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**The Springs Partners LLC unveils a new sketch plan for the 27-acre Springs Village development, assuming construction of the proposed 5th Street bridge. On behalf of the developers, Matt Mees made a presentation at last Thursday's public meeting. Without a bridge, less of the downtown development would be devoted to commercial property and more to residential property. Mees explained that if a bridge is built, construction of a new 100-room hotel, including a conference center, is anticipated.**

## Public meeting on bridge draws crowd

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council's public work session last Thursday held to discuss the proposed bridge over the San Juan River at 5th Street from U.S. 160 attracted a standing-room-only crowd to the south conference room of the Ross Aragon Community Center.

In addition to approximately 85 community residents, present were Mayor Don Volger, five members of council (C.K. Patel was absent), Town Manager Greg Schulte and Matt Mees representing Springs Partners LLC, the owner and prospective developer of a tract of 27 acres across the river from downtown, where the south end of the bridge would be located.

Volger began the session with welcoming remarks. He continued with an explanation that the session was intended as an occasion for town officials to clarify the existing status of the potential bridge project, and then for council members and community residents to offer comments.

He emphasized that there was no specific plan of action on the table to build a bridge, and therefore the session agenda did not provide for debate on the merits of actually undertaking the bridge project.

■ See Bridge A8

## Seeds closes toddler program, expands pre-K

By Dee McPeck  
Special to The SUN

Over the past several months, Seeds of Learning has made several unsuccessful attempts to hire required staff for its toddler room. This has forced the board of directors to make the difficult decision to discontinue the toddler program.

As with most important changes, this development did not come without challenges and hand-wringing.

One of the biggest challenges at Seeds, and nationally, is quality staffing for the toddler program. State regulations require a one-to-five

teacher-to-child ratio for toddlers.

In 1998, community members responded to the needs of young parents in Archuleta County and began a center-based program for infant care in the Community United Methodist Church.

As the need for early education grew, a capital campaign was undertaken to build a new center. With the assistance of grants, state funding and community support, the Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center was constructed in 2007.

Currently, Seeds provides education. ■ See Seeds A9



SUN photo/Marshall Dunham

Pagosa Fire Protection District responded to multiple fires on Monday, March 21, including this grass fire in the Aspen Springs area. The cause of the fire was a lit cigarette.

## Fire department responds to multiple fires

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

On Monday, March 21, members of the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) were dispatched to the Aspen Springs area to respond to a fire.

According to firefighter Kelly Robertson, who was the incident commander, PFPD units were dispatched at 3:23 p.m. for a grass fire in Aspen Springs off of Badger Place.

A variety of vehicles were dispatched, including two Type 1 fire engines, two water tenders, one Type 6 engine, one Type 3 engine and two command officer vehicles, among others.

Robertson explained that she arrived on scene at 3:37 p.m., the fire was contained at 5:59 p.m. and the scene was cleared at 7:39 p.m.

Although the fire was officially contained at 5:59 p.m., Robertson explained that the majority of the fire was knocked down before that.

Units from the Los Pinos Fire Protection District and Upper Pine River Fire Protection District also assisted in fighting the fire.

Too, personnel from Archuleta County assisted, with an individual from the U.S. Forest Service also arriving to the scene to investigate.

From the PFPD alone, 17 people were dispatched to the scene to fight the fire, with six of those people being paid staff and the other 11 being volunteers.

Robertson explained that the PFPD had a fast response, getting water on the fire quickly, which

■ See Fires A8

## Hot air balloon breaks powerline

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

An incident involving a power line and a hot air balloon occurred on the morning of Thursday, March 17, off of County Road 139.

According to Archuleta County Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton, the incident occurred when the basket

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Community collaboration

In today's paper, Seeds of Learning announces that it is cutting its toddler program — a much-needed program that often had a two-year waiting list.

In January, the town council and county commissioners reaffirmed three joint priorities: early childhood development, attainable/workforce housing and broadband.

The following are other community needs, priorities and projects that have been discussed:

- The Pagosa Fire Protection District needs additional funding for equipment, vehicles and staffing.
- Anyone who has had the pleasure of driving on our county roads can tell you that road improvements are a priority item.
- The Upper San Juan Health Service District is fundraising and exploring revenue bonds to expand its facilities.
- The Archuleta School District previously tried to obtain funding for replacing its aged elementary and middle school buildings. Old school buses need replaced. With the "Negative Factor," the district is struggling with staff salaries, health insurance costs and class sizes.
- The county continues to research and discuss a possible future courthouse and judicial center.
- With the closing of the youth center, the town is working to fill the void, but more youth activities are needed.
- Job training and a junior college are a couple of items on some citizens' priority lists.
- At last week's public meeting for the proposed 5th Street bridge, David Grad shared fantastic ideas to improve public transportation for both locals and tourists.
- Others present at the same meeting spoke of their desires to see the junk and debris littering our county cleaned up.
- The Downtown Task Force is exploring options to enhance our historic downtown.

Yet, all of these needs, priorities and projects require resources. Instead of having our different entities exploring their own interests independently, would it not be better if our community came together to find solutions to these challenges?

Let's maximize collaboration between elected officials and the private sector. This must be done with community involvement. Last week's public meeting demonstrated that many citizens have solutions to offer.

What would happen if we leveraged resources and opportunities? Just how much stronger could we make our community?

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

Should town voters opt out of the current broadband limitations?



**Liliana Abrell**

"Less Internet. I think everybody these days are so caught up in their phones and their computers that they aren't enjoying the actual town in Pagosa."



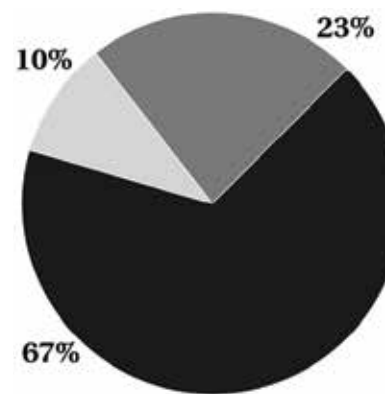
**Chris Yankoviak**

"More is better."



**Brooke Hampton**

"I think it's gonna happen eventually, because Pagosa is gonna keep growing."



**Poll results (88 Votes)**

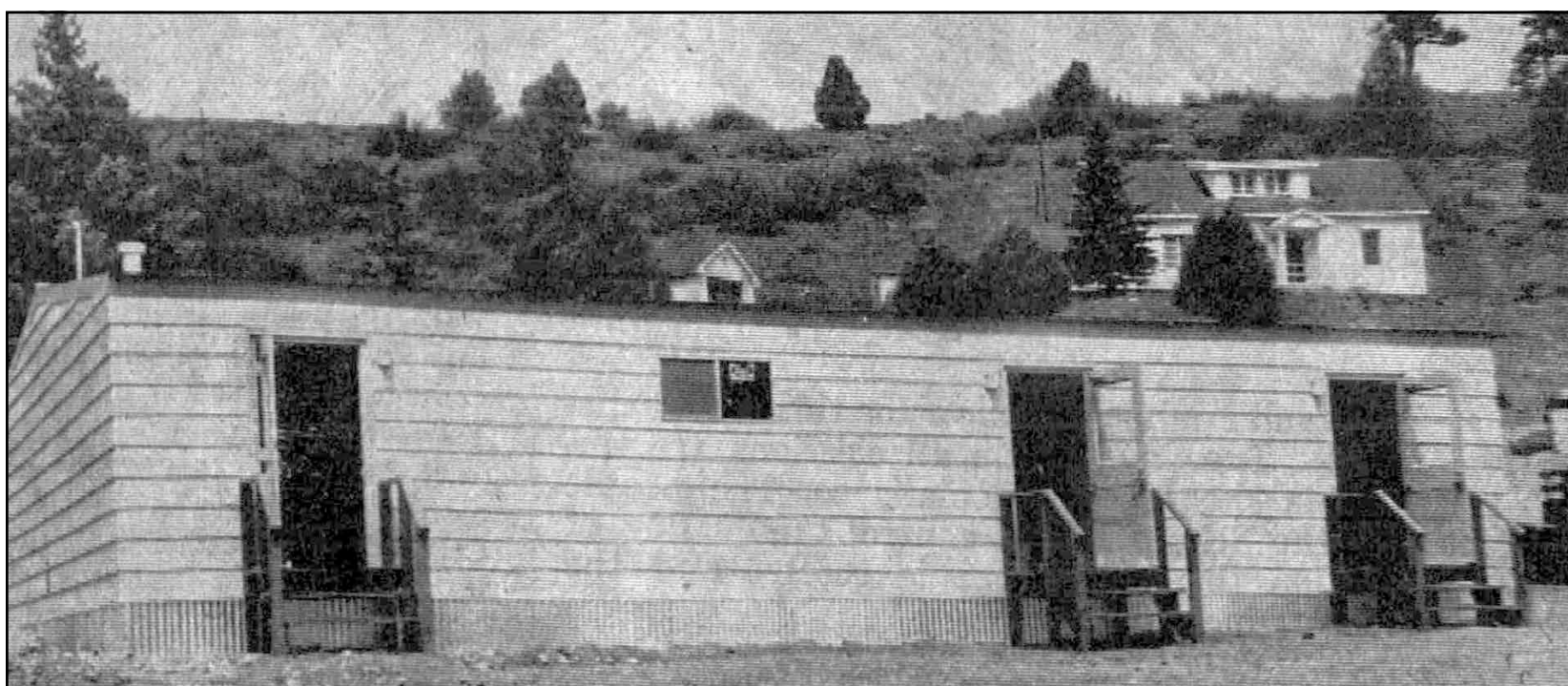
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No. — 10 percent

I do not know. — 23 percent

This week online: How important is high-speed Internet to you? Vote at [www.pagosasun.com](http://www.pagosasun.com)

## LOOKING BACK



From the Apr. 27, 1967, Pagosa Springs SUN. **NEW LIBRARY** — The building that will house the elementary and junior high library, as well as the special reading facilities, is nearing completion. An open house is planned for Thursday evening, May 4, for the patrons of the district. The building is of wood construction, with metal roof, is paneled inside and has a carpeted floor. It was purchased by the District at a cost of \$18,822 on a lease purchase agreement. It has 1920 square feet, will be paid for from anticipated federal grants at the rate of \$583.00 per month for 34 months, and is sturdily constructed. Superintendent Ray McGee said that the open house would be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and issued an invitation for everyone to take this opportunity to view the new facility.

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## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 26, 1926

**The drill at the Hatcher hot water well** is daily pounding away and making great headway, having exceeded the 100-foot depth mark at this writing. An artesian flow of warm water was encountered at the 20-foot depth and has been flowing ever since.

**Herbert, son of Mrs. Marion Hotz**, was placed under quarantine Tuesday for scarlet fever. It is not known where he contracted the disease, as it is the first to be reported in this county in several months.

**County assessor Louis Montroy and wife** on Wednesday moved into the L.H. Birch residence in town.

**George Humes** has moved his family into the Putnam property in the park, formerly the Chapson home. The children entered school Monday.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 28, 1941

**Fred Harman**, who has made Red Ryder internationally famous, is indirectly responsible for a national advertising campaign which will be staged in 45 magazines the last of April. Incidentally this campaign will be marvelous publicity for Pagosa Springs, inasmuch as more than 80 million people throughout the U.S. will read about the natural scenic beauties of Pagosaland. The last of April, 45 magazines will carry full-page advertisements of a contest sponsored by the Daisy Air Rifle Company. Two boys will be given a free trip to Colorado in August with a week at the Red Ryder Ranch in Blanco Basin near Pagosa Springs. Thus, another Pagosa Springs boy continues to make good and the Old Home Town again profits by his talents.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 1966

**Skiing has been very good** on Wolf Creek Pass in contrast to that elsewhere in the state. However, much more warm weather and the snow there will not be as good as it might be. Races were held at the Pass this past weekend and fine skiing was enjoyed. The Wolf Creek Pass ski area has enjoyed its largest crowd of skiers this past winter. There were many who were afraid the new Purgatory ski area at Durango would cut down attendance at Wolf Creek but this has not been so. The number of skiers there this year has been the largest in the history of the course. In addition to better skiing snow the tow ticket price has made it possible for the ordinary skier to have more skiing.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 28, 1991

**The Colorado Department of Highways** is committed to a time schedule for moving its equipment garage and storage facility from the current site on U.S. 160. But plans for resolving hazardous traffic congestion at the 8th Street and U.S. 160 intersection are still somewhere further down the road. Al Shablo, district engineer Colorado Department of Highways, told Mayor Ross Aragon and several local business and civic leaders that the department is making definite plans for relocating its facility to a more suitable site in Archuleta County. Controversy over the presence of the 3-acre state facility situated between the elementary school and Ruby M. Sisson Library, and its immediate proximity to the Pagosa Plaza business district has brewed for years.

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# Letters

## Sounds too good

Dear Editor:  
In this heated and contested election year, it might be good to consider thinking about why we should vote for one candidate or another. Voting because you think it might be more enjoyable to have lunch with one candidate or another is most certainly not a good rationale for casting a vote. Neither is voting for the candidate that promises more "free" things that really aren't free at all.

The bottom line question is this: Which candidate will promote policies that result in the greatest possible degree of personal freedom, liberty, opportunity and the ability to keep your own property?

The promises of "free" college tuition, "free" child care, "free" cell-phones, "free" health care, or "free" anything else are certainly tempting, but, in reality, they are not at all free. They will be paid for by someone else. That someone else is your fellow taxpayers. By voting for candidates who promise "free" stuff, you are actually claiming a right to have someone else's property/money that they earned and you did not. If you want to attend college, then get a job and pay for it yourself. If you want a cellphone, then purchase one yourself. If you want good health insurance then pay for it yourself and don't expect someone else to foot 75 percent of your bill. This really isn't rocket science.

This nation was built on the premise of self-reliance and a free market. It was built on the idea that if someone works hard that he or she can succeed in life according to one's inborn skills and abilities. There is no guarantee of equal income, equal status, equal achievement or pretty much anything else except equal opportunity for individuals to work hard to obtain their own goals as best they can.

True charity for those who cannot work and who can demonstrate genuine need will always be met with the generosity of others, but a general grant of other people's money/property to those who have the ability to provide for themselves is nothing but socialism, redistribution of wealth, and a promise of "free" things that come at someone else's expense. History tells us that such socialistic policies have inevitably resulted in making everyone poor. Once we get all the rich people's money, then where will we get more?

So, this election year please study what policies each candidate is promoting prior to voting. The old saw, "If it sounds too good to be true, then it probably isn't," tells the truth.

Richard A. Bolland

## No to the bridge

Dear Editor:  
In 1986, first lady Nancy Reagan kicked off her "Just Say No" campaign to raise awareness of drug abuse in America.

Thirty years later, the time has come for the Town of Pagosa Springs to "Just Say No" to The Springs Partners and their quest to have the taxpayers subsidize their private development with a South 5th Street bridge and connecting road to Hot Springs Boulevard.

Or maybe the opposite is the case ... that the time has come for the Springs Partners to "Just Say No" to the mayor and town council. At town council's March 17 pre-

sentation, some facts and opinions were revealed to the taxpayers — including a conceptual site plan. It's difficult to discern which entity is dealing the drug, and which is the addict, since the town confessed the subsidized bridge was their idea. This self-described symbiotic relationship is financially detrimental to the town, and unfair to developers who have paid their own way.

Here's one small portion of the presentation — a short exchange between myself and Town Manager Greg Schulte.

Green: How many lanes are on the bridge and the roadway?

Schulte: Two lanes, one each way. No turn lanes.

Green: I'm having a hard time understanding how this new configuration will serve the bridge and the geo-dome because, as you know, there's a downhill slope there.

Schulte: So, you're getting way ahead. Obviously we cannot provide access to back behind the courthouse and where the restaurants are. It would have to be developed so that we can get down to those properties.

Green: How would you do that?

Schulte did not answer, which I found alarming. I'd spent two minutes looking at the conceptual site plan of the bridge and "The Springs Village," and realized that — if the bridge were built as shown — there would no longer be access to the Town-subsidized geothermal greenhouse, or to the parking behind the courthouse and businesses along the river in that area.

The town has been considering this proposal since 2012, the date of the vested rights agreement. After examining the plan for two minutes, I'm "getting way ahead"?

There are additional complications that apparently the town hasn't yet addressed. There's a geothermal utility building on one side of South 5th Street, about where the bridge would start. Will they move it? At what cost?

Or will they buy the adjacent property, or pursue eminent domain, to go around the geothermal building?

Will they purchase the privately owned vacant lots just east of South 5th Street, or pursue eminent domain?

These expensive and complicated reconfigurations of South 5th Street have not been addressed by the town. This leads me to believe that the town council has been willing to negotiate with the Springs Partners from an inside-the-development perspective and haven't yet worked their way to the town impact outside the development. It doesn't matter who's the dealer and who's the addict. Just say no to the South 5th Street bridge.

Cynda Green

## Mary Jo Janowsky

Dear Editor:

A wonderful tribute to Mary Jo Janowsky was made by the Hoedown dinner/dance Saturday at Our Savior Lutheran Church gymnasium. The fundraiser was to honor and remember her contributions to the nursery school through a foundation to assist students and their families to attend the school. A big thanks goes to Andy Janowsky's band, The High Rollers, and the many great items donated to the silent auction and raffle. The BBQ was delicious and everyone

had a great time. Mary Jo was probably looking down on us and I am sure she was pleased.

Ron Gustafson

## Wireless

Dear Editor:

I have been vaguely aware of and vaguely concerned about the growing controversy regarding the safety of radio frequency (RF) microwave technology that supports the current wireless industry. I happened to discover a newly released TED Talk on the subject, and the supporting research offered, during the same time period that Verizon is attempting to build a cell tower in the heart of a densely populated residential neighborhood (Lake Forest Estates).

The talk, the research, and the efforts of a small but passionate group of Pagosa residents to oppose this tower in particular, and towers in residential neighborhoods more generally, have gotten me off the fence and off the couch.

So far, most everyone I have talked to during this past month is in favor of faster, broader wireless service ... and they are unaware of potential health effects of the electrosmog created as wireless infrastructure envelops communities. They believe that if the federal government, the wireless industry and the American Cancer Society say microwaves are safe, that's good enough for them.

In my own current assessment, after a month of research, I see the microwave wireless communications industry as similar to the tobacco industry in the very early 1940s. Then there were doctors in white coats on television assuring the populace that smoking cigarettes was good for them. Now we are still in the gee-whiz phase of wireless technology and its gadgets. Cellphones and mobile computers are liberating, and every bit as addictive as smoking.

In 1944 the American Cancer Society first began to warn about the possible ill effects of smoking, although it admitted that "no definite evidence exists" linking smoking and lung cancer. It was eight years later in 1952 when Reader's Digest published "Cancer by the Carton," detailing the dangers of smoking. That article sparked a firestorm of public awareness and the following year cigarette sales declined for the first time in over two decades. Unlike smoking, EMF pollution is not something we can practically opt out of once electrosmog blankets whole communities.

