th Street Bridge Community Meeting

YOU need to come to this meeting!

Thursday, March 17 • 5 p.m.
Ross Aragon Community Center

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Letters

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the 27-acre developers to use their own money to build the needed roads, (and bridge) and other infrastructure like Fred Harman (Harman Park) and Dan Sanders (Aspen Village) were required to do? Why not start the project, as J.R. Ford suggested, prove the need and then come back to the town, with results in hand, and request some help with the bridge.

If development on the 27 acres creates traffic requiring improved roads and access, a special tax district within the 27 acres could be formed to provide funding for those impacts. Another approach would be for the developers to reconfigure their plans to lower the density for better traffic flow, eliminating the need for the bridge altogether. What is wrong with this option?

Does it really make sense for the mayor and town council to gamble \$7 million of public money building a bridge to a speculative, privately owned real estate project? Given all the needs within the community, I am having trouble believing the mayor and town council are convinced this is the best thing to do.

Would The Pagosa Springs SUN readers say this sort of gamble sounds like the best use of public money? It is vitally important you let them know how you feel about this proposal. Attend the public meeting March 17, 5 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Mike Heraty

5th street bridge

Dear Editor:

I have absolutely nothing to gain or lose as to whether this bridge gets built or not. I do, however, think it is wrong.

Where is the money to pay for it

coming from?

This bridge and infrastructure is going to cost more than \$7 million, believe me. Debt service on \$7 million could approach close to a million a year. Town council was trying to figure out how to cut costs on the 8th street project by \$50,000 to \$100,000.

1. Where are the due diligence studies that justify this bridge?

2. What happened to all of the unfinished projects in town?

3. What about money for organizations that are providing services to help people in need? I understand that we have buses carrying folks up and down Put Hill with 300-400k miles on them. Now there's an accident waiting to happen.

4. Council won't share plans or pricing. Why? Are there any? What's the big secret? Do they have bids from three qualified, I emphasize — qualified — contractors?

5. This project is large enough that a cheap bridge shouldn't hold it up and have the developer begging for help. Where I'm from, the development capital of the world, a developer would be thrown out of the meeting with a proposal such as this.

6. In other words, if you have the money to develop, the bridge should not be a problem.

7. At the end of the day, I'm thinking, the only development you'll see is a big sign that says for sale by owner, development potential, terms available.

8. Of course that's assuming the property has not already been sold, subject to a bridge.

9. We all know what assessed value means. The assessed value of this parcel is around \$1.5 million. (Thank God for assessed values.) Let's assume the property is really worth \$5 million. That still makes \$7 million a bad investment for

the town, but a great one for the developer.

10. These guys talk about having lived here for a combined 90 years. If they really care about our town, they should know the problems we are faced with better than anyone. Certainly, the lack of this bridge is not one of them.

11. I have a great suggestion; the developer says he can build this without a bridge. Why doesn't town council suggest he build it; and they will put in a bridge upon completion? I don't mean one building, I mean completion in accordance with the non-existent plans.

12. Tax abatements, etc. do not go with something of this scale. They go with large employers who will bring in potentially hundreds of employees and become an asset to the community.

13. And, what about affordable housing? We aren't going to attract people without it.

14. Town council has a fiduciary responsibility to the people who elected them. The legal definition of fiduciary is defined as follows: "a person to whom property or power is entrusted for the benefit of another."

John Thompson

Money

Dear Editor:

Money? We need to keep in our thoughts that all are partners in this journey called life. Society could not make it without every one of us — honest Americans who are blessed with more than they need "spread it around" to help those with less. They recognize that their riches and comforts of life could not happen without others. There are good people in all walks of life. Success should never be defined by money but rather by walking with God in all that we do, living his purpose for our lives. All are blessed in different ways — wouldn't it be boring if all were alike? Yes, all have purpose.

So, we must recognize and honor our individual gifts, work diligently to grow them, appreciate and treasure all works and "love our neighbors as ourselves." That's what true Americans do. I believe that is what folks in Pagosa Country do.

Hold your head high, be proud of who you are. Know you are loved.

Patty Tillerson

Cell tower

Dear Editor:

The Pagosa Lakes Property Association (PLPOA) administration working with Verizon Wireless submitted an application in December 2015 to Archuleta County to rezone a parcel of open space adjacent to Lake Forest to allow construction of a "stealth" cell tower and an equipment shelter. That rezoning is being opposed by many residents of the PLPOA, and the wider Pagosa Springs community.

Our opposition is based on: 1) Construction of a cell tower, equip-

ment shed and access road through the middle of the Lake Forest open space is totally out of character with the existing use, 2) The tower would significantly reduce property values in the residential areas adjacent to the proposed tower, 3) views and vistas from adjacent properties will be significantly damaged, and 4) potential health effects of a transmission tower in the middle of a residential neighborhood have not been properly evaluated.

The county planning commission received testimony on this proposal at hearings on Jan. 27 and Feb. 24. At the latter hearing, the commission voted to deny the proposed rezoning. A final hearing by the BoCC to deny or approve the rezoning is scheduled for May 10.

The residents of the PLPOA and the public at large first became aware of the proposed rezoning when the county issued, in early January, an obligatory public notice of the proposed action. At that time, the project had been underway for almost 18 months. The PLPOA administration, we contend, had made a significant effort to avoid bringing this issue to general public awareness prior to that. As a consequence the issue became immediately contentious. The PLPOA administration has refused to withdraw the application.

A strong adversarial relationship has thus been established between the PLPOA administration/Verizon Wireless on the one hand, and the opponents to this proposal on the other, with the BoCC as referee. I feel strongly that the best interests of the residents of PLPOA and the wider Pagosa Springs community will not be well served by a "win/lose" approach to this issue.

There is a real and acknowledged need in Archuleta County for increased broadband Internet capability. Chapter 7 of the Archuleta County Community Plan contains an Action Item which states "Develop a comprehensive strategy to promote the future availability of high-speed telecommunication capabilities, such as the proposed State-wide multi-use network." The "State-wide multi-use network" referred to in that policy is a fiber-optic based system, not a wireless one. Implementation of the Community Plan is a major responsibility of the county commissioners.

The proposal by Verizon to install a wireless system to allegedly improve the present telecommunication capability is presumptive on what the county may develop as a "Comprehensive Strategy" as required by the Community Plan. I believe strongly that it is in the best interests of the county and its citizens for the BoCC to deny the rezoning, and implement instead, an organized approach to providing improved high-speed Internet that will involve the entire county.

Merlin Wheeler



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Pace picks up after passing halfway mark in legislative session

We've just passed the halfway mark in the 120-day legislative session, which is always a milestone looked to by those working at the Capitol as a signal that the pace will continue to pick up, and we'll be spending more time on the Senate chamber floor, as well as in committee hearings.

Unfortunately, my biomass electricity generation bill that included a provision for the production of carbon-negative biochar was killed by the Democrats in the House on a party-line vote. Given the strong bipartisan support in the Senate for the bill and the many environmental benefits that it offered, it was a disappointing result and demonstrates the need for more independent thinking at the Capitol. Discussions are underway to see if another bill might be possible this session that would integrate improved forest health, watershed protection and biochar production, so we'll see if there's more to

report.

I have several bills on health care cost containment this session. One requires the state agency administering the Medicaid program to provide statements to Medicaid clients, listing what the state has been billed for on behalf of the client. This would allow Medicaid patients, or their representatives, to know what medical services and equipment are being claimed and, if there is a discrepancy with what is actually sought and received by the patient, they'll be able to spot it and report that difference.

The best testimony in support of the bill came from those per-



Sen. Roberts' Report

manently disabled with chronic health conditions and, in one case, from the accountant mother of a child with severe disabilities who wants to be part of the solution in addressing Medicaid fraud in our system. This bill was tagged with a fiscal note by the state agency that appears not to like it as much as the advocates for the disabled community. According to the agency, the state will incur costs in notifying the Medicaid clients, so this bill awaits a hearing in front of the Appropriations Committee.

Another health care costs-related bill of mine comes up for a hearing this week. This bill seeks to have the Colorado health care cost commission, a volunteer panel of experts, look into the advisability of a rural pilot program regarding how hospitals are paid. Given the exponential rise in costs of health insurance premiums, especially on the Western Slope and in my district, that relate, at least in part, to the

increase in health care costs billed by hospitals, under this bill, the cost commission will look into what different approaches to governmental payments might be worth trying in certain areas of Colorado.

In yet another area of health care cost containment, I had signed on as a senate co-prime sponsor of a bill seeking greater transparency in drug production costs. The pharmaceutical lobby was not a fan of this bill and it died last week in the House committee, so it'll not make it to the Senate this year.

There can be no sacred cows as we look into the challenges of ever-increasing costs to the state budget for the Medicaid program and on the average household. Given the input from my deeply concerned constituents advising me their family insurance premiums now meet or exceed their mortgage or rent payments, we need to understand the cost drivers as state policies and actions are developed.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, March 17

Pagosa Springs Town Council work session. 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

Tuesday, March 22

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

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation work session. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. First

Southwest Bank conference room, 249 Navajo Trail Drive.

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

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

Wednesday, March 23
Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board. 5:45 p.m.,

Town Hall front conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Thursday, March 24

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

Tuesday, March 29
Archuleta County Board of County

Commissioners work session.

8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 4 p.m., administration office, 309 Lewis St.

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Hospital board passes bond resolutions

By Leah Ballard
Staff Writer

On Monday, March 14, the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) held another special meeting to discuss further amendments to the 2016 bond resolution for the clinic expansion at Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

In a previous meeting, the board approved a resolution to market bonds for \$11 million at 6.5 percent interest. As stated in that resolution, further costs existed that were not accounted for in the construction budget.

This amendment to Resolution 2016-9 (passed on Feb. 23) accounts for costs that were previously outside the bond budget. The additional costs consist of renovating existing spaces, furnishings and the purchase and installation of medical equipment in the new clinic expansion.

The amendment also calls for the refinancing of existing leases on three pieces of medical equipment: electronic health records system, with a balance of \$1.4 million, surgical scopes for \$161,000 and an ultrasound machine for \$27,000.

The portion of the 2016 bond used to pay off these existing equipment obligations would be paid off in eight years, while the remainder of the bond is anticipated to have a 30-year life, with a marketing parameter of 31 years.

Treasurer Karl Irons acknowledged that, due to refinancing, the total cost of existing liens will be slightly higher than the original costs due to interest.

Existing debt on a fourth piece of equipment, a CT scanner, with a balance of \$185,000, must be paid off with district funds prior to the closing of the 2016 bond.

The board is handling the debt on the CT scanner differently because the proposed eight-year repayment plan "exceeds the determined life of the equipment," stated chief administrative officer Ann Bruzzese.

The repayment and refinancing of existing debts is required to pass an additional bonds test (ABT) regarding the marketability of the bonds. Among other securities, these restrictions in the ABT ensure the 2016 bond has payment priority should any problem arise as the hospital repays debts.

The amended resolution raises the marketed principal ceiling amount from \$11 million to \$12 million, as the anticipated borrow-

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Obituaries



Joel Christie

Joel Christie, a beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, was surrounded by family during his final days and when he passed peacefully on March 8. A celebration of Joel's life is tentatively scheduled for June 18 in Pagosa Springs (check hoodmortuary.com for service details).

Joel was born in Indianapolis, Ind., on Aug. 8, 1939, to Joe and Maxine (Flanagan) Christie. Joel grew up in southern California, where he graduated from Burroughs High School. After high school, he joined the United States Air Force, where he worked in intelligence on breaking codes. After leaving the Air Force, Joel pursued a career as a singer, musician and songwriter. Unbeknownst to him, while performing one night, he would meet his future wife, Wanda; in his own words, "that is the woman I am going to marry;" it was love at first sight.

Joel moved to Pagosa Springs in the late 1970s and truly that is where his heart resided.

Through his professional music career, Joel had a record contract with Imperial Records, a writing contract with Motown Records, was a cast member of the musical play "Hair," traveled the country performing with his band the Cosmic Travelers, was a member of Lee Michael's band, performed with his band Zoomin Noomin in Pagosa Springs and in many surrounding

towns. Joel's music was his passion and he loved performing.

Most of all, he loved his family and held them dear to his heart. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports, watching football with his son and his grandchildren, and spending time with his family. Joel was an incredible man who was very loving, kind and had a beautiful soul.

Joel is survived by his son, Shawn (Sue) Christie; grandchildren Erica (Mitchell Ortiz), Damon (Audrey Casarez), Carah, Braden and Loudon; a great-granddaughter soon to arrive from Erica and Mo; his former spouse, Wanda Christie; and sister Francine Hubbard. Joel was also a loving father to two stepdaughters: Lyla (Peter) Madrid; Susie (Gerard) Gallegos; and six grandchildren: Angela (Rico) Montoya, Peter Jr. (Jamie Currie), Michael, and Marisa Madrid, Derek and Micaela Bell, and Brandon Charles; great-grandchildren: Averie Lynch, Devan, Keenan and Mason Montoya, Zachary Olson, Trinity Short, Kruz Madrid; niece and nephews Rob, Donna and Dean; and many other extended family and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law, Charles Erdman; grandson Adam Christie; and great-granddaughter, Sophie.

Bobby Joe Clark

Bobby Joe Clark passed away Tuesday, March 8, at home. He was 79 years old.

Bobby was born March 11, 1936, to William and Maudie Clark in Rayville, La. He grew up in Rayville and all over Louisiana and Texas due to his father's job in the oil fields. He moved to Archuleta County from Texas in the early 1980s. He lived for a brief time in Wyoming and returned to Pagosa Springs.

He is survived by three children: Janet Jones, of Pagosa Springs; Jimmy Clark, of Hanna, Wyo.; and Allen Clark, of Grapevine, Texas; former spouse Ethel Clark; two brothers; a sister; numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a son, Rodney and Pamela Clark.



David Hire

David Hire, age 44, passed into God's heavenly kingdom on Nov. 26, 2015, at his home in Port Angeles, Wash. David grew up in Arroyo Grande, Calif., where he graduated from Arroyo Grande High School.

He met his future wife while working near Lake Tahoe, Calif., and together they moved to Colorado, making Pagosa Springs their home. David worked for Pagosa Land and Cattle Company for seven years, then started and operated his own company — Hire Quality Fences.

David loved living and hunting in Pagosa Springs. In 2008, David and his family relocated to Port Angeles, Wash., where the family enjoyed activities offered by the closeness of both mountains and beaches. David was charismatic, fun, funny and a little mischievous. Life for David was about family and friends. Stuff was just stuff, but family and friends were what really mattered. His favorite songs were those reflecting the values of home and family. Time spent at home sharing, hugging and laughing with those he loved was the best. He was always happy to see his friends and each of his friends knew they meant something special to him. David was also a hard worker, though he battled constant physical pain from his lifelong health issues. David leaves behind his daughters, Shae, 17, and Baylee, 13, of Port Angeles, Wash.; father Allen Hire, of Arroyo Grande, Calif.; mother Tricia Hire, of Exeter, Calif.; brother Tim and sister-in-law Nicole Hire; niece Taelor and nephew Mason, all of Visalia, Calif.; grandmothers Gerry Hoyt and Rosalie Hire; his fiancé, Rhonda Mesdag, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

David's life will be celebrated on April 23 at The Victorian Pitkin/Conrow Estate located at 789 Valley Road in Arroyo Grande, Calif., from 1-4 p.m. David loved children and showed a real compassion for anyone with an illness. Those who wish may make a donation in his memory to either Saint Jude's Children's Hospital or Make a Wish Foundation.

David will be deeply missed. Our wonderful memories of his life will serve to ease the pain and sadness felt by those blessed to have known him.



Edward Joseph Madrid (Butch)

Edward Joseph Madrid (Butch) went home to Heaven on Feb. 22. He was born Jan. 26, 1948, in Pagosa Springs, where he was raised his entire life. He was not one for obituaries, so we wanted to put in facts about him and his wonderful life.

He was happiest when he was with family. He's survived by his mother, Sally Cogan, of Georgia; his wife of 31 years, June, of Pagosa Springs; his daughter, Tracie, of California; his son, Ed, and wife Jennifer Madrid, of Arizona; and son Rich and his wife, Davilyn Valdez, of Pagosa Springs. He had six grandchildren: Cameron and Kaylie Castillo (California), Whitney and Gracie Andres (Arizona) and Daily and Lexie Valdez (Pagosa Springs). We had just found out we would be great-grandparents to a grandson and he was so very proud of Cameron.

He served in Vietnam and was proud of his time served. He absolutely loved coaching. It didn't matter what sport: football, volleyball, basketball or baseball. He loved his career in the Pagosa Springs school district. He began as a physical education teacher and worked in special ed. He was principal of the middle school, then moved on to become principal of the elementary school. After retiring, he went back as assistant principal of the elementary school. He served our school system for 42 years and loved every minute of that time. To stay connected to sports, he helped with the radio station to announce the girl's volleyball games.

There was no sweeter man on earth or one loved more by his family. We will miss you, Bampo.

A memorial has been set up by the family with the goal of purchasing some kind of equipment at the elementary school and/or a scholarship in his name because the school was one of his great loves. Should you wish to contribute, we have set up a fund at www.youcar.com. Enter Butch Madrid's name.

Bond

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ing amount is now \$10.9 million and the board is advised to leave room for flexibility.

This resolution also lowers the capital interest (paid at the closing of the bond) from \$625,000 to about \$342,000, according to

Thanks

Madrid

There are no words to express the love shared with our family during a devastating time for us. The cards, the phone calls, the food and the visits will never be forgotten. The donations will go toward something in his name so he, too, won't be forgotten. The hugs, love and prayers shared with our family will stay in our hearts forever. It was truly apparent there were many, many people who loved Butch as much as we did. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

June Madrid and family

Bruzzese's report.

The higher principal amount will alleviate some cash flow risk anticipated for 2017-18 and allow the hospital some flexibility should any equipment needs arise, which, as noted in Bruzzese's outline provided to the board, is likely in health care.

The resolution passed unanimously with five board members present.

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Memorial

Troy Randall Rascoe

A memorial service celebrating the life of Troy Randall Rascoe will be held Saturday, March 19, at 10 a.m. at Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. The family will receive friends at a lunch gathering at Centerpoint Church immediately following.

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School board seeks public opinion on budget priorities

By Leah Ballard
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education held two work sessions to hear budget priorities — one to hear from the public on March 3 and another to hear from the District Accountability Committee (DAC) on March 8.

At the March 8 work session, Greg Schick, board president, expressed disappointment in the amount of public input received at the previous work session.

The March 3 session began with a presentation created by members of the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). Using the presentation, Superintendent Linda Reed explained the budgeting process to those in attendance, stating that it's a "combination of local and state funding."

Reed explained that, in 2009, Colorado passed a law which allows funding to be revoked from the education system after the per-pupil funding has been awarded. This retroactive reduction in funds is referred to as the "Negative Factor." According to the DCE presentation, the Negative Factor has "reduced the amount of funding that would be required under the School Finance Act [of 1994]."

Reed stated that ASD has lost over \$1 million every year since the law came into effect, adding, "There's almost \$9 million that our district should have received since 2009-10."

Reed acknowledged that education accounts for a large percentage of the state budget, adding, "I'm not whining here."

State funding largely depends on the number of students. ASD had been in declining enrollment until the last two years. "Now we're starting to trend back upwards again," Reed explained.

In some cases, the state averages the student population over the previous two to five years to determine funding for a given school year. This ensures that school districts don't experience a dramatic drop in funding following a sudden change in the economy.

Regarding the drop in local enrollment, as well as the state-legislated Negative Factor, Reed stated that ASD made significant cuts early on and isn't having to go back and cut more like other communities in Colorado.

According to CDE, the base per-pupil funding from the state is \$6,292 statewide for the 2015-16 school year.

ASD Finance Director Mike

Hodgson explained that ASD receives about \$7,410 per student with adjustments specific to the district.

The state's base funding saw an increase of \$171.89 from the previous year, with the CDE accounting for 2.8 percent inflation — a fact a member of the public in attendance noted.

In our community, preschool student funding goes directly to Seeds of Learning or Head Start. Kindergarteners are funded at 58 percent statewide as part-time students.

When Reed confirmed that most kindergarteners in Pagosa attend school full-time, Hodgson explained that some parents pay tuition charged for full-day kindergarten, while other students qualify for additional state funding.

A member of the public, Matt Ford, asked Reed what amount of ASD's budget comes from competitive grants, from "teachers going above and beyond" by applying for outside funding. Reed responded, "I am aware of close to a million dollars in grant funding that we have received."

Reed pointed to a five-year grant ASD has won three consecutive times (and 11 years out of the 15 funding has been available) from the Colorado Office of Behavioral Health for \$500,000 per year. The grant funds one and a half positions in ASD: a full-time prevention specialist, Julie Greenly at the elementary school, and part of Sandy Lane's salary. Lane is the health and wellness coordinator.

"If we were not to receive the grants, then the programs would go away," Reed clarified.

Hodgson then presented the fiscal year 2014-15 budget. ASD's expense budget last school year was \$10.7 million and general fund revenues for the year were \$10.5 million, resulting in a \$200,000 deficit. The same year, the Negative Factor for ASD was almost \$1.5 million.

Hodgson also noted that over 70 percent of ASD's transportation is locally funded.

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in other communities, Reed explained, voters in 118 out of 178 districts in the state have passed a mill levy override (MLO), which is a percentage increase in property taxes. While the state prioritizes equalizing funding for school districts statewide, when asked, Reed stated, "Under current law, the state could not reduce our funding if a mill levy override was passed."

Reed stated that our community has never tried to pass an MLO. At the March 8 meeting, board member Brooks Lindner clarified that while the board is considering asking the community for an MLO, no such ballot proposal exists.

Following Reed and Hodgson's March 3 presentation, the board took input from the public in attendance concerning what they feel should be prioritized for the upcoming budget.