This proposed Lake Forest tower is only the beginning of Verizon's 4G service rollout in our area. Proliferating microwave wireless technology requires more and more towers to carry more and more bandwidth, for voice and data services. I suspect this wireless proliferation will continue throughout the land until there is finally public awareness and outcry sufficient to change government policy to adopt better and safer technologies. In the meantime, I think opposing the placement of cell towers in residential neighborhoods, even if they look like poor imitations of pine trees, is a worthwhile cause.

To view the 16-minute TED Talk that got me off the couch on this issue: Google "Jeromy JohnsonTED." If the message piques your interest, check out this page of supporting research links: [www.emfanalysis.com/research](http://www.emfanalysis.com/research).

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# Letters

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I appreciate fast and dependable Internet service as much as the next guy and would love to have access to a fiber-optics system.  
Bonnie Masters

## PAWSD board

Dear Editor:  
I wish to recommend the following to be re-elected to the water board: Mike Church and Blake Brueckner. Also running with them is Jim Smith, for the first time.

Since Mike and Blake have been on the board the following has been accomplished.

Water rates have been fixed for two years and the policy is anticipated to be extended for another. Focused on leaks and reduced them from previous high losses.

Voted to have elections with mail-out ballots to insure that customers only influence PAWSD's board membership. This action has resulted in reducing "big project spending" influenced by third-party contractors and consultants.

The in-house district engineer is, for the first time, a licensed professional engineer who has been instrumental in oversight to assure projects are viable and cost effective.

The staff has been restructured and is focused on reduction of water leaks rather than expensive future projects of questionable value.

Your support is appreciated.  
Jerry Phillips

## Nomination

Dear Editor:  
Dear Senator Gardner: I am

with Chief Justice John Roberts — elevating political considerations over the rule of law damages the integrity and public trust of the Supreme Court.

Simply put, do your job; provide the Constitutionally prescribed advise and consent to Judge Garland's nomination. Vote the nomination down if that is your "due diligence" conclusion.

Refusing to even consider the nomination is not only not doing your job, but shows disrespect for the constitution.

Out where I live, not showing up for work is grounds for not getting paid. I really don't know what is worse — not showing up for work or showing up and doing nothing. In any case, the president has discharged his responsibilities, time for the Senate to discharge theirs. Get to work ... please.

Terry Pickett

## Life

Dear Editor:

With your permission, I would like to address this letter to my people everywhere, the God-fearing Christian Americans. We are quick to defend our God-given "Bill of Rights," and justly so, but before these come the "Unalienable Rights" bestowed upon us by our Creator, the first and foremost being, life.

Without the right to life, the "Bill of rights" amounts to nothing. We all want to retain our rights to freedom of speech, to bear arms, assemble, and so on, and we will fight to the death to defend these liberties, But when it comes to defending the preborn Americans we are all gutless. How can we suppose to be successful in our endeavors to bring our country back to its moorings if we do not first secure the favor of the Almighty?

As long as our nation turns a blind eye to abortion on demand and our political parties only pay lip service to ending it, we shouldn't expect the good Lord's favor. As you know under the Colorado Constitution, preborn children are considered to be property, and not people, right up to the moment of birth, their lives can be snuffed out. We will not realize God's blessings, as a nation as long as we allow this. The Good Lord gave us free will to make our own decisions, right or wrong, but He does reserve some things to Himself. He grants us grace and forgiveness for our sins, he also says "Vengeance is mine, I will repay." I fear for our nation if we don't return to Jesus.

Jim Sanders

## Bridge 'blarney'

Dear Editor:

On March 17 I learned a lot. I now know, it is not only the Irish who are known for, and proud of their "blarney." Town council would have us believe they are just now addressing this bridge issue when it is no longer a secret that discussions about this project

have been ongoing since mid-September.

That they are "digesting" all of the facts and input from the residents and that no decisions have been made. I'm thinking the decision had already been made and perhaps someone on the council might have said "oops." Or is it, "Houston, we have a problem."

Again, I want to go on record as someone who is not opposed to development. In many cases these are the guys who make it happen. They take risks and invest money. Their own, or in some cases engage outside investors' who have faith in their abilities to complete the project.

It appears to me that this developer wants a partner. Someone to build them a bridge. The developer himself was heard to say that "no bridge, no hotel." That leads me to think the town will build a \$7 million bridge and the developer will sell the property to the hotel concern that has expressed interest. Then what?

Additionally, the figure of \$650,000 per year for 25 years was thrown out like it was no big deal. I am absolutely positive that \$650,000 is the lowest, most optimistic figure possible to still remain in the realm of realistic and not be accused of "blarney." If this figure is remotely correct, that bridge will cost \$16.25 million in 25 years. That's the true cost of the bridge. A heck of debt to hang our kids and grandkids with.

Someone threw out the total cost of \$200-300 million for this project. OK, let's assume \$200 million, \$7 million (bridge), while a lot of money, is a paltry 3.5 percent of this project. That tells me this developer can't afford what he is proposing. And, just possibly thinking along the lines of flipping this piece.

My congratulations to councilman David Schanzenbaker, who spoke up to reinforce what we were all thinking. Town council needs to be more forthcoming with their plans for the future of our community.

This entire bridge scenario is unconscionable. Let the developer build it.

John Thompson

## Vote responsibly

Dear Editor:

After months of being bombarded with accusations and untruths from candidates for president of the United States, my major concern is what this campaign is showing to the world — what kind of people are we anyway? Is it "bad" to publicly oppose bigotry and racism? Think about this: To the rest of the world, the president is the "face" of our country. Among those who desire to hold this office, who provides the best example of character that we would like for our children to look up to? Whose mannerisms and words inspire us and make us proud?

Whatever each one says he/she will do depends upon the makeup of the next Congress. Issues of this presidential primary season such as a simpler tax system that is fair, repairing and upgrading our infrastructure, a living wage for all who work, etc. are the job of the legislative branch. Presidents can propose such things, but it is up to Congress to write the bills. That is where our focus must be and, of course, wouldn't it be nice if we had Congressional leadership that would allow bills to come up for a vote and Senate leadership that would honor and act upon their constitutional responsibilities? Pay serious attention over the coming months and vote responsibly. Much is at stake here.

Patty Tillerson

## Hate letters

Dear Editor:

You know when you see a couple in public being all slobbery over each other and you want to say to them, "Get a room," well I guess it's similarly time for The SUN to give D. Blake his own column. The past three weeks his snarly hate letters against "hate" have crowded that section of its paper.

Dismissive of people of faith, Republicans, conservatives and everything Trump, his narrow view fails to mention the numerous incompetent clowns on the other half of the political spectrum, as well.

If he's not a Liberal Democrat then acorns don't fall from oaks. That other "half" that he prefers has, under Obama, doubled our national debt in seven-plus years: more than was run up in the prior 226. This is indicative of how the god of secular liberalism is money. They believe that by throwing other people's money at problems they'll vanish: poverty, health care, education, social problems. Never ever acknowledging that such 'secular wisdom' has made the problem grow.

Not only failing to do the federal government's main task of defending our nation, the integrity of its borders and our Constitution, Obama has personally done the very opposite on all three:

The agony and suffering of the massive number of refugees fleeing from Syria and Libya lead directly back to his door and that of his then-secretary of state, Hillary. She insisted upon further destabilizing the region by ousting Gaddafi. And the lie she is telling about the two families who lost hero-sons in Bengazi to "cya" should alone disqualify her for the presidency.

Notice this political-DNA characteristic of our now-and-would-be Democrat leaders 28 times Obama openly lied to us about Obamacare. Repeatedly over a five-year period he asserted that he couldn't do what — after the 2012 election — he's now trying to do with illegal immigrants. Hillary recently asserted that, as to lying, "I

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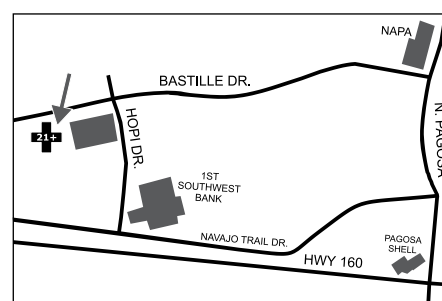
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# Obituary



## Nona Audrey Pike Slough

Nona Audrey Pike Slough passed away March 15 in Pagosa Springs.

She went to sleep on her pillow in her favorite place on earth, "Beautiful Pagosa," and was borne away by angels to be with her beloved husband, Wade, her precious parents, Tom and Nona, and a host of siblings and friends who preceded her in death.

The family held a private graveside service with the Rev. Dr. Jimmy Braswell officiating at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa, Texas, where she will be buried beside her husband.

Audrey loved flowers, so please honor her by sending flowers to someone who is dear to you.

If one word could describe Audrey, it would be colorful. She loved color in all things — flowers and fashion, people, places and things. Colors that would stand out in a crowd, like her dresses and shoes

in every color and her preferred lipstick shade of vivid red, which complimented her natural hair and skin and was usually echoed by the hue on her lovely long nails. Like her husband, Wade M., the handsome man she fell for at the Odessa Post Office, who sold her the one stamp in the middle of the entire sheet of stamps and carefully tore it from the center just for her. They married in 1941, a little while before he shipped out to the south of France to fight in World War II. Their marriage endured until his death in 2003, but their love endures eternally. Together, they raised two daughters and a son and spent the first phase of their married life in the west Texas town of Odessa, where Wade eventually became postmaster and Audrey developed a talent for restoring antique furniture.

They retired to Pagosa Springs in 1991, where they built a home in the lovely mountain basin known for its healing waters and year-round beauty. Audrey either started or ended all her cards and letters with "Beautiful Pagosa." She embellished their natural landscape of pines and aspen with mounds of colorful flowers and accented the deck of their log home with pots overflowing with blooms.

She was totally content in their cozy mountain home and chose to remain there after her husband's passing in 2003. Loved and visited by friends and family over the years, "Miss Audrey," as she became known in Pagosa, will be missed but never forgotten by those she

left behind.

She is survived by three children: Brenda Cockrell, Rune' Scott and husband George, and Wade Shelly Slough Jr. and wife Cheryl; eight grandchildren: Sean Cockrell and wife Kirstin, Clint Cockrell and wife Terri, Tamara Greenfield and husband Chad, Sherry Dissinger and husband Bob, Michelle Hendrickson and husband JR, Wade Slough III, Brent Slough and wife Whitney, Rachel Eastin and husband David; nine great-grandchildren: Audrey Cockrell, Caitlin and Caroline Cockrell, Blake and Chase Adams, Christopher Dissinger, Lexi Hendrickson, Layla Matthews and Emma Slough. She is also mourned and celebrated by her dear friend and longtime caregiver, Pao Tallman, and husband John, also Diana Bruder and Peter Lomchid.

To send family condolences, please sign the guest registry at [www.sunsetodessa.com](http://www.sunsetodessa.com).

## Snowpack drops below average in early spring

By Leah Ballard  
Staff Writer

Snowpack in the San Juan Basin didn't fall below average until the end of February, according to data from the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Archuleta County accounts for the northeast corner of the San Juan Basin, the eastern edge being the Continental Divide. The basin stretches further west than Cortez, and south to include a large part of northeast of New Mexico.

The NRCS stated on Feb. 25, "The 7-day temperature anomalies map shows the U.S. was very warm compared to a week ago. Much above normal temperatures covered the central U.S. from Canada to Mexico."

Updated NRCS data shows that snowpack has plateaued at about 80 percent of normal peak accumulated snow water equivalent (SWE) throughout March.

Still, despite the snowpack sitting at 83 percent of median, it is at 119 percent of what it was a year ago in regards to SWE.

SWE is calculated by the density and amount of snowfall. Temperature and wind are also factors that affect the density of snowpack, according to the NRCS.

The 2015-16 winter snowfall got off to a great start in the San Juan Basin, creeping to over 100 percent peak average snow water equivalent (SWE) in December 2015.

This week at the summit of Wolf Creek, SWE is at 25.3 inches, according to NRCS's Colorado SNO-

TEL report, which is 90 percent of median for March 23.

On March 22, Weminuche Creek, north of the Piedra area, held 15.1 inches of SWE, when the median was 21.4 inches.

Despite the current dry weather and wind, the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center is predicting above-average precipitation in the coming months.

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### Obituaries

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don't believe I ever have." But this is probably false as her lips were moving.

Seventy percent of voters polled have said that our country is moving in the wrong direction. For nearly eight years now that course has been set by an ineffective, incompetent chief. If Obama's official title was president of the Democrat Party his actions wouldn't be so confusing. Now Hillary wants what she herself has called a third Obama term.

So what would the "hate" haters have us focus on? Everything but the bigger picture that, as a nation, we're, at best, no better off with either Obama or Hillary. Oh, certainly, the Democrat Party would be, but not the rest of us. Let her pad her resume with "First Lying Female Commissioner of the NFL," as it pays per hour similar to her pricey Wall Street speeches.

This one thing I can agree with D. Blake, "The (rotten) thing itself speaks."

Charles Wenzel

## Births

The following are the February births with parents from Pagosa Springs, as reported by Mercy Regional Medical Center:

Nolberto, Kristy and Roberto Ponce de Leon, 9 pounds, 2 ounces, 4:22 p.m., Feb. 12.

Emma Louise, Samantha Haynie and James Martinez, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, 7:47 a.m., Feb. 19.

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# Bills address CDOT accountability and water issues

I had some important victories in the past few weeks, two of which were the unanimous approval by the House Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources Committee of HB16-1256 regarding a water storage study on the South Platte River and the unanimous favorable vote by the House Transportation Committee of SB16-122, which addresses Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) transparency and accountability.

It is a proven fact that Colorado is falling further and further behind on the maintenance of its highways. Since the replacement of SB97-01 with SB09-228, there has been no money transferred into the Highway Users Tax Fund from the General Fund. Additionally, the gasoline and diesel tax has not been increased since 1992, while the cost of highway construction has increased substantially in the

last 24 years. At the same time, I, along with many voters of Colorado, am skeptical of CDOT's performance in the use of our tax dollars.

SB122 will require a risk-based performance audit of CDOT. It will also require that CDOT close each transportation project within one year of substantial completion and release any extra money budgeted for that project so that other projects can be hurried up. SB122 additionally requires CDOT to report on its website within 30 days of when a competitive bid contract is awarded (1) the identity of the winning bidder, (2)



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the amount of the winning bid and (3) whether or not the winning bid was the low bid and if not, why not.

CDOT will also be required to report to the Transportation Legislative Review Committee policy and policy changes regarding the statewide transportation improvement plan.

Building and maintaining a functional and sustainable highway system in Colorado is one of our prime responsibilities. It is my hope with the increased transparency and accountability required by SB122 that CDOT will do a better job and that voters will have more confidence and will see the need to put more money into our highways.

Water is one of the most important natural resources that we have in Colorado. We absolutely cannot afford to waste one drop of this precious resource. It is common

knowledge that water goes out of Colorado in the South Platte River every year that could be stored and used by Colorado. In fact, it is rumored that 2 million acre feet escaped Colorado on the South Platte last year. At the same time, more than 500,000 acre feet of water from the Western Slope is being diverted across the Continental Divide to the Denver area annually. Also, irrigated farm land is being bought by Front Range cities so that the water can be used for growth.

HB1256 will collect data on exactly how much water left this state in the South Platte over the past 20 years and will analyze storage sites in the South Platte drainage. The bill asks the Colorado Water Conservation Board to evaluate the costs and benefits of not only surface reservoirs, but also dredging existing reservoirs and recharging underground aquifers.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### 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.

### Tuesday, April 5

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

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

Lewis St.

### Wednesday, April 6

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

### Monday, April 11

**San Juan Water Conservancy District board of directors meeting.** 7 p.m., district offices, 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

**Pagosa Area Geothermal Water and Power Authority meeting.** 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Tuesday, April 12

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

**Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting.** 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center, 402 San Juan St.

**Archuleta School District Board of Education work session.** 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board.** 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission.** 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Archuleta School District Board of Education regular meeting.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

**Pagosa Fire Protection District board of trustees of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Firemen's Pension Fund meeting.** 6:30 p.m., training room at Station 1, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**Wednesday, April 13**

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

**Town of Pagosa Springs Historic**

**Preservation Board.** 5:45 p.m., Town Hall front conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Thursday, April 14

**Pagosa Springs Town Council special meeting — Walmart lighting appeals hearing.** 6 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Tuesday, April 19

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

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

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

## It's not too late to get your flu shot

By Claire Ninde  
Special to The SUN

Southwest Colorado has had a slow but significant start to the 2015/16 flu season, with four reported hospitalized cases from Oct. 1, 2015, through Feb. 9, followed by an additional 21 hospitalized cases reported just in the last month.

The San Juan Basin Health Department (SJBHD) reminds residents that it is not too late to get your vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against influenza disease.

Flu is among the most common respiratory illnesses in the United States, infecting millions of people every flu season. The severity of flu illness can vary from mild to severe. The CDC states that over a period of 30 years, between 1976 and 2006, estimates of yearly flu-associated deaths in the United States range from a low of about 3,000 to a high of about 49,000 people during the most severe season. Each sea-

son, it's estimated that more than 200,000 people are hospitalized because of flu-related complications.

SJBHD encourages residents to receive their immunizations in their medical home with their primary care provider to ensure that their care is well-coordinated. Flu shots are a preventive care benefit for both children and adults covered under the Affordable Care Act and for most people the immunization will be free. For more information, visit <https://www.healthcare.gov/what-are-my-preventive-care-benefits/>.

SJBHD has a limited supply of specialized flu vaccine including high-dose flu shots for seniors and preservative-free vaccines for pregnant women. Additionally, SJBHD can provide flu shots for adults who qualify for federally supported vaccines if they are unable to receive them from their primary care provider.

Pagosa Springs appointments are available the first Thursday of every month. Call 264-2409 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to schedule an appointment.

## Call 811 before you dig

By April Prout-Ralph  
Special to The SUN

This April marks the ninth annual National Safe Digging Month, reminding Colorado residents to always call 811 three business days before any digging project.

National Safe Digging Month is formally recognized by the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate and has traditionally earned the support from nearly every state governor across the country.

When calling 811, homeowners and contractors are connected to the Colorado 811, the local one-call center, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of the intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the requested digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, paint or both.

Every six minutes, an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811.

Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. Installing a fence, building a deck and planting a tree or garden are all

examples of digging projects that should only begin after making a call to 811.

"As April marks the traditional start of the dig season, we are using this month to strongly encourage individuals and companies to call 811 before they begin their excavation projects," said Marty Mead, Colorado 811 director of damage prevention. "By calling 811 to have the underground utility lines in their area marked, homeowners and professionals are making an important decision that can help keep them and their communities safe and connected."

The depth of utility lines can vary for a number of reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects and uneven surfaces. Utility lines need to be properly marked because even when digging only a few inches, the risk of striking an underground utility line still exists.

Colorado 811 encourages area residents to visit [www.co811.org](http://www.co811.org) for more information about digging safely.

For additional information, contact April Ralph, southwest damage prevention liaison, at [aprout-ralph@co811.org](mailto:aprout-ralph@co811.org) or (719) 221-2391.

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# PSMC continues to show growth

By Leah Ballard  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) patient volume is, as Dr. Ralph Battels put it, “booming.”

At its meeting Tuesday evening, PSMC CEO Brad Cochennet presented data to the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors showing the number of patient encounters per year.

The graph depicted a count of every time every individual entered the medical center for any reason since 2009, when encounters charted less than 20,000 visits for the year. In 2015, the number of patient interactions was nearly 60,000, and is projected to reach 90,000 by July of this year.

PSMC patient volumes continued to rise even while Archuleta County population stagnated, as patients from outside the county have come to rely on PSMC when they previously traveled to other

medical centers in Farmington or Durango. Patient volume is expected to continue to rise.

When a board member pointed out that an older population results in more use of the medical facilities, Cochennet stated, “We sit at about 20 percent over the age of 65 today, and the projection was by 2025 it’d be about 31 percent — we just said one in three.”

Hospital staff agreed that the majority of their patients belong in this age group, despite proximity to the ski area.

Cochennet explained that PSMC is unique among rural health clinics in that its growth rate has consistently exceeded expectations.

In a separate document tracking inpatient admission trends, which includes any patient who occupied a bed overnight, Cochennet explained year-to-year growth rates PSMC has seen multiple times since opening in 2008.

Inpatient numbers have gone up by 50 percent in a year, clinic pa-

tients by 30 percent and emergency room (ER) by 40 percent.

Construction for a primary care clinic is slated to begin in early April and Cochennet anticipates more expansion to come.

While he believes building the primary care clinic was the right priority, Cochennet stated that the board needs to be planning to make room for ER patients “on the heels of when the jack hammers and when the high loaders are going around the primary care building.”

The board discussed potential sites for an urgent care clinic that might mitigate some of the inflow in the ER at PSMC.

Also at the meeting: Chief Nursing Officer Kethee Douglas acknowledged the staff on duty during recent emergency fire response.

Douglas stated that staff successfully followed newly adopted emergency strategies and cited communications outside the building as a challenge staff could im-

prove upon with radio equipment.

Chief Medical Officer Rhonda Webb presented the 2015 Annual Report.

2015 accomplishments include a doubling of net income between 2014 and 2015, thus “achieving the highest net income in the District’s history.”

By providing new services and seeing significant growth in existing services, PSMC’s gross patient revenues increased by 32 percent in 2015. Eleven percent of PSMC’s patient population extended to the Jicarilla Apache Nation in Dulce, N.M., which is up from 8 percent in 2014 and 1 percent in 2013.

The impressive growth in the diagnostic imaging department was also cited in the 2015 review, including mammography, bone density screening and radiology examinations. The number of exams that year increased nearly 13,000, which accounts for 9,700 patients who did not have to travel elsewhere for these services.

Orthopedic surgery volume has increased from 177 cases in 2014 to 256 in 2015. Inpatient volumes have grown more than five-fold since 2009.

Dr. Michelle Flemmings indicated that skiers are barely in the lead over snowboarders and sledgers for the most injuries this season.

PSMC staff also voluntarily reports on quality improvement activities as required by the Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Program. Quality data also serves as documentation for compliance with federal regulations for Critical Access Hospitals, and to determine any changes that need to be made in house. Quality improvement includes patient experience survey responses and other statistics on timeliness and effectiveness.

Board treasurer Karl Irons gave a finance report for a record-breaking February, a month PSMC doesn’t typically see record patient volumes.

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# Spring prescribed burns planned in April for Pagosa Ranger District

By Ann Bond  
Special to The SUN

The San Juan National Forest plans to conduct prescribed burning in April in two areas of the Pagosa Ranger District.

The burn operations will take place on different days, with timing dependent on weather and fuel conditions.

Firefighters will ignite about 200 acres in the

Brockover Mesa area adjacent to the Turkey Springs Road (Forest Road 629) northwest of Pagosa Springs. Another 200 acres will be ignited by ground crews in the Horsefly Burn Plan between the First Fork Road (Forest Road 622) and the Piedra River.

Smoke from these operations may be visible from U.S. 160, Colo. 151 and Piedra Road (Forest Road 621).

For more information, please contact the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268.

## The Blotter

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

### Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

- March 14 — Theft/shoplifting, Seminole Drive.
- March 15 — Trespass warning, Railroad Court.
- March 15 — Warrant arrest, Ute Drive.
- March 15 — Information only, Rifle Place.
- March 16 — Expired license plates, U.S. 160.
- March 16 — Reckless endangerment, domestic violence, Golf Place.
- March 16 — Illegal possession or consumption of alcohol by minor, County Road 600.
- March 16 — Marijuana possession of one ounce or less, Par Place.
- March 17 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
- March 18 — Aggravated motor

- vehicle theft, Tonto Court.
- March 18 — Found property, Doc Adams Road.
- March 18 — Warrant arrest, Gila Drive.
- March 18 — Theft, Gila Drive.
- March 18 — Owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, drove vehicle when license suspended, glass in vehicle did not permit normal vision, Rec Center Road.
- March 19 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, false imprisonment, Canyon Circle.
- March 19 — No insurance in possession, drove vehicle when license was suspended, failure to use turn signal, glass in vehicle did not permit normal vision, East Golf Place.
- March 20 — Warrant arrest, Talisman Drive.
- March 20 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.
- March 20 — Second-degree criminal trespass, Bob's Place.
- March 20 — Warrant arrest, Country Center Drive.
- March 20 — Owner operated or

- permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, operated a vehicle with defective head lamps, drove vehicle without valid driver's license on person, U.S. 160.
  - March 21 — Information only, Aspen Village Drive.
  - March 21 — Fraud in effecting sales, Periwinkle Drive.
  - March 21 — Second-degree burglary, County Road 500.
  - March 21 — Criminal mischief, Trails Boulevard.
  - March 22 — Expired license plates, drove vehicle without insurance, drove vehicle when license suspended.
- Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**  
No report.
- Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William J. Anderson**  
No report.
- Archuleta County Court: Judge Samuel H. Cassidy**  
No report.
- 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Greg Lyman**  
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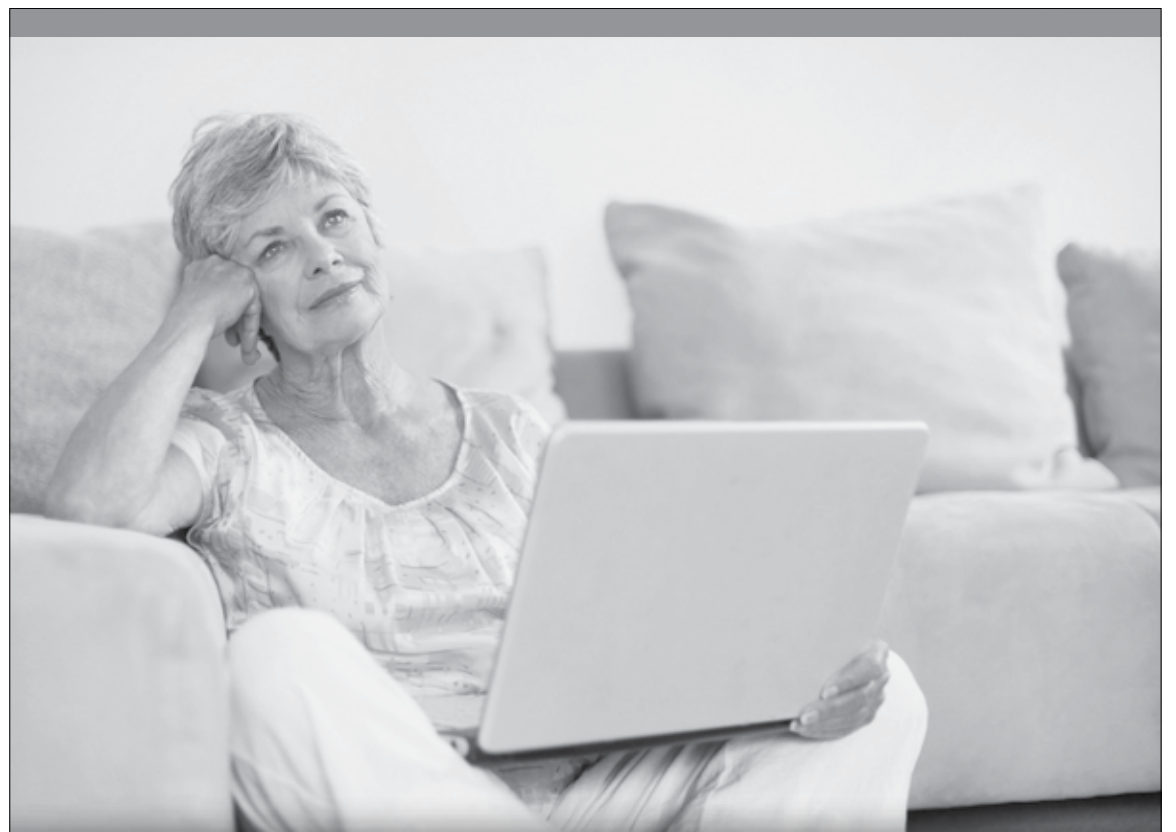
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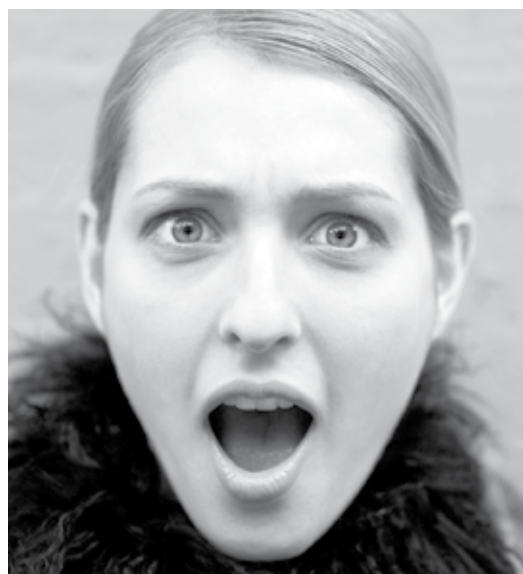
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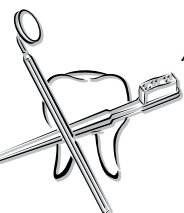
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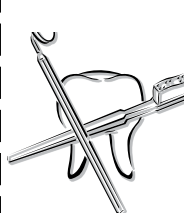
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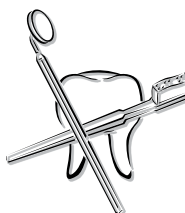
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# Bridge

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History

The presentation began with a history of events leading to the session by Schulte. He explained that, as a land owner, as well as party to a vested rights agreement with the town reached in 2012, the developer currently holds substantial development rights regarding its 27 acres. The acreage is positioned in an area key to the future of Pagosa Springs, south and east of the river, north of the Community Center and west of Hot Springs Boulevard.

Schulte recalled that the subject of the bridge originated prior to the 2012 agreement. He said in that period the town approached the developer to propose that a bridge be incorporated into any plans for future development of the property.

The town's interest in a bridge in 2012 was driven by existing congestion in traffic flow on Hot Springs Boulevard, which then, as now, connected to the only bridge between downtown and the area south of the river. Expansion of the community to the south by development of the 27-acre tract, and potentially of other nearby parcels of real estate, would inevitably increase traffic and make a second bridge essential.

Schulte explained that 5th Street provided the only realistic place to locate a second bridge. Consequently, in 2012, the town was concerned, and remains concerned today, that if development of the 27-acre tract were to proceed without provision for a bridge, efforts by the town later to build a second bridge there or anywhere downtown would be impractical.

When the town initially suggested a bridge in 2012, Schulte continued, the developer responded affirmatively that if the town planned to build a bridge at 5th Street, it would

grant easements for the use of land within its property needed to build the connecting roads.

The total area of easements for infrastructure within the anticipated development was estimated during the meeting at approximately three acres.

The prospective connecting road would carry the traffic between the south end of the bridge and Hot Springs Boulevard. Together, the road and bridge would provide the community an alternative downtown river crossing to and from south of the river. This would then allow traffic from and to the west on U.S. 160 to bypass the congested Hot Springs Boulevard bridge.

This was the context in which the 2012 vested rights agreement was negotiated and approved. The agreement grants the developer an assurance it can rely on unchanged zoning for a period of 10 years, permitting it to build out a mixed-use project having specified units and occupant density. For its part, the town secured the opportunity to build the bridge and the necessary connecting roads through the 27-acre tract, or not, at its choosing. The agreement allows the development to proceed in either event. The two alternative outcomes were documented by "sketch plans" A and B, attached to the agreement.

In the event the town chose to proceed with the bridge and connecting roads, represented by sketch plan A, Schulte said the 2012 agreement required the town to assume full responsibility to pay for its construction. It also included a requirement that the town formulate a plan for the project, if at all, in 2017.

While the agreement required the developer to grant needed easements for the project, it included no requirement for it to cover any of the cost, including the cost solely for the

connecting roads entirely within its own property. Those roads would provide a through route, but also would provide tenants and/or buyers within the development direct connections to both Hot Springs Boulevard and U.S. 160.

As indicated in the history provided by Schulte, these provisions were acceptable to the town in 2012.

## Revisiting the agreement

Schulte continued that, following execution of the 2012 vested rights agreement, the town did not engage in additional discussions or actions regarding the development or bridge until last fall.

At that time, the developer inquired whether the town intended to proceed with planning for the bridge infrastructure in 2017, as the agreement specified.

Schulte commented that at the time of the developer's inquiry in 2015, many incumbent town officials were "new" to the terms of the 2012 vested rights agreement. In the face of the reality that unless the town made a plan to commence and pay for construction of the bridge in 2017, development could proceed on the 27-acre tract without any provision to handle the increased traffic, the town began discussions last fall to revise the 2012 agreement.

While Schulte did not undertake Thursday night to describe the details of the negotiations over possible amendment of the agreement during the ensuing several months, it appears from the discussion during the meeting and other published information that two major points are involved: payment for the connecting road within the developer's tract and the timing of the bridge construction in relation to build-out of the development.

To date, negotiations to amend the agreement have not concluded.

If the agreement is not amended, it will remain fixed by the 2012 version: build a bridge and related infrastructure on the developers' property next year regardless of the status of any development, or let development proceed within the next six years on this key tract of real estate on the developer's timeline without a bridge.

## The project

Turning to the potential project itself, Schulte noted that it breaks down into three infrastructure "segments": a connecting road from the U.S. 160 and 5th Street intersection to the north end of the bridge, the bridge itself and a connecting road from its south end to Hot Springs Boulevard.

He said that the cost of all three segments had been estimated at \$6.5 million in 2012, and within the past several months by different engineers at amounts of either \$6.7 million or \$7.6 million.

Based on the estimates summarized by Schulte, it appears that the cost of the infrastructure segment solely within the developer's tract is likely to be approximately \$2.2 million.

## Payment options

Schulte turned then to options for payment by the town for the possible construction of the bridge infrastructure under the present agreement without amendment. In the discussion, Schulte assumed the town would also pay at the same time for the planned reconstruction of South 8th Street.

He noted that whether these projects were paid for by revenue bonds, including an advance commitment of payment (under TABOR, the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, requiring voter approval), or lease-purchase financing needing annual approval of the expenditures by council, their cost over an assumed period of 25 years for payment of principal and interest would run approximately \$655,000 annually, to be paid from the town's capital improvement budget.

Schulte said this cost estimate was based on assumptions of total cost for the bridge infrastructure in the amount of \$7.5 million, and for reconstruction of South 8th Street at a cost of \$2 million. He also said the estimate disregarded the possibility, of currently unknown likelihood, of receiving a grant for part of the bridge cost of up to \$2 million from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

Schulte stated he believed that funds to meet the estimated cost would be available to the town at currently anticipated revenue levels. However, he did not disagree with later comments by residents that the payments may limit the flexibility of the town to meet other priorities during the assumed 25-year period.

## The development

On behalf of the developer, Mees unveiled a new sketch of the development assuming construction of the bridge, a copy of which is printed in today's SUN. Mees also confirmed that the idea for a bridge originated with the town and that, from the developer's perspective, build-out of the development would proceed with or without a new bridge.

Mees stated that without a bridge, less of the development would be devoted to commercial property and more to residential property than with a bridge.

He noted specifically that if a bridge is built, construction of a new 100-room hotel including a conference center is anticipated.

Mees also opined that currently the downtown area lacks the "critical mass" of amenities having quality sufficient independently to attract and entertain tourists for more than an overnight stay. He suggested that the development could help change that, if it includes the level of commercial property expected by the developer with the construction of a bridge.

## Council comments

Comments by council members during the meeting stressed collectively that the town was not currently near to making any decision on whether to proceed with the bridge infrastructure, but was still in the process of identifying fully the relevant considerations.

Kathie Lattin observed no decision has been made, because "we don't have the information."

And Clint Alley summed it up by saying, "There's still a lot of work to be done."

Volger and councilor David Schanzenbaker told the audience also that they regretted the inadequacy of communication by the town regarding its actions relating to the bridge over the past several months, which may have been a source of confusion regarding the

status of the matter.

## Executive sessions

At different times during the meeting, community members suggested that the town recently had overused executive sessions in dealing with the bridge, thus keeping members of the public in the dark.

The vested rights agreement between the town and the developer is a contract, and under the Colorado Open Meetings Law, government agencies are authorized to convene executive session to plan contract negotiations and to receive updates from or issue instructions to those conducting negotiations on their behalf. This would include negotiations regarding possible revision to a contract.

Based on town council meeting agendas and minutes posted on the town's website, executive sessions concerning possible amendment of the agreement occurred last year on Sept. 17, Nov. 3, and Dec. 17. (The Sept. 17, 2015 executive session is currently the subject of legal proceedings, as reported in the SUN last week.)

Also, an executive session dealing with the negotiations occurred earlier this year on Feb. 2. Finally, an executive session was also scheduled for Feb. 18 this year, but the proposal for the session was tabled after council heard comments from members of the public.

To the SUN's knowledge, only at the recent meeting on Feb. 18 was there any relevant public discussion, primarily consisting of individual comments by community members who spoke out during the public comments portion of the agenda.

Asked to comment during Thursday's meeting whether the town would continue to utilize executive sessions exclusively to deal with the bridge issue in the coming months, Volger responded, "We are learning to do better."

And Schanzenbaker confirmed, "We'll come back to you during the process."

At the end of the meeting, Schulte reiterated, with Volger's approval, that the town would "continue having you all be part of the conversation."

## Comments

Additional comments during the meeting by council members, including Alley, John Egan and Tracy Bunning noted that the community both needs to grow, and inevitably will grow. So, the town must reckon with how it will deal with future population numbers and the associated traffic flows that will exist.

In this sense, Egan suggested this individual development does not have critical relevance to merits of the town's decision whether to build a bridge, which demands a broader focus.

Council members generally concurred that the town is presently at a turning point with important impact on the future.

Bunning recalled the days when the bridge at Hot Springs Boulevard was only a single lane. Cars headed in opposite directions had to wait for traffic to clear until the bridge was replaced by the current two-lane structure in the late 1980s. But he observed that the "Town has progressed a great deal since then," and now, again, "we have a traffic issue."

Bunning pointed out that if a bridge is not built at 5th Street while the opportunity exists, the town might be forced in 10 years again to replace the existing bridge, this time with one having four lanes. But, he said, to build such a large bridge at Hot Springs Boulevard would require taking commercial property, which would greatly increase the cost to the town.