The following recommendations were made:

- Content-specific continuing education for teachers.
- Inform the public of legislature rescinding education funding.
- Quantify budget cuts already made due to the Negative Factor for the public.
- Paying teachers for more hours/days.
- Longer school year.
- Class-size reduction.
- More specificity in goals/objectives and justification of expenditures.

Both Reed and Hodgson invited the public to continue to contact them with suggestions and attend upcoming school board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

The board also held a work session on March 8 for the purpose of hearing the budget priorities of the members of the DAC.

Andy Guinn, a teacher at the middle school and DAC member, began the conversation by stating he hoped to see additional outdoor recreation programming at the high school. Guinn noted an improvement in student attendance that he attributed to positive relationships fostered through the

adventure learning program.

Teachers Megan Pringle and Guinn agreed that current health care costs are a major concern and they hope to see a salary increase.

When DAC member Laurie Heraty mentioned inexpensive ways to improve education in technology, a discussion on other low-cost improvements and ideas ensued. The topics discussed were:

- Smaller class sizes.
- Reinstating cursive handwriting to curriculum, with discussion on the matter touching on things such as students learning to sign their names and reading the originals of important historical documents.
- The late-assignment policy for middle and high school students and if zeros should be given. Currently, 50 percentage points are given for missing assignments.

In the regular March 8 meeting that followed the work session, Reed explained that the district anticipates being awarded the BEST grant this year.

The BEST grant is funded by the state and goes toward funding construction for schools.

Based on the condition of the roof on the fifth- and sixth-grade building, Reed is confident ASD provided sufficient proof of need to be awarded the BEST grant.

The grant would provide 37 percent of the funds needed to make a full repair.

ASD is moving forward on construction regardless of if it receives the BEST grant or not because of the nature of the repairs, with Reed stating she was surprised the roof survived the winter.

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Broadband

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The technical language of the question used in response to legal considerations may leave voters uncertain about the underlying issue. Some knowledge of the background may help.

Up to the present time, our community, and others in Colorado like it, has not been served by true high-speed Internet and, absent change, likely will continue to lack such service for the foreseeable future. This level of service is widely known as broadband, and is being rapidly instituted in large urban areas.

Broadband is universally acknowledged to be demanded for the effective receipt and transmission of substantial volumes of data, and for reliable voice and video communications.

Internet capacity adequate to meet these demands dependably is

essential to conduct modern business, financial and professional activity. With modern communications technologies, it is no longer necessary to be located in a major population center to do such work. But, it is necessary to communicate as well as if you were. And, likewise, broadband Internet capacity is necessary to a homeowner who wants the ability to use advanced entertainment applications now widely available.

It is not hard to understand why rural communities like Pagosa Springs lack advanced broadband service. When the Internet first emerged as a standard aspect of modern life, the service could be provided to homes and businesses over existing, ordinary telephone lines. Telephone lines extended almost everywhere in the United States and were capable of carrying the volume of data then needed.

Now, with the enormous technological expansion of the capabilities of the Internet, phone lines lack the capacity to handle the volume of data required. For Internet service to keep pace with new capabilities, service providers need access to new infrastructure.

In densely populated, urban areas, providers themselves have been ready to invest in the new infrastructure required to transmit speedily the vast quantities of electronic impulses constituting broadband, generally by replacing connections over metal telephone lines with new connections using fiber-optic cable.

Installation of new cable is expensive, and vastly more so in areas with low population density. A for-profit Internet service provider will inevitably prioritize new installations in urban areas, where the cost of installation per connected user will be almost infinitely smaller than in rural

areas and the return on investment correspondingly greater. Hence, a broadband gap grows, afflicting smaller communities and impairing their attractiveness to new business.

In theory, a small community wanting to overcome the gap might not need to wait like a jilted suitor for the favor of its for-profit provider. Instead, it might consider undertaking an arrangement directly to build or subsidize the installation of infrastructure to support broadband. It could potentially thus both eliminate a substantial barrier to growth and provide residents with the level of modern service they might otherwise find only by moving to a congested urban area.

But the ability of a community in Colorado to consider these steps is restricted by the previously mentioned state legislation. That legislation, originally pushed by Internet providers such as CenturyLink (then known as Qwest), prohibits local communities in the state from providing public support for telecommunications services to residents and businesses. Under the legislation, communities are required to have voter approval in order to support provision within their jurisdiction of Internet services measuring up to modern standards.

The law has been subject to strong criticism. In an interview reported by The Durango Herald in an article on Aug. 3, 2015, "Wired for Speed," Geoff Wilson, general counsel for the Colorado Municipal League, commented, "It's an obnoxious law that was passed by the industry to protect their monopoly."

Wilson continued by telling The Herald, "The law is designed to protect the provider of inferior service from the local government doing anything about it."

The ballot question for town voters on April 5 will meet the requirement of the Colorado statute, and a "yes" answer will authorize the Town of Pagosa Springs to play a part, together with Archuleta County and others, in establishing modern broadband service in the commu-

nity for business and residential users. The ballot question is frequently referred to as one presenting voters the choice whether to "opt out" of the restrictions of the statute.

A leading player in the effort to bring broadband to the community is the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC), a nonprofit that works closely with the town, the county and the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado.

The CDC states on its website that its mission includes enhancement of "the quality of life for the citizens of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County by creating jobs; encouraging new capital investment; and creating a business friendly community."

Access to broadband is one of its major undertakings, because of the importance the advance will have in improving the area's economic vitality. Included on its board of directors are County Commissioner Michael Whiting and town councilor CK Patel.

CDC President Jason Cox said on March 11 that passage of the ballot question on April 5 has great importance to the community. He advised that if the question passes, the community will likely see early progress to implement the authority it would provide to the town, in combination with the same authority earlier granted by voters to the county. The objective will be to deliver broadband service to every user in the county meeting the definition adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which requires 25 megabytes per second download speed and three megabytes per second upload speed.

Cox envisions the implementation of a broadband system that would use fiber-optic delivery in the thickly settled areas such as downtown where that technology will be cost effective, and likely wireless delivery in other areas of the county. With regard to funding, Cox suggested that publicly constructed infrastructure would actually pay for itself through rental of the facilities to

Internet service providers charging fees to their subscribers.

An important aspect of a "yes" answer to the April 5 ballot question is that it will allow greater use in the community of an existing, public fiber-optic system. The existing system, known as the Southwest Colorado Access Network (SCAN), is currently limited to use by government and related organizations.

Establishment of the publicly funded network did not violate SB 05-152 because of its limited availability. According to a pamphlet issued by the Southwest Colorado Council of Governments regarding the April 5 ballot question, SCAN already includes 6 miles of fiber in Pagosa Springs that was funded by a grant from the state of Colorado. Use of this existing fiber to help deliver broadband to private users would be authorized by a "yes" answer.

Cox identified SkyWex, a local company already delivering Internet service to customers wirelessly, and CenturyLink as allies in the prospective broadband process. Cox acknowledged that CenturyLink was originally a supporter of SB 05-152, but said the company is currently a supporter of efforts to improve the reach of broadband in rural areas.

A statement supplied to The SUN on March 15 by CenturyLink confirms its interest in enhancing services in rural Colorado. It asserts that, "CenturyLink has invested heavily in Colorado for many years and understands the importance of broadband connectivity. The company will bring high-speed Internet services to more than 53,000 rural households and businesses in Colorado over the next six years by accepting the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)'s Connect America Fund (CAF) statewide offer in Colorado."

Data attached to a press release by the FCC dated Sept. 15, 2015, confirms that CAF funding in the amount of \$1,082,202 has been earmarked for CenturyLink to help provide broadband access in Archuleta County.

Town

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concept, as well as details on the currently estimated cost of the prospective bridge and related infrastructure.

The meeting will be attended by members of the town council and Matt Mess, a representative of the developer. Public comments also will be invited. The meeting will be held in the south conference room of the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Mees advised The SUN that he anticipates having an architect's rendering of the project area for display during the meeting; he advised the drawing would still be in preparation at the time The SUN is printed and, accordingly, would not be available for advance publication.

He said that the drawing will show how the development will relate to the adjacent downtown and will help clarify the potential impact of the development and the proposed bridge on traffic flow downtown and on Hot Springs Boulevard.

Mees will be available to answer questions during the meeting regarding the development plan.

Court order

The court order for review of last September's executive session was issued by 6th Judicial District Court Judge Gregory L. Lyman on March 12.

The ruling came in a suit filed by town resident Bill Hudson last fall against April Hessman, the town clerk and official custodian of its records. The suit charges that the town violated the Colorado Open Meetings Law by allowing participation by the developer in the private session. Hudson is represented in the suit by attorney Matthew H. Roane.

The suit is based on the Colorado Open Meetings Law, which establishes a broad policy that government shall conduct its business in public. However, the law allows

a public body including a town to convene "executive" sessions in private for specialized and limited purposes.

Included in the exception are sessions for determining strategy and issuing instructions with regard to negotiations by agents representing the public body in dealings with third parties. The exception protects public agencies from being disadvantaged by premature disclosures affecting their dealings involving financial and commercial matters.

The agenda for town council's Sept. 17, 2015, meeting noticed an executive session to consider, "Determining Positions Relative to Matters that may be Subject to Negotiations, Developing Strategy for Negotiations, and Instructing Negotiators," with regard to possible revision of the so-called "Vested Rights Agreement" between the town and the developer originally reached in 2012.

When council convened the executive session, two representatives of Springs Partners LLC, the developer, were allowed to participate although other members of the public were excluded.

Hudson's later suit contended that the developer was disqualified from participating in the executive session as an "adversary" of the town.

Essentially, the suit contends that even though the developer and the town presumably hope their relationship is mutually beneficial, as parties to a contract, they inherently have adversarial interests. Under the terms of any contract, burdens to one party may be benefits to the other. Willing acceptance by a party of contract burdens does not alter the adversary character of the relationship.

The suit asked for the tape recording of the executive session made in compliance with the Open Meetings Law to be reviewed by the court, and for the ultimate public disclosure of any part of the session

found to have violated the law's provisions.

Recently, Steven J. Dawes, who is representing the town in the suit, filed a motion for summary judgment which essentially asked the court to rule that, under the law and undisputed facts, Hudson's suit had no possible merit and the executive session had been properly held.

However, Lyman denied Dawes' motion on March 12 and ordered Hessman to deliver, within seven days, the recording of the portion of the executive session attended by the developer's representatives to him for review.

In his ruling, Lyman concluded that "grounds exist to support a reasonable belief that the Town Council of Pagosa Springs engaged in substantial discussion of matters" not authorized under the law during the executive session.

The ruling is not a finding that the Open Meetings Law was violated. That will depend on the contents of the recording.

Developments subsequent to the September executive session led up to tonight's public meeting. Following the executive session challenged in the suit, the town had continuing negotiations with the developer regarding possible amendment of the vested rights agreement.

Then, another executive session planned during council's regular meeting of Feb. 18 to again consider instructions to negotiators was tabled by a unanimous vote following comments on the development and bridge proposals by several community members. During the same meeting came the announcement by Volger that the town would hold a public meeting this evening regarding the proposed development and bridge.

Schulte told The SUN on March 1 that negotiations regarding the agreement with the developer have been on hold pending the March 17 meeting.

Olivarez

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and recalls requesting a song on the radio. When the broadcaster refused to play the song, Olivarez was angry and decided he would try to take the person's job.

"It's true, I did it for just stupid, childish spite, but it worked out OK. It turned out to be my calling," he said with a laugh.

When Olivarez's song request was first rejected, he had no idea how difficult it would be to make his way to the top of the radio business.

"It wasn't quite that easy; I had a lot of rude awakenings over the years. You have to do a certain amount of things and pay a certain amount of dues before you can think about taking someone's job, and even then there are no guarantees."

Olivarez worked at radio stations throughout the western United States. He worked in Phoenix for some time and spent almost a decade working in radio in California. Olivarez has now been with KWUF for over 20 years, and the Pagosa Springs community is what keeps him here.

"I like the town ... I like it because there's four seasons and you know people more on a first-name basis here than you do anywhere else, where you work in a city and you're just a face in the crowd," Olivarez said.

Even so, according to Olivarez, small-town radio has its challenges, namely all the different hats a person must wear to keep a small station running. Olivarez is on the air with music and news Monday

through Friday, but he also has to keep up with program logs, managing radio traffic, ensuring commercials are placed correctly and doing production as needed.

"I've worked at some stations where you had a lot of specialists — on the air, sales, traffic, bookkeeping, what have you. The biggest station I ever worked for had 40 people, here we got three," he laughed.

Sportscasting comes with its own challenges, as well. Olivarez travels across the state in all forms of weather to broadcast the sporting events, and he is forced to work as his own engineer. If ever there is a problem with equipment, he does his own troubleshooting. Despite the long drives, traffic and difficult weather, Olivarez finds sportscasting to be the most rewarding part of his job.

"What's rewarding about it is being there for the kids and doing the games themselves. Especially the last couple of years in basketball, the girls have been absolutely phenomenal. I mean, 72 and 1, it's hard to top that. But I enjoy doing the other sports," said Olivarez before heading off to last week's state competition.

For the first time last fall, Olivarez broadcast a soccer game — the quarterfinals in Vail.

"Now that was a challenge because it was snowing the whole time. It was 20 degrees and the kids were having a rough time because the pitch was totally covered in snow, and I was having a hard time because the snow was flying. I was trying to protect the equipment

and describe the game and could only see really part of the field," he recalled.

Even in light of the challenges that come with being on the road, according to Olivarez, sportscasting is fun for him.

"It's probably the most fun thing I do, is covering the sports."

His commitment to the athletes and fans of Pagosa Springs does not go unnoticed; in fact, it is exactly what led to his nomination for Citizen of the Year.

The Chamber released a statement about Olivarez's award and dedication to sportscasting, stating, "He makes, and has made the thousands of mile treks across Colorado, through all weather, day and night, to all games he can, as well as being a great sportscaster with pride and integrity! Without his love and dedication for our community to be able to hear these games, where would we be?"

Last weekend, Olivarez made his way to the state basketball tournament for the second year in a row, bringing the action back to Pagosa fans.

If we are lucky, the community will continue to have the pleasure of listening to Olivarez for years to come.

As for the Citizen of the Year himself, his plan is to continue growing as a person. In an email to SUN staff, he wrote, "One thing came to me after our conversation. I was reading an interview with Tony Bennett in which he said he plans to keep growing until the day he dies and I couldn't help but think that is what I want to do as well."

Fire

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on the report, when PFPD personnel arrived on scene, there was no sign of a fire, as PSMC staff had put out the fire with a fire extinguisher.

The report goes on to state that PFPD personnel removed the Sheetrock around the fixture that caught fire and checked for an extension of the fire, with none being found.

Afterwards, the building was ventilated.

The report reads that no civilians suffered casualties, but one firefighter suffered a minor burn.

"Anthony Ferguson received minor burns to his hand when he grabbed the exhaust hose from the ventilation fan," reads the report. "He was treated on scene by EMS."

A total of eight apparatuses and 19 personnel were dispatched.

"Pagosa EMS handled patient evacuation and care," the report

goes on to state. "A temporary triage area was established and patients from the ER were treated by ambulance and hospital personnel."

In an interview with SUN staff, PSMC Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese stated that the Hospital's Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) was very detailed, and that "All aspects of the evacuation plan were handled well."

"During the incident, we did place ambulances on divert; however, no ambulances had to be diverted," Bruzzese wrote in an email to SUN staff. "During the event one person did arrive at the emergency room by private auto and we treated that person."

This is the second time in seven months the PFPD has responded to an electrical-related issue at PSMC.

According to a press release by PSMC, smoke was detected in the

Post-Anesthesia Care Unit in October of last year.

"The cause of the smoke was determined to be a malfunctioning exterior light fixture," the report states.

Bruzzese later stated that the two incidents were not correlated, as the incident that occurred in October was a result of the wrong light bulb being installed in the fixture, whereas the incident that occurred March 12 was a result of an overheating ballast.

"On Monday, a certified electrician company evaluated all of the electrical systems at the medical center. There are 10 total lights in the hallway that are identical to the one that overheated," Bruzzese wrote. "One overheated light is sufficient to cause us to replace all 10; new lights have been ordered and will be installed when they arrive."

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Correction

In the March 10 issue of The SUN, the article "Hospital board cancels election, considers expansion contract details" contained incorrect information.

The new board members will begin serving at the May 24 meeting, not May 3. May 3 was the date of the election that was canceled due to there being only as

many candidates as seats available.

Second, the bond resolution regarding the Pagosa Springs Medical Center passed with a 5-2 vote, not a 5-1 vote. In fact, board secretary Jerry Baker voted against the resolution along with Treasurer Karl Irons. The SUN regrets these errors.

Break-in

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Deputies Roxanne Lattin and James Martinez and Detective Floyd Capistrant were dispatched to the home.

Hamilton reported that, upon arriving at the scene, the man had left the home and began walking up a path near the house. Deputies pursued the man on foot and caught up with him.

He was not aggressive during the entire incident, Hamilton explained.

The man was fully cooperative, Hamilton noted, adding that after conversing with the man, deputies realized he was mentally ill.

Hamilton went on to explain that the man was housed in one of

ACSO's holding cells until a judge gave him a personal recognizance bond.

The man's son picked him up before driving him to a Department of Veteran's Affairs hospital in Denver.

Hamilton stated that, originally, the man was charged with second-degree burglary, but the district attorney will decide whether or not the charges will be dropped.

The charges will most likely be dropped, she reported.

Veteran resources

According to Archuleta County Veterans Service Officer Raymond Taylor, there is a veterans' crisis line offering free, confidential support to

veterans in crisis, as well as their family and friends 24/7/365. Call (800) 273-8255, chat online or text 838255.

For more information assistance available to veterans in our community, contact Taylor at 264-4013 or 946-3590 or email raytaylor@archuletacounty.org.

Taylor offered additional important contact information for veterans:

- Veterans for Veterans: 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.
- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.
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Education

Reading to your child offers many benefits

By Deb Jennings
Special to The PREVIEW

"Read to your child every day." These are the words of Leah Leger, youth services librarian at the Ruby M. Sisson Library, in her presentation, "How to Read to Your Child."

The event was sponsored by the Seeds of Learning Family Involvement Committee as part of an ongoing series that provides parenting and educational information, as well as community involvement activities.

Leger encouraged the parents and grandparents in attendance to read their favorite childhood books to their children. She suggested that parents allow their children to select the books they want to have read to them.

Additionally, she emphasized that reading the same book over and over to children is actually very instructive. It is comforting for a child to hear a familiar book read to them. Repeated readings build grammar, sentence structure and predictive skills.

There are many benefits in

reading aloud to infants, toddlers, preschoolers and older children. Children acquire the vocabulary and language skills needed to be successful in kindergarten. The comments and questions parents ask when reading to their children help develop cognitive and problem-solving skills. Importantly, brain research indicates that when parents read aloud with their children next to them or on their laps, the children feel connected, valued and secure. In addition, reading together builds fond memories for both the child and parent.

At the conclusion of the presentation, parents were invited to read books from the collection that was on display and several parents signed up for library cards for their families.

Leger is a recent graduate of the University of Denver with a master's degree in library and information science. She became a resident of Pagosa Springs in September. Leger shares her love of reading with the children at Seeds of Learning by reading in each classroom every month. Thank you, Miss Leah.



Photo courtesy Deb Jennings

Youth services librarian Leah Leger encourages parents and grandparents to "read to your child everyday" as part of an ongoing series sponsored by Seeds of Learning providing parenting and educational information.

'Visualizing History' presentation to consider transforming written narrative through visual media

By Julie Tapley-Booth
Special to The SUN

The Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College invites the public to "Visualizing History: Writing Historical Narratives with Computer-Aided Design Modeling" with speaker Joshua K. Salyers on Monday, March 21, at 6 p.m. in the center's Lyceum Room.

Salyers is a 2015-2016 doctoral fellow at the Center of Southwest Studies. After a brief discussion of his projects at the center, he will give a presentation on his work creating digital interactive models of historical spaces.

Narrative is a pivotal mechanism for organizing and understanding the past. As a result of the digital age, the power of computer software allows historians to transform the traditional forms of written narrative through visual media with significant implications for research and teaching.

This presentation, based on Salyers' dissertation on Mexico City tenements, demonstrates how to use computer-aided design, building information modeling and gaming software to create 3D interactive historical environments for learning and research.

This year's doctoral fellowship in southwest history is a collaborative effort between the center and the graduate program in the history department at the University of Arizona. Salyers is spending the

academic year in residence at the center performing dissertation research and writing, in addition to teaching in the college's department of history. He is currently working to organize parts of the Purgatory Collection held at the center.

This lecture is free to the public and is part of the center's spring programming schedule.

The Center of Southwest Studies, now in its 52nd year, provides an active program of free public lectures and events year-round at its museum, research library and archives facility on the campus of Fort Lewis College in Durango.

For more information, please contact the center's business office at 247-7456 or visit <http://swcenter.fortlewis.edu>.



Photo courtesy Nancy Burke

Deb Morton loads up encyclopedias headed for Africa as part of a mission to bring hope through reading by prisoners.

High school library encyclopedias headed on mission to Africa

By Nancy Burke
Special to The SUN

Recently, Nancy Burke, who is preparing for a five-week mission trip to Africa, was on the hunt for sets of encyclopedias.

Thanks to the encouragement of Deb Morton, librarian at Pagosa Springs High School, and the donation of three sets of encyclopedias, prisoners in Africa will have the opportunity to read them and learn about the world.

Where Burke will be serving, many adults are just learning to read and this brings new hope. The three sets of encyclopedias donat-

ed by the library at the high school are Lands and Peoples, Circling the Globe, and Science and Invention.

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Americana Project students reflect on The Song Academy for Youth

By Sydnee Dreyer, Andrew Grant, Alma Sigurdsson and Isabella Mijares
Special to The SUN

On March 3, four students and teacher Bob Hemenger from the Pagosa Springs High School Americana Project class boarded a plane in Durango and headed off for Sisters, Ore., to attend The Song Academy for Youth sponsored by the Sisters Folk Festival. This gathering included over 40 talented high school students from Oregon and California. This is the fifth year students from Pagosa Springs have made the journey to learn and share their music.