Lattin concurred that alternatives to a decision in favor of constructing a bridge at 5th Street are poor. She noted specifically the difficulty that would be posed by any attempt later to build a bridge there if the town does not exercise the opportunity it currently has. Except as allowed by the vested rights agreement, she said that the town "cannot require the developer to leave room on its property for a bridge."

Lattin acknowledged that if development proceeds under Sketch Plan B without a bridge, "we can go back later and say ... we're going to pull eminent domain" to take the developer's property through adversary legal proceedings, but "that's not fair."

Comments during the meeting were offered by 36 members of the community, according to a count by The SUN.

Consistent with Volger's introductory remarks that the purpose of the meeting was not to debate the merits of the bridge, many of the comments were neither specifically

for nor against an undertaking by the town to build the bridge and related infrastructure. Many simply emphasized that certain factors should be considered or rejected by the town, and some only praised the development plan or conversely questioned the desirability of economic growth.

Common to many comments by the public was a concern over who would reap benefit from the bridge. That the developer would enjoy a benefit seemed to be universally recognized, no less by council than by members of the public. It is also a conclusion appearing from the site plan itself, and confirmed by Mees' explanation that the potential construction of a hotel by investors currently interested was contingent on a new bridge. In view of that reality, several public attendees commented in varying terms that it would be wrong for the town to confer a benefit on a private developer.

However, many comments noted instead, that the key question is not whether a new bridge would benefit the developer, but whether it would benefit the town. If the public will realize a benefit, they felt, the town should not shy away from the bridge because a private party will, too.

Alley agreed, saying with reference to council, "In all reality, I don't think anyone up here would agree to do this for the developer if we don't believe it's the right thing to do for the community."

Collectively, members of the community agreed that traffic flow downtown is a significant issue. However, some suggested that at least part of that problem is attributable to traffic signals that are poorly timed by the Colorado Department of Transportation, which has jurisdiction over U.S. 160. And one community member advocated improved public transportation.

On the subject of traffic, a question was raised by a community member what steps the town was taking objectively to evaluate its impact. Schulte responded that a traffic study would be commissioned and that it would assess how growth south of the river, i.e. "new people on currently vacant land," will impact the community's roads. He observed the study would consider traffic signal timing.

A concern was also expressed by several community members that the town should not build a bridge without assurances that build-out of the development will proceed. Volger noted that the question was under consideration in the negotiations to amend the vested rights agreement, and indicated that he considered a commitment by the developer likely.

However, one community member suggested that the town should require a "back-end" performance bond to ensure not only commencement, but timely full build-out of the development.

Another point raised was that the town should not give the developer "perks." Several community members echoed that concern by suggesting that the developer should pay the cost of the infrastructure segment within its 27-acre tract. One observed this was especially so as the developer needed roads within its acreage for any successful development and would be required to pay for the construction of roads on its own if it proceeded under Sketch Plan B, without a bridge.

Schanzenbaker expressed his agreement with these comments. He said for the town to pay for that segment would be "a tough pill for me to swallow," and stated that he would not support construction of the bridge infrastructure except through a public/private partnership to at least that extent.

Other members of the public asked the town to be sure to consider in conjunction with its decision regarding the bridge the possibility that allocating such a large portion of its limited resources to one project could impair its ability to accomplish other objectives.

Some specifically noted that the town has committed itself to support objectives such as early childhood development, affordable housing and enhancement of recreational opportunities in various ways, and expressed concern that progress in these areas of concern could be hindered.

Finally, one attendee asked what the timeline could be.

Schulte responded that negotiations with the developer over amendment of the vested rights agreement alone could take months. He also noted the planned traffic study would consume time and that the town would need more fully to evaluate its "return on investment" from building the bridge.

In general, Schulte predicted, "it will be a long process."  
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# Town discusses resources, next steps for potential 5th Street bridge

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

At the Pagosa Springs Town Council's public work session last Thursday night, Town Manager Greg Schulte told attendees that financing of the potential cost of the 5th Street bridge infrastructure project would be within the fiscal capacity of the town beginning in 2017, the earliest year that funds might be needed.

Schulte's conclusion was based on current estimates of the infrastructure's cost. Also, for purposes of the discussion, he assumed the town would pay the full cost of the project from its own sources of revenue rather than any potential grant. In addition, he combined the cost for the bridge and connecting roads with the cost of reconstruction of 8th Street, since both may need to be paid concurrently.

Schulte stated that if the total cost for both projects was \$9.5 million (\$2 million for 8th Street), the cost to pay off that sum over a period of 25 years, assuming 4.75 percent interest, would be \$655,000 annually.

SUN staff met with Schulte on Tuesday, March 22, following the public meeting, to seek a more detailed explanation.

Schulte advised that the costs would be paid out of the town's capital improvement budget (CIB), which, together with the general fund, is one of the two major pots for payment of the town's expenditures. Both are funded in significant part by sales tax (allocated between them by the town in equal portions, approximately \$2.3 million for 2016), but also receive revenue from various additional, different sources.

The CIB is limited to expenditures for acquisition or construction of public assets like roads and bridges and their maintenance; thus, for example, it includes the cost of construction of parks facilities and their upkeep, but may not be used to meet the cost of the town's recreational programs, although both types of expenditures are managed by the parks and recreation department. According to Schulte, unlike the CIB, the general fund budget is not restricted; monies from it may be used to meet any town expense.

Schulte's explanation of the town's anticipated fiscal resources in 2017 began with the current CIB for 2016. Both it and the general fund budget for 2016 are reproduced on the town's website, together with those for additional town funds available for specific uses like the Conservation Trust Fund, reserved for recreation.

The total CIB for the town in 2016 includes expenditures of \$6,518,939. The general fund budget for the year includes expenditures of \$3,043,679. Both budgets anticipate surpluses of revenues over expenditures in 2016, in the amounts, respectively, of approximately \$777,000 and \$2.3 million.

Looking at the CIB, Schulte pointed out that the total expenditures for the year 2016 include the sum of \$680,000 to pay off the town's outstanding lease/purchase debt resulting from the reconstruction of Lewis Street several years ago. He said that, by the end of the year, that debt will be gone.

Assuming that consistent with recent years revenue levels dedicated to the CIB do not drop, that same

amount should be available in 2017 and later years. That future resource, he said, has not been earmarked to cover any existing or anticipated costs, and thus could be used to fund the assumed debt service on the two projects.

Schulte also followed up on some additional points raised in last week's public meeting. Attendees had been told that the town would be obtaining a traffic study relevant to the potential bridge, as well as a financial analysis of the town's return on investment if the bridge infrastructure is constructed.

In the Tuesday interview, Schulte elaborated that both anticipated studies would consider opposite scenarios, with and without construction of the bridge. He expects, therefore, that when the reports are completed, the town will have an improved objective basis to evaluate both the day-to-day impact of the proposed bridge on traffic flow and its likely foreseeable effect on tax revenues.

Schulte said he expected town council would consider instructing town staff to obtain the anticipated studies at a special meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 6. He noted that the special meeting will substitute for the regular meeting that normally would be held on Tuesday of that week, since that will be April 5, Election Day.

Schulte also noted that regardless of whether the bridge and connecting roads are constructed or not, and how the cost might ultimately be met, the developer will need to pay impact fees to the town based on square footage of buildings to be constructed.

According to PFPD Assistant Fire Chief Randy Larson, units from the PFPD were dispatched at 7:19 p.m. to a single-vehicle fire.

The PFPD dispatched three fire apparatus and nine people and arrived on scene at 7:43 p.m., he explained.

Larson went on to report that the fire was "knocked down" at 7:56 p.m., under control at 8:08 p.m., with the scene being cleared and units leaving the scene at 8:41 p.m.

The cause of the fire was undetermined as the vehicle had sustained too much damage, Larson explained, adding that the fire began in the engine compartment.  
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before explaining how nice it is to receive help from other agencies when the PFPD needs it, and vice versa.

The cause of the fire was determined to be a cigarette, Robertson reported, adding that, if someone smokes, it is important for them to fully extinguish the lit part of the cigarette when finished.

Extinguishing a cigarette via a water bucket, a can or by using sand are good ways to fully put out one's cigarette, she explained.

## Vehicle fire

A second fire occurred on Wolf Creek Pass at mile marker 162 shortly after Monday's grass fire.

# Fires

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"made a huge difference."

She added that the two volunteers housed at PFPD's Station 1 were the first on the scene.

Due to the high winds and the size of the fire, Robertson explained that the effort required everyone on scene and that they "never had more resources than they needed."

She commended everyone who participated even further as the fire was near three different structures and the firefighters managed to keep the fire away from those structures.

She commended the other agencies who participated, as well, saying, "We play well with others,"

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# Fire district to hold election in May

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) will be holding an election on May 3 for the purpose of filling two vacant director seats, with three candidates vying against each other.

Ed Ainsworth, Linda Lattin and Don Peterson will be competing for

## PFPD Chief Bower to retire in July

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Board of Directors held a special meeting on Tuesday, March 22, for the purpose of entering executive session to discuss PFPD Chief Diane Bower's retirement.

Board chairman LeRoy Lattin called the meeting to order, afterwards stating, "I make a motion we go into executive session as per Colorado Statute C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)."

Board secretary and treasurer Ken Rogers seconded the motion.

Lattin, Rogers, director David Blake and Bower were all present at the meeting, with director Jason Webb calling in via conference call.

After coming out of executive session, Lattin reconvened the special meeting, with Rogers making a motion.

"I move Chief Diane Bower will be retiring as of July 15, 2016. She has 536 hours of vacation time coming that she will start using between now and July 15. Part of that vacation time will be interspersed with training for Shirley Brinkmann, and once she goes on leave, the operations of the fire department will be handed over to Randy Larson ... Chief Bower is entitled to severance pay according to the policy of the fire department."

Lattin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bower has been serving the PFPD for nearly 40 years.

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the two open positions.

LeRoy Lattin, chairman of the PFPD Board of Directors, will be term-limited this election cycle.

Ken Rogers, whose seat also expires this election cycle, will not be running again.

In a statement to the PFPD, Ainsworth wrote that he worked for the Texas state comptroller for 29 years. Ainsworth also wrote that, before retiring, he oversaw 750 employees in five states.

In his conclusion of his statement, Ainsworth wrote, "My management and financial background will also provide a positive contribution as we deal with the financial

challenges that the department will face going forward."

In a statement to the PFPD Linda Lattin wrote, "I was a volunteer firefighter and EMT in the 80's."

Linda Lattin also stated that she had served on several boards in the Pagosa area.

"I believe we have a wonderful fire department here and want to see us continue to grow and serve our community," Linda Lattin wrote to conclude her statement. "As a board member, I will continue to look for ways to make us better service providers at the most cost effective way possible."

In a statement to the PFPD,

Peterson wrote that he had a law enforcement background, became a state certified firefighter and won firefighter of the year in 2014.

Concluding his statement, Peterson wrote, "I will use my experience as both a first responder and a businessman to make sure the Pagosa Fire Protection District is sound and able to meet the needs of our community in the most efficient way possible."

The election will be held Tuesday, May 3, at Station 1 of the Pagosa Fire Protection District.

Station 1 is located at 191 North Pagosa Blvd.

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## Balloon

Continued from front

of the balloon fell on the electrical wire of a power line, causing the wire to break.

The balloon then landed adjacent to the power line, with the basket tipping over as it landed, she reported.

No one was hurt in the incident.

According to Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Assistant Chief Randy Larson, the PFPD responded to the call by sending several command units and a fire engine to the scene, accompanied by five members of the PFPD.

Larson explained that the responders secured the area until a La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) official could arrive to the scene.

In an email to SUN staff, Indiana Reed, spokesperson for LPEA, wrote that the incident "ultimately knocked only 24 customers in the area out of power. It happened at 8:58 a.m. and the 24 customers were back in power at 10:15 a.m."

"LPEA's equipment worked like it was supposed to and as soon as the system sensed any interference, it immediately opened up the circuit, cutting the power," Reed wrote when asked why nothing caught fire. "It's all computerized specifically to make sure, among avoiding other hazards, that there are not fires when trees fall through lines, etc. It can be an inconvenience to those of us on whatever circuit gets impacted, but it's a terrific safety measure, and in this case it possibly saved lives."

In an interview, Doug Lenberg, the pilot of the hot air balloon, explained that neither himself or his landing crew saw the power line as the balloon came in for a landing.

"The basket of the aircraft made accidental contact with the power line before touching down in the field we were originally aiming for," Lenberg explained.

Lenberg stated that no one sus-

tained injuries, and that his aircraft sustained "a little bit of damage to the basket and a cable."

As far as he was aware, Lenberg won't need to report the incident to the Federal Aviation Administration, as his aircraft never crashed.

Lenberg also commended homeowners adjacent to where the incident occurred, saying they were "very nice" and accommodating, with one couple even inviting the balloon party back to their house after the incident.

Lenberg also added that, despite the incident, his passengers still had a fun time.

Last year, Lenberg suffered a heart attack while piloting his passenger-filled balloon at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

Lenberg brought the balloon down from the air and landed it safely and successfully before receiving medical attention.

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## Seeds

Continued from front

tion and care daily for over 50 children 18 months through 5 years of age. One of Seeds' main goals is to maintain a minimum of 51 percent of enrollment for at-risk, low-income families. At this time,

that enrollment is over 75 percent and Seeds has a waiting list of over 30 families.

Beginning June 1, the toddler room will be reconfigured to become a transition preschool classroom for 12 children ages 30 to 42 months old.

Lynne Bridges, executive director, emphasized that members of the current toddler classroom will move up to the transition preschool class.

This change means over 70 children each year will now benefit from the pre-K program at Seeds.

## Thanks

Mary Moore-Miller, Irene Mueller, Carole Nasralla, Brittiany Newsome, Natalie Ortega, Sanya Peterson, Greg Pilgrim, Kristin Ross, Crysten Scarpinato, Lisa Scott, Don Smith, Gwen Taylor, Kristy Thieme, Tonita Vigil, Ericka Vincent, Lyndsey Waite, Gina Winther, Becky Ziminsky and Sister Campbell and Sister Garner from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Several community members donated funds to enable students who cannot afford to buy books to participate in the Book Fair. Thanks to Barbara Harris and family and the high school student council for leading this effort. With the donations, each classroom teacher was able to identify five students to visit the Book Fair and purchase a new book.

The Groovy Family Night was a huge success with over 350 students

and families attending the festivities, which included a homemade pasta dinner, tie-dye crafts, several groovy photo scenes and shopping the Book Fair. Leah Leger, from the Sisson Library, delighted her audiences with reading aloud and making bookmarks. Local dance instructor Amy Fissmer had a packed room teaching dance moves to memorable music.

We'd also like to thank the office secretaries, Jacki Hart-Trujillo and Sanya Peterson, for their assistance outside of their regular duties, to the custodial staff for keeping our school spotless and to the teachers and staff that participated in the Family Night evening.

Justin Cowan, elementary school principal, wrote to the Book Fair and Family Night volunteers, "I want to send a quick note here just to let you know how much I appreciate the

amazing efforts you put into creating the exact kind of atmosphere for our families that I am shooting for. I've told my staff that I want our school to be the 'best 9-month summer camp the kids will ever go to' where the kids don't even realize they are learning, a place where relationships outside the classroom are fostered and where kids get to see staff in a different light. The programs you provide, plan and execute are exactly in line with that and provide our staff that opportunity to connect with kids and families outside the normal role of 'classroom teacher.' Of course, that's only a side benefit of the Family Nights. The true benefit is to the kids themselves and their parents."

Lisa Scott, parent chairman; Aubrie Limebrook, PIE chairman; and Debbie Mackey, school media specialist



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## Book Fair

Thank you to all of the students, teachers, parents, relatives and friends who shopped at the Book Fair.

The Spring Book Fair, "Feelin' Groovy Book Fair — Peace, Love, Books," held at Pagosa Springs Elementary School in March was an outstanding success. Gross sales were \$8,997, which will translate into approximately \$1,100 of profit. Additionally, the school library received \$1,254 worth of new books. In the past few years, we've raised \$43,566, which equates to 8,713 books for our students.

The current project that school fundraisers are supporting is to purchase additional playground equipment, especially items to ensure all ages, interests and learning styles are accommodated.

It would be impossible to put on this two-week event without all of our enthusiastic and gifted volunteers. Huge gratitude goes to 35 parent and adult volunteers who decorated, unpacked and packed boxes, sorted books, staffed the cash register and worked with the PIE Committee to organize family night: Kendra Bridges, Mandi Davis, Becky Deitemeyer, Laura Dimond, Amy Fissmer, Suzy Halterman, Deborah Hainer, Chelsea Hill, Laura Jenkins, Amber Landacre, Kelly Laner, Aubrie Limebrook, Debbie Mackey, Jody Monterroso, Rachel Montoya,

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# Business

## CHAMBER NEWS

### Pagosa Springs to host Southwest Colorado Tourism Summit

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
PREVIEW Columnist

Spit-shine and polish and put on your best smiles to welcome the fifth annual Southwest Colorado Tourism Summit to Pagosa Springs April 13 and 14. Attendees from southwest Colorado and beyond will be attending this popular yearly conference.

Every other year, the conference is held in Durango, but on the alternate year, the conference goes out to bid and Pagosa Springs got the nod to be the 2016 host.

This conference brings businesses and tourism and hospitality leaders together, providing an opportunity for attendees to learn best practices in the industry, exchange ideas and create new partnerships. Those industry professionals that rely on tourism for their bread and butter can take advantage of professional speakers and educators and network with others in the field.

The summit will have two general sessions: "100% Marketing and Advertising," featuring the eight essential best practices of successful tourism marketers, and "Understanding the Adventure Tourist," which will focus on the three attributes of an adventure trip and catering to those individuals seeking adventure travel.

Adventure travel can constitute anything from brewery tours to dude or guest ranches to extreme excitement.

The conference will also bring Cathy Ritter, director of the Colorado Tourism Office, to the stage on Thursday, April 14, as the keynote speaker. Attendees will also be able to participate in numerous and targeted breakout sessions that will be segmented out into Social Media, Marketing Best Practices and Storytelling, Group, International and Adventure Travel, and Hospitality.

If you register by April 5, you can score the early-bird special registration price of \$75. After that, the price is still only \$95. These prices include the general sessions, breakouts, two networking events and lunch. You can view the entire summit agenda and register by going online to [www.swtourismsummit.com](http://www.swtourismsummit.com).

It is important as hosts to this tourism summit that we set the example of true hospitality. Peers in the industry will be shopping in your stores, eating in your restaurants and sleeping in your lodges. Make sure you take the extra effort to put your best tourism foot forward and help the community shine as a whole.

We thank Jennie Green and the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board for working so hard to bring this event to our community.

### Pagosa Pride hanging basket drive

The 2016 floral hanging basket drive is well underway and orders are coming into the Chamber for these beautiful baskets.

Two sizes are available for purchase: 12-inch baskets for \$30 and 16-inch baskets for \$100.