Sophomore Sydnee Dreyer said this about her experience: "Going to Sisters, Ore., really helped me embrace what it is to be a musician. This was my second time going, so I knew what to expect. This time it was easier for me to make friends, share, and really appreciate what I was learning. My favorite class was Ritual and Totems to Create a Powerful Stage Presence taught by Jeffrey Martin. He taught me that it's OK if there's a weird thing you do before every performance and that if it makes you comfortable, then it's perfect. Going on stage can be very stressful and nerve-racking, so there may be things that you do just before or maybe an object that you bring on stage with you to make you feel comfortable and perform better. I learned that it is very important to be comfortable with being on stage so that it is enjoyable for both you and your audience. At this point in my life, music is more to me than just a hobby, it is my life. Going to a place where many people feel the same way was an amazing experience."

Freshman Andrew Grant said, "It was a great time filled with amazing people and musicians supporting one another. One class that really stood out was an al-



Photo courtesy Bob Hemenger

Students from the Americana Project class at Pagosa Springs High school attend The Song Academy for Youth in Sisters, Ore., earlier this month. Pictured, left to right, are Alma Sigurdsson, Sydnee Dreyer, Andrew Grant and Isabella Mijares.

ternate chord and tuning guitar class with Brent Alan. This class really helped me play some different, less conventional guitar riffs in songs and it encouraged me to be a little different. Another highlight of the trip was both the instructor and student performances. There were a total of three performances. The first night, the instructors performed for the students and described their upcoming classes. The next night, all the participants at the camp packed up instruments and went to 'The Barn' for a student performance. The last night was

another student performance, but for the entire community instead of just the people involved with the camp. I'm so glad I was able to be a part of this amazing group of musicians for a couple days."

According to senior Alma Sigurdsson (exchange student from Sweden), "The music camp in Sisters was an incredible experience. I was surprised at how many different, but amazing musicians I met. We all came from different places, but music brought us together. Anna Tivel's class was definitely my favorite. She taught us how to 'paint

a picture' for listeners when you're writing a song. The two highlights of the weekend were when we performed at the barn on Saturday night and when the instructors performed Friday night. As I said before, this was such a great group of people and musicians."

Freshman Isabella Mijares said, "I really enjoyed meeting so many amazing musicians and songwriters. We also got to go to different classes where we learned about songwriting and our music. One of my favorite classes was about how to tell a story in your song. Throughout the whole weekend, every day was amazing and everyone was super supportive. I would have to say one of my highlights of the weekend was the evening concert performed by the students in an old, renovated barn. Overall, it was an enlightening experience and a valuable weekend that I will never forget."

Hemenger shared, "I love seeing our students instantly bond with 40 other like-minded young people over music. There is no competition, just a supportive, nurturing, sharing of self-expression, creativity and passion. I believe the world could use more of this."

Thanks to our principals, Sean O'Donnell and Marcie Ham, and our school board and Superintendent Linda Reed for allowing us to make the trip. Special thanks to all who have contributed to our fundraisers — we could not have had this experience without you.



Photo courtesy Lisa Scott

Two organizations from Archuleta County are the recipients of grants from El Pomar Foundation. The Southwest Regional Council of the El Pomar Foundation held a reception on March 10 in Durango. Seeds of Learning was awarded \$10,000 for the parenting classes, The Incredible Years, it offers twice a year in partnership with Archuleta School District. The Ross Aragon Community Center Parks and Recreation Department was awarded \$5,000 for the K.I.D.S. Day Camp that will be offered this summer for children ages 5-12. The regional councils are part of the El Pomar Foundation's goal to enhance grant making statewide. The Southwest Regional Council has 10 members that represent five counties — Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan — and have been awarding grants within the region since 2004. Pictured, left to right, are Lisa Scott, council member; Darren Lewis, parks and recreation director; Traci Bishop, parks and recreation program coordinator; Tracy Schenk, Pagosa Springs Elementary School counselor and parenting class coordinator; Thayer Tutt, president and chief investment officer El Pomar Foundation; Mary Jo Coulehan, council member; and Peter Maiurro, vice president of El Pomar Foundation.

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4-H'ers bring home awards from State Rabbit Convention

Kandi Meisinger
Special to The SUN

Last weekend, four Archuleta County 4-H Rabbit Project members traveled to the Adams County Fairgrounds for the 2016 Colorado State Rabbit Convention in Brighton, Colo.

All four project members competed in the Youth Judging Competition.

Mitch Meisinger's champagne d'argent rabbits won first place Senior Doe Open Class and second place Senior Buck Open Class.

Dani Decker's Himalayan won Best Opposite Sex. Decker also won first place for her Educational Poster and third place for Management of 21 to 50 cage holes.

Zoie Condrey's Holland lop, Broken Doe, won first place junior class.



Photo courtesy Kandi Meisinger

Archuleta County 4-H Rabbit Project members compete at the 2016 Colorado State Rabbit Convention in Brighton, Colo., last weekend. Pictured, left to right, are Jaden Keating, Mitch Meisinger, rabbit leader Breanna Voorhis, Dani Decker and Zoie Condrey.

Community Foundation infuses nearly \$1 million into nonprofits in 2015

By Paige Elliott
Special to The SUN

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado infused nearly \$1 million into Southwest Colorado's nonprofit community in 2015, including:

- \$208,058 in grants facilitated through the Community Foundation.
- \$680,030 in grants from our fund holders and Friends of the Foundation.
- \$8,500 in scholarships to local educational opportunities.
- \$14,328 in grants by the Community Foundation.

"We strive to bring value to our community through grantmaking that is both strategic and impactful," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado. "I look forward to continuing to support the nonprofit sector in 2016."

The Community Foundation spent 2015 researching and developing new Impact Grant opportunity and criteria. Impact Grants are unsolicited grants intended to address special community needs that are not currently being met by other philanthropic sources. Generally, they are considered onetime grants that will have a unique impact. So far in 2016, the Community Foundation has awarded \$18,000 in Impact Grants to three separate organizations, including two in Archuleta County.

Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County received a \$4,000 Impact Grant to purchase a new upright freezer. The Community Foundation worked with partner Bank of the San Juans to match the grant to help Loaves and Fishes purchase a second freezer.

"This grant gives us a huge boost in eliminating our existing chest freezers that are aging and make it difficult to rotate meat," said Gwen Bartley, vice president of the Board of Directors of Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County. "The new upright freezers will improve our process of storing meat, increase efficiency and decrease electricity costs."



Photo courtesy Paige Elliott

Briggen Wrinkle and Jan Johnson with the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado (from left to right) pose with Gwen Bartley, vice president of the Board of Directors of Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County. The foundation partnered with Bank of the San Juans in presenting a \$4,000 impact grant to Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County for the purchase of a second freezer.

Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County is a faith- and community-based organization that provides nutritious meals free of charge in a safe, warm and caring environment to anyone seeking nourishment and fellowship. They provide a hot meal once a week, delivery of meals to homebound persons on Thursdays, hot to-go meals for guests and opportunities for guests to socialize.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Colorado received an \$8,000 Impact Grant to solidify the organization moving forward. Last year, Big Brothers Big Sisters experienced unexpected expenses related to transitioning to a new executive director, hiring staff and introduc-

ing a new event that promises to be a great fundraiser, however, did not meet 2015 fundraising goals.

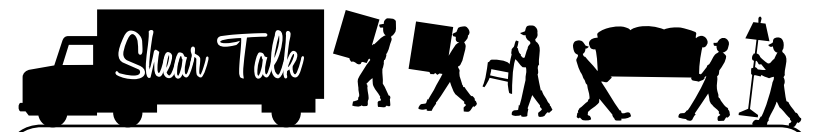
"This grant will help us get off on the right foot in 2016," said Anita Carpenter, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Colorado. "We appreciate this vote of confidence from the Community Foundation."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Colorado makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles") ages 6 through 17 in communities across southwest Colorado. The organization works to develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect

on the lives of young people.

The Community Foundation inspires hope, leadership and generosity in the community by bringing economic stability, professional development and collaboration to the nonprofit sector. As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation works to increase efficiency, sustainability and success for nonprofits and maximize effective grantmaking for philanthropists to make southwest Colorado a better place to live.

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



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Outdoors

Why volunteer at Chimney Rock National Monument?

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

At the heart of Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA), operating the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument, are more than 80 friendly volunteers. While there are paid staff members, it's the volunteers who do most of the tasks that make the program work.

Here are just a few of the reasons to join the CRIA volunteer team:

- The land: Over 1,000 years ago, the Ancestral Puebloans built more than 200 homes and ceremonial buildings high above the valley floor.

- The view: Chimney Rock is a place of unparalleled natural beauty sitting on a high mesa at the southern edge of the San Juan Mountains between Durango and Pagosa Springs.

- The people: Chimney Rock is home to the ancestors of the modern Pueblo Indians and holds great spiritual significance to various tribes.

- The sky: Chimney Rock was used as celestial observatory and seasonal calendar by the Ancestral Puebloans, thought by many experts to be connected with the people of Chaco Canyon. The mountain peaks to the north and east made it an ideal spot for tracking the movement of the sun and moon.

Monthly archaeoastronomy programs are offered by CRIA, in which you can view the full moon rising above the San Juan Mountains or view the night sky as the Ancient Ones did.

- The mystery: What brought the Chacoans here and why did they leave? What attracted them to the high mesa beneath the twin pinnacles in such harsh living conditions? Learn about the theories behind these question and more.

Since CRIA is primarily staffed by volunteers, it is essential to the program's success that the volunteer corps remain strong in skills and numbers. Without the volunteers' skills and valuable time, it would be impossible to keep this local, nonprofit, interpretive

program viable and the gates to Chimney Rock open.

CRIA invites community members to come to the annual Chimney Rock National Monument Open House at the EcoLuxe building at The Springs Resort and Spa located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd., from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 18.

There will be a host of CRIA volunteers on hand at the open house who are eager to introduce guests to the variety of roles that support this unique program and the flexibility in level of commitment. Some of the volunteer positions include visitor cabin host, mesa host, tour guide and maintenance crew.

CRIA also needs volunteers to help with the monthly and annual special programs. Volunteers are needed to help light the path up to the Great House for the Full Moon Viewing program. Volunteers are also needed to help man telescopes at the Night Sky Archaeoastronomy program and at the Life at Chimney Festival, volunteers are needed to help families with hands-on cultural activities.

For more information about volunteer opportunities at Chimney Rock, please stop by the Chimney Rock Open House and enjoy deserts with our enthusiastic volunteers. Beverages will be available for purchase.

CRIA's Volunteer Training Days will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16, at the PLPOA Clubhouse located at 230 Port Ave. CRIA offers a great, in-depth training and mentoring program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers. We are very excited for the upcoming season starting May 15 and want to encourage the community to join us.

CRIA is a nonprofit organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at Chimney Rock in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest.

For more information and to view the 2016 Chimney Rock calendar of events, see the CRIA website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.

Women's Shooting Sports Workshop set for June 10-12

By Natalie Woodruff
Special to The SUN

The 2016 Women's Shooting Sports Workshop has been scheduled for the weekend of June 10-12.

On Friday, June 10, 60 ladies will meet, share an evening meal, learn about firearm safety and prepare for a full day of shooting.

Half of those attending on Friday will participate in the range activities on Saturday, June 11, and the other half on Sunday, June 12. At the range site, groups of five ladies will rotate through six stations and have the opportunity to shoot shotguns, large-caliber firearms, pistols, .22 rifles, muzzleloaders and archery equipment.

The \$50 registration fee will include dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday or Sunday. Participants must attend the Friday night session to be eligible to shoot on the weekend. Firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, safety glasses and hearing protection will all be supplied. Ladies may bring their own firearms and/or archery equipment, but must also bring the proper ammunition and/or arrows.

If you are interested in attending, please email wsspago-sasprings@outlook.com with your contact information, specifically your preferred email address. Sometime in early May, applications will be sent to all of those on the email list. At that time, further instructions will be provided for submittal of the applications. Registration fees and applications will be accepted on a "first-paid, first-served" basis, but no applications or fees will be accepted prior to the email notification delivery date. It just wouldn't be fair.

Women who have attended before must bring someone new. Save the date, get on the email list, talk it up and plan to have a lot of fun.

Learn to hunt turkeys at April 2 seminar

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

If you want to learn to hunt turkeys, why not learn from the experts?

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is offering a free seminar on turkey hunting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 2 at the CSU Extension Office at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds are

located on U.S. 84 just southeast of town.

CPW staff and local turkey hunting guides will teach the basics of turkey hunting. The class will focus on helping novice hunters.

"The seminar will give you the knowledge and confidence to hunt wild turkeys in Colorado," said CPW Wildlife Officer Adrian Archuleta.

The key concepts that will be taught include: turkey biology, regu-

lations for turkey hunting, equipment needed, safety, how to scout for turkeys, hunting tactics and strategies, and how to communicate with turkeys. CPW staff will also talk about where to hunt turkeys.

Turkey hunting is excellent in southwest Colorado. The spring season — when most people hunt turkeys — lasts from April 9 to May 22; the weather is warm and the days are long.

Seminar participants are encouraged to bring their own lunch. Wildlife officers will be available during lunch to talk about hunting.

To register for the class, please go to the CPW website and fill out the form at <https://www.registered.com/events/view/79079>.

For more information about turkey hunting in Colorado, visit <http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/turkey.aspx>.

San Juan Stargazers set to study the Virgo supercluster of galaxies

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Stargazers will hold their regular educational meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, in the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center conference room.

There will be coffee, tea and

snacks.

In January, we learned that galaxies are situated in groups and that our Milky Way is in the local group, which seems like a very appropriate name. We spent our entire time discussing our local group. It is in the Virgo supercluster of galaxies.

This month, we will be learning about this supercluster. If you want to broaden your perspective on life, you will want to attend this lecture and discussion. It will give you a sense of wonder and may even "blow your mind."

We have the official 2016 Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

(CRIA) Astronomy Program and Star Party calendars so you can plan your summer. We will also discuss details of our part in the April 23 Earth Day celebration. We will have activities and maybe a bake sale for our scholarship fund.

The San Juan Stargazers had a fantastic meeting in February, helping many Pagosans fix their telescopes so they are now usable. It was so successful that we decided to do it again on May 26, because we know there are more telescopes not being used that need our help.

The May meeting will be a double opportunity: First, to bring in your telescope and get it working and, second, to learn how to operate the four CRIA telescopes, if you don't have one of your own.

We are expecting an increase in visitors this summer at Chimney Rock, especially at the astronomy programs, and we need new volunteers to bring their own telescopes (great practice opportunity with immediate help available) and to operate our four CRIA telescopes. Start looking for your telescope and know that if you have the desire to learn to use a telescope, we will help you develop this exciting skill. You just need to attend our meetings.

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

Anyone interested in learning more about astronomy is invited to come to all our events.

San Juan National Forest to host public meeting on spruce fir science and ecology

By Ann Bond
Special to The SUN

The San Juan National Forest invites the public to an informational meeting entitled, "What Does the Future Hold for Spruce Fir Forests?"

The meeting will be held Monday, March 21, in the Vallecito Room in the Fort Lewis College Student Union Building from 6 to 8 p.m., and is a follow-up to the "Meet the Beetles" public presentation held at the college last year.

Jason Sibold, Ph.D., associate professor from Colorado State Uni-

versity, will give a presentation on the science and ecology of spruce fir forests in relationship to natural disturbances and management influences. He will contemplate what the future may hold for this forest type based upon past experience.

In addition, Tony Cheng, Ph.D., director of the Colorado Forest Restoration Institute and professor, Colorado State University, and Mike Battaglia, Ph.D., U.S. Forest Service Research Forester, Rocky Mountain Research Station, will be available for questions and answers.

Local national forest officials

will also offer brief updates on the status of forest-health projects in spruce fir forests across the San Juan National Forest. All presenters will be available for further discussions in an informal open house setting.

For those who cannot attend the event, Fort Lewis College will livestream the proceedings and post the video afterwards on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/LDUHi-Xlqwo>.

For more information, please contact Travis Bruch at 385-1317 or tbruch@fs.fed.us.

Spruce beetle running out of room in Rio Grande National Forest

Special to The SUN

The spruce beetle infestation grew about 34,000 acres on the Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) in 2015, as detected by the forest health aerial survey.

A total of 588,000 acres have been infested since 1996. The amount of new areas infested by the bark beetles is down significantly from the previous year. The rate of annual spread will continue to decline on the RGNF because most of the spruce-fir forests have been infested.

Aerial survey data is not precise; areas are grouped together, which may include pockets of young trees that have not been infested. With that in mind, it is safe to say that almost all of the spruce-fir forest of the RGNF has been infested with spruce beetle since 2005.

Not all areas are infested equally. In some areas, all the spruce trees larger than 5 inches in diameter have been killed by spruce beetles. In other areas, there is a mixture of dead and living spruce trees of all sizes.

Subalpine fir and many of the young spruce will survive the infestation. These trees will provide the base population for creating

the next spruce-fir forests. Additionally, seeds have been collected from live Engelmann spruce on the RGNF. These seeds are used to grow seedlings to be planted in the West Fork Complex burned areas and in sections of harvested areas where there is not adequate regeneration. More than 500 acres were planted with spruce seedlings in 2015, with another 350 acres planned for planting in 2016.

The RGNF continues to offer timber sales to salvage dead and dying spruce while the trees can still be used for commercial sawtimber. Currently there are 24 timber sales under contract. Twenty of the 24 timber sales under contract are beetle-kill salvage sales.

In the Rocky Mountains, spruce beetles primarily infest Engelmann spruce, which grow in our high-elevation forests. Spruce beetles can infest and have been found in some of the blue spruce on the RGNF.

Current research indicates that

large wildland fires are no more likely to occur in spruce beetle-killed forests than in living spruce-fir forests. These types of fires generally only occur during severe dry periods at high elevations. The fine branches of dead spruce can carry crown fires (fire in the tops of the trees), as was observed in the West Fork and Papoose fires. It takes about 10 years for most of the small branches to break off of dead spruce, after which the dead trees will be less susceptible to carrying a crown fire.

Spruce trees may stay standing for several decades on some dry, protected sites, while they are expected to blow down more quickly in other areas. The increased number of trees blowing down is a safety concern and is making it difficult to

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The Winter Outdoor Learning Fund provides scholarships to locals for avalanche or wilderness medicine education. Pictured, from left to right, are instructor Sandy Kobrock with scholarship recipients Parker Randolph and Ian Roth and instructor Krista Hildebrandt.

Winter Outdoor Learning Fund awards scholarships

By Lena Lander
Special to The SUN

The goal of the Winter Outdoor Learning Fund is to provide two scholarships to locals for avalanche or wilderness medicine education.

Due to the overwhelming commu-

nity support, the program was able to send Ian Roth and Parker Randolph to Wolf Creek Avalanche School's Level 1 course this past month.

In exceeding the fundraising goal, Colton Polczynski will be able to attend a wilderness medicine course this summer.

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Spring Fling Race results announced

Special to The SUN

The Spring Fling Race was held at Wolf Creek Ski Area on March 12.

The fastest time of the day went to Ferdinand Ostrowick, of Stuttgart, Germany, with a time of 31.30 seconds.

Following are the locals who placed in the race.

In the Boys' 6-8, Milo Deitermeyer placed second with a time of 39.40.

In the Boys' 9-11, Andrew Boles placed first with a time of 33.73. Jaden Reed placed second with a time of 35.56 and Dylan Johnston placed third with a time of 42.62.

In the Men's 36-40, Joe Bush placed first with a time of 32.06.

In the Men's 41-50, Mike Rich placed third with a time of 42.65.

In the Men's 51-60, Brent Johnston placed first with a time of 31.57.

In the Men's 61-70, Phil Clum placed second with a time of 35.48.

In the Men's 71-plus, Klaus Neubert placed first with a time of 34.30 and Bryant Lemon placed second with a time of 39.06.

In the Girls' 6-8, Keli Bush placed first with a time of 46.80 and Veda Deitermeyer placed second with a time of 48.00.

In the Girls' 9-11, Johanna Beard placed second with a time of 39.17.

In the Girls' 12-14, Annabelle Bowles placed first with a time of 31.47.



Photo courtesy Allison Guimond/Wolf Creek Ski Area

The Wolf Creek Ski Area Fun Race Series continues with another race scheduled for Saturday, March 20. The race is free and open to skiers and snowboarders of all ages and ability levels.

In the Women's 36-40, Kristi Bush placed first with a time of 34.29.

In the Women's 51-60, Lindsay Vonn Lemon placed second with a time of 36.88.

The race series continues with the sixth Fun Race, scheduled for Sunday, March 20. The race is free and open to skiers and snowboarders of all ages and ability levels.

Beetle

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keep trails clear on the RGNE.

Precautions for visitors to take include:

- Do not hike, ride or drive in beetle-killed forests on windy days.
- Do not park or set up a tent near tall trees in a beetle-killed forest.
- Carry a saw or an axe when driving on roads or trails that pass through beetle-killed forest — it is always a possibility a tree will fall that will block your way home while you are up the road or trail.

Tent caterpillar

Tent caterpillar infestations are spreading throughout the RGNE. About 14,000 acres of aspen forests were defoliated by the caterpillars in 2015, which is a significant decrease from the 31,000 acres defoliated

in 2014. There are approximately 260,000 acres of aspen forests on the RGNE.

Tent caterpillars feed on the leaves of aspen trees and other broad-leaved plants. When populations are large enough, entire stands of aspen trees may be defoliated. As long as the aspen have sugar reserves in their root systems, the trees will sprout new leaves following defoliation. The new leaves are generally smaller than those that grew in the spring, but they can still make for magnificent fall colors.

Individual and clones of aspen trees may begin to die after several years of repeated defoliation as the sugar reserves are used up or from other insects and diseases attacking the trees. In most cases of large tent caterpillar outbreaks, a virus eventually infests the caterpillars

and the populations collapse. Timing of when that will occur is hard to predict.

Western spruce budworm

Western spruce budworm activity was detected on 46,000 acres on the RGNE, up from 12,000 acres in 2014.

The larvae of spruce budworms are defoliators that feed on the new needles of white fir, Douglas-fir, spruce and subalpine fir. Brown, needleless branch tips on green trees are a telltale characteristic of a spruce budworm infestation.

Individual coniferous trees may die within stands infested by spruce budworm for several years.

For more information, contact Mike Blakeman, public affairs specialist, at (719) 852-6212 or mblakeman@fs.fed.us.

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The Four Corners region has a heavily mineralized geology with many metals present in soil and

groundwater, and a small but significant percentage of water wells throughout Archuleta County have issues with heavy metal contamination.

Private wells should be tested once per year by a certified laboratory. SJBHD and the state also recommend that wells with no history of testing, and wells that are very old, be inspected visually to ensure that their construction is sound and that they are kept clear of potential surface contaminants.

Also, preventative maintenance usually is less costly than emer-

gency maintenance, and good well maintenance — like good car maintenance — can prolong the life of your well and related equipment. SJBHD recommends you test your water whenever there is a change in taste, odor or appearance, or when the system is serviced.

Testing should be done by a state-certified laboratory. You can contact the state Laboratory Services Division at (303) 692-3048 or Green Analytical, in Durango, at 247-4220 to arrange for laboratory testing, or call SJBHD at 247-5702 to receive more information.

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Sports

BASKETBALL



Photo courtesy Michael Pierce

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates pose with their fifth-place trophy Saturday morning following the team's victory over the Eaton Reds. The Pirates lost one game on the season and have gone 76-2 over the last three seasons.

With 25-1 record, Lady Pirates claim fifth at state

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A single point came between the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates and a perfect season at last weekend's state tournament and instead of repeating as the 3A champion, they claimed the fifth-place trophy.

And that single point was scored by an opponent very familiar to the Lady Pirates — the Centauri Falcons, who went on to place fourth in state action.

"We didn't quite finish where we hoped to, but it was a still a good year," coach Wes Lewis said. "Twenty-five and one is nothing to be disappointed in."

Indeed, the fourth time was the charm for the No. 9 Falcons, who defeated the No. 1 Lady Pirates by a single point in Thursday morning's quarterfinal game of the state playoffs.

Despite building an early six-point lead in the game, the Lady Pirates never led after the game's first several minutes, allowing Centauri as much as a seven-point lead in the third quarter.

The Lady Pirates refused to give

up, however, lessening their deficit to one in the game's final seconds, and the final buzzer sounded with the Lady Pirates and Falcons going after a loose ball.

"We missed some shots, we had some turnovers," Lewis said, adding that the team also failed to execute its half-court offense in some critical situations.

Lewis said he wishes the Pirates could have won and seen what would have been the following two nights.

The Falcons, who had lost 10 straight to the Lady Pirates, advanced to the semifinals, where they lost to the No. 5 Lutheran Lions.

With the loss, the Lady Pirates moved to the consolation bracket and set their sights on a new target — fifth place — and the following morning, March 11, took on No. 4 Moffat County in an 8:45 a.m. affair.

That match, too, was close. "I was proud of the girls," Lewis said. "It's a tough game to come back and play."

Despite the game being tied even into the final minute, the Lady Pirates defeated the Bulldogs 51-45.

With just over half a minute left, Pagosa took a 47-45 lead, then expanded that lead to four on a pair of

free throws by Madi Lewis with just over 20 seconds left.

Sister Morgan Lewis then expanded that lead to six just before the game's final buzzer, allowing the Pirates to extend their season another day.

While the coach noted that the team didn't play particularly well in the game, he acknowledged that the team had the "composure and wherewithal" to play well enough to notch the win while still dealing with the previous day's tough loss.

"We had too many turnovers in that game," the coach noted, opining that, had the Lady Pirates played a "cleaner" game, the score would have been lopsided. "We weren't real clean, weren't real sharp on offense."

The coach continued, "It wasn't the prettiest game, but we were able to get the win and come back the next day."

The next morning, Pagosa defeated the No. 6 Eaton Reds 53-39 to claim the consolation championship and fifth-place finish at the tournament.

The Lady Pirates built up a double-digit lead multiple times in the first half, but led by seven at halftime, 30-23.

By the end of the third quarter, the Pirates had again expanded their lead into double-digits, 41-30, and a 12-point fourth quarter helped solidify the win.

"I thought we played a little bit better that day," the coach said.

Lewis said a lot of different kids contributed in different ways in the game and made plays when they needed to.

Too, he felt the team rebounded better against Eaton than in the previous two games.

Stats for the games were not available by press time Wednesday.

Lewis continued that he was glad to come home with only one close loss and the team having showed that they did belong at the state tournament as the No. 1 seed.

"Obviously it is tough," he said. "I think we were good enough to win it."

But, overall, the Lady Pirates logged a successful season.

"We lost one game by one point this year. I was proud of the girls," he said, adding, "It was a great year. We had some ups and downs along the way, as every team does."

Lewis said he felt the team peaked too early in the season, playing its best basketball mid-January before facing injuries, but that it was "definitely a successful year."

In addition to this successful season, the team's three seniors — Mariah Snarr, Madi Lewis and Taylor Lee-Hammer — boast four years of winning Lady Pirate basketball.

Their freshman year, the team went 22-4. The next year, the team finished 25-1 and took second at

state. Last year, the team posted a perfect 26-0 record and claimed the state title.

Of Snarr, the coach said, "She's been a great kid for four years. She accepted her role every year."

Too, Lewis stated Snarr was very coachable and "certainly a kid we're going to miss."

"Those two are as good of guards as we've ever had come through here," Lewis said of Madi Lewis and Lee-Hammer, calling them "two very athletic, strong, well-rounded guards" who could play every aspect of the game.

Too, he noted Madi Lewis' prowess on defense and Lee-Hammer's ability to shoot the ball.

"They're very similar players in a lot of ways," he said, adding, "I know they will go on to be very successful people in life."

While admitting this year's seniors will leave big holes to fill, Lewis said the program has several good kids moving up through the ranks.

"The team next year has a chance to be very successful," he said.

Next year's squad, however, will likely face a tougher schedule than this year's, with the team anticipated to play early-season games against teams that regularly earn their way to the state tournament.

"I think we'll be a very strong team again," he said.

In wrapping up the season, Lewis also thanked his coaching staff, Freddy Martinez and Charles Rand for their dedication, loyalty and help, stating they contributed a lot this year.

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Photo courtesy Michael Pierce

Mariah Snarr works around an Eaton Red during the fifth-place game at last weekend's 3A state tournament. The Pirates were victorious, bringing home the fifth-place trophy.



Photo courtesy Michael Pierce

Taylor Lee-Hammer puts up a shot Saturday morning during the Lady Pirates' victory over the Eaton Reds at the state tournament. The team went 25-1 on the season.



Photo courtesy Michael Pierce

Madi Lewis battles for the ball during Saturday morning's victory over the Eaton Reds. The Pirates won the game 53-39.

BASEBALL

Pirates gearing up for San Juan Slugfest

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

It was a rough start to the season for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team last weekend in Salida, but the game was not without its bright spots — namely some of the team's younger players.

The Pirates fell to the Salida Spartans 10-0 in five innings Saturday. The Spartans are 1-1 on the year and went 11-8 last season.

"We didn't look too bad," coach Robert Henderson said. "We knew going in there we were young."

Too, the Pirates boasted an even younger roster due to the fact that three players transitioning from basketball to baseball were not yet able to play.

Henderson said the plan going into the game was to let a variety of Pirates play in the game and "see who rose to the challenge."

One of those who rose to the challenge, he said, was sophomore Tanner Evans, who recorded the team's only hit in Saturday's game and had a nice play defensively.

The coach also highlighted the play of sophomore Carson Laverty.

"Those guys did really well for young guys," he stated.

Defensively, Henderson was also pleased with the Pirates, with the Pirates hitting their cutoffs and not making too many errors, with the team committing two errors in the game. Salida also erred twice.

The coach said it was good to see where the team was at early in the season.

"We were pretty pleased with it, actually," he said, adding that Salida was a good team with a good pitcher, good catcher and really good second baseman. "They were a good team."

Salida scored three against the Pirates in the bottom of the first inning, one in the bottom of the second and six in the bottom of the third.

This week, the Pirates will travel to Blanding, Utah, for the San Juan Slugfest, where they will play three games over two days.

The Pirates will begin their tournament play on Friday morning against the tournament host, the San Juan High School Broncos. The Broncos

are 2-1 so far the season.

That afternoon, the Pirates will take on the Dove Creek Bulldogs, who have a loss to Shiprock, N.M., on the books so far this season.

The following morning, the Pirates will take on the Summit Academy Bears, who hail from Bluffdale, Utah, and, as of Wednesday morning, had won one game.

The Pirates will have everybody eligible for the tournament, Henderson said, including senior Briar Erskine, who joined the team following basketball season.

Erskine, Henderson explained, is slated to be one of the team's top pitchers alongside James Grey and Shane Miller.

The team is working on batting and pitching a lot this week, Henderson said, and he is spending a lot of time working with the team's younger players to develop their talents, with three good seniors and a couple good juniors on the roster to lead the team.

"It's going to get better as the season goes," he said.

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TRACK

Track coach has high hopes for upcoming season

By **Leah Ballard**
Staff Writer

The recent warm weather is making it a little easier for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirates to prepare for their first track meet.

"This is only the second time since I've been coaching track that the track was clear of snow on the first day of practice," coach Connie O'Donnell said about getting back into track season every spring. She said there have been seasons when the track is under snow until mid-April.

In an email to The SUN, the coach gave specifics on what she anticipates for the upcoming season.

On the girls' team, Taylor Lee-Hammer and Madi Lewis are both seniors and point-scorers for the team, she indicated. These girls are expected to make significant contributions to the mid distance and relays.

O'Donnell added, "Both of these girls just finished up their basketball season and we are looking forward to getting them back on the track."

The coach mentioned Megan Farrah, a junior also coming off basketball, and Taylor Jones as individuals expected to contribute to the girls' team score at meets throughout the season. These girls compete in jumps and relays — Farrah in sprints and Jones in distance.

O'Donnell added, "Junior, Delaney Khung will make an impact for us in distance events."

The coach also expects junior Nicole Jurcak to score points in high jump. Jurcak was injured much of last season and while she didn't compete, she was still a team leader.

"We have several point-scorers and state qualifiers from last year returning for another season," O'Donnell said regarding the girls' team.

Lee-Hammer, Farrah, Lewis and discus thrower Keena Murphy (sophomore) all qualified for state last year in individual events. Additionally, juniors McKayla Miller, Kori Mogenson and Jones all competed in relays at the state meet last year.

On the boys' side, Jacob Hughes and Ethan Brown are the returning state qualifiers.

"They are both juniors and are expected to make an impact in the mid distance/distance events and relays," said O'Donnell.

Caleb Drane is a senior this year and will be a team leader according to O'Donnell, with the coach saying, "We expect him to score points in sprints."

She also pointed to Tate Hinger and Colton Castro and junior Noah Harrmann as team leaders.

"Our boys team has many freshmen who are potential point-scorers as well," she said. "We are excited about the impact that

they could make over the next few years."

The Pirates' season is slated to begin this Saturday in Farmington, N.M., at the Farmington Invite.

The following Friday, the teams will head to Cortez and on April 9 will jaunt to Ignacio.

The following Saturday, April 16, the team will head to Bayfield for the Pine River Meet.

On April 22 and 23, the team is scheduled to compete in Aztec, N.M., and on April 30 will head to Alamosa.

On May 7, the Pirates will host the Terry Alley Invitational at Golden Peaks Stadium, and the following weekend the team will head to Monte Vista for the final regular-season meet, the Monte Vista Last Chance Meet.

The state meet is set for May 19-21.

Action for most meets is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.
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SOCCER

Lady Pirates soccer shows improvement in early matches

By **Jim Garrett**
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates played early season matches at Salida last Friday, March 12, and at Bayfield on Tuesday, March 15.

The team came out on the short end of the score in both, 8-1 at Salida and 3-0 at Bayfield, but its progress between the two games was clear.

Salida

The opening regular-season soccer match at Salida was a learning experience for Lady Pirates, who played with an early-season unit including several inexperienced players.

Despite the loss, coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason was encouraged by his players.

He said Salida started fast and tallied two quick goals, but the Pagosa team then began to overcome its jitters and to play with greater organization, and was able to control play with its short passing game for good stretches of the match.

Kurt-Mason praised the resilience and determination of his squad, which never stopped fighting, he said. And he was pleased with the opportunity for the younger players to gain valuable playing time in game competition.

But the team's overall inexperience contributed to some breakdowns, which the veteran Salida

side effectively exploited by scoring four times in each half.

According to the coach, despite Salida's superiority in team experience, the Lady Pirates staged several effective attacks of their own and got off a total of seven shots on goal. Junior Hannah Marnocha alone had three strong shots on goal, but was stymied by good saves on all but one.

Several other players had scoring chances, as well. The coach noted the team's shots included one each by freshmen Sarah Ross and Kaylie Abner, and commented that the final score could have been much closer but for Salida's strong goalkeeping.

But the Lady Pirates had good keeping, too, the coach said. Keeper Delila Pastin positioned herself well, distributed the ball effectively, and several of her six saves were excellent, he noted, even though she had never played the position in a game before.

Kurt-Mason praised the strong play against Salida of several of the experienced Lady Pirates. Olivia Reinhardt, a midfielder, was the player of the game, he said, playing phenomenally from one end of the field to the other, defending and attacking, with two shots herself on goal. And Marnocha, he said, was "fantastic."

He also noted the play of Brooke Bowdridge, who worked tirelessly to keep the defense organized, and Hayley Mitchell, a midfielder, who assisted on Marnocha's goal and

often was able to exert control of play in the middle of the field.

The Lady Pirates goal came in the first half. After the team controlled the ball with several short passes, Mitchell received a pass from Alyssa Lewis and sent the ball to Marnocha in a defensive seam near the Salida 18-yard box. Marnocha quickly worked past two defenders and fired a hard shot that found the back of the net.

The coach noted the goal was produced by the type of play he looks for from the team: holding control, working the ball around and then exploiting openings.

Bayfield

Despite falling short by three goals, the Lady Pirates were competitive throughout the match and played Bayfield on even terms.

All three Bayfield scores came on very long shots by the same player, who exhibited a strong and accurate foot and was able to find the net on shots that barely eluded Pagosa's keeper.

The Pagosa team would have done well to mark their dangerous foe closer, but the shots were from a distance that many of the inexperienced Lady Pirates might have felt was too far to be a threat.

Kurt-Mason commented that better communication was needed.

Other than the harm suffered from the Wolverine's long-range attack, the Lady Pirates played stoutly.

The team mostly bottled-up

Bayfield in the midfield and kept attackers away from their own goal.

In addition, the Lady Pirates mounted several strong advances into the opponent's end. They tallied a total of 12 shots.

Strong play was delivered particularly by Marnocha, who attacked repeatedly and alone had seven shots on goal. The coach observed, Marnocha "has a nose for the goal."

Five other Pagosa players had one shot each.

Particularly good scoring chances came for the Lady Pirates on two excellent corner kicks launched into the center of the field in front of the Bayfield goal by Reinhardt.

Mitchell managed to gain possession and had a good opportunity following one of the kicks, but stubborn defense by Bayfield turned away all of Pagosa's attempts.

Kurt-Mason named junior defender Addie Thompson player of the game against Bayfield, saying the game was her best for the Lady Pirates. He noted Thompson

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Feb. 29 — Criminal mischief, Canyon Circle.
Feb. 29 — Information only, San Juan Street.

Feb. 29 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.

March 1 — Information only, Country Center Drive.

March 1 — Second-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, U.S. 151.

March 2 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

March 2 — Theft/shoplifting, North Pagosa Boulevard.

March 2 — Owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, failed to display valid registration, drove a defective or unsafe vehicle, Oak Drive.

March 2 — Theft, Echo Canyon Ranch Lane.

March 3 — Theft, River Run Drive.

March 3 — No insurance in possession, no license plate light, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, drove vehicle when license was suspended, false reporting to authorities, Hot Springs Boulevard.

March 3 — Four county warrants, Hot Springs Boulevard.

March 3 — Warrant arrest, Ute

Place.

March 4 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, San Juan Street.

March 4 — Drove vehicle without insurance, violated restrictions on learner's permit, Eagle Drive.

March 4 — Animals/nuisance, unlawful ownership of vicious dog, Echo Creek Drive.

March 4 — Two warrant arrests, Ace Court.

March 4 — Unlawful ownership of dangerous dog-misdemeanor.

March 4 — Drove vehicle without insurance, expired license plates, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, Talisman Drive.

March 4 — Information only, East Golf Place.

March 4 — Warrant arrest, Surrey Drive.

March 4 — Warrant arrest, Navajo Trail Drive.

March 4 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, violation of restraining order, Valley View Drive.

March 5 — Information only, South Pagosa Boulevard.

March 5 — Theft, U.S. 151.

March 6 — Failed to display valid registration, failed to dim lights, drove vehicle without insurance, Boulder Drive.

March 6 — Used more than four lights when prohibited, speeding mph over limit not listed, drove vehicle when license canceled, U.S. 160.

March 6 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

March 6 — Third-degree assault/simple assault, Oakridge Drive.

March 8 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

March 8 — Information only, Pines Club Place.

March 8 — Warrant arrest, Rainbow Drive.

March 8 — Warrant arrest, South 8th Street.

March 8 — Warrant arrest, North 5th Street.

March 9 — Illegal possession or consumption of alcohol by minor, Pines Drive.

March 9 — Violation of restraining order, domestic violence, Simmons Drive.

March 9 — Information only, Ray Court.

March 10 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, San Juan Street.

March 10 — County warrant, Country Center Drive.

March 10 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

March 10 — Second-degree burglary, U.S. 160.

March 11 — Animals running at large, Oak Drive.

March 11 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

March 11 — Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, no registration in vehicle, owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, driving under restraint alcohol/drug related offense, first-degree introducing contraband, Valley View Drive.

March 11 — Expired license plates, drove vehicle when license suspended,

North Pagosa Boulevard.

March 13 — Warrant arrest, North Pagosa Boulevard.

March 14 — Theft/shoplifting, Seminole Drive.

March 15 — Warrant arrest, Ute Drive.

March 15 — Trespass warning, Railroad Court.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

March 1 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

March 1 — Agency assist, Lewis Street.

March 3 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

March 4 — Agency assist, South Pagosa Boulevard.

March 4 — Information only, Trinity Lane.

March 4 — Disorderly conduct/fighting, Hot Springs Boulevard.

March 5 — Assault, Eagle Drive.

March 5 — Agency assist, South Pagosa Boulevard.

March 7 — DUI, U.S. 160.

March 7 — Agency assist, San Juan Street.

March 9 — Animal/running at large, South 6th Street.

March 9 — Criminal trespass, Country Center Drive.

March 10 — Found property, Talisman Drive.

March 11 — Information only, South 8th Street.

March 11 — Burglary, Lewis Street.

March 11 — Traffic/license suspended

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PFPD and town sign IGA, divide town fire marshal services

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

As of Tuesday, March 15, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Board of Directors approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the PFPD and the Town of Pagosa Springs for jurisdictional fire safety services.

The IGA has been in the making for several months and defines the responsibilities between the town's fire code official and the PFPD's fire marshal.

This division of responsibilities will only apply in the town's jurisdictional boundaries.

The first responsibility the IGA lists is inspections, stating, "The Town Fire Code Official, or designee, will conduct all annual in-

spections for all new and existing residential and commercial building additions, remodeling, short-term rental, and will complete safety inspections for all special event activities ... within the Town boundaries."

The IGA then states that the town fire code official will perform all plan reviews within town boundaries. The town will inform the PFPD of the plan reviews to allow for comments and feedback, with the town code official responding to said feedback before issuing permits.

As far as actual fires and investigations are concerned, the IGA states that, in the case of a fire, PFPD and PFPD's fire marshal will perform their regular duties. The town's fire code official will secure

the building for safety after the fire is extinguished, though the property or building will always be open to the PFPD for investigations.

"Pagosa Fire's Fire Marshal may serve, at the Town Fire Code Official's discretion and with permission of the Pagosa Fire District Fire Chief, as the acting Deputy to the Town's Fire Code Official," reads the IGA.

Additionally, the IGA states that the town will complete all inspections of projects and issue certificates of occupancy or completion. The town will provide the PFPD with copies of the building plans after completing the inspection.

As far as pre-emergency planning is concerned, the IGA states, "Pagosa Fire will perform pre-emergency planning for those

businesses, residents, or organizations that voluntarily agree to participate."

The beginning of the IGA states that the IGA will endure until both parties mutually agree to terminate it.

On March 9, Mayor Don Volger and Town Clerk April Hessman signed the IGA.

Said Assistant Fire Chief Randy Larson, "The meeting with the town went very well. They read through it, took a look at it, and asked me what I thought, and I told them I thought it was a very good memorandum of understanding."

The board moved to approve the IGA as written, and it passed unanimously.

Board Chairman LeRoy Lattin and Board Clerk Shirley Brinkmann signed the IGA, with Larson explaining that he would have Fire Chief Diane Bower sign it when she returned from being out of town, which will be today, March 17.
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21st annual Ross Tournament to be held April 7-9

By Randi Pierce
and Marshall Dunham
Staff Writers

The 21st annual Dirk and Colt Ross Memorial Basketball Tournament will be held April 7-9 and, as is tradition, will feature full brackets in several divisions.

The tournament will host 36 teams in three different divisions.

The divisions include an open, 6 foot and under, and 35 and over.

The games will take place in the junior high, middle school and high school gyms.

Games will be held:

- Thursday, April 7 — games

start at 6 p.m. in the middle school and junior high gyms.

- Friday, April 8 — games will run in the middle school, junior high and high school gyms from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Saturday, April 9 — games will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the high school gym, and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the middle school and junior high gyms.