The 12-inch baskets are scheduled to be delivered to the Chamber on Friday, May 27 — just in time to enjoy them over the Memorial Day weekend. The 16-inch baskets will come in sometime the week after Memorial Day.

The flowers are drought-resistant and sun-tolerant, planted in fertilized soil and also come with a little packet of fertilizer. However, remember that you still need to pay attention to your baskets and take them out of windy conditions and water them almost every day for maximum beauty.

Call the Chamber at 264-2360 or send us an email to [info@pagosaprideschamber.com](mailto:info@pagosaprideschamber.com) to order your baskets.

### Job fair

The Chamber is working on a job fair again this year. Whether you are looking for summer help or would like to attract a professional for a permanent position, you should think about attending

the fair either from a business or job-seeking stance.

It is a time for businesses to gather in one place and give people looking for jobs the opportunity to check out the options for employment face to face with the employer. Businesses can market themselves much better face to face in addition to a classified ad.

Management positions, clerical positions, retail positions, hospitality positions, businesses looking to expand — the options are plentiful for those seeking employment.

The Chamber is securing a date and will be announcing it in the next couple of weeks.

If you are an employer or someone looking for help with your business, consider participating in this community-wide event.

### Membership news

We welcome new member Renovate Pagosa and Laura Tierney.

Our renewals this week are Safer Living with Laurie Simi and the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship located at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd. on the back side of the building.

Car Show enthusiasts — Remember that the show is now June 10 and 11, not in May. Go to [www.pagosaprideschamber.com](http://www.pagosaprideschamber.com) to download your registration application now.

### Southwest Colorado Index Transportation report released

By Paige Elliott  
Special to The SUN

Transportation, the fourth report of the 2016 edition of the Southwest Colorado Index, is now available. This report provides an update on the regional transportation system. A balanced transportation system accommodates the safe movement of residents, tourists and goods through the region using an enhanced highway system, public transit, telecommunications, air service and trails.

The index takes a comprehensive look at specific topics in order to measure the overall economic, social and environmental health of the communities in Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties (Region 9).

Previously called the Pathways to Healthier Communities Indicator Report, it was first published by Operation Healthy Communities Inc.

(OHC) in 1996. After OHC produced five editions of the Indicator Report, the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado took over publication in 2008.

Key findings of the report:

- Southwest Colorado sees a higher-than-average number of safety concerns and some of the most costly maintenance challenges in the state for avalanche control, rockfall areas and snow removal.
- The region is projected to receive \$35 million of Region Priority Program funding over the next 10 years to address corridor priorities.
- Wildlife collisions continue to be the leading cause of accidents in the region, followed by rear-end accidents.
- For the majority of transit providers, vehicle miles and the number of trips have generally increased since 2000, however, public transit is

still problematic for many areas of the region.

The number of enplanements has stabilized for the Durango-La Plata County airport and declined at the Cortez Municipal airport.

Telecommunication activity has been added to the report as it is considered a primary mover of goods and services in the region. The number of households with advanced telecommunications capability in the region is lower compared to the number of households served in other rural regions, as well as the entire state.

Bicycle use in the region is a popular and growing activity for both transportation and recreation. Highway shoulders and off-system trails are in high demand to meet cycling and pedestrian needs.

A Web-based format of the report is available at [www.scan.org](http://www.scan.org) and <http://www.swcommunityfoundation.org/Building-Community>.

### Colorado Department of Revenue works to make marijuana information more accessible

By Lynn Granger  
Special to The SUN

After months of work and coordination, the Colorado Department of Revenue, Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED), is pleased to announce that additional information will be accessible to the public through its website.

"The Colorado Department of Revenue is committed to transparency and providing the public with accessible information," Barbara Brohl, executive director of the Colorado Department of Revenue, said. "We are continuously looking for ways to provide as much information as possible, while fulfilling our fiduciary and statutory responsibilities."

The process to make information more accessible, which included database and software development, will occur in two stages.

Stage one, which is complete and available at [www.colorado.gov/MEDLicenseVerification/](http://www.colorado.gov/MEDLicenseVerification/), allows the public to conduct "person" searches and view occupational and owner licenses. State law requires that anyone working within, or owning, a Colorado medical or retail marijuana business must first undergo a background check and meet specific standards based on the level of influence they have in the business.

There are two types of occupational licenses, Support and Key. Support licensees are employees who conduct general frontline op-

erations for a business, while key licensees are employees who have a more influential role in a business such as a manager or master grower. Anyone with any ownership interest in the business undergoes an extensive background investigation based on their personal criminal and financial history and, if approved, receives an Associated Key license.

Stage one of this enhanced search tool allows the public to access the names of individuals holding any of these license types. The public is also able to conduct "facility" searches to view business licenses associated with retail and medical marijuana.

Stage two of the process links the Associated Key licensees (individuals with an ownership interest) to their respective businesses and vice versa.

This will provide the ability for the public to conduct individual Associated Key "person" searches and view all of the businesses in which the specified Associated Key licensee(s) have an ownership interest. The public will also be able to conduct individual "facility" searches and view the Associated Key licensee(s) which have an ownership interest in a specific business license.

The target implementation date for stage two is scheduled for late April 2016.

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**March 24 - Maundy Thursday.** Services 6 p.m. with Communion  
**March 25 - Good Friday.** Services 7 p.m.  
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# Sports

## SOCCER



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The Lady Pirates' Addie Thompson works the ball through Ignacio defenders during Tuesday's game at Golden Peaks Stadium. The Pirates won the game 10-0.

## Strong game by Lady Pirates downs Ignacio

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates hosted Ignacio for a soccer match at Golden Peaks Stadium Tuesday afternoon, March 22.

The visiting Bobcats were game but outgunned. The match ended with the Lady Pirates leading 10-0 when the "mercy rule" was invoked midway through the second half.

The Lady Pirates played throughout the match with a facility for dexterous passing and teamwork previously hinted at this season, but not fully realized, as they worked to include in their scheme young players and others returning from conflicting obligations.

But against the relatively inexperienced Ignacio side, the Pagosa ladies came together as a complete team and consistently executed coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason's short passing game with diligence and skill while tenaciously protecting their own end of the field.

The result was a barrage of shots on the beleaguered Ignacio goalkeeper. The scoring began in the first minute of the game, when Hannah Marnocha banged in a

shot off a skillful corner kick by Olivia Reinhardt. It was soon followed in the third minute, when Alyssa Lewis put home a strong shot from the right wing off a feed from Alanah Gallegos.

The attack continued unabated through the first half, which ended 8-0. Throughout the 40-minute period, Pagosa launched assaults on the Ignacio goal down both flanks of the field, with clever through passes leading attackers into open spaces in the opponent's end. Good scoring opportunities resulted from ensuing runs down the sideline, followed by strong centering passes that found Pagosa teammates in position for dangerous shots.

An example came following a second tally by Marnocha in the ninth minute. In the 15th minute, Hayley Mitchell controlled the ball in the middle of the field and got a pass through to Lewis on the right wing. After working down the field, Lewis skillfully sent the ball back to Mitchell, who scored on a strong shot. The players' fine teamwork elicited shouts of appreciation from the home fans.

The pattern was occasionally

varied, with strong runs by one of the Lady Pirate forwards or midfielders down the center of the field, resulting directly in shots, or accurate passes setting up teammates in prime scoring position.

The second half was mostly more of the same, although at a less frenetic pace as Kurt-Mason took the opportunity to give various players experience in different positions and to provide younger players extended exposure to competition.

Following the game, the coach praised his team's adherence to "the Barcelona game," referring to the short passing scheme popularized by one of international soccer's storied professional franchises.

He explained that he seeks "to instill the idea a goal starts way, way in the back" and is achieved by the team working forward as a unit.

Against Ignacio, the Lady Pirates diligently executed the plan.

Kurt-Mason named Mitchell as the player of the game. The midfielder scored two goals and had an assist and frequently throughout the match won control of the ball in the middle and started plays to

either side or down the center with

effective passes to teammates.

Several others deserved consideration for player of the game, as well, including Marnocha, who scored four goals and posed an impenetrable barrier to Ignacio's efforts to attack, and Alma Sigurdsson, a Swedish exchange student recently added to the team who scored two goals and whose strong ball control contributed greatly to the Lady Pirates dominance of the game.

In addition to the scores already mentioned, a goal was tallied for Pagosa by Reinhardt. Strong play was additionally turned in by Brooke Bowdrige, a stalwart on defense who initiated several good scoring attempts when moved up to forward in the second half, and Addie Thompson.

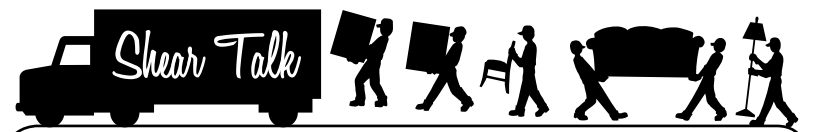
Keeper Diana Scott turned in two saves.

Kurt-Mason also noted strong play was delivered by freshmen Sarah Ross and Morgan Thompson.

The Lady Pirates will play home games later this week against Ridgway at 4 p.m. on Friday, and Telluride at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Kurt-Mason said both will be tough foes.

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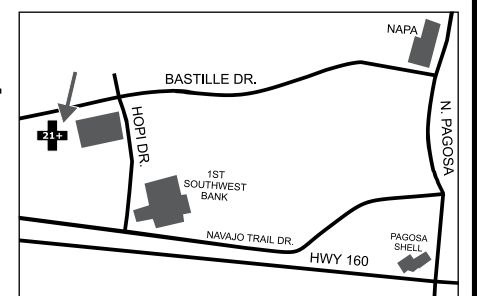
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## BASEBALL



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Pirate junior Isiah Walton belts one of his two home runs in Tuesday afternoon's loss to the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers. Despite Walton's four RBIs, the Pirates fell 21-8 in the game.

## Early season struggles plague baseball team

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The season is off to a challenging start for the members of the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team, with the team's record sitting at 0-5.

Three of the team's losses came over the weekend at the San Juan Slugfest in Utah, with another coming Tuesday afternoon in the team's first home game.

"It's a growing year," coach Robert Henderson noted, explaining that last weekend was the first weekend with all team members on board (the basketball players joined the team late after making the postseason), with the team's lineup expected to solidify after spring break, when league play starts.

The Slugfest, however, provided the team an opportunity to evaluate the players in a game atmosphere and see how they worked together, playing several of the athletes in multiple positions throughout the tournament.

"It was a big learning opportunity," Henderson said, adding, "It was nice to have three games back to back to do that."

At the tournament, which was held in Blanding, Utah, the Pirates first faced the tournament host, took on the San Juan High School Broncos, who hosted the tournament.

The Broncos quickly went to work offensively, scoring nine against the Pirates in the bottom of the first and another handful in the bottom of the second, but were then held scoreless in the third and fourth innings.

"As soon as we settled down, we scored nine runs," Henderson said.

Those nine runs came over three innings — four in the third, two in the fourth and three in the fifth.

Unfortunately, the Broncos added a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth, making for a final score of 16-9.

The Broncos' 16 runs came on 12 hits, while the Pirates scored nine runs (eight earned) on nine hits.

Pagosa's nine hits came from the bats of six Pirates: two each from Zach DeVooght, James Gray (in-

cluding a double) and Jack Harker, and one each from Isiah Walton, Briar Erskine and Keaton Laverty.

Erskine and Gray each logged three RBIs in the game, while Carson Laverty and Keaton Laverty each recorded one.

DeVooght scored three of the Pirates' runs, Keaton Laverty and Harker each scored two, and Erskine and Adolfo Valenzuela each scored one.

Pagosa also recorded five walks. Three different Pirates pitched in the game, with the trio striking out four.

Pagosa erred four times in the game, while the Broncos committed five errors.

Henderson highlighted the play of Harker in the game, stating, "He did well against San Juan."

Henderson said Harker is hitting the ball well, garners a lot of pops-ups when pitching, and can play both the infield and outfield.

"He's kind of been our star lately," the coach said.

Next, the team faced the Dove Creek Bulldogs, but dropped that game 17-1.

Again, the Pirates' opponent scored early in the game, with two runs in each of the first two innings and 13 in the third.

The Bulldogs' 17 runs came on 12 hits, with the Pirates committing three errors. Dove Creek erred once.

The Pirates' sole run came in the first inning, when Keaton Laverty came around to score after walking. It was an unearned run.

Pagosa's three hits came from DeVooght, Erskine and Gray.

A handful of Pirates pitched in the game, collectively allowing 17 runs, six earned, on 12 hits while walking five and striking out six.

In the final game of the tournament, Pagosa took on the Summit Academy Bears, who hale from Bluffdale, Utah, but fell prey to the Bears with a 9-0 final score.

The Bears' nine runs came two in each of the first three innings and three in the fourth inning. The nine runs, six of which were earned, came on 10 hits. Pagosa committed three errors in the game.

The Pirates recorded two hits in the game, from DeVooght and

Miller.

A pair of Pagosa pitchers combined to strike out five in the game.

"We didn't do too bad there," Henderson said of the Summit game, stating the Pirates played more errorless baseball in the game, but had a hard time hitting the ball.

The coach, however, highlighted DeVooght's ability to hit the ball.

Of the tournament as a whole, the coach noted, "It was a good weekend, even though we didn't play well."

On Tuesday afternoon, the team faced wind speeds that hovered in the mid-20s mph for its first home game of the season against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

Again, the Pirates allowed runs early in the game, with the Panthers scoring five in the first, four in the second and six in the third. The Panthers added another six runs in the sixth inning.

The Pirates were able to put up eight runs in the game, including four RBIs and two runs scored by Walton, who went deep twice in the game.

In addition to Walton's two home runs, five other Pirates recorded hits in the game: DeVooght had three, Erskine and Keaton Laverty had two each, and Shane Miller and Harker each had one.

Keaton Laverty recorded two RBIs, DeVooght scored twice and Miller, Tanner Evans, Harker and Mathew Breman each scored once.

A trio of Pirate pitchers combined to allow 21 runs, 17 earned, on 17 hits and four walks, while striking out one. The team committed 11 errors in the game, while the Panthers erred three times.

Henderson said the team may have faced some jitters playing at home for the first time, especially with younger players continuing to make appearances on the varsity roster.

The trend of seeing the team's younger players appearing on the varsity roster should continue later this week, Henderson indicated, as the team takes on the Sargent Farmers in a home doubleheader Saturday, with games scheduled for 3 and 5 p.m.

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## TRACK

## Pirates compete in first meet of the season

By Leah Ballard  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirates competed at their first meet of the season on Saturday at the Farmington Invitational in Farmington, N.M.

Coach Connie O'Donnell stated, "The meet was a good one for our first competition of the year." She said the athletes "need to get more competition under their belt," as most of the teams they competed against had already attended two meets this season.

The team only competed with nine girls on Saturday because two girls, Madi Lewis and Taylor Lee-Hammer, were playing in an all-state basketball game. Too, some athletes didn't compete because they were ill.

O'Donnell stated, "We only ran one girl's relay because we just didn't have the numbers to fill relay teams this weekend," adding,

"Hopefully that will change and we can get competitive in relays."

In solo competition, Keena Murphy won in the discus with a throw of 114 feet, beating her best distance last year of 110 feet 8 inches. Murphy also placed third in the shot put with a throw of 32-4 1/2, besting her highest mark last year, which was a 29-9 3/4.

"It's nice to see her coming out even stronger than last year," said O'Donnell.

Megan Farrah placed fourth in the long jump with a distance of 15 feet, and Kori Mogensen placed seventh in the event with a distance of 14-7 1/4, according to O'Donnell.

And in the high jump, Nicole Jurcak tied for seventh place by clearing 4-8.

The boys' team found some success on the track, with Jacob Hughes placing first in the 2-mile run with a time of 10 minutes 42.49 seconds.

The coach stated, "It was a very impressive win since all of those New Mexico and Arizona kids are known for distance running. I was really proud of him for running a smart race and for competing hard."

Cade Cowan also placed, taking seventh in the 400 with a time of 55.88 and third in the long jump with a mark of 19-4 1/2.

About Cowan, O'Donnell said, "It's not often that a freshman places at big invitationals like that."

She said she expects Cowan to continue to see success all season as long as he keeps working hard.

Overall, O'Donnell felt the team's first competition was a success, stating, "so many of our athletes bettered their times and distances from last year, even if they didn't place."

The track team is now looking ahead to the Cortez Meet on March 25, with action scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

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## RECREATION NEWS

## Soccer teams should register now for May play

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 Ross Aragon 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.

### Open basketball

The Community Center will be open Saturday, March 26, for open basketball.

### 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.townofpagosaparks.com](http://www.townofpagosaparks.com).

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

## BASKETBALL



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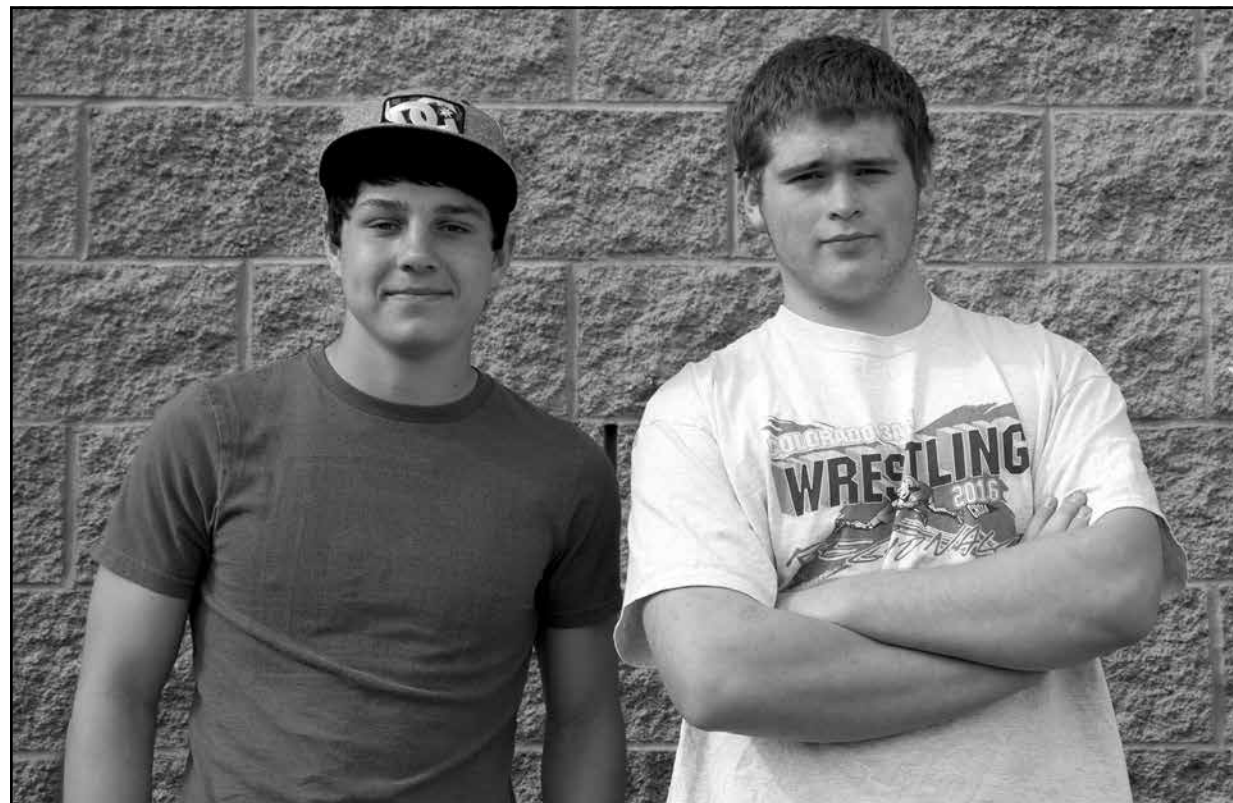
With a successful season behind them, several members of the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team garnered postseason honors recently. From left: Isiah Griego (all-conference first team), Briar Erskine (all-conference first team, elected to play in the all-state game), Craig Tamburelli (all-conference honorable mention) and Ty Kimsey (all-conference honorable mention).



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Following their 26-1 season, several members of the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team garnered postseason honors recently. From left: Taylor Lee-Hammer (Intermountain League Player of the Year, all-conference first team, Colorado Coaches of Girls Sports all-state team), Megan Farrah (all-conference honorable mention), Morgan Lewis (all-conference first team), Mariah Snarr (all-conference honorable mention) and Madi Lewis (all-conference first team, Colorado Coaches of Girls Sports all-state team).

## WRESTLING



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

With the 2015-2016 winter sports in the book for Pagosa Springs High School, a pair of Pirate wrestlers garnered postseason honors, with Dalton Lucero being named all-conference first team and Jaden Hinger being named all-conference honorable mention.

# Easter activities planned for Wolf Creek Ski Area

Special to The SUN

Another race in Wolf Creek Ski Area's Fun Race Series was held Sunday, March 20.

The fastest time of the day went to Ian Roth, of Pagosa Springs, with a time of 28.74 seconds.

Following are the locals who placed in the race.

Milo Deitemeyer placed second in the Boys' 6-8 with a time of 36.51 and Ryan Rich placed third with a time of 47.17.

In the Boys' 18-20, Ian Roth placed first with a time of 28.74.

In the Men's 36-40, Jesse Miller placed third with a time of 33.37.

In the Men's 41-50, Jim Roth placed first with a time of 34.39.

In the Men's 51-60, Mike Rich placed second with a time of 38.20.

In the Men's 61-70, Greg Heid placed second with a time of 35.36.

In the Men's 71-plus, Klaus Neubert placed first with a time of 34.12 and Bryant Lemon placed second with a time of 37.63.

In the Girls' 3-5, Veda Deitemeyer placed first with a time of 45.22.

In the Women's 41-50, Becky Deitemeyer placed second with a time of 38.56.

In the Women's 51-60, Lindsay Von Lemmon placed first with a time of 35.03.

In the Women's 61-70, Vicky Heid placed first with a time of 42.93.

The race series continues with an Easter Day Race scheduled for



Photo courtesy Allison Guimond/Wolf Creek Ski Area

**Wolf Creek Ski area's Local Appreciation Day, Easter Day Fun Race and an Easter Egg hunt are scheduled for Sunday, March 27. Hop on over this weekend to visit with the Easter Bunny.**

this weekend on Sunday, March 27. The race is free and open to skiers and snowboarders of all ages and ability levels.

Other events this weekend in-

clude College Day and a telemark clinic on Saturday, March 26.

Local Appreciation Day, the Easter Day Race and an Easter Egg Hunt are scheduled for Sunday,

March 27. Hop on over this weekend to visit with the Easter Bunny. Information for this and other events can be found at [wolfcreekski.com](http://wolfcreekski.com).



Photo courtesy Sanya Peterson

**Pagosa Springs Elementary School's Golden Apple Award winners for the third quarter are fourth-grade teacher Mathew Wolford and librarian Debbie Mackey. School staff members have the opportunity to nominate another staff member for this honor if they see them "doing whatever it takes" in the school.**

## 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 traditional, 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.

## Card of Thanks

### Our Savior Lutheran School

Thank you from children at Our Savior Lutheran School.

Thank you so much to all of those who worked so hard to make our annual fundraiser a success. A special thank you to all of those who donated to our silent auction: The High Rollers, parents of all students, Toni Haines, Cindy Snarr, Citizens Bank, Goodman's, Bank of Colorado, The Springs Resort and Spa, Spaaaah Shop, Richard DeClark Construction, Barbara and Amanda King, Lori Unger, Home Again, Mountain Spirits, Refurnish in Pagosa, Where the Buffalo Roam, Urban Market, Tractor Supply, Dr. Leo Miller, OK Nails, Papa Murphys, Footprints, Strater Hotel,

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Also, thank you to those who donated to the Mary Jo Janowsky Scholarship. A great time was had by all and we can't wait to see you again next year.



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# Education

## After-school tutoring thriving at middle school

By Lynn Rose  
Special to The SUN

The after-school tutoring program at Pagosa Springs Middle School has been active and well-attended since the start of the school year, but there has been a boom in attendance recently.

Chris Couch, who serves as the coordinator of the program, observed that, as a result of the parent-teacher conferences in late February and the first couple of days of March, even more eligible students are taking advantage of the tutoring services.

While 15 to 20 students on average are in attendance during most of the school year, 20 to 25 students have been participating more recently in any given session. Scott Condrey, Tanya Garcia and Andrea

McGinn, along with Couch, coach students in academic areas that need attention. Monday through Thursday, followed by a snack, students spend an hour working on their skills, resulting in measurable improvements: McGinn estimates that 75 percent of the students have advanced an entire academic level since the beginning of the school year.

The Archuleta County Education Center (ACEC), with the support of its community donors, funds 100 percent of this tutoring program, which is offered by teacher referral.

For more information about this program or about the ACEC, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259, email lynnrose323bc@gmail.com or view the ACEC website at www.theACEC.com.



Photo courtesy Lynn Rose

Tanya Garcia goes over the results of a timed math exercise with Martin Coba, Daniel Carolus and Arianna Stewart during the Archuleta County Education Center's after-school tutoring program at Pagosa Springs Middle School.

## PSHS student wins trip to Washington, D.C.

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Springs High School student Adeline Thompson has been selected to represent La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) as part of the National Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., scheduled for June 9-16.

"This trip is a tremendous opportunity for our area juniors," said Mike Dreyssing, LPEA CEO. "Our communities, as well as the country and the world are facing many challenges in the energy arena, and the industry is changing, so it's important that our next generation gain an understanding about energy policy development at the federal level. We are pleased to be able to further that education."

Students completed an application and penned a 500-word essay covering an aspect of the electric industry of their choosing. Excerpts of the winning students' essays are included below.

LPEA's student representatives will join juniors from the coopera-



Adeline Thompson

tive's sister electric co-ops across Colorado for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. The schedule includes an intimate look at the nation's capitol and the government from the inside, including discussion of current concerns with national and state congressional representatives. Tours of Washington, D.C.'s, monuments and museums, plus social activities, are also part of the agenda.

The importance of marketing and public relations was discussed by Thompson: "We live in a world where innovation is never lacking. This makes access to the public crucial. As technology evolves, companies must also be able to change. A company with a solid business plan will be able to apply it to any new innovation. Through good marketing, the electrical industry will be able to be successful and relevant for generations to come."

The opportunity to participate in the D.C. Youth Tour is open to all current high school juniors, including home-schooled students, who receive their electric power from La Plata Electric Association. LPEA annually underwrites the cost of the trip for up to four students within its service territory — one from each school district.

Applications for the 2017 Washington, D.C., Youth Tour will be available in November 2016 at LPEA's offices in Durango and Pagosa Springs, through area high school counselors or on the Web at www.lpea.coop.

## Pagosa Springs Elementary School named one of the healthiest schools in Colorado

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Pagosa Springs Elementary School is proud to announce that it is a 2016 Healthy School Champion, having been awarded the \$500 Excellence Award for its school health efforts.

As one of 43 schools named as a 2016 Healthy School Champion, the school's work was honored at the 2016 Colorado Healthy Schools Summit: The Power of Collective Impact, presented by The Colorado Education Initiative (CEI) and the Colorado Healthy Schools Collective Impact, and sponsored by The Colorado Health Foundation, on Friday, March 4, in Denver.

"Our kids are deserving of our best efforts to provide programming that meets the needs of the Whole Child Concept outlined in our District's Strategic Framework. This award is a recognition of meeting their physical and social/emotional needs. Our efforts to maintain and expand health and fitness programs in a time of state budget cuts is a testament to the care our staff takes in their approach to education," said Principal Justin Cowan.

Cowan continued, "Our after

school Catch! Program, funded by a \$182,000 grant, our cutting edge Physical Education programs that Coach Kurt-Mason and Coach Zeigler offer, and our Health and Wellness programs offered by Counselor Schenk and Ms. Greenly are incredibly effective. I'm so proud of them.

"The whole staff contributes in one way or another. Our core teachers offer an Advisory period to support the kids, our Kindergarten staff meets the needs of the kids and track their progress on several domains surrounding the Whole Child Concept. Our aides provide much needed fitness activities. And our Arts team, Ms. Tessie and Ms. Hartley engage our kids in ways that support emotional and creative growth in kids.

"We are also able to offer three dinners encouraging healthy eating this year. Our AP Laura Mijares heads that up and our Title Team, Special Education Team and ELL Team jumps in to pull it off. You might say our approach is one in which we all support. It's pretty incredible when I think about all that is going on. I'm just proud to be a part of it all."

The annual celebration recognized schools that create and sup-

port a healthy school environment and also successfully implement effective school health efforts that support student learning.

"At CEI, we have seen how impactful school health efforts can be on student success and this annual celebration allows us to recognize and celebrate schools that are succeeding at this important work," said CEI President and CEO Glenna Norvelle. "These schools have successfully demonstrated the critical link between student health and academic achievement."

Schools were awarded based on their implementation of best practices in school health through an assessment tool called Smart Source, a narrative outlining their work and letters of support.

"For the winning schools, health and wellness is embedded into the culture and systems. It's about having an intentional investment to meet the needs of their students and staff in order to achieve academically," said CEI Health and Wellness Director Amy Dyett.

The program has granted more than \$250,000 in awards over the past six years in the range of \$300 to \$7,500 per school.

## Pagosa Rotary offers youth leadership scholarships

By Roberta Tolan  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is seeking nominations for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Scholarships.

RYLA is a program that provides professional leadership training for high school sophomores and juniors. The four-day leadership retreat will be held June 10-13 in Glenwood Springs.

The RYLA retreat weekend pro-

vides a series of professionally developed presentations and activities that takes participants through a process of assessing their personal leadership characteristics and understanding the ethics of leadership and setting personal goals.

Community members may nominate students whom they feel are showing early signs of leadership or leadership potential in the community. Information and nomination forms can be found

on website www.RYLA5470.org or by contacting the local Rotary Club before April 1. Students will be interviewed by the club and scholarship recipients selected in April.

The local scholarships are sponsored by the Pagosa Rotary Club. Scholarships cover the cost of the training weekend for scholarship recipients.

For more information, contact Codie Wilson, Noon Rotary RYLA co-chair, at 903-7192 or Roberta Tolan at 731-0419.

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## Civil engineering scholarships available

By Angie Boyer  
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# Outdoors

## GECKO scholarship recipients recognized

By Stewart Bellina  
Special to The SUN

The local nonprofit GECKO (Giving Every Child Knowledge of the Outdoors) held its annual scholarship dinner on Wednesday night. The event recognizes students receiving scholarships to attend leadership and character challenge courses taught by nationally renowned organizations.

The courses last three weeks to one month and take place in wilderness areas around the world. Attendees at the dinner included GECKO supporters and volunteers, five local high school students receiving scholarships and parents of the students.

GECKO founder Morgan Murri opened the dinner by saying, "We couldn't be more excited to watch you guys take these opportunities and make the most of each moment you have on your trips."

This year is a special year for GECKO, as it will send students not only to courses with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), as it has in the past, but also to courses through the nonprofit Outward Bound (OB).

Recipients Addie Thompson, Gus Palma and Teal Bowden are all looking forward to the opportunity to become the first attendees through the partnership with the distinguished OB organization.

Said Thompson about her upcoming rock climbing in the Rockies expedition, "It's an amazing opportunity to get to know the world we live in, which so many people take for granted."



Photo courtesy Stewart Bellina  
GECKO (Giving Every Child Knowledge of the Outdoors) founder Morgan Murri and GECKO supporter Mark Weiler pose with the 2016 class of GECKO scholarship recipients. Pictured, from left to right in front, are Sydney Mogensen, Demi Pastin, Addie Thompson and Gus Palma; in the back is Teal Bowden.

Palma echoed her enthusiasm and said that his goal for his trip into the Canyonlands of Utah is to learn to "successfully lead a group of people in a time of struggle."

As the third OB attendee, Bowden heads into the Rockies for a three-week course in high alpine backpacking this summer, "107 days from now, to be exact," the excited Bowden stated as she pointed to her trip countdown clock on her phone. When asked about her comfort level with such an intimidating course, she replied, "I enjoy new and possibly scary opportunities, because I like challenging things."

Indeed, each of these local students will be tested heavily in both physical and emotional endurance.

Upon his or her return, each GECKO scholarship recipient is required to volunteer for GECKO and help spread the word about the available scholarships, a requirement NOLS student Sydney Mogensen looks forward to.

"I want to make it known to all kids that going on a trip like this is a definite possibility," Mogensen stated at the dinner. She will attend a sea kayaking expedition on the Alaskan coastline this summer. Once students accept scholarships, they

continue to work closely with the GECKO team throughout a calendar year at the local endurance racing events, which raise money to fund the scholarships for next year's class.

Recipient Demi Pastin said, "Everyone I've met so far on the GECKO team has been extremely helpful and supportive throughout the process."

Pastin will need that support as she works to raise money to offset her travel costs, as she selected an Australian sea-kayaking expedition. Pastin recognized the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity provided to her and couldn't let the extra travel costs get in the way of a trip around the world. She is currently launching a GoFundMe website to help raise the necessary money.

In a year marketed by GECKO as "Going Back to Our Roots," the nonprofit looks to trim away some of its more recently created events and focus on staying local with the popular following events: XTERRA Turkey Track Trail Run, June 4; Devil Mountain Ultra, Aug. 20; Mountain Chile Cha Cha Festival, Oct. 1; and the Star Spangled Shuffle, July 4.

GECKO encourages all community members to come out and meet the scholarship recipients at each of these races as they work to "pay it forward" to next year's class.

More information on these events and volunteer opportunities can be found at [www.joingecko.org](http://www.joingecko.org).

## Carrying forward lessons in water management

By John Porter  
Special to The SUN

Created in 1941 by the Colorado General Assembly, the Southwest River Water Conservation District (SWCD) encompasses Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan, San Miguel, and parts of Hinsdale, Mineral and Montrose counties.

As board president of the SWCD, I would like to share some lessons learned in the past 75 years, ones we'll carry through the next 75.

Lesson No. 1: Adaptability is a necessity.

Times have changed since 1941. Colorado statute charges the district with "protecting, conserving, using and developing the water resources of the southwestern basin for the welfare of the district, and safeguarding for Colorado all waters of the basin to which the state is entitled."

Following this mandate, the district worked tirelessly for decades to ensure water supplies would meet growing demand by filing for storage project water rights in almost every major river basin. SWCD lobbied for federal dollars to be spent on project construction in our area. The philosophy was, and continues to be, to plant the seed and help it grow.

This work resulted in the establishment of the Florida Water Conservancy District and Lemon Reservoir; the Pine River Project extension; the Dolores Water Conservancy District and McPhee Reservoir; the Animas La Plata Water Conservancy District, Ridges Basin Reservoir, and Long Hollow Reservoir; and the San Juan Water Conservancy District and proposed Dry Gulch Reservoir.

As population pressure threatens to dry up agriculture, and regulations and constituent values have expanded to include environmental protections and recreational use, the district's mission has adapted necessarily. When the ALP Project debate was underway, for example, SWCD was integral in the formation of the San Juan Recovery Program, established to recover endangered fish species populations in the San Juan River in New Mexico downstream of the proposed reservoir. SWCD currently funds a variety of essential work, including stream flow data collection and mercury sampling in local reservoirs. To address mounting concerns regarding future compact

curtailment and drought, SWCD supports water supply augmentation through winter cloud seeding and exploring creative solutions like "water banking."

Lesson No. 2: Be at the table. Participation at the local, state and federal levels is essential to protecting our resources. That's why the district is a member of the Colorado Water Congress, a state entity focused on water policy.

The district takes positions and engages in debate on water-related bills during the state legislative season. We keep a close eye on federal water management policies, often submitting public comments and working with federal and state partners to ensure continued state control of water rights. The district is supportive of the Colorado Water Conservation Board's instream flow program to establish minimum stream flows for the environment, and is working to improve the program's ability to adapt to rural community needs for future development. As for the broader Colorado River system, SWCD participates in dialogue among Upper Basin states through the Upper Colorado River Commission.

At the local level, the district has represented water development interests in the collaborative River Protection Workgroup, which resulted in the Hermosa Creek Watershed Act. SWCD worked with other roundtable members to ensure our corner of the state was heard in the Colorado Water Plan.

Lesson No. 3: Reinvest local tax dollars locally.

It's a not-so-well-kept secret that SWCD's grant program supports water work across the district: domestic supply and irrigation infrastructure improvements, recreational development, habitat rehabilitation, collaborative community processes and water-quality studies. Here are a few recent examples:

- Archuleta, Mineral and Hinsdale counties: Rio Blanco habitat

restoration by the San Juan Conservation District, watershed health via the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership;

- La Plata County: initial studies for Long Hollow Reservoir, the La Plata West Water Authority's rural domestic water system;

- San Juan County: Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies dust-on-snow research, mining reclamation through the Animas River Stakeholders Group;

- Montezuma and Dolores counties: the Dolores River Dialogue (a collaboration focused on issues below McPhee Dam), irrigation efficiency improvements by the High Desert Conservation District; and

- San Miguel and Montrose counties: the San Miguel Watershed Coalition's watershed studies and irrigation diversion improvements to allow fish and boater passage, domestic system upgrades for the town of Norwood.

Lesson No. 4: Educate the next generation of water leaders.

For more than 20 years, the district has spearheaded regional water education by sponsoring an Annual Children's Water Festival for students across the basin and administering the Water Information Program with contributions from participating entities. SWCD played an instrumental role in creating the statewide Colorado Foundation for Water Education, and continues to sponsor the organization. As generations of water leaders step back, new stewards must step forward to ensure that the southwest Colorado we know and love continues.

For these lessons and more in water management, join us at the upcoming Annual Water Seminar on Friday, April 1, at 8:30 a.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel in Durango. Register in advance (\$35) online by phone (247-1302) or at the door (\$40). For more information, visit <http://swcd.org/programs/annual-water-seminar>.

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JOHN M RITCHEY REVOCABLE TRUST,

**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 935 E. Second Ave., #240 Durango, CO 81301 Tele: (970) 385-0600 [trj@mydurango.net](mailto:trj@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 service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day 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 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. 94887.  
Dated: February 17, 2016.  
Published in The Pagosa Sun.  
First Publication: February 25, 2016.  
Last Publication: March 24, 2016.