Daily admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for children under 8. Proceeds go to a scholarship fund to benefit local youth.

The tournament is still seeking volunteers for the concession stand. If you are interested in helping, contact Loretta Ross at 264-5266.

Come cheer on the teams, support local youth and jump head-first into Pagosa's very own April Madness.

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Soccer

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played a mistake-free game on defense, had good touches and made effective passes. He complemented her play as "creative."

Freshman Diana Scott played keeper for the Lady Pirates and did a good job with six saves on the day.

Kurt-Mason summed up the game by stating he has a young,

coachable team.

He said, "We'll improve on what we're doing."

The Lady Pirates' next game is at Bishop Machebeuf in Denver on Saturday. The first home game of the season follows next Tuesday, March 22, against Ignacio, with play beginning at 4 p.m.

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RECREATION NEWS

Registrations being accepted for adult soccer league

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The Town of Pagosa Springs Recreation Department is accepting registrations for adult soccer teams. The league will be played during the month of May.

The league will be limited to six teams for the first season. You may register to play at the Community Center.

T-ball registration

Registration for T-ball will end April 15.

Youth volleyball

The youth volleyball 9-10 division is an instructional league held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The 11-12 division will be held

on Tuesday and Thursday evening for league play. Practices for 11-12 division started March 14.

Community Center

The Ross Aragon Community Center will be closed Saturday, March 19, due to a special event.

Recreation registration

You can register for all youth recreational sports offered through the recreation department at any time throughout the year. Registration for all youth sports will be located in the lobby of the Community Center.

Online registration will only be available prior to the upcoming youth sport offered at that time.

Reservoir Hill open

The thinning project on Reser-

voir Hill is complete.

Reservoir Hill is open for use; however, be cautious of debris that possibly could be on the ground and even hidden under the snow.

Cleanup of debris will take place early spring, as soon as the snow melts.

Online registration

Through the use of Xpress Bill Pay, the Town of Pagosa Springs Recreation Department offers online registration for most youth programs.

To register for programs online, visit the Parks and Recreation Department page at www.townofpagosasprings.com.

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

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March 11 — Assault, South 9th Street.

March 12 — Trespass warning, Lewis Street.

March 12 — Agency assist, Country Center Drive.

March 14 — Theft, South 8th Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court:
Judge William J. Anderson

Feb. 24 — Joseph Gallegos, two counts of contempt/failure to appear, costs — \$135.

Feb. 24 — Candy Hemphill, shoplifting, 12 months supervised probation, costs — \$270.

Feb. 24 — Frank Lagioia, two counts of shoplifting, 12 months supervised probation, costs — \$540 (\$120 suspended).

March 9 — Michael Fryar, driver's vision obstructed, fines and costs — \$81.

March 10 — Cedric Cartrette, animal running at large, six months unsupervised probation, animal must be restrained or confined, costs — \$145 (\$120 suspended).

March 10 — Paula Jewell, shoplifting, 12 months unsupervised probation, 30 days jail, costs — \$1,770 (\$85 suspended).

March 10 — Juvenile, marijuana prohibited, 12 months supervised probation, 200 hours community service (50 suspended), 1,500-word essay, costs — \$370 (\$200 suspended).

March 10 — Don Gonzales, careless driving, exceeded safe speed for conditions, seven points, fines, costs and surcharge — \$619.

Archuleta County Court: Judge

Pagosa Local Providers meet, discuss mental health services

By Marshall Dunham
 Staff Writer

On Wednesday, March 9, the Pagosa Local Providers met for their semi-annual gathering.

The Pagosa Local Providers are a group of individuals who cater to mental health in some regard, including therapists, social and case workers, and members of the local probations department.

The meeting had roughly 20 attendees, including but not limited to: Director of Justice Ministries Nancy Williams, Department of Human Services Director Matt Dodson, Pagosa Springs High School Counselor Mark Thompson, Maureen Mulligan, who works on behavioral health at Pagosa Springs Medical Center, and Clinical Manager of Axis Health Erik Foss.

Individuals introduced themselves to the group and made announcements about any changes or big news within their agency.

Following that, the providers held an open discussion on compassion fatigue and burnout.

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Samuel H. Cassidy

Jan. 28 — David Henderson, driving under the influence, two years probation, 25 days electronic surveillance, 48 hours community service probation, fines and costs — \$2,642.89.

Feb. 3 — Anthony Valdez, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, \$4,268.30 restitution, fines and costs — \$5,076.65.

Feb. 5 — Marcy Norris, obstructed view-windshield, fines and costs — \$72.50.

Feb. 10 — Joshua Baker, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

Feb. 11 — Michelle Barber, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.

Feb. 11 — Andrew David Ferguson, fail to yield right of way/stop sign, fines and costs — \$172.50.

Feb. 11 — Marcus Hansen, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

Feb. 11 — Marshall Lucas, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$163.50.

Feb. 11 — Fernando Zubia, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

Feb. 11 — Christina Marie Anderson, driving under restraint-alcohol related, 30 days electronic surveillance, fines and costs — \$244.50.

Feb. 11 — Ronald Martinez, wildlife-illegal possession, fines and costs — \$234.50.

Feb. 11 — Wolfgang Klockemann, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$134.50.

Feb. 17 — Shannon Brown, fail to yield right of way/pedestrian, fines and costs — \$75.50.

Feb. 18 — Erik Winther, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$122.50.

Feb. 19 — Meghan Schroeder, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$122.50.

Feb. 22 — Victor Versace, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$122.50.

Feb. 24 — Brandon Benaglia, speeding 1-4 over limit, fines and costs — \$90.50.

Feb. 25 — Clint Vigil, failure to display proof of insurance, fines and costs — \$319.50.

Feb. 25 — Clarice Hausley, license plates-unlawful display, fines and costs — \$113.50.

Feb. 25 — Dakota Beckel, tires-unsafe, fines and costs — \$113.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Greg Lyman

Feb. 16 — Mathiason Maestas, burglary-2 of dwelling, two years probation, 100 hours community service probation, \$1,800 restitution, fines and costs — \$3,473.50.

Feb. 16 — Condelerio Armenta, trespass 1-dwelling, five years probation, \$1,150 restitution, fines and costs — \$4,653.50.

Feb. 16 — Patrick James Martin, trespass 1-dwelling, one year probation, 24 hours community service probation, fines and costs — \$1,028.50.

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Public Notices

Archuleta County, Colorado District Court 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81301
Plaintiff:
 JOHN M RITCHEY REVOCABLE TRUST,
 vs.
Defendants:
 JOHN J. MONJAZI, ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE, O & G ROYAL, LLC, a California limited liability company, NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company, PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INVESTMENT RETRIEVERS INC., and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action
 Attorney for Plaintiff:
 Tracy J. Cross 835 E. Second Ave., #240 Durango, CO 81301 Tele: (970) 385-0600 trossc@mydurango.net Case Number: 16 CV 30004

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
 You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
 This is an action to quiet the title for real property located in Archuleta County to the Plaintiff. The legal description of the property in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado is: Lots 88, 89 and 90 in LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, according to the plat thereof recorded April 30, 1979 as Reception No. 94867.

679 E. 2nd Avenue, Suite C
 P.O. Box 2270
 Durango, CO 81302
 Phone Number: (970) 259-8747
 E-mail: mack@grm-law.com
 Fax Number: (970) 259-8790
 Case Number: 2016CV30006

SUMMONS
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS LITIGATION:
 You are hereby summoned and required to file with the clerk of this court an answer or other response to the above-captioned action. The relief demanded in this action is a decree quieting title to a parcel of real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado, described as follows:
 Lot 8 of Block 8 in ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 3, according to the plat thereof filed for record July 6, 1971 as Reception No. 74567, being an Amendment of the plat of Aspen Springs Ranch Subdivision No. 3, filed on April 9, 1971 as Reception No. 74284.

If service of the summons was made upon you within the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 21 days after such service upon you. If service of the summons and complaint was made upon you outside of the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after such service upon you. Service of this summons is deemed to have occurred on day of the last publication, which shall be March 17, 2016.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within the applicable time period, judgment by default may be entered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
 Dated: February 12, 2016.
Goldman, Robbins, Nicholson & Mack, P.C.
 /s/ Josh W. Mack
 Josh W. Mack, Reg. #: 37858
 Post Office Box 2270
 Durango, Colorado 81302
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Attorney for Plaintiff
 Published February 18, 25, March 3, 10 and 17, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN.*

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
 Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
AUSTIN O'NEAL TAYLOR, a Sole Owner and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
 Defendants.
 Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
 Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
 Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
 Durango, CO 81301
 Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
 Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com
 Atty. Reg. #: 41195

Case Number: 15CV030212
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
 You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response. You are required to file your Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.
 This is an action to judicial foreclosure to:
 Unit Number 7314, Building Number 02, Unit Week Number 05, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase One as Reception No. 161539 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 10th day of February, 2016.
 /s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
 D. Brett Van Winkle
 Published March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN.*

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
 Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
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 Plaintiff,
 vs.
AUSTIN O'NEAL TAYLOR, a Sole Owner and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
 Defendants.
 Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
 Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
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 Durango, CO 81301
 Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
 Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com
 Atty. Reg. #: 41195
 Case Number: 15CV030217

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
 You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response. You are required to file your Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.
 This is an action to judicial foreclosure to:
 Unit Number 7302, Building Number 01, Unit Week Number 12, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase Two as Reception No. 17763 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 11th day of February, 2016.

/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
 D. Brett Van Winkle
 Published March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN.*

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
 Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
AUSTIN O'NEAL TAYLOR, a Sole Owner and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
 Defendants.
 Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
 Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
 Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
 Durango, CO 81301
 Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
 Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com
 Atty. Reg. #: 41195
 Case Number: 15CV030220

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
 You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response. You are required to file your Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.
 This is an action to judicial foreclosure to:
 Unit Number 7315, Building Number 02, Unit Week Number 13, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase One as Reception No. 161539 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 10th day of February, 2016.

/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
 D. Brett Van Winkle
 Published March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN.*

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE
SALE NO. 2015-023
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust.
 On December 31, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
 Original Grantor(s) AMY NEWMAN
 Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt DITECH FINANCIAL LLC
 Date of Deed of Trust August 30, 2004
 County of Recording Archuleta
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust September 03, 2004
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 20408039
 Original Principal Amount \$90,000.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance \$73,430.67
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the contents of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
 THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 04/28/2016, at 449 San Juan St, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorney's fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 First Publication 3/3/2016
 Last Publication 3/31/2016
 Name of Publication: Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
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 DATE: 12/31/2015
 Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
 By: /s/ Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
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 Slinson Leonard Street LLP 5613 DTC Parkway, Suite 970, Greenwood Village, CO 80111 (303) 376-8411
 Attorney File # Pagosa Partners / Robert J. Rails
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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Archuleta County
Road and Bridge Department
Advertisement for Bid
2016 Aggregate Supply
 Notice is hereby given that Archuleta County will accept sealed bids for aggregate supply for 2016.
 THREE SETS (ONE ORIGINAL AND TWO COMPLETE COPIES OF THE SEALED BID), clearly marked with "2016 Aggregate Supply Bid," along with the name, address and telephone number of the bidder, will be received by Larry Walton, Finance Director, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, until 2:00 p.m. on March 24, 2016. As soon as practical after the bid closing time, all bids shall be opened in public and read aloud. Bids received after the closing time shall be returned unopened to the bidder.
 Bid specifications must be obtained from the Archuleta County Road & Bridge Department, 1122 S. Hwy. 84, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Please refer all questions regarding this bid to Yari Davis, engineering Technician at (970) 264-8404, fax (970) 264-8815; e-mail yaredavis@archuletacounty.org. Answers to all questions, inquiries, or requests for additional information will be issued in the form of Addenda. The County will not be responsible for the authenticity or correctness of oral interpretations of the contract documents or for information obtained in any other manner than through the media of addenda. Bidders in their bids shall acknowledge receipt of each Addendum, and each Addendum shall be considered a part of the contract documents. Failure to acknowledge receipt of any Addendum issued may invalidate a bid as incomplete. Questions must be received no later than the close of business 7 days prior to the Bid Opening.
 The bid shall be awarded by the Board of County Commissioners. It is the Bidders' responsibility to verify the exact date of the award. Bidders may, but shall not be required to, attend the award of bid. A bid tab shall be forwarded to all Bidders as soon as practicable there-

LOT 16, BLOCK 7, ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED MARCH 22, 1971, AS RECEPTION NO. 74229, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.
Also known by street and number as: 91 ELK DRIVE, PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
 THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 04/28/2016, at 449 San Juan St, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorney's fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 First Publication 3/3/2016
 Last Publication 3/31/2016
 Name of Publication: Pagosa Springs Sun
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 DATE: 12/31/2015
 Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
 By: /s/ Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Janeway Law Firm, P. C. 9800 S Meridian Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990
 Attorney File # 15-009634
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE
SALE NO. 2015-024
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust.
 On December 31, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
 Original Grantor(s) Pagosa Partners, II, Inc. (as to Parcel 1) Robert J. Rails (as to Parcel 2)
 Original Beneficiary(ies) Community Banks of Colorado
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt NBH Bank, N.A., 400 Bank Midwest, N.A.
 Date of Deed of Trust November 24, 2009
 County of Recording Archuleta
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust November 30, 2009
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 20904555
 Original Principal Amount \$130,000.00
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Invitation to Bid: The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking qualified individuals and firms to propose a new portion of the Riverwalk trail. The invitation to bid is on the town's website, <http://www.pagosaprings.gov>, under the news section. For questions or a copy of the invitation please call or email Scott Lewandowski at 264 4151 ext. 235 sclewandowski@pagosaprings.co.gov
 Published March 17, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN.*

County's 2016 Magnesium Chloride Application Starts April 25th
 Archuleta County Road and Bridge Crews will start the 2016 Magnesium Chloride (Mag) application April 25th, weather permitting. The application process will begin in the Arboles area starting on C.R. 973 and will end on C.R. 382 in the Chromo area. Approximately 100 miles of County Roads will receive a Mag application. Depending on the application rate crews can complete 5 to 7 miles of road and apply 25 to 30 thousand gallons per mile. Generally a crew consists of 4 motorgraders, 5 to 6 water trucks, and 2 flagmen. The Mag supplier provides 2 to 3 transport trucks and the distributor truck. County crews start to prepare the road by applying an ample amount of water, motorgraders then begin to cut the surface of the road making a window of gravel, the window of gravel is then spread back across the road surface (5 to 8 loads of water will be used during the process depending on the amount of moisture in the road and the quality of the gravel). At this point the roadway is ready to receive the application of Mag. With the anticipated amount of Mag to be applied this year, it should take the crew around 5- 6 weeks to complete all work.
 Due to increasing budgets the County will only be doing one application of Mag this year. The roads selected to receive Mag in 2016 are roads in the primary system with 200 ADT or more. A list of roads to receive a Mag application in 2016 is available on the County's web site.
 For those roads the County will not be applying Mag, residents may pay for the material cost and the County will perform all necessary work efforts to apply the Mag. This years cost of the product for 1 mile of road is approximately \$ 3,063.00. If residents have any questions on purchasing Mag for their road they can contact Yari Davis @ 264-8404. **Deadline for residents to purchase Mag application is April 15,**

Business

CHAMBER NEWS

Town voters have opportunity to opt out of broadband limitations

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

Less than 25 years ago, the World Wide Web and email communication were just getting started. Now, we can't live without them.

Internet connection is critical to personal and business communication. Broadband, or "high-speed transmission," is what we use to transmit and communicate via cable, DSL, Wi-Fi, 3G, etc.

Due to demands on the Internet and the capacity to transmit data, the definition of broadband has changed over the years. With the latest definition in 2015, it is estimated that over 50 million rural Americans do not have access to current broadband speeds. Some of you reading this article may be saying, "that includes me."

In 2015, voters in Archuleta County passed an exemption from Senate Bill 152, which restored local independence and the ability to evaluate all possibilities for broadband choice and options without raising taxes. Voters in over a dozen other counties in Colorado have also passed the same exemption. On April 5, since they are Home Rule, the residents of the Town of Pagosa Springs will also have the opportunity to make the same decision.

Basically, SB152 limits local governments from establishing business partnerships with private companies to increase access to high-speed broadband Internet, opt to provide the service itself or develop a combined strategy to provide the service. It was designed in 2005 to limit governments from competing with the private sector. However, it also allows the government to put out to the voters the option to "opt out" of the measure before enter-

ing into broadband partnerships or business. Local companies have the capability to improve services and move forward with broadband enhancement, but at this time are restricted by this bill.

The Town of Pagosa Springs has no plans to create a public broadband utility, thereby competing with private industry. However, it does want to improve broadband access to its residents and businesses.

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, the Chamber, the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado and the Southwest Colorado Council of Governments are educating the public about this ballot issue. If you are a resident of the town and would like more information on this ballot issue, please pick up a brochure from the Chamber.

Remember, town residents, to have your ballots into the town clerk at Town Hall by Tuesday, April 5, at 7 p.m. Educate yourselves and be involved in our community.

Social media class

With the ever-increasing use of the Internet, social media is a bigger and bigger player in the workplace. Businesses can communicate, market and conduct business via social media. If you are unfamiliar with how social media works in your business, you should attend the Social Media Class on March 22.

Lindsay Nyquist will be the facilitator for the class. Nyquist is the social media and video coordinator for Fort Lewis College. The seminar will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and lunch will be provided. The price is only \$15 for Chamber members and \$20 for nonmembers.

To reserve your space in the class,

call 264-2360 or email us at info@pagosaspringschamber.com.

Flowers are coming

The Chamber is ready to offer its annual hanging basket reservations. Our Pagosa Pride/Display a Hanging Basket drive is underway. The beautiful 12-inch baskets will once again be \$30 each and the stunning 16-inch baskets will be \$100. The 12-inch baskets are scheduled to be delivered on Friday, May 27 — just before the Memorial Day weekend. The 16-inch baskets will not be delivered until the week after Memorial Day.

You can call the Chamber and order your flowers or go to the Chamber website at www.pagosaspringschamber.com and print off an order form and fax it or scan and email it to us at info@pagosaspringschamber.com.

Along with your flowers, you will also receive some fertilizer to remind you to, "Grow with the Chamber."

Membership news

We are pleased to welcome some new and renewing members. Welcome to Bonnie Nyre and the Colorado Christmas Shoppe.

We welcome back, after a hiatus, Smokin' Moe's BBQ.

Our renewing members this week include Old Town Market, Refurnish Pagosa, Main Street Cottage, Diamond Hitch Stables, Third Generation Outfitters and the Archuleta School District 50 Joint.

From out of the area, we have returning members Bayfield Gardens and the Creede Repertory Theatre.

Stay informed about community happening and educational opportunities by visiting the Chamber's website at www.pagosachamber.com.



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January sales tax 1.62 percent ahead of 2015

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The total sales tax collection in January for Archuleta County was \$630,441.77, according to a report issued on Thursday, March 8, by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton, with the town and county each receiving \$315,220.89.

"The total January 2016 sales tax is \$10,093 (1.62%) ahead of January 2015," reads Walton's report. "While we expected the increase to be slightly higher than this, it is still the highest January sales tax amount in our records."

"Regarding changes in individual categories, we do not believe that comparing a single month (January 2015 to 2016) is sufficient information to see any changes in the trends

observed using 'year-to-date' information during 2015," the report goes on to state. "Therefore, we are not providing percent change comparisons by individual categories at this time."

Breaking the sales tax report down by sector, revenue generated by retail trade went from \$238,498 in December of 2015 to \$303,703 in January of 2016, for an increase of \$65,205.

Revenue generated by accommodations and food service went from \$117,230 in December of 2015 to \$94,745 in January for a decrease of \$22,485.

Arts, entertainment and recreation, a sector of the local economy that is greatly influenced by tourism, went from \$5,645 in December of last year to \$5,261 in January for a decrease of \$384.

The real estate industry garnered \$18,843 for a decrease of \$842, while the construction industry contributed \$9,107, for a decrease of \$3,620 compared to December 2015.

Wholesale trade brought in \$40,754, an increase of \$249, manufacturing brought in \$27,699 for a decrease of \$3,938, and mining brought in \$898, a decrease of \$9,690 compared to December of last year.

The information industry garnered \$26,519, a decrease of \$1,090 from December of 2015.

Professional, scientific, and technical services contributed \$1,971, a decrease of \$48.

Administrative, support, waste management and remediation services generated \$1,303 for a decrease of \$479 compared to December 2015. marshall@pagosasun.com

County's unemployment rate at 3.5 percent

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County rose to 3.5 percent in January, with 6,175 people in the labor force and 214 of those claiming unemployment.

In December of 2015, there were 6,083 people in the county's labor force, with 202, or 3.3 percent, claiming unemployment. The total workforce gained 92 people over the month, while the number of unemployed people was up by 12, causing the increase in unemployment of two-tenths of a percent.

Over the year, however, the employment situation has improved considerably. In January 2015, there were 5,707 workers in the county, of which 325, or 5.7 percent, were unemployed. January 2016's rate is down 2.2 percent by comparison.

Looking at this January's employment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate for the month with 7.4 percent, while Summit County had the lowest rate at 1.5 percent.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate for the state decreased one-tenth of a percentage point in January to 3.2 percent.

Over the year, the unemployment rate for Colorado has dropped 1.6 percent, decreasing from 4.8 percent in January 2015 to 3.2 percent in 2016.

The number of people in the state actively participating in the labor force increased 11,500 to 2,843,800 and total employment increased 19,400 to 2,753,300, causing the number of unemployed to decline 7,900.

In comparison, the national unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point over the

same period to 4.9 percent.

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

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

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

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 69,100, with an increase of 60,300 in the private sector and an increase of 8,800 in government.

The largest private-sector job gains were in leisure and hospitality, professional and business services, and education and health services. Mining and logging declined over the year.

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

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.6 to 33.4 hours, with average hourly earnings increasing from \$26.64 to \$27.32. marshall@pagosasun.com



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'A Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown with The High Rollers'

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Calling all Colorado guys and gals: Our Savior Lutheran School annual fundraiser Saturday

By Alicia Brodner
Special to The PREVIEW

Mark your calendars and get your tickets now to join us this Saturday, March 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran School for "A Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown with The High Rollers."

This annual fundraiser supports the good work of Our Savior Lutheran School in providing a faith-based, classical education to the children of our community.

There will be entertainment by The High Rollers Band with dancing for all those folks who want to step out on the dance floor, a brisket dinner with all the trimmings, a silent auction and much more.

Tickets are available in advance for \$35 per person at the church/school at 56 Meadows Drive or by calling 731-4668. Tickets may be purchased at the door if available.

Please support OSLS and the children by attending this very special event.

Curtains Up Pagosa holds annual retreat

Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) recently held its annual retreat, celebrating 26 years of bringing professional-level performances to the Pagosa stage.

Over the years, board members have come and gone, actors of all ages have joined our family, grown up on the stage or just stepped in for a show or two, and CUP (previously Music Boosters) has remained as a constant in our community.

Our mission of "Strengthening our youth through the performing arts and ongoing adult mentorship"

is still being honored and has resulted in touching young people's lives in a positive way over the course of many years. The shared experience of being a part of a production, learning new skills, meeting new people, building self-confidence and mentoring others carries over into other areas of life and living.

CUP recently developed several new scholarship programs, in addition to its college scholarships. They are: Danna's Song, a vocal scholarship in memory of Danna Laverty; Cindy's Dance, a dance scholarship in memory of Cindy Gustafson; and a music scholarship in support of studying and

learning to play an instrument.

CUP's future goals include expanding these programs into a performing arts academy, continued partnering as supporters of the performing arts in our schools and making new memories onstage in future productions.

Our board/volunteers are: president Doug Neel, treasurer Walt Moore, secretary Dale Johnson, and members Kim Moore, Sally Neel, Kurt Laverty, Bob Scott and John Duvall. Sally Neel also serves as music director, with Johnson as artistic director.

Watch for CUP's 2016 musical, "Fiddler on the Roof."

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By Fred Harman



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Father-daughter dance will support local family's mission to Haiti

By Casey Crow
Special to The PREVIEW

This Friday evening, March 18, marks the first annual community-wide father daughter dance. The dance will give fathers and daughters a chance to dress up and dance the night away, all while supporting a local family's mission to Haiti.

Over the last four years, as summer rolls around, the Parker family boards a plane bound for Haiti. Jane, Cameron and their two children have dedicated countless hours of love and labor to the orphaned children of Pwoje Espwa, or "Hope Village" in Haiti. The proceeds of the dance will benefit their inspiring work.

In the spring of 2012, after first visiting the orphanage, the Parker family felt that God was calling them to go and feed his children, which led to a long-standing commitment to the creation of an agricultural program at Pwoje Espwa.

They spent their first summer in Haiti as a family in 2013, exploring the agricultural needs of the orphanage, designing a children's educational summer farming program growing vegetables, creating a chicken program to supply the orphanage with fresh eggs and building relationships and extending their hearts to the children of Espwa.

The agricultural development program is designed to give over-

sight and direction to the agricultural department that already farms the 80 acres of Espwa. Cameron aids local farmers who are employed at Pwoje Espwa, improving their budget skills, growing strategies and increasing their crop yield. The program gives Haitian farmers a chance to increase their standard of living and break the cycle of poverty.

The children's agricultural education program teaches the children at the orphanage farming skills, showcasing the effort and steps it takes to grow food and reap the rewards of the harvest. Through the program, children grow and sell tomatoes, eggplant and cabbage.

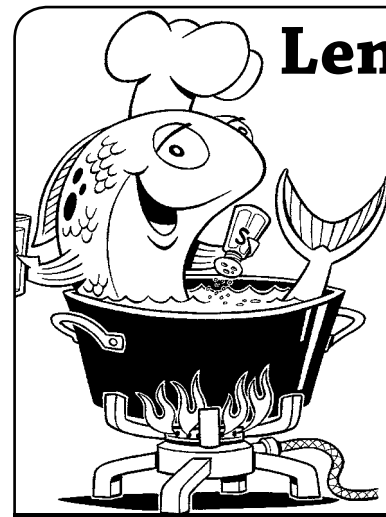
The chicken and egg program exists as an extension of an animal husbandry program at the orphanage, which includes chickens, goats, hogs and cattle. Under Cameron's leadership, the boys of the orphanage rebuilt a chicken coop, as well as constructed laying boxes and roosting ledges. They purchased 20 egg-laying chickens and collect approximately 520 eggs a month. The eggs are served at the orphanage, giving children an extra source of protein. Cameron hopes to increase egg production and eventually teach the boys microfinancing and business skills through the program.

The Parkers have continued to cultivate these programs every

year since 2013, as well as serving in other capacities. It took nearly two years, but Cameron was able to rebuild the well house at the orphanage and get water running to irrigate the fields. Last summer, Jane taught English as part of a summer English program.

The Parkers hope that their

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Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

Thingamajig Theatre Company's children's division — the Whatchamawhozits — will be presenting its Improv Showcase on March 20 at 2 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The showcase will be open to the public, and audience participation will be appreciated.

Whatchamawhozits' Improv Showcase slated for Sunday

By Laura Moore
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company's children's division — the Whatchamawhozits — will be presenting its Improv Showcase on March 20 at 2 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

This spring, the kids have been in a class that focuses on improvisation, speech, character development and stage presence. The Whatchamawhozits are kids ranging in age from 7-12 who are certain to delight the audience while displaying their talents. The Improv Showcase will make you laugh and kids will surprise you (and maybe even themselves) with their wit.

With audience participation, the young actors will have to stay on their imaginative toes and carefully follow the twists and turns of their acting partner's imagination — all the while staying in the maze of

improv game rules that apply to each different game.

Tickets to the showcase are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Doors to the center will open at 1:30 p.m. for the show. The kids would love a nice rowdy audience for their showcase and your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Following the Improv Showcase, the next project for the Whatchamawhozits will be the summer camp held in July. Camp includes one to three weeks of professional instruction by Thingamajig's summer stock actors, directors and choreographers, and a performance of Disney's "Jungle Book," plus a ride on the incredible Center for the Arts float for the Fourth of July Parade and a theater night out to see Thingamajig's Summer performance of "Little Mermaid."

If you have any questions about how to join the Whatchamawhozits troupe, email Educational Director Laura Moore at laura@pagosacenter.org.

Dance

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summers spent in Haiti will ultimately help build a successful and self-sustaining agricultural program, while also giving the children a glimpse of the love of Christ.

This year, Cameron has plans to return to Pwoje Espwa and needs

your help in raising funds to keep these amazing programs running.

This Friday, dust off your dancing shoes in support of an incredible local family making a difference in the lives of children in Haiti. The evening will be filled with memories, as well as refreshments and

professional photos.

Tickets to the father-daughter dance are \$10 per dad and daughters come for free. The dance will be held at 6 p.m. on March 18 at the main building of Restoration Fellowship, located at 264 Village Drive.



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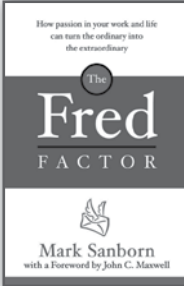
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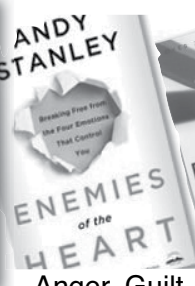
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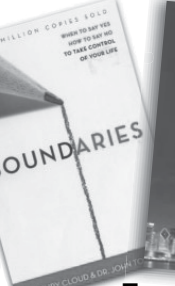
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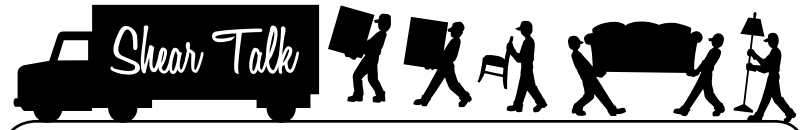
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Ryan Hazelbaker, resident director and choreographer for Thingamajig Theater Company, takes time out from working dance numbers with PSHS actors in preparation for the high school musical, "Legally Blonde." The show opens March 29 and runs through April 2.



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High school's 'Legally Blonde' benefits from professional help

Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

I had the pleasure of meeting Ryan Hazelbaker several years ago after he discovered Pagosa through Thingamajig Theater Company and Pagosa discovered him. Then, I later was cast in "Les Miserables" and was fortunate to be able to work with him on stage as a director, an incredible experience.

Hazelbaker and I have talked many times about the possibility of he and I working together on one of the Pagosa Springs High School's musicals I have been directing and choreographing for 16 years.

Due to schedules and life, we were not able to make that connection — until now. Hazelbaker and I are partnering on the choreography for our high school musical, "Legally Blonde," opening March 29.

Hazelbaker has choreographed three dance numbers for our show and has given our young actors dance lessons, love and a fantastic performance experience. They have received Broadway-level classes from Hazelbaker as he shared his love of performance with them for a moment in time.

Hazelbaker was assisted by Samuel Damare and Taylor Marrs, also with Thingamajig. I am thankful and incredibly grateful to Hazelbaker for sharing his heart and gifts with me and with our young actors.

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Save room for chocolate and fun April 2

By Mike Stoll
Special to The PREVIEW

The annual Humane Society Chocolate Auction is just around the corner.

This year's auction will be held on April 2 in the PLPOA Clubhouse at 230 Port Ave. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with socializing and viewing of the decadent chocolate creations that will be available for bid.

Enjoy a delicious seated dinner followed by dessert and the auction. A cash bar featuring microbrew beer, a selection of red and white wine, and soft drinks will be available during the evening. Auctioneer Jake Montroy will preside over the live auction portion of the event.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and can be purchased at the Humane Society thrift store, the Humane Society animal shelter, or by calling 264-5549. Seating is limited and sold out last year, so buy your tickets early.

The absolutely incredible chocolate desserts, some

truly works of art, are donated by chefs, caterers, candy stores, restaurants and specialty bakers and will be auctioned to raise funds to help with the daily operating costs of the community's only animal shelter. The shelter houses and cares for the lost, abandoned and homeless dogs and cats of Archuleta County, which truly benefits the entire community.

The combination of chocolate, creativity and socializing always makes for an enjoyable time, and this year's auction will again include the entertaining balloon pop — purchase a \$25 balloon and pop it to discover an array of super prizes and surprises.

The Chocolate Auction is a wonderful way to have an entertaining evening and support the shelter animals at the same time.

Plan to attend a great night out on the town at the Humane Society Chocolate Auction dinner and fundraiser on April 2 at the PLPOA Clubhouse.

For further information, contact the Humane Society administration office at 264-5549 or visit www.humanesociety.biz.

'Wild West Jubilee' square dance party set for April 13

By Carla Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

The Wild West Squares teaching program invites you to a free community square dance party, "Wild West Jubilee," April 13 at 7 p.m. at the PLPOA Clubhouse.

This family-friendly, western-themed event will feature demonstrations of basic, mainstream and plus dancing of the Wild West Squares, free food and a community "barn" dance with live music for anyone who would like to try very simple and fun square dance activities.

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walk through and then the live music starts up for a real, old-time frolic guaranteed to burn off some calories.

Over the decades, square dance has evolved into what we now call modern western square dance. During the evening festivities, students and teaching "angels" of the Wild West Squares will perform a variety of modern western square dance demonstrations with caller Carla Roberts.

They are part of an outstanding new group of beginning and intermediate square dancers who attend weekly classes and enjoy the camaraderie of learning and laughing together while dancing. If you are interested in finding out about this healthy pastime, new classes start April 20.

With live old-time music, square dance demos and a community barn dance, "Wild West Jubilee" will be a free evening of entertainment for the whole family to attend. The PLPOA Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call Roberts at 903-6478.

The following week, on April 20, from 7 to 8 p.m., the Wild West Squares teaching program begins a free eight-week Introduction to square dance.

Roberts will teach at the basic level, so new dancers can quickly master enough calls (or dance steps) to experience the exhilaration of dancing in a group setting. The class focus is for everyone to have an enjoyable dance session

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Nightlife in Pagosa for us

Our grandson said to his granddad, "I want to take you out and show you some fun. We'll get out on the town."

Somehow, I can't picture my Sweet Al going out on the town with our grandson. The two of them might pound the side of the Subaru, hoot and holler and make wolf calls at the girls. They'd cruise down main, pass through Sonic and speed down Put Hill. They'd get pulled over and my Sweet Al would get a warning for being out past his curfew. No, I can't picture it.

Although, I can picture my Sweet Al burning rubber in his brown rocker, slurping on a grape slush, holding the remote and clicking through the television programs. He'd snooze during commercials and wake himself up with his snoring. Yes, I can picture that. This is nightlife in Pagosa for us.

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



It's been a long winter and we've hunkered down into the only entertainment we know. When our family gets together, we catch up with who did what on whatever show is in season at the time.

As I write this article, Bachelor Ben is still in the throes of deciding who will get the final rose. By the time you read this in the newspaper, you'll already know. The women have all declared they are in love with Ben. There's only one final rose and that's the problem. Ben is in love with two women. He

wants them both and it's breaking his heart. He doesn't want to send either one of them home.

My Sweet Al thinks he should have kept Amanda with her two little girls. She was the sweetest one and was nice to all the girls in the house. Al's a romantic and he wants to talk about it. I couldn't see Ben picking Jo Jo. She's got some issues and two angry brothers. They ganged up on my Ben and I don't like it.

My son-in-law said, "I just laugh at it. It's so stupid. One guy and 25 women and they all want Ben's attention. How dumb can it be and they all know he's kissing all the other women in the house. The women are all trying to bond with each other, be honest and tell Ben how the other girls aren't good enough for him. They all want

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Dance

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to enroll.

Multi-instrumentalist, singer and performing arts specialist Roberts has taught and performed concerts in schools and fine arts venues in the western states for the last 35 years. Her

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■ **continued from previous page** what's best for Ben. They're all crying on television. They sign up to be on it. Don't they realize it's just a show and it's not real?"

Chris Harrison thinks it's real. He keeps telling us it is. Of course it's real to him, he's reportedly making \$60,000 per episode and with the Bachelor-related programming, he's bringing home \$1.5 million. Chris stays in touch with Trista and Ryan from the 2003 season of "The Bachelorette." Trista and Ryan come on the show every year to prove to all of us that the show is real and people can find love and happiness. It's one big family. Even Chris, the farmer, keeps hanging around hoping to find love.

We really got into "The Bachelor: After the Final Rose," where there was some real interaction with fans. They celebrate, have their own party and watch Ben kiss all the women. Apparently they're hard pressed for a social nightlife, too. They're all in love with Ben and very opinionated about the women in the house.

I'm a little opinionated and I've added my two cents, too. "Ben is hot. But I'm really tired of seeing him kiss all the women. It's just too much kissing for me."

Our daughter said, "They're all kissing Ben. What if one of them had a cold sore and the rest of the women in the house got these big honking cold sores on their lips. They'd have to look for the mole and who started the cold sore. They'd be looking for the Abreva. I can just see a run on Abreva commercials. Gross!"

Good point. All the women have

kissed Ben's lips and Ben's lips have kissed all the women, even Olivia. She won't keep her mouth closed. When I see Olivia I can't help but think of Jim Payne back in the '70s. Do you remember his big-mouth frog joke? It was a classic and it flashes across my mind every time I see Olivia. I wonder if she still has her news anchor job back home. She did get the First Impression rose, but didn't show well after that. Poor Olivia, she was left on the beach alone and Ben rode off in the boat with one of the twins. It was a touching moment. It'll be interesting to hear what the girls say when they tell all.

We've moved on to "American Idol" and its farewell year. My Sweet Al says he didn't like the freckles on the blonde's eyebrows. I think they wanted to make a new fashion statement. Freckles or sparkles, it didn't work. She's gone.

After this season, the staff of "American Idol" will be gone, too. Ryan Seacrest says they will be looking for work. There were some bad years with some bad judges and a lot of tension. But this year, the judges are having a good time. Who can take their eyes off of J. Lo? I know I can't; she's beautiful. We all get into Keith's groove and laugh at Harry's humor. It's a good time in the Slade House.

We watched a lot of football and left the football season behind with happy fans in blue and orange. Now Sweet Al has turned his attention to NASCAR. It's a big time for our family on Sunday nights. It's dinner and the race. The guys watch the oval and the girls are cutting, stringing and sewing goody bags for the Pirate athletes who go on to

state competitions. My daughter always has us doing whatever else she has volunteered to do that week, like sticking labels on the flower power booklets for the middle school. Gordon, No. 24, has been the favorite driver for years. He has now retired but they get to hear him commentate. Actually he's doing a great job. He knows how it feels to be in a racecar running 200 miles an hour. He knows the business inside the car and outside in the pit.

Now, "The Voice" has returned. Apparently Blake and Gwen are still a number. Blindspot and American Ninja Warriors with Brian Arnold are big for the family. We all met Brian Arnold at the Mud Run here in Pagosa. "Blue Blood" is a favorite and Hallmark movies keep Al sweet.

My Sweet Al doesn't have time to cruise main and do the town with our grandson because of all the reality shows going on. Yes, we hoot and holler over all these shows and that's our entertainment in our little town of Pagosa.

The big highlight and the nightlife of the season is our Pagosa Springs High School basketball teams. We've followed them all the way and have booked our hotel for state. The boys have improved so much. They are obviously not sitting around watching reality TV. And the girls constantly amaze us. They are so fast that the other teams are bewildered. It's hard for the other teams to catch up with the speed and endurance of our girls. During the fourth quarter, the other team is gasping for air and our team isn't even out of breath. They are just getting warmed up. The refs

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Pagosa Catholic Community Easter Schedule

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Good Friday, March 25

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UU Fellowship to explore oneness

By Karen LeCour
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a program titled "Oneness" with Karen LeCour this Sunday, March 20, for its regular service.

Mystics have claimed through the ages that oneness is the true nature of God and reality — and modern physics bears this out. But why and how does the one appear as many? And if we are one, why do I feel so separate? Why do I seem to have a body separate from others, thoughts that I alone think, pain I alone experience? How did we lose this awareness of oneness, do we honestly want it back and, if so, how do we go about it?

Join LeCour and enter the fascinating world of quantum entanglement, where entwined particles instantly synchronize their spins regardless of the distance between them. This has led some physicists to speculate that their separation is an illusion and that these entwined particles are, in reality, one.

Assuming a unitive nature of reality, the presentation will then explore how we lost this awareness — from our original nature as infants merged in blissful union with our mothers to the inevitable development of our ego and its concomitant sense of separation.

Ultimately, we begin to reclaim the knowledge of oneness by accepting and incorporating the shadow self and "re-membering" the pieces of ourselves back into the whole. We take responsibility for the projections we have laid on others and the world and see that they were our way of disowning parts of ourselves and casting

them aside. As we reclaim our wholeness, we begin to glimpse the unitive nature of reality.

LeCour was raised in the Episcopal church and was active in college in Campus Crusade for Christ until she had a mystical experience of union with all that is. Although the experience was transitory, it ignited a lifelong search for truth and a desire to understand where our sense of separation comes from, what we think we're gaining by it and how we can restore ourselves to oneness, which she believes is the true nature of reality.

Karen and her husband, Bob, now facilitate A Course in Miracles study group, which she credits for much of the insight she will share.

This presentation reflects the Unitarian Universalist principles of "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning" and "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship welcomes people of all spiritual belief systems, ethnicity and sexual orientation and invites you to enjoy refreshments and conversation after services, which are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue; then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north. For further information, call 731-7900.

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can't keep up, they're dripping sweat and out of breath, too. The basketball teams have redeemed our social nightlife.

Final brushstroke: Although Sunday night Bingo at the Catholic church would be more profitable ... you can't put a price on all we get out of and get accomplished during our winter evenings in Pagosa. It's priceless.

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Holy Week at St. Patrick's: depicting drama, mystery and power

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

I seldom write newspaper articles in first person. However, this week I will make an exception, to help explain the power of Holy Week.

As a child of the 1950s, growing up in a churchgoing family, I well remember the excitement of Palm Sunday. The children (and there were many, many children during those baby boomer years) gathered in the narthex of the church and were handed palm leaves. We had practiced our "marching in song" for weeks ahead in our Sunday school classes and we were ready for the joyous parade.

We had our instructions to "sing loudly, and wave those palms high in the air!" At last, the organ sounded the grand fanfare and we marched down the center aisle singing our little hearts out. Then the parade split and we marched around the side aisles and back to the front again, happily waving our palm fronds until the song finished. We would end with a loud "Hosanna!" Oh, what a happy day.

The next Sunday was filled with colorful Easter eggs, lots and lots of candy and brand new Easter outfits to wear to church. My mother had spent hours in preparation, making my frilly Easter dress, buying my brand-new white Easter shoes, purse and hat. I have to admit, my siblings and I were pretty adorable.

The only thing missing was the story, what happened during the week. How exactly did we get from welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem with loud shouts of "Hosanna" to

Easter Day, when He rose from the dead? The dramatic story of Holy Week was considered just too gruesome to discuss with children, I suppose.

As I grew older, I realized that merely celebrating Palm Sunday and Easter was like reading the first and last pages of a book. The story had no context. What happened? How could an adoring crowd go from joyous shouts of "Hosanna!" to "He is Risen!" during the course of only one week?

In time, of course, I was taught the story of Jesus' crucifixion, but it wasn't until I began attending Holy Week services during my college years that it all really began to take on much deeper, more personal meaning.

The services of Holy Week took me out of time and put me there, walking with Christ, praying with Christ, being unfairly judged with Christ, dying with Christ and, ultimately, being resurrected with Christ. Easter Day then becomes a day of great power and immense joy.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., will offer beautiful and ancient Holy Week liturgies next week, open to the public.

You are invited to walk with Christ and experience the drama, the mystery and the power of Christ's last week on earth. Services include music provided by the Choir of St. Patrick's, a sermon and Holy Eucharist. All are invited to receive Holy Communion.