/s/Tracy J. Cross  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Published February 25, March 3, 10, 17 and 24, 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,

**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](mailto: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 de-

manded 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  
**MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC**  
Plaintiff,

**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  
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Email: [vanwinkledb@gmail.com](mailto:vanwinkledb@gmail.com)  
Atty. Reg. #: 41195  
Case Number: 15CV030217

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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. 177633 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,

**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

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/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 Debt of Trust: On December 31, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Debt 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 covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**LOT 16, BLOCK 7, ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION No. 1 AMENDED, 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 attorneys' 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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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: ©Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 12/015  
Stinson Leonard Street LLP 5613 DTC Parkway, Suite 970, Greenwood Village, CO 80111 (303) 376-8411  
Attorney File # Pagosa Springs / Robert J Ralis  
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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**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, County crews start to prepare the road by applying an amount of water, motorgraders then begin to cut the surface of the road making a windrow of gravel, the windrow of gravel is then spread back across the road surface (5 to 8 loads of water will be used during this process depending on the amount of moisture in the road and the quality of the gravel). At this point the roadways is ready to receive the application of Mag. With the anticipated amount of Mag to be applied this year, it would 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 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. I 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 18, 2016.**  
Published March 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners are accepting Grant Request Forms from nonprofit organizations. Please go to <http://www.archuletacounty.org/index.aspx?NID=53> to download the application. Please note that all applications are due no later than the end of business April 1, 2016.  
Published March 17 and 24, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
P.O. Box 11470, Fort Smith, AR 72917  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
**MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**BART MCNEIL, REGINA L. MCNEIL** 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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Atty. Reg. #: 41195  
Case Number: 15CV030243

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/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle  
D. Brett Van Winkle  
Published March 17, 24, 31, April 7 and 14, 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.  
**LOUIS ROQUE, ELFRIEDA M. ROQUE** and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,  
Defendants.  
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):  
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Case Number: 16CV030002

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Interests and rights as described in the Deed of Trust.

The word "Rents" means all present and future rents, revenues, income, issues, royalties, profits, and other benefits derived from the Property. Also known by street and number as: 2839 Cornerstone 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 attorneys' 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  
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**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.**  
**Colorado Attorney General**  
**1300 Broadway, 10th Floor**  
**Denver, Colorado 80203**  
**(800) 222-4444**  
**www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov**  
**Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**  
**P.O. Box 4503**  
**Iowa City, Iowa 52244**  
**(855) 411-2372**  
**www.consumerfinance.gov**  
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: ©Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 12/015  
Stinson Leonard Street LLP 5613 DTC Parkway, Suite 970, Greenwood Village, CO 80111 (303) 376-8411  
Attorney File # Pagosa Springs / Robert J Ralis  
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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**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the Same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons Having Interest in Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
**DANIEL J FITZPATRICK**  
34237 HWY 50# 14  
DURANGO, CO 81301  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to  
**BONNIE MASTERS** the following described real estate situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOTS 55 AND 56, IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77066.**  
Account Number: R004343  
Schedule Number: 568525105016  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2012-02540  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to **BONNIE MASTERS** That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2011 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of **DANIEL J FITZPATRICK** for said year 2011.  
That said **BONNIE MASTERS** on the , present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to **BONNIE MASTERS** On the 27th day of July 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
Witness my hand this 25th day of February 2016  
/s/ Betty A. Diller  
Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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David J Myrick Jr.  
P O Box 691425  
San Antonio, TX 78269  
AND  
P O BOX 1087  
HEWITT, TX 76643  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to  
John M Ritchey Revoc Trust  
the following described real estate situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**A tract of land being in and comprising of a portion of the SW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 34 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., Archuleta County, Colorado, and being more particularly described as follows:**  
**BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of the herein described tract of land, said corner also being the Southwest corner of Section 28;**  
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# Bivens, McKain receive state emergency management awards

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

Two area residents received awards for their contributions to the community during the Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA) conference on March 7.

Les Bivens, chairman for Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (USJSAR), received the Mike Gelski Award for Outstanding Volunteer Achievement for the year of 2015.

Thad McKain, director of emergency management, received the 2015 Emergency Manager of the Year for the southwest all-hazards region.

McKain began his career in emergency services in 2003, when he joined the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) as a volunteer.

In 2012, he became a full-time firefighter for the PFPD.

In 2013, he joined the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) as the director of emergency operations, and has been managing the county's emergencies since.

Bivens has been the USJSAR board president, chairman and leader for the past two years, though his experience in search and rescue goes back much farther than that.

In an interview, Bivens explained that originally he was riding horses and packing into the mountains a lot, and a member of search and rescue told him he should join.

"I joined the Mounted Search and Rescue in 2003," he explained. "But after being in that for a while, I decided I wanted to learn more and do more with my background and enjoyment of the outdoors."

Bivens said he went on to join USJSAR in 2006 and also added that, three years ago, the Mounted Search and Rescue and USJSAR merged and joined forces.

When asked if there was one particular mission that had stuck with him, Bivens did not miss a beat in recalling one profound experience.

"We got called to a man who had flipped his ATV as he was going up

a hill. He fell back 10 feet and the ATV landed on him. He was very severely injured," explained Bivens. "We were able to get to him, stabilize him and get him to a helicopter for an evacuation that absolutely saved his life. There is no doubt that he would have died if we had not done that."

"Knowing that you saved the guy's life is a pretty amazing thing that makes all of this very worthwhile, and makes getting an award not very important. The real reward of search and rescue is being able to go help those people that really need it," he said.

Besides the rewarding self-satisfaction of knowing that he's saved a person's life, Bivens admitted that he also really enjoys technical rope missions and rescues.

"I really enjoy how technical it is," said Bivens. "It really requires a lot of training and a lot of thought about what you're doing, because it is highly dangerous. But to get it and do it right and use that training in the backcountry is really a fun thing to do."

Bivens admitted that search and rescue work often comes with a huge adrenaline rush and explained that many of the members on USJSAR really enjoy the rush.

Bivens also admitted that he enjoyed the practicality of medical training.

"There are several people who deserve some credit for where search and rescue is today," added Bivens. "Sheriff (Rich) Valdez, Thad McKain and Christina (Kraetsch) have been so supportive of this group that it's amazing."

Bivens also commended the USJSAR team, commenting that there are some team members who will often drop what they are doing to go out on a call, especially if their skill set is really needed.

"The other person I really want to mention by name is Terry Baker," said Bivens. "Terry's been in search and rescue here for 20 years. He shows up all the time and has been an absolute great mentor to many people, particularly for ropes work. Terry deserves some credit for where search and rescue is now because he has been with it basi-

cally since it started."

In an interview, Archuleta County Deputy Director of Emergency Management Christina Kraetsch said Bivens was "very dedicated as a volunteer."

Kraetsch explained that she looks up to Bivens a lot and added, "He's like a family member to me."

She went on to explain that she, and the USJSAR team, was disappointed that Bivens had stepped down because he will be moving to Oregon later this year.

However, Bivens will continue to serve on the USJSAR team until he leaves.

"He's still active, and he's still the most dedicated," explained Kraetsch. "He's the one who shows up on every call, and he helps out with the grants and training. He's definitely made the program what it is today."

In an email to SUN staff, Kraetsch reiterated how much she looked up to Bivens and wrote that it was an honor to work with him.

"In this field of work we have many successful rescues but sometimes the outcome is not



Photo courtesy Trevor Denny

Archuleta County Director of Emergency Management Thad McKain (left) received the 2015 Emergency Manager of the Year for the southwest all-hazards region at the Colorado Emergency Management Association conference on March 7.

favorable and that's when having a strong team is necessary," Kraetsch wrote. "I feel after working closely with certain people for a long pe-

riod of time they become family and that is why Les will be missed dearly."

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Photo courtesy Trevor Denny

Les Bivens (left), chairman for Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (USJSAR), is awarded the Mike Gelski Award for Outstanding Volunteer Achievement for the year 2015 at the Colorado Emergency Management Association conference on March 7.

## Search and rescue mission in Piedra Valley successful

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

On Saturday evening, March 19, a search and rescue operation began in the Piedra Valley area.

According to Mike Le Roux, deputy of Archuleta County Emergency Operations, emergency management received notification of two hikers being overdue in the Piedra Valley area around 8:20 p.m.

Members of the Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (USJSAR) and members of the Archuleta County Emergency Operations team responded to the notification, arriving to the Piedra River trailhead at around 9 p.m., Le Roux reported.

Two ground teams were sent out, with the hikers, described as being in their late 20s, being located at 1:20 a.m. on Sunday morning.

The two hikers were escorted out, arriving at the trailhead at 2:45 a.m., Le Roux explained, adding that, although a helicopter had assisted with the search, there was no medical issue.

Originally, the hikers had planned to hike through the Piedra River trail to the First Fork trailhead, a

trailhead that connects to the Piedra River trail by about 11 miles, but chose to turn around during the voyage.

Le Roux also had stated that the hikers embarked on their hike a lot later than was ideal, and that they were probably not as prepared as they should have been.

"I know that area very well, and it can get pretty technical," Le Roux explained, adding that, on a nice day during summer, the hike can average five hours to complete.

He added that it was fortunate that the hikers turned around, as Forest Service Road 628 (County Road 166) leading to the First Fork trailhead was closed.

Had the hikers completed their hike to the First Fork trailhead, they would have still faced an additional 12-mile walk down the road.

Le Roux stressed importance of checking the status of Forest Service roads before embarking on adventures or establishing pick-up locations.

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## ARTS & LIFE

# 'Legally Blonde: The Musical'

March 29 - April 2 • 7 p.m. • Pagosa Springs High School auditorium



Photo courtesy James Kiker

# 'Legally Blonde' set to hit the PSHS stage Tuesday

By Sally Neel  
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Springs High School will present the hilarious musical "Legally Blonde" (rated PG-13) at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium March 29 through April 2.

Picture Malibu Barbie at Harvard Law School and you will have the unlikely scenario of this delightful musical production.

The musical, based on the novel by Amanda Brown and 2001 movie of the same name, brings the added bonus of lively music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and play adaptation by Heather Hach.

The PSHS production, directed by Dale Johnson and with music direction by Dan Burch, features over 30 musical numbers and a talented cast with Taylor Jones playing the leading role of Elle, Blake Irons playing her former boyfriend, Warner, and Gus Palma playing the role of her newfound Harvard friend, Emmett. A superb supporting cast joins them to offer an evening of great singing, dancing and hilarity.

Ryan Hazelbaker from Thingamajig Theatre Company has assisted with choreographing and teaching dance numbers, while Venita Burch and Sally Neel have acted as vocal coaches. The orchestra pit will be

filled with the talents of local musicians who will add their wonderful skills to accompany the delightful music on stage.

The storyline follows Elle Woods, a blonde sorority girl at UCLA, as she tries to win back her ex-boyfriend by enrolling at Harvard Law School. Although no one has faith in her efforts, Elle discovers how her new knowledge of the law can help others, as she defies expectations and remains true to herself.

After 16 years of bringing excellent musical productions to the Pagosa Springs High School stage, director Dale Johnson is retiring. Though she plans to continue as production director of Curtains Up Pagosa, this will be her final high school musical.

Many of her former students can testify to the impact this amazing lady has had on their lives, a number of whom have gone on to make the stage their career. Among the productions she has directed at PSHS are "Peter Pan," "Beauty and the Beast," "The Wiz," "Grease," "Hairspray," "Les Miserables," "West Side Story" and many more. She will certainly be missed by those students whose lives she has touched.

"Legally Blonde" will certainly end this phase of her directing career on a high note.

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Photo courtesy James Kiker  
**Gus Palma is set to play Emmett and Taylor Jones is set to star as Elle in Pagosa Springs High School's "Legally Blonde: The Musical." The production opens Tuesday, March 29, at 7 p.m.**

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 "I think the students have particularly enjoyed working on this musical," said Johnson. "It addresses a number of issues students must face, such as learning to be confident in their own skills and talents, pursuing their dreams, learning to accept those who are different, and learning to look beyond the surface to discover who people truly are."  
 Of course, all of these lessons are learned in a fun and lighthearted way as Elle finds out that her value does not depend on being the wife of a an up-and-coming lawyer, and

that her own intelligence, instincts and determination are sufficient for success.  
 "Our actors have been amazing in their work on the stage, our technicians are the best, our costumer Doris Leitch has shared her gifts with us and our musicians are outstanding," said Johnson. "We appreciate the community's support of the performing arts in our schools, and thank Curtains Up Pagosa for being the primary mentoring and support system for our program."  
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# Attitude in the Greek henhouse

It may be the price of eggs or having young pullets around, but Professor Louie announced that egg-layers were coming from the Cackle Hatchery and Mabel and Sophie needed to move over and make room for them.

You can imagine. The girls were not happy and they showed some bad bottom attitude. Mabel and Sophie had been with the professor from the beginning. With two years of learning the Koine Greek language, they had completed a two-year course with the professor. They pecked at Greek books and bought every Greek commentary on the market to improve their minds.

The old hens with attitude thought they deserved a little respect. The girls might just go on an egg-laying strike. They might even start molting and lose their feathers. Either way, it's not going to be a pretty sight. They might be naked, but not afraid.

The girls told the professor, "We've hauled our black bags in and out every Monday afternoon. We've been faithful to sit on hard nests and do our homework every week. We've even squeezed out a big Greek egg or two. Mabel even made charts for the class and Sophie was typing Greek devotions during her time of penning her memoirs."

"Haven't I protected you from the fox? I've worn my gun and I've given you a safety protection course. I taught you how to throw up your nests and hide behind them if the fox comes into the henhouse."

Two years before, there were

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



seven new chicks in the henhouse. They didn't leave because of the fox. They just couldn't take the Greek language. They said it was too hard and squawked about the homework. The professor even changed the time to accommodate a couple of them. But no, they didn't have that chicken pride for higher learning that Mabel and Sophie had. They fled the coop as soon as the door was open.

Sophie reminded him of the chicken-liver attitude of those students who wouldn't buckle down and stretch their ability, now he wanted to try it again with some new chicks.

Mabel knitted on her dishcloth and whispered to Sophie, "We like it the way it is."

"I know; we had the professor to ourselves, now we've got to share him. I don't like it either."

Mabel and Sophie suspected that the chicks came from eFowl.com and the professor wanted to get some Easter egger chickens before Easter. He was getting new feeders, nestling boxes and USDA organic non-medicated chicken feed. It looked like the professor was thinking of doing some serious business.

He knew the girls weren't happy, so he promised to throw them a

party before the new chicks arrived. He told them he was proud of them and they had done more than anyone in his other classes. Mabel and Sophie had their party dresses on, wore their graduation boards with tassels and were ready to party.

The professor said he'd meet them at the coffee shop at the big table in the back and they'd party and sip. He smoothed down their feathers, gave them an official diploma with their name on it and wrote it in Greek. Then he dropped the bombshell on them: "Study Matthew 28:18 and 19 and look for participles."

"I thought he said party-sipping." Sophie gave some attitude.

"He did," Mabel started knitting and purling faster. The dishcloth became the size of a scarf.

"Calm down." Sophie yelled. "Don't worry about the new chicks, they'll be gone before you know it. Do you remember all the belly-aching the others did, they called it chicken-labor. They might be prima donnas. You know how they are. They get inflated with their own importance and then they'll be gone before an egg drops to the nest."

"Well, let's hope so. I'm not happy about this at all."

Party time parsing participles wasn't much of a party for the girls. The professor announced they he was promoting Mabel and Sophie to management positions.

"Well, won't that rip the rag off the bush," Mabel cackled. "I might just have to learn Hebrew and for-

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## Auditions for 'Fiddler on the Roof' set for April 15

By Dale Johnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

"Fiddler on the Roof" opened on Broadway in 1964, quickly garnering awards for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book.

A tender, moving and classic musical, "Fiddler" is currently enjoying a revival production on Broadway that opened this past Fall. In 2001, Pagosa Springs Music Boosters (currently Curtains Up Pagosa) opened "Fiddler" around the same time as the tragic and terrifying days of 9/11; with courage, the Pagosa actors of that production continued their run. My family and I had just moved to Pagosa in late August and after having been glued to the TV set watching the aftermath

of 9/11, my son and I decided to get out of the house and go to see "Fiddler." That was my first introduction to the organization that has been so much a part of my life since 2001.

As "Fiddler" is reprising on Broadway, CUP has decided to do the same in Pagosa. Auditions for our "Fiddler" will be held on Friday April 15, from 2 to 8 p.m. in the high school music room.

We would love to see folks who performed in 2001 come on out and be part of our revival production. Everyone is welcome. All roles are currently open, from ages 7 and up. Join our CUP family.

"Fiddler" is directed and choreographed by Dale Johnson, with musical direction by Sally Neel. Call 731-3370 with questions.

## Catholic church welcoming new, returning members

By Anne McGarry  
Special to The PREVIEW

As part of our program for the jubilee year of mercy instituted by Pope Francis, we are inviting those Catholics who wish to come back home to their faith, as well as

those who want to become Catholics irrespective of their age and situation. All are welcomed to ask questions about the Catholic faith because we believe every question about faith has an answer.

This time provides a great opportunity since we are beginning

the registration for classes for new candidates of 2016/2017 Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Rite of Christian Initiation for Children classes (RCIA and RCIC).

These are beautiful programs designed for those adults and children who are not baptized or who wish to join the Catholic faith.

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For inquiries, please call the Immaculate Heart of Mary/Pope John Paul II church office at 731-5744.

## Easter egg hunt set for Sunday

By Joanna Groepper  
Special to The PREVIEW

Wyndham Pagosa is hosting an Easter egg hunt, open to the public, on Easter Sunday, March 27.

The Easter egg hunt will be held at the Resort Activities Building near the mini-golf course on Village Drive at noon.

The Easter Bunny will also be present for pictures.

## Lane

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get this Greek thing."

"Well, I'm just going to write an article and blast it over the county. That will give the professor more material for his chicken jokes. Better still, the neighbor at the Copper Roof Farm is selling eggs. I might have to fly my resume over to her. They've got a new chicken coop all painted up. They might even have air conditioning in it. I'll show him."

"Now, now." Mabel patted Sophie's feathers. "You know how the professor likes fried chicken. Better settle down."

Final brushstroke: It's the hen

that cackles that has egg on her face. When this article hits the newsstand, Sophie might be looking for a new henhouse.

### Readers' comments

Send your comments to betty@bettyslade.com.

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"He is not here,  
He has risen. Hallelujah!"  
— Luke 24:6

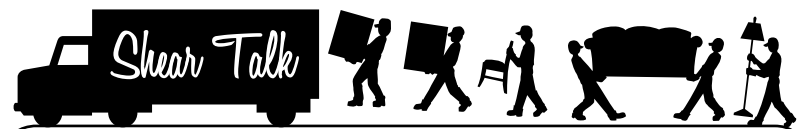
**March 20 - Palm Sunday.** Services 8:15 and 11 a.m., Sunday School all ages 9:30 a.m.