• Palm Sunday, March 20, 10 a.m. — Meet on the church parking lot to begin the liturgy of the

Palms that continues with a grand procession into the church.

• Maundy Thursday, March 24, 6 p.m. — Service of foot washing and Holy Eucharist, remembering Christ's last act of love and His Last Supper with the disciples. The congregation is invited to the parish hall following the service for a beautiful wine and cheese Agape Meal.

• Good Friday, March 25, 5:30 to 6 p.m. — music for meditation provided by NightSong Trio followed by Good Friday liturgy at 6 p.m., when we hear the story of Christ's trial and death and offer prayers at the foot of the cross.

• The Great Vigil of Easter, March 26, 7 p.m. — The most ancient known Christian liturgy will be celebrated as the light of Christ shines through the darkness to proclaim the power of God's love returning to the world, overcoming the power of death. The service includes readings from the Old Testament of God's constant love and redeeming work, the renewal of our baptismal vows, the Gospel reading of Christ's resurrection and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The congregation is invited to bring bells to ring at the proclamation of Christ's resurrection. A wine and cheese reception will follow the service.

• Easter Day, Sunday, March 27, 10 a.m. — Come and sing hymns of joy, hear scripture readings and a powerful Easter sermon, then join us at Christ's table as we proclaim, "He is Risen!"

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week for Catholics

By Anne McGarry
Special to The PREVIEW

On March 19 and 20, with palm branches in hand, the people will assemble outside of Pagosa Springs Catholic churches for the first reading, Luke 19:28-40. As the processional begins into the church, Catholics will wave palms and reflect on Jesus entering Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover.

Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday and the Passion narrative is read from Luke 22:14-23:56. The Rev. Kenny Udumka will celebrate Palm Sunday Mass at Pope John Paul II on Saturday, March 19 at 5 p.m. and on Sunday, March 20, at Pope John Paul II at 9 a.m. and at Immaculate Heart of Mary at 11:15 a.m.

Palm Sunday marks the begin-

ning of Holy Week and concludes with the Easter Triduum. The evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday is known as the Easter Triduum. The triduum includes Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), Good Friday of the Lord's Passion and Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord. These three are the holiest days in the Catholic Church.

Holy Thursday Mass will begin with the Presentation of the holy oils: Holy Crism, Oil of the Sick, and Oil of the Catechumen. The Mass will continue with the washing of the feet. Twelve parishioners young and old will have their feet washed by Udumka, symbolizing Christ's washing of his 12 apostles. Holy Thursday is also known as the Mass of the Lord's Supper and celebrates

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A prayer for Pagosa Springs

By Sami Fortin
Special to The PREVIEW

My hometown is like a little drop of heaven all in one place. Lord, you have blessed us with the best of scenery and the changing of seasons. You've given us rivers and lakes. The mountains are so close and neighbors are set apart. There's room to grow physically and spiritually. The best part of this town is blessing us with each other. So many kind and generous people in one spot, it's enough to make you cry. So, thank you, Lord, for this beautiful land and the people you have chosen to live here.

May you, Lord, choose to bless this place of healing with more and more of your presence, bringing salvation and freedom from sin, death and separation. Draw this town and your children to your side. Cause us to look around and know that when we see this beauty, we see you as the Creator. You do this to put smiles on our faces because you delight in us (1 Corinthians 3:7-9).

Let us know without a doubt that neither he who plants, nor he who waters, is anything, but only God makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers and you are God's field and God's building.

Through your children, Lord,

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make yourself known, not by miracles, but by grace and your magnificent love. Pour out your Spirit into this place that all will see what an awesome God we serve. From this place send many into the harvest for your glory and the promises you hold for each of us. As you move people in and move them out, let them have experiences that prove you are real and that you care for every detail of our lives.

Send out your Holy Spirit over this land and strengthen your chosen ones to shine like a flashlight into dark places and bring the Spirit of truth to set others free. Thank you for our own counselor and conscience. And the one who convicts and comforts to fill our soul, our mind, will and emotions with perfect truth. As you join us together, we can better understand spiritual things.

Lord, let this town join together in calling out your name and seeking your Kingdom first, for we are told all these things will be added unto us (Matthew 6:33). May we be soaked in your word like we soak in the springs, let us not just be fishers at the rivers and lakes but fishers of men for your Kingdom.

Oh, that we would delight in you as we ski or sled down the mountain. I pray you'd shake us up so we'll know what cannot be shaken. In this community of people that have a love for you, strengthen our conviction to live for you alone, holy devoted to the one who made the heavens and the earth. Reveal to us that everything we've been given comes from you. As we live in this town and even travel protect us by the power of your name. Help us to listen to your voice so we can experience the full measure of your joy within us. Sanctify us by your truth; your word is truth.

The Lord reigns; let Pagosa Springs rejoice and be glad, for this is the day the Lord has made. Again I say rejoice, while we explore all the hidden places in Christ.

All in His precious Name,
Amen, Sami

Readers' comments

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

Catholics

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the institution of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Jesus Christ. Holy Thursday will be held on March 24 at 7 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On Good Friday, March 25, at 2 p.m., entire families will walk alongside Udumka as he carries a large wooden cross in the Good Friday processional from Immaculate Heart of Mary up the hill to the John Bove Prayer Garden at Pope John Paul II. Water stations will offer refreshment to those participating in the procession.

Stations of the Cross will begin at 4 p.m. in the Father John C. Bove Prayer Garden. The Good Friday Liturgy held inside the church at John Paul II will begin at 5 p.m. Good Friday commemorates the day Christ was crucified and died for our sins. Good Friday Liturgy will venerate the cross and include Holy Communion.

The Easter Vigil will begin at 8 p.m. on March 26 at Pope John Paul II with the blessing of the fire as the Paschal candle is brought into the middle of the church and small tapers are lit filling the entire church with light. The Liturgy of

the Word will include seven readings, the Epistle and the Gospel. At the Easter Vigil, the people will renew their baptismal promises and Udumka will bless the water in the baptismal font.

Easter Sunday is the greatest Christian feast in the Christian calendar. Catholics will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Easter lilies, symbolic of purity and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, will fill the church with beauty and fragrance. The Alleluia will once again be sung. Mass will begin at 9 a.m. on March 27 at John Paul II. The celebration of Christ's resurrection and Easter season will continue until Pentecost.

For more information on Holy Week services, please call Pope John Paul II Catholic Church at 731-5744.

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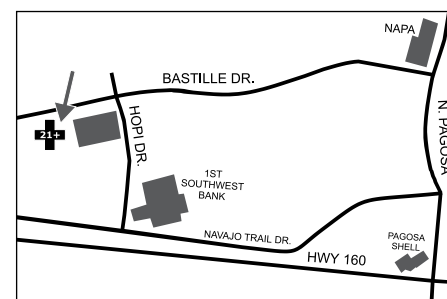
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Celebrate Easter in style with creative egg decorating ideas

By Michele Worthington
Special to The PREVIEW

As spring approaches each year, Coloradans look forward to a treasured springtime tradition — Easter. Families and loved ones gather to celebrate the season with Easter egg hunts, sweet treats and delicious family meals.

And no Easter celebration would be complete without egg decorating. The Colorado Egg Producers (CEP) Association would like to offer some creative egg decorating ideas to help make your Easter eggs stand out this holiday season.

“Easter egg decorating is among our most cherished holiday traditions,” said Clint Hickman, a Colorado egg farmer and member of CEP. “Over the years, we’ve discovered many creative, family-friendly ways to decorate Easter eggs and we’re happy to share those ideas.”

As you prepare to decorate your Easter eggs, be sure to follow all the appropriate food safety procedures to keep your eggs safe during the celebration. Our partners at the American Egg Board provide easy instructions on how to properly hard-boil or blow eggs to get them ready for decorating.

Below are several creative ways

to decorate Easter eggs that will be easy for the whole family, courtesy of Better Homes and Gardens.

- Drizzled eggs — drizzle an egg with rubber cement, let it dry and then dip it in colored dye. Once the egg is dry, gently peel off the rubber cement. Repeat with additional colors to create swirled egg designs.

- Chirping chick eggs — dye a white egg canary yellow, let it dry, and glue a quill feather to the top. Use markers to create two eyes and a beak, and place your feathered friend in a piece of cracked eggshell.

- Fabric-dyed eggs — wrap a square of your chosen fabric, such as lace or netting, tightly around the egg and secure with a rubber band. Dunk the egg in food-safe dye to create an intricate pattern that looks hand-painted.

- Paint-splattered eggs — once your dyed eggs have dried, dip a paintbrush in paint. Hover the brush over the center of the egg and tap the handle to splatter the paint.

- Beach-themed eggs — brush on a thin layer of decoupage medium and sprinkle with sand to give your eggs a beachy texture. Add festive decorations, like shells or starfish, for a tropical vacation

design.

CEP is proud to help the Easter Bunny out this year by donating eggs to Feeding Colorado food banks throughout the state in time for Easter. You can help to make a difference as well. Visit www.foodbankrockies.org/incredible-edible-egg-cookbook and make a donation to Food Bank of the Rockies to help Coloradans in need. With your donation of \$5 or more, you will receive a downloadable special-edition CEP cookbook and coupon for your next egg purchase. CEP will donate a dozen eggs for every cookbook download.

CEP will also donate a dozen eggs each time #CEPGiving is posted on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram through March 27. You can use #CEPGiving to show us your Easter preparations, Easter eggs, Easter bunny visits and more. In total, CEP will donate up to 25,000 dozen eggs through #CEPGiving and cookbook downloads.

For more resources and information about Easter celebration ideas, visit www.goodeggproject.com, www.incredibleedibleegg.com and www.coloradoeggproducers.com. You can also follow CEP on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest for recipes, egg decorating ideas and more.

PSHS student council fundraising for books

By Delila Pastin and Kayla Nasralla
Special to The PREVIEW

This year, the student council at Pagosa Springs High School has launched a campaign through Go Fund Me to make

sure every child in the elementary school, regardless of family finances, can purchase a book at the book fair.

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By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

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"The Deep State" by Mike Lofgren exposes the author's view of the power of invisible bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. "Cure" by Jo Marchant uncovers the scientific power of mind over body. "The Brain's Way of Healing" by Dr. Norman Doige describes discoveries and recoveries from the frontiers of neuroplasticity. "Political Animals" by Rick Shenkman explores the science of how our brains malfunction when it comes to politics. "From Junk Food to Joy Food" by nutritionist Joy Bauer shows you how to use substitutions and innovative combinations to cut calories on indulgent food.

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Other novels

"A Girls' Guide to Moving On" by Debbie Macomber follows a mother and daughter who both are moving on from failed marriages. "The Mad Woman Upstairs" by Catherine Lowell features Samantha, the last remaining descendant of the Bronte family. "The Last Days of Magic" by Mark Tompkins is a novel of magic and mysticism set in medieval Ireland. "Be Frank with Me" by Julia Claiborne Johnson tells of a woman who becomes the companion of an eccentric 9-year-old boy. "The Weeping Woman" by Zoe Valdes features a mysterious trip to Venice by Picasso's wife Dora Maar. "Marked in Flesh" by Anne Bishop is the fourth in the Others series.

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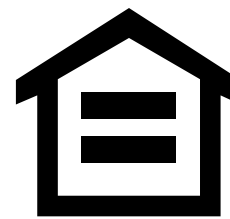
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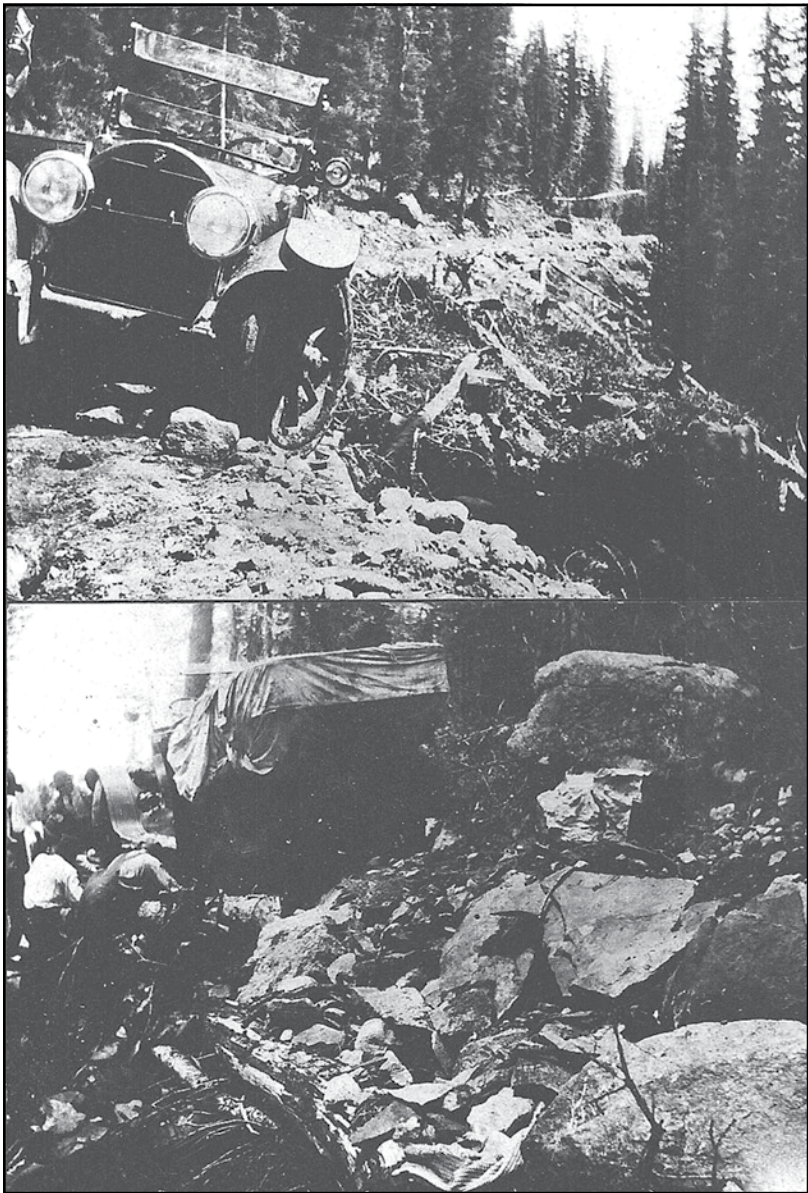


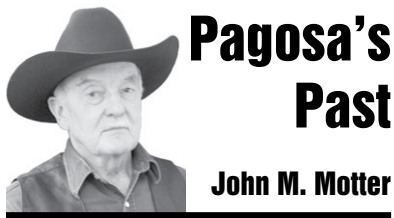
Photo courtesy John M. Motter
The precarious position of these cars emphasizes the difficulty of the first automobile trip over Wolf Creek Pass as described by Myrtle Hersch.

Passing on Wolf Creek Pass: a terrifying experience

We've been writing about the first automobile trip over Wolf Creek Pass when it opened in 1916, as described by Myrtle Hersch. We pick up today where we ended last week. The journey is just beginning.

"While in camp, David and I walked down the narrow steep grade to the open flats below, and even when dry it looked rather hazardous as it was only a few inches wider than the camp wagon tracks. A wall of rock on one side, and straight down on the other; but the engineer assured us it was all right, for it was well packed, but for us not to drive too close together to make room for possibilities.

"We were happy to be on our way again, although it looked as if we might have another downpour any minute. We felt, too, we were making history, being the first



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

group of cars over the hill. As we were nearly a mile from our camp, on the steepest pitch, with mud slick as soap, the Ford stopped. The driver ran back to flag down the line of cars. We all walked down to see if there might be a rock slide, a possibility. Here they had come face to face with a wagon train, three big, loaded, covered wagons, with several extra horses behind each wagon, and quite a number of people in their group. These people had been camping for three weeks


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Thursday, March 17

Hoopsters. 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Come on down and play some basketball.

Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie on Video. 9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Just bring your love of movement. For information, call Renee at 731-0303.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat or a towel.

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

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

Tech Time. 3-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop-in technology help with Meg. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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

ESL Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

Duplicate Bridge. 5-10 p.m., Community Center. Call Stan at 731-2217 to sign up.

Friday, March 18

Pickleball. 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

Free Screenings. 10:30 a.m., Senior Center. Brought to you by the San Juan Basin Health Department. Total cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure checks, referrals and translations for Spanish speakers.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Please wear flat-soled shoes.

Pagosa's Professional Women's Networking Group. 12-1 p.m., First Southwest Bank conference room. This month's topic is: How to Mental Detox. Bring any questions you have about your business to the group and get great feedback and ideas. Call Alice at 946-5887 for more information.

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

Earth Community. 2 p.m., Sisson Library. Action committee meeting.

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

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m., Parish Hall.

'Bloom Where You're Planted'

Father-Daughter Dance. 6 p.m., Restoration Fellowship, 264 Village Drive. It will be a fun evening of dancing, snacks, desserts, free professional photos and memories for a lifetime. Tickets are \$10 per dad and daughters are free.

Chimney Rock Open House. 6-8 p.m., The Springs Resort,

EcoLuxe building, 165 Hot Springs Blvd. There will be a host of volunteers on hand to introduce guests to a variety of roles that support the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association and the flexibility in level of commitment. For more information, call 731-7133 or go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

Local Vocals. 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Music by the Retro Cats. For more information, call 731-5635, ext. 210.

Course in Miracles Study Group. 7-8:30 p.m., Yoga Clarity Studio. Call 264-0111 for more information.

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■ continued from previous page on Wolf Creek, at the west foot of the Pass, also waiting to cross. The engineer had told them to wait until he gave them the clearance, as five cars were on their way over, and it would be impossible for either group to pass the other, excepting at certain places. As the wagon train waited in camp, the head man's patience wore thin, and, 'if the pass was to be open on July 27th — by gar — he'd take his right and go, let come what may.' Before leaving his camp, he laid in a supply of Pagosa's fire water, and when he met our group he was all set for battle. He got out of his wagon, buckled on his revolver, and with unsteady steps, and loud, abusive language, ordered all cars to back up to some place where he could pass. 'Take the outside of the road, as my horses are not dependable. I'm giving orders to

be understood and followed and I'm going through, if I have to shoot the last — to make way for my wagons.' He was so angry and unsteady we could not even guess what he might do. Finally, the men in our group told him to shut up and get back into his wagon, until they could find a workable plan, or they'd pitch him down into the canyon. He sat.

"Then began the most terrifying experience of backing inch by inch on that narrow, slick, steep grade. David always believed in going forward, so was not expert at backing — especially under such conditions. Joseph's experience in the Cadillac garage paid off. He showed real efficiency in this case. Finally, one-by-one, we managed to pass one another."

More next week from this story of the first harrowing trip by auto over Wolf Creek Pass.

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Saturday, March 19

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 into 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 into everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Zumba. 10:15-11:15 a.m., Community Center. Come enjoy this one-of-a-kind cardio class open to all ages.

Our Savior Lutheran School Fundraiser. 5:30-9 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran Gymnasium, 56 Meadows Drive. Tickets are \$35 in advance and will not be sold at the door. Call 731-4668 for tickets.

Sunday, March 20

Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast. PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Call 731-5635, ext. 210, for more information.

EMF Sensitivity Info and Support Group. 2 p.m., 143 Pebble Circle, Hatcher Lake. Learn about the causes and simple things you can do to improve physical and mental health. For more information, call Sally Yates at 731-3300.

Uke Jam. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All levels welcome.

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

Monday, March 21

Pickleball. 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners are welcome at 9:15 a.m., no experience needed. Advanced group will be at 10 a.m. Call Gerry for information at 731-9734.

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. Come help maintain and improve your health, strength and balance.

Pagosa Bridge For Fun. 12:30-4 p.m., Community Center.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Otaku. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 5th-12th grades. If you are into anime or manga, this class is for you. Come and watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga.

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Come enjoy this one-of-a-kind cardio class open to all ages.

Hunter Education Class. 6-9 p.m., Community Center. Adult class. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

Tuesday, March 22

Hoopsters. 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Come on down and play some basketball.

Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie on Video. 9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Just bring your love of movement. For information, call Renee at 731-0303.

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., Pagosa Lodge.

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

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat or a towel.

Adult Coloring. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Mah Jongg. 1-3 p.m., Community Center.

Teen Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

ESL Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

Duplicate Bridge. 5-10 p.m., Community Center. Call Stan at 731-2217 to sign up.

Terrific Tuesdays. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Learn to dance. We will be learning Argentine tango. Call Wayne

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at 264-4792 for more information or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

Wednesday, March 23

Pickleball. 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Preschool Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For 3- to 5-year-olds. Preschoolers and their families are invited to join us for an hour of stories, music and a craft. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Please wear flat-soled shoes.

HELP (Healthy Eating Lifestyle Plan). Noon-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Weigh-in, support and more. Everyone is welcome. Call Nancy Strait at 731-3427 for more information.

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

Coed Volleyball. 1-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Friendly, non-competitive games open to all ages.

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

ESL Conversation Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or e-mail lynnrose323bc@gmail.com.

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Come enjoy this one-of-a-kind cardio class open to all ages.

Hunter Education Class. 6-9 p.m., Community Center. Adult class. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

Thursday, March 24

Hoopsters. 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Come on down and play some basketball.

Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie on Video. 9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Just bring your love of movement. For information, call Renee at 731-0303.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat or a towel.

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

Women's Support Group. Noon. Topics about healthy relationships, self-care and self-esteem. Call 264-9075 for location.

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

Tech Time. 3-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop-in technology help with Meg. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

ESL Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynnrose323bc@gmail.com.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Church figure
- 6 Born's partner
- 10 Part of the foot
- 14 Disinclined
- 15 High praise
- 16 Charge
- 17 Type of cleaner
- 19 Feudal land
- 20 Near
- 21 Eye position
- 23 Bring in
- 25 Not very often
- 26 Mexican celebration
- 28 Whine
- 29 Barbecue offering
- 30 Like some shrubs
- 35 Say "Li'l Abner," say
- 38 Shad delicacy
- 39 Forestall, with "off"
- 40 Befittingly
- 43 Prankster's projectile
- 44 Go belly up
- 45 Front-runner
- 48 Down in the dumps
- 51 Animal ailment
- 52 Theatrical production
- 54 Spinning ride at Disneyland
- 58 Bad thing to blow
- 59 "The Birdcage" co-star
- 61 Load to bear
- 62 Type of sax
- 63 Atlanta-based airline
- 64 Cost of living?
- 65 Get together
- 66 Combat gear

DOWN

- 1 Association
- 2 Cattle call goal
- 3 Feedbag feed
- 4 Bitter conflict
- 5 Sunglasses
- 6 "My man!"
- 7 Ponderosa, e.g.
- 8 Nefarious
- 9 Good form
- 10 Conveying impulses to a nerve center
- 11 Bring up
- 12 Fish-carrying basket
- 13 Substantial
- 18 Skirmish
- 22 Corporate department
- 24 Library nook
- 26 Manicurist's tool
- 27 Sacred bird of the Nile
- 28 Saffron-flavored dish
- 29 Skelton of comedy
- 31 Affirmative action
- 32 Cash register part
- 33 Claim

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- 37 Demagnetize, as a tape
- 41 Place in a Robin Williams movie
- 42 Busy-body
- 46 Docket
- 47 Casino worker
- 48 Word with bike or boat
- 49 Express
- 50 Any "Seinfeld," now
- 51 Certain print
- 53 Account
- 55 Waveless
- 56 "Do ____ others..."
- 57 Juicy fruit
- 60 Alluring

Answer to Last Week's Crossword:

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Deadlines*

Display advertising: Noon, Monday

Classified line ads (regular categories): 10 a.m., Tuesday

Classified line ads (Too Late to Classify): 3 p.m., Tuesday

Legal advertising: 5 p.m., Friday

Letters to the editor: Noon, Tuesday
(500 word maximum, email to editor@pagosasun.com)

Cards of thanks: Noon, Tuesday
(200 word maximum, email to editor@pagosasun.com)

Obituaries: Noon, Tuesday
(We accommodate obituaries after this if at all possible.)

Articles: Noon, Monday
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Duplicate Bridge. 5-10 p.m., Community Center. Call Stan at 731-2217 to sign up.

Meditation Class. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. You will learn and explore various methods.

San Juan Stargazers. 7 p.m., Visitor Center. There will be coffee, tea and snacks. We are studying the Virgo supercluster of galaxies. For more information, call 335-8286, visit www.SanJuanStargazers.com or email sjstargazers@gmail.com.

Friday, March 25

Pickleball. 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Please wear flat-soled shoes.

iPad Intermediate. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Know the basics of your iPad and want to learn more? This class is designed for the person ready to learn about organizing apps, creating website bookmarks, sending photos in email and more. Students must provide their own registered iPad. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

Movie for All Ages. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. In this movie, dinosaurs and humans live together. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Bookbuster's Dare to Read. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to discuss your favorite book this month and pick the title for next month. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Hunter Education Class. 6-9 p.m., Community Center. Adult class. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

Course in Miracles Study Group. 7-8:30 p.m., Yoga Clarity Studio. Call 264-0111 for more information.

Saturday, March 26

Hunter Education Class. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Adult class and range day for all classes. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

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 into 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 into everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Science Madness: Slime! 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 1st-5th grades. This month for Science Madness, we will have fun making slime. We will experiment with what makes the best slime. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Sunday, March 27

EMF Sensitivity Info and Support Group. 2 p.m., 143 Pebble Circle, Hatcher Lake. Learn about the causes and simple things you can do to improve physical and mental health. For more information, call Sally Yates at 731-3300.

Monday, March 28

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

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners are welcome at 9:15 a.m., no experience needed. Advanced group will be at 10 a.m. Call Gerry for in-

formation at 731-9734.
Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501 Ext. 2 to make an appointment.

Caregiver Support Group. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association. For more information, call 731-1033 or 259-0122.

Tuesday, March 29

Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie on Video. 9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Just bring your love of movement. For information, call Renee at 731-0303.

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What students learned in math class

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Over the years, we have found that one of the students' greatest criticisms of any math class is their claims that they didn't learn anything.

I, therefore, as part of their final, have the students list 10 things they learned. These things could be anything at all in relation to the class. They are allowed to write their list ahead of time and bring them to the final if they want.

Most observations are quite normal, but some make for interesting reading. Here are some of the classics for this year from my Math In The Real World class, spelling errors included.

- I learned that I hate story problems. Of course, I actually always knew that, so maybe I didn't learn it after all.

- I learned that I can't treat a college math class like I treated my high school math class. At least I can't if I want to pass.

- I learned not to date guys I sit by named Adam. I tried two different ones on two different semesters, and neither one worked out.

- I learned not to date the girl sitting next to me in math class.

(His name was Adam. See previous answer.)

- I learned about scientific notation. I felt this was important. I don't know why, because I'll probably never see it again.

- I learned how taxes are done. I think I'll pay someone else to do them for me from now on.

- I learned that I don't want to marry a girl that uses a credit card.

- I learned FICA will probably not provide a living when I retire, so I might move to another country when I do.

- I learned all about stocks, and I don't plan to invest in them.

- I've learned to question everything and not trust anything.

- I learned that many things like birthdays don't follow theoretical probability, but instead occur in patterns. Maybe the cold weather in the north in the winter is why there are a lot of babies born in September and October. They are 9 months after December and January.

- I learned that I do better in a class that starts at 9:00 than I do in a class that starts at 7:45 in the morning. Maybe it is because I make it to class.

- I learned that there are lots of close-minded people who annoy me.

- I learned that some of the buttons on the calculator, that I thought were decorative, really do have a purpose.

- I learned the national debt is so big that I don't feel that bad about mine anymore.

- I learned how depressing it is the way the government spends our money.

- I learned too late that there is a math lab with tutors to help us. I know you told us, but I didn't take you seriously.

- I learned that sometimes math makes you mad, and you need to just set it aside while you cool down.

- I learned there are some real cute math tutors at the math lab, but I don't get much studying done when I go there.

- Most of the guys on campus you think are hot end up already being married.

- The library isn't really a scary place like I thought, and is actually a good place to study.

- I learnt math tex are hard to read. Thats prrollaly why I dont do wll.

- I learned that I need a 3.5 GPA to go into nursing. I think I will go into law enforcement.

- I learned people can add and stuff without a calculator. The older a person is the better they are because they were around before calculators were invented. Our teacher is better than anyone at this.

Daris Howard, award-winning, syndicated columnist, playwright, and author, can be contacted at daris@darishoward.com.

GriefShare meetings scheduled for coming months

By Beverly Arrendell
Special to The PREVIEW

People who are experiencing grief caused by the loss of any family member (child, parent, spouse, close relative) or of a special friend are encouraged to attend GriefShare meetings scheduled for Saturday mornings in April, May and June at Community United Methodist Church.

The public is invited to participate in the free sessions, which are Christian-based nondenominational meetings. Free child care will be provided. Meetings are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The first meeting is set for April 2.

Each session is self-contained, so a person does not have to attend in sequence. People can attend, one, several or all of the sessions.

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Chore program offers in-home help for seniors

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

The chore program offers in-home chores such as cleaning appliances, rugs, windows, turning mattresses, snow removal, tree trimming, etc.

Home modification chore services includes repairs, adaptations such as wheel chair ramps, installing grab bars in bathrooms, etc.

Please call Louise at 264-2167 for more information or to sign up.

Medicare Mondays

Are you turning 65? Are you confused about Medicare? We have openings every Monday at the Senior Center to help you with your Medicare enrollment questions.

Here are some quick tips: If you are collecting Social Security, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare parts A and B. We can help you pick a Part D prescription drug plan. If you don't enroll in a Part D plan, you could face penalties.

If you are new to Medicare, you have an eight-month Special Enrollment Period to sign up for parts A, B and D around your 65th birthday. Medicare starts after your employment ends or the group health insurance plan based on your current employment ends, whichever happens first. You do not pay late penalties if you enroll within the

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eight-month Special Enrollment Period. COBRA and retiree health plans are not considered coverage based on current employment.

Important dates: General enrollment runs from Jan. 1 through March 31 each year and coverage starts July 1. Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 is open (or annual) enrollment for switching plans for Part D and a Medicare Cost Plan; coverage starts Jan. 1.

If you would like to talk to a Medicare counselor, please contact the Area Agency on Aging to make an appointment. Please call 264-0501, ext. 2. We will put you in touch with one of our talented and experienced Medicare counselors.

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, March 17 — Happy St. Patrick's Day. Corned beef with cabbage, potatoes and carrots, salad bar and apples with bananas.

Friday, March 18 — Grilled cod, brown rice, butternut squash, whole wheat roll, salad bar and citrus cup.

Monday, March 21 — Baked potato, beef chili, spinach with mandarin orange salad, cream of broccoli soup and salad bar.

Tuesday, March 22 — Turkey potpie, fruit salad, oranges with cranberries, salad bar and pumpkin pie.

Wednesday, March 23 — Herb-baked chicken, gravy, yams, whole wheat roll, classic vegetables, salad bar and fruit medley.

Thursday, March 24 — Spinach or meat lasagna, grapes, zucchini, salad bar and strawberries with bananas.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a reservation at 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to dine in the Community Cafe at the Senior Center.

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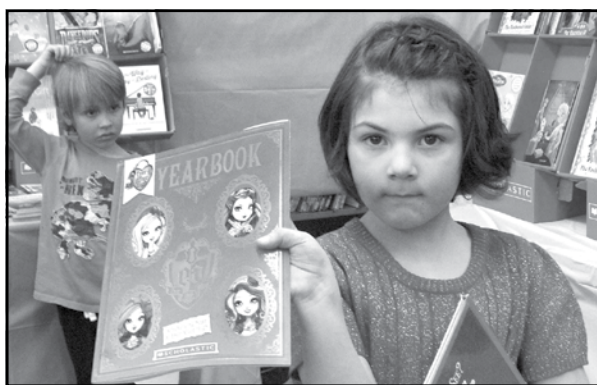
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

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Leah Ballard

Scene...at the recent book fair. As it does twice a year, Pagosa Springs Elementary School recently hosted a book fair to raise funds for educational equipment for the school. This fair's theme was "Feelin' Groovy Book Fair – Peace, Love, Books!" and every PSES student was given the chance to attend the fair.



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Variety of classes offered through Because We Care Program

By Traci Bishop
SUN Columnist

The Ross Aragon Community Center Parks and Recreation Department is very excited to announce its new Because We Care Program.

This program is run year-round and offers many opportunities for all ages in our community.

The Because We Care Program has open registrations for: Boys to Men class, a Monkey Boxing Class, Chinese Yoga Class and CPR/AED certification classes.

We would also like to announce the new K.I.D.S. (Kickin' It During Summer) Day Camp.

For more information on any of these programs, please call the Community Center at 264-4152.

K.I.D.S. (Kickin' It During Summer) Day Camp

Looking for something fun for your child to do this summer? Well, the Community Center is happy to announce the new K.I.D.S. Day Camp.

K.I.D.S. Day Camp is open to children ages 5-12. Each week, participants will experience a day of science/history, a day of exploring, water days and arts/crafts days.

We are utilizing Archuleta County and all it has to offer by doing weekly field trips to local attractions, using local resources such as the Division of Wildlife and the Archuleta County Fair.

K.I.D.S. Day Camp will start on June 6 and run through Aug. 19. It will be offered Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Activities scheduled for each day will start at 9 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m.

Registration for this program will open on April 1. Program fees are \$85 per child per week, \$25 per child per drop-in and there is a one-time registration fee of \$15 per child registering.

For more information about K.I.D.S. Day Camp, please call the Community Center or "like" our Facebook page — Ross Aragon Community Center Parks and Recreation Department.

CPR/AED certification class

Registration for the CPR/AED class for Thursday, March 24, is now open.

Instructors Nicole Lagioia-Lewis and Darren Lewis will be teaching from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

This class will certify you for two years and costs \$50 per student. Space is limited, so hurry into the Community Center to sign up. For more information, please call us.

Boys to Men Class

This class is designed to pro-

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mote strength of character, compassion, wisdom and maturity on the boy's journey to manhood.

Using martial arts, stretching, focusing and self-reflection exercises, we will explore the idea of the male's role as protector, provider and source of strength to ourselves, our families and the community.

No previous experience is required. This class is designed for boys 9 years of age and up.

Registrations for the Boys to Men Class are due by April 8. The registration fee for this five-week class is \$35.

Monkey boxing class

Based on fluidity and speed rather than strength, monkey boxing martial arts stress rhythmic movements balance and proper body mechanics, along with in-close fighting and brutal technique in order to quickly overcome an opponent.

Not designed for sport, this is an effective and fun to learn system based on the movements of the monkey and snake. In this class, we will also learn balancing stretching, rootedness, meditation and healing herbs.

All styles and levels are welcome to register for this class. Registrations for the monkey boxing class are due by April 8. The registration fee for this five-week class is \$35.

Chinese yoga class

Chinese yoga is an ancient


self-healing system of gentle exercises designed specifically to circulate and balance the body's energy. Chinese yoga strengthens the nervous system, deepens the breath, calms the mind, tonifies our organs and increases one's awareness. In this class, we will learn the set of "Animal Frolics" based on the movement and spirit of the tiger, monkey, deer, snake and crane. Special attention will be given to creating resiliency and elasticity in the joints and tendons through stretching breathing and visualization.

Registration for the Chinese yoga class is due by April 8. The registration fee for this five-week class is \$35.

The Unquestioned Mind Class


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What's Cookin'

Thai Peanut Cucumber Salad

Recipe courtesy: Colorado Department of Agriculture and Chef Jason K. Morse, C.E.C.

- 1 1/2 cups chunky peanut butter
- 3/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup low sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup sesame oil
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon fresh garlic, minced
- 3/4 cup water, room temperature
- 3/4 cup sweet chili sauce
- 1/4 cup roasted peanuts

Place vinegar, soy sauce, sesame oil, sugar, garlic, water and chili sauce into a blender and turn on low speed. Slowly add the peanut butter and pulse until just mixed. Add the roasted peanuts and pulse for 30 seconds. Remove from the blender and refrigerate in a sealed container.

Salad:

- 3 cucumbers
- 1 red onion
- 1 bunch fresh cilantro
- 1 cup roasted peanuts

Wash cucumbers, cut in half lengthwise and scoop out the seeds. Slice the cucumbers width-wise, forming half-moons. Peel and julienne the red onion. Remove the stems from the cilantro and rough chop the leaves. Rough chop the peanuts. Add all of the above prepped items into a large stainless steel mixing bowl. Add some dressing and toss to combine, adding more dressing as desired. Garnish with chopped peanuts and cilantro.

The Pagosa Springs SUN does not have a test kitchen and does not independently test recipes printed.

Please share your tried-and-true, favorite recipes with us by emailing them to randi@pagosasun.com.

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people, circumstances and events are responsible for our success and fulfillment or lack thereof. Due to our unexamined thoughts and belief systems, individually and collectively, we remain locked in a self-imposed prison without realizing we possess the key to freedom with the thoughts we think and life that we, ourselves, create. The illusion of lack, fear and separateness, are like Pavlov's dogs; conditioned responses not based in reality, but based on programming. The ultimate truth is that we are powerful beyond measure and our capabilities are without limits.

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The workshop is offered at \$35 and includes lecture, meditation, individual, partner and group interaction. This is a five-week class starting April 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Registration for the Unquestioned

Mind is due by April 8.

Julie Bacon is a counselor, teacher and student of the human evolution in the 21st century.

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Instructor Pattie Copenhaver is new to Pagosa Springs and is looking forward to sharing her creative skills with the community. She is a professional graphic designer who explores all types of creative arts whenever she has the opportunity.

This class will be on April 21 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Space is limited, so hurry in to the Community Center to sign up with your family and/or friends.

Free programs

The Community Center offers

many free programs throughout the week. Check The PREVIEW calendar and the website, <http://townofpagosasprings.com>, for a current calendar of programs, and "like" us on Facebook: Ross Aragon Community Center Parks and Recreation Department.

Center information

Community Center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed for lunch daily from noon to 1 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday by appointment only.

The Community Center is located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Phone is 264-4152, email is communitycenter@pagosasprings.co.gov.

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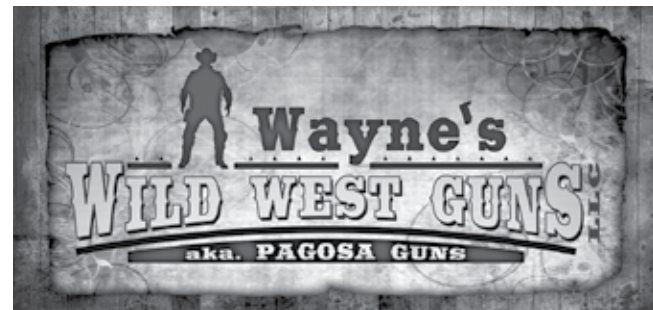
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Five ways to be green this St. Patrick's Day

By Roberta Tolan
PREVIEW Columnist

Saint Patrick's Day can be celebrated in many different ways: drinking green beer, wearing green and being green. The following are five ways you can celebrate the holiday and protect the environment.

Plan a garden

Planting a vegetable garden can be one of the most rewarding summer activities. Not only can it provide fresh vegetables for the dinner table, but it also means buying fewer vegetables that have been shipped from around the world at great cost and leaving behind a large carbon footprint.

Even though our growing season is short, our high altitude and cool nights can also be an advantage. Most cool-season vegetables grow very well in Archuleta County. These include broccoli, cabbage, onions, lettuce, peas, radish, spinach and Swiss chard.

Root crops also do very well here, including carrots, beets, parsnips and potatoes. Call the CSU Extension office if you would like to purchase seed potato varieties grown in the San Luis Valley. They are usually available for pick up and planting in early May.

For more information on starting a garden at high altitude, download the following CSU Fact Sheet <http://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/colorado-mountain-gardening-basics-7-224/>.

Start recycling

Recycling keeps usable waste out of the landfill and provides the raw materials used in the manufacturing of other products.

It isn't difficult to recycle. It's just a matter of setting up a method that works for you. One option is to use plastic bins for each type of recycling material such as cans, bottles, paper and plastic.

When they fill up, put them in the back of your vehicle and bring them to the Archuleta County recycling center located at the transfer station on Trujillo Road from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The cost is minimal at \$2 per residential load and \$6 per

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cubic yard of commercial recyclables. You can also contract with local companies that provide home pick-up of recyclables.

For information on what types of materials are recyclable at the county facility, visit the county website at <http://www.archuleta-county.org/index.aspx?nid=263>.

Replace your lights with LEDs

LED is a highly energy efficient lighting technology and has the potential to fundamentally change the future of lighting in the United States. Residential LEDs — especially Energy Star-rated products — use at least 75 percent less energy, and last 25 times longer, than incandescent lighting.

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This information was provided by the U.S. Department of Energy and additional information on the potential savings can be found on the Web at <http://energy.gov/energysaver/led-lighting>.

Save water in and around the home

Water is one of our most precious and valuable resources and there are many ways to save water in our normal everyday activities. Here are a few simple tips:

- Wash clothes only when you have a full load.
- In manufacturing a bottle of water, a large amount of water is wasted. Use refillable water bottles rather than buying prefilled plastic water bottles.
- Take a shorter shower and

install water-conserving shower heads and low-flush toilets if possible.

- Don't run the water while you shave or brush your teeth.
- Catch the water in your shower each morning that runs while you wait for your water to heat. Use that water to water plants.

Start a compost bin

Composting your kitchen and garden waste is a great way to reduce what is thrown in the landfill and create a fantastic amendment for your garden soil.

There are many types of compost bins that you can make inexpensively. For great information on how to start a compost bin at your home and the dos and don'ts of successful composting, visit <http://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/composting-yard-waste-7-212/>.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

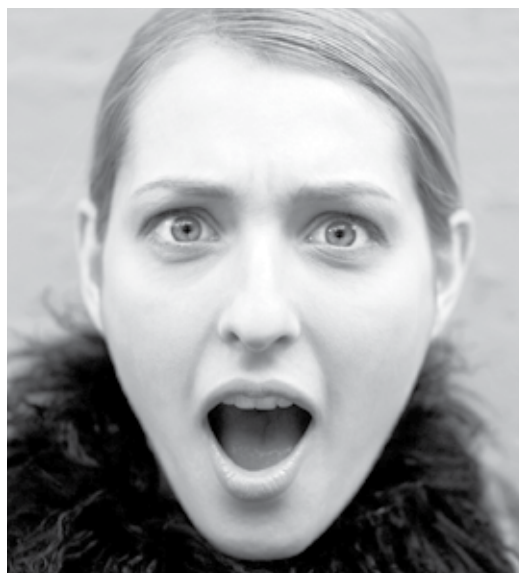


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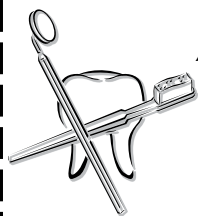
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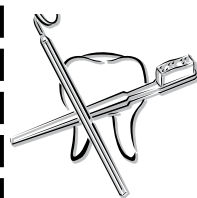
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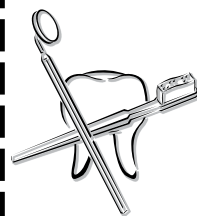
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Scene ... somewhere “Over the Rainbow” with the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir. The choir held its annual fundraiser Friday evening at the Ross Aragon Community Center. The evening featured a performance by the choir, live music by Tim Sullivan, dancing, dinner and a silent auction. The fundraiser supports the choir and its educational trips.



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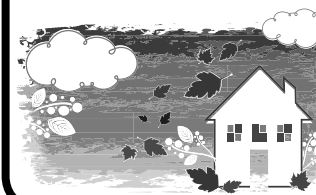
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NEW OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meeting starting December 3, 11a.m., at Centerpoint Church, 270 Cornerstone Dr. Leslie, (970)799-0775.

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