**March 24 - Maundy Thursday.** Services 6 p.m. with Communion

**March 25 - Good Friday.** Services 7 p.m.

**March 27 - Easter Sunday.** Sunrise Service 7 a.m. at the PSHS football field, regular services at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Boy Scouts will serve breakfast on Easter from 9-11 a.m.

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**Friday**

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## 'Easter: A Time for Every Purpose' Sunday at PUUF

By Julie Loar  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) invites you to attend a program titled "Easter: A Time for Every Purpose" with Julie Loar this Sunday, March 27, for its regular service.

Easter can be viewed through different lenses depending on our beliefs. Regardless of our views, the message of Easter is one of resurrection. Humans have ritualized the renewal of the natural world in spring, and every phase of the turning of the year, for millennia.

At Easter, Christians celebrate the belief that Jesus triumphed over death and miraculously rose from the grave. Pagans rejoice in the cycles of nature that bear witness to the evidence that what died in autumn is renewed in spring in a riot of color and new life.

At either end of this theological spectrum is a powerful message of renewal and hope that we can trust the overarching spirit of life and its ever repeating

cycles of manifestation. Easter is a time to prepare the symbolic ground for planting and to clarify our vision and the unique purpose of the season in which we find ourselves.

Loar will discuss the various symbols of Easter and their significance for our modern lives. She serves on the steering committee of the Pagosa fellowship and is the author of several books.

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."

PUUF 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.

## 'Release, Rise, and Transform' at New Thought Sunday

By Carla Ryan  
Special to The PREVIEW

On March 27 (Easter Sunday), at 10:30 a.m., GLOBAL Interfaith Community (GIC) will host a spiritually based service at the PLPOA Vista Clubhouse. The topic "Release, Rise, and Transform" will be presented by New Thought minister Carla Ryan.

While Easter is often associated with the resurrection of the master teacher Jesus, other meanings, both ancient and metaphysical, will be explored during this Sunday's message. The beginning of spring provides an atmosphere of renewal — an opportunity to rebirth a consciousness of oneness and love, forgiveness and release — leading to a transformation of

the life you have for one that is rich in spirit.

This week's message will culminate in a rose blessing ceremony that acknowledges each person's journey and a restored commitment to spiritual growth; that we are all truly one in God and that we live in the all-embracing circle of divine love.

New Thought services are presented at the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., north room, on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. April services will be the April 10 and 24. Each service includes a spiritual message, music and meditation. Everyone is welcome.

GIC is an authorized teaching center of Emerson Theological Institute and classes are accredited

through that association toward various degrees in religious studies.

For more information about Science of Mind classes or New Thought in general, email Ryan at GLOBAL.Interfaith1@gmail.com, visit the Facebook/GlobalInterfaith page or attend a Sunday service.

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# A future for Lady, and us

By Jan Davis  
Special to The PREVIEW

A Heinz 57 mutt appeared on our front porch one cold snowy Saturday morning in January. She had found refuge from the winter storm under the overhang. Curled in a tight ball with her head tucked close to her body, she looked like an old discarded boot. Someone had not been kind to her. Her physical appearance and behavior indicated abuse, physical and emotional. The kids named her Lady.

Timid, frightened and cautious, Lady didn't venture too close. The kids left table scraps and water on the porch. She approached with caution and devoured it all as if she hadn't experienced a full tummy in

## A Matter of Faith

a long time.

The kids wrote her name with a magic marker on an old cereal bowl. Her tail wagged as they approached with food. They donated a discarded doll blanket to make her a warm bed.

Lady's health improved and, over time, she began to trust us. Not long afterwards, I came home from work and found Lady watching cartoons, cuddled on the couch between the girls. No longer con-

finied to the outdoors, she made herself at home. She belonged inside with our family.

Over the years, she wiggled her way into our hearts. She greeted us at the front door, slept with the girls and snuck cherry chocolates from the candy dish. She nipped our heels, anxious for her omelet — her way of saying, "Hurry up. I'll never forget."

Lady was not perfect. She had her faults. Yet, she brought joy and laughter into our home. We earned her trust and she loved us.

I think of Lady and I'm reminded of Christ's love for us. We were alone, frightened and hurt. He comforted us. We were hungry. He fed us. Thirsty, he gave us drink. We found shelter in His arms. We trusted Him. He provided a future in Him without fear or rejection. We now belong to His family. We live in His kingdom.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us," Romans 5:8 (NIV).

Because of Jesus, we experience the unconditional love of the Father. We love Him because He first loved us.

I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

### Readers' comments

We invite Faith Writers to send your articles for publication (500 to 800 words).

You are also invited to be a part of the Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. Email [betty@bettyslade.com](mailto:betty@bettyslade.com) for details about time and place.

## Time on your hands? United Way could use your help

By Bill Hudgins  
Special to The PREVIEW

United Way of Archuleta County is seeking volunteers to help meet its 2015/2016 fundraising goal through the following events/projects.

We sincerely hope you will be able to assist with these endeavors. Please call Bill Hudgins at 946-1624 or email [billh@unitedway-swco.org](mailto:billh@unitedway-swco.org) to volunteer or for more information.

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### United Way Golf Tournament June 24

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### 'Play for the Way' CD promotion

We are having a CD produced featuring the donated music of many of our great local talents. We anticipate a release date around May 1, with all proceeds going to United Way and its partner agencies.

Volunteers are needed to solicit sponsorships from businesses and individuals with each sponsor appearing in the CD case brochure. We are also seeking a project sponsor, and that sponsor will have its name and logo on the CD itself.

### Business telephone and walkabout campaign

Business donations have historically (and notoriously) been virtually absent in Archuleta County. Example: Last year, only 22 businesses donated and 12 of those

were our partner agencies.

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### Dining Certificate promotion

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# St. Patrick's invites you to walk the journey of Holy Week

By Sally Neel  
Special to The PREVIEW

Last Sunday, Palm Sunday, marked the beginning of Holy Week, the most significant week of the Christian year. For Christians around the world, it is a week filled with emotions of triumphant joy, solemnity, sadness and, ultimately — victory.

For Christians, this is not merely the act of remembering a historic event; it is an act of bringing forth into our present consciousness the powerful message of God's love for us and the sacrifice made for our redemption through God's son, Jesus.

Walking with Christ through Holy Week services is also a reminder of Christ's mandate to love one another as He loves us, to serve one another, to live lives of gratitude for the inestimable gift that has been given to us.

Indeed, Jesus took the worst life could give. He willingly allowed himself to be falsely accused, judged, mocked, beaten, spit upon and brutally murdered. The religious leaders figured they had won, their jobs were secured and the people would soon forget about this strange prophet.

The victory of Easter Day is that, in spite of the cruelty and injustice

inflicted upon Jesus' earthly body, something far more powerful lives on. God's love cannot be killed. Death doesn't get the last word. God's love is so intense that Christ actually came back to assure his defeated disciples and us that the story wouldn't end there. It was just the beginning.

Over 2,000 years later, Christians still walk with Christ through the events of Holy Week. We rejoice in the power of God's love for us all as we recommit ourselves to follow Christ's example, sharing that love with grateful hearts and with songs of "Alleluia!"

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., will offer beautiful and ancient Holy Week liturgies beginning tonight at 6 p.m., 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, sermon and Holy Eucharist. All are invited to receive Holy Communion.

• 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 — You are invited to come at noon to walk the outdoor labyrinth located behind the church parking lot. From 5:30 to 6 p.m., music for meditation will be 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 our 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!"

# GriefShare meetings start April 2

By Beverly Arrendell  
Special to The PREVIEW

GriefShare is a worldwide program that offers encouragement and hope for people who know grief that is caused by the death of someone dear.

Some 12,000 locations across the nation and around the world are offering this program.

GriefShare meetings are scheduled at Community United Methodist Church beginning Saturday, April 2, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The meetings will be held in the fellowship hall.

All sessions are free and are open to the public. Free child care will be provided at the church.

The purpose of the sessions is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member (child, parent, spouse, close relative) or of a special friend.

Thirteen weekly meetings are scheduled. Each session is self-contained, so a person does not

have to attend in sequence. A person may attend one or all of the meetings scheduled for each Saturday morning in April, May, and June.

The topics will vary, so there is no progression of subjects. All meetings are open to the public.

A onetime donation (\$10 to \$15) is suggested to cover some costs, but scholarship funds are available.

Interested persons can call the church office at 264-5508 for further information. The church is located at 434 Lewis St. The Rev. Claus Rohlf is pastor.

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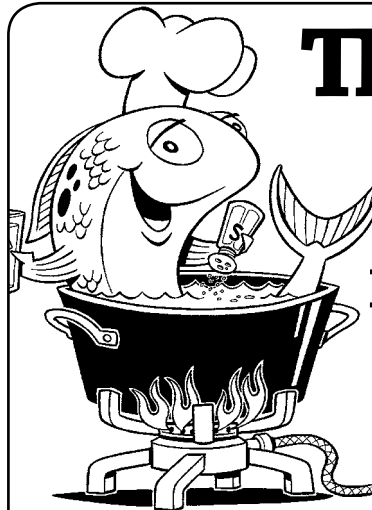
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# Holy Week and Easter Services

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

## Centerpoint Church

- **Good Friday, March 25:** Service, 6 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, March 27:** "The Power of the Resurrection," 10:15 a.m.

## Community United Methodist Church

- **Holy/Maundy Thursday, March 24:** Service, 6 p.m.
- **Good Friday, March 25:** Service, 7 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, March 27:** Sunrise service at Golden Peaks Stadium, 7 a.m.
- Worship services, 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.

## John Paul II and Immaculate Heart of Mary

- Easter Triduum
- **Holy Thursday, March 24:** Mass, 7 p.m. at IHM
- No 7:30 a.m. morning Mass Adoration 9 p.m.-midnight (sign-up sheets at the office)
- **Good Friday, March 25:**

Procession from IHM Church to JP II Church, 2 p.m.

- Stations of the Cross, JP II Prayer Garden or Church, 4 p.m.
- Good Friday Liturgy, JP II, 5 p.m.
- **Holy Saturday, March 26:** Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil, JP II, 8 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, March 27:** Easter Mass, JP II, 9 a.m.

## Our Savior Lutheran Church

- **March 21-25** Matins (Morning Prayer), 8 a.m.
- **March 24** Holy Thursday Divine Service, 6:30 p.m.
- **Good Friday, March 25** Chief Service, noon
- Tenebrae Service, 7 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, March 27** Sunrise Divine Service, 7 a.m.
- Easter Breakfast, 8:15 a.m.
- Second Divine Service, 10 a.m.

## Pagosa Bible Church

- **Good Friday, March 25:** Service, 6 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, March 27:** "Nobody But Jesus," 9 a.m.

## Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

- **Easter Sunday, March 27:**

Easter/Passover tribute, rebirth of life message, 10:30 a.m.

## Restoration Fellowship

- **Easter Sunday, March 27:** Service, 10 a.m.

## St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

- **Holy/Maundy Thursday, March 24:** Service with music, followed by Agape Meal, 6 p.m.
- **Good Friday, March 25:** Musical meditation, 5:30 p.m.
- Good Friday service, 6 p.m.
- **Holy Saturday, March 26:** "The Great Vigil of Easter," 7 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, March 27:** Easter service, 10 a.m.

## Trinity Anglican

- **Easter Sunday, March 27:** Worship service, 10 a.m.

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## The Met: Live in HD continues April 2 with 'Madama Butterfly'

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College, in partnership with The Metropolitan Opera, will continue presentation of The Met: Live in HD Saturday, April 2, with Giacomo Puccini's "Madama Butterfly."

"Madama Butterfly" will be broadcast live in high definition from New York's Metropolitan Opera in the Vallecito Room of the Fort Lewis College Student Union beginning at 10:55 a.m. Run time is approximately three hours, 18 minutes.

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in HD (\$21-\$23) are available online at [www.durangoconcerts.com](http://www.durangoconcerts.com), by calling 247-7657 or at the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue in downtown Durango, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All sales are final.

Tickets will also be available on the morning of the performance, one hour in advance of show time, at the FLC Student Union.

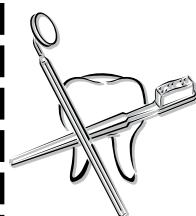
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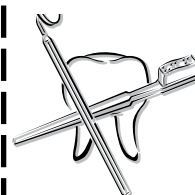
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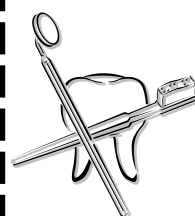
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The Born's school stood in the upper part of the San Juan River West Fork before Wolf Creek Pass was built. The one-room building doesn't seem to have any windows. The teacher, Miss Darling, is third from the left. The children are those of the Dutch Henry Born family living at Born's Lake and the Chapson family.

## Weather, rugged terrain hamper progress over the pass

We continue from last week with a first-person account of the first auto trip over Wolf Creek Pass when it opened in 1916.

"When we got down into the flat lowland, there was no road at all, just mud and water-soaked trails, each driver making his own guess which set of workmen's wagon tracks to follow through the willows until he could connect with the next section of ascending road up the mountainside.

"At Box Canyon we had to wait until fifteen heavy dynamite blasts tore away a section of the rock, then all this debris had to be cleared away before we could attempt to cross over. At one place a steam drill stood against the rock wall, and we had to drive around it on the point of broken rocks. The Cadillac was too long to make the turn around the drill, so again Joseph had to see-saw inch-by-inch to make the turn. Just as we got around, the whole point slid off into the stream below.

"None of the other cars carried food, so when we found a slightly dry spot under a spruce tree, the Hatchers and we invited the group to eat with us, as we had an ample supply from our camp. Every man had shoveled, pushed, lifted, and worked his best for everyone who needed help. We had showers all day long. There seemed to be no bottom to the road with the rain



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John M. Motter

on the new construction. When we began to climb, the road was so slick, or again so sticky, it took the five cars three hours to cover only a quarter of a mile. Added to all these delays, the Chalmers and Cadillac each had a flat tire. Now, night was coming on and we were still two and one-half miles from Mr. Logan's work camp. The lighter weight cars passed through the mud holes all right, and drove on towards camp, but the heavier cars just sank. Marguerite and I walked a distance through mud and rain to the road camp for help. Mr. Logan sent four big horses to assist, but they couldn't move the cars. When this didn't work, Eugene Hatcher backed their Vellie from camp carrying heavy log chains. With the horses and chains, the cars were pulled out.

"The high altitude and the excitement of the day, besides the wet and cold, was more than I could take. The cook and his buddies moved their beds into the dining tent, and fixed a place for me to lie down and rest. My family didn't get

to camp until 8:00 P.M. I was too tired to eat, and didn't get warm all night."

More next week on the first trip over newly opened Wolf Creek Pass.

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# The incredible Easter egg: a great food, but handle safely

By Roberta Tolan  
PREVIEW Columnist

Eggs are often a big part of the Easter celebration. But whether you decorate them, hide them or cook with them, it is important to practice good food safety practices.

The following tips were provided by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration.

Eggs are handled a great deal more than usual around Easter, so remember to:

- Wash your hands thoroughly with hot, soapy water and rinse them before handling the eggs when cooking, cooling, dyeing and hiding them.

- Be sure to inspect the eggs before purchasing them, making sure they are not dirty or cracked. Dangerous bacteria may enter a cracked egg.

- Store eggs in their original cartons in the refrigerator rather than the refrigerator door, which may not keep the eggs cool enough.

- If you are having an Easter egg hunt, consider hiding places carefully. Avoid areas where the eggs might come into contact with pets, wild animals, birds, reptiles, insects or lawn chemicals.

- Make sure you find all the eggs you've hidden and then refrigerate them. Discard cracked eggs.

- As long as the eggs are not out of refrigeration over two hours, they will be safe to eat. Refrigerate hard-cooked eggs in their shells and use them within one week. If you are planning to use colored eggs as decoration, where the eggs will be out of refrigeration for many hours or several days, discard them after they have served their decorative purpose.

If eggs are not handled properly, organisms such as salmonella, sometimes found on the outside and inside of eggs, can cause food poisoning. Cook eggs thoroughly.

Cooking reduces the number of

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bacteria present in an egg; however, a lightly cooked egg with a runny egg white or yolk still poses a greater risk than a thoroughly cooked egg. Lightly cooked egg whites and yolks have both caused outbreaks of salmonella infections.

Eggs should be thoroughly cooked until both the yolk and white are firm. Recipes containing eggs mixed with other foods should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160 degrees F and do not keep eggs warm or at room temperature for more than two hours. For recipes that call for raw or lightly cooked eggs, consider using pasteurized shell eggs or pasteurized egg products.

Some favorite egg recipes include deviled eggs, egg and cheese bakes and breakfast burritos and, of course, the perfect hard-boiled egg. But, at our high altitude, hard-boiling eggs needs modifications.

### High-altitude hard-boiled eggs

The temperature at which water boils declines as elevation rises, so a longer time is required to prepare hard-cooked eggs at higher altitudes.

Colorado cooks will need to do their own testing with hard-boiled eggs to obtain the desired results, but a good place to start is to use the following method adapted from the American Egg Board.

Step 1: Place eggs in saucepan large enough to hold them in single layer. Add cold water to cover eggs by 1 inch. Heat on high just to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer for five minutes.

Step 2: Cover pan and remove from burner. Let eggs stand 15

minutes for large eggs or 20 minutes for extra-large eggs.

Step 3: Drain immediately and serve warm, or cool completely under cold running water or in bowl of ice water, then refrigerate. Have a very happy Easter.

### CPR and first aid

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

Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

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

Cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for individual CPR or first aid. The type of first aid information provided will vary by the needs of the audience. Group rates are available.

Call the Extension office for information at 264-5931.

## Easter a great time for United Way Dining Certificates

By Bill Hudgins  
Special to The PREVIEW

Easter is Sunday, March 27. What a great time to use United Way Dining Certificates. Have a great Easter brunch or dinner while supporting our community at the same time.

Certificates may be purchased at the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center, Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Ross Aragon Community Center, Pagosa Lakes

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## 2016 Academy Award films available on DVD

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We already have seven of this year's Academy Award-nominated and winning films available on DVD for your viewing pleasure, with three more coming soon.

"Spotlight," Oscar winner for best picture and original screenplay, is the true story of the Pulitzer Prize-winning investigation into the Catholic Church's cover-up of child abuse in Boston. "Mad Max: Fury Road," winner of six Oscars, is a postapocalyptic action movie. "Steve Jobs," nominated for two best acting awards, chronicles the life of the founder of Apple. "Bridge of Spies," starring Tom Hanks, was nominated for five awards and won best supporting actor. "The Martian," starring Matt Damon, was nominated for seven awards. "Room" was nominated for four awards and won best actress. "Amy," about Amy Winehouse's tragically short life, won best documentary.

Thanks to an anonymous benefactor, we will have three more Academy Award movies donated to your library next month, when they become available on DVD. "Trumbo," with a best actor nomination, is about the Hollywood blacklist in 1947. "Brooklyn" is a love story with three nominations. "The Big Short," with five nominations, is a comedy/drama about the financial crisis of 2007-08 triggered by the collapse of the home loan mortgage market.

If you have any gently used DVDs you no longer need, we'd love to have you donate them for the enjoyment of our patrons and to augment our relatively small DVD budget.

### Activities calendars

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

### Science Madness

This month's Science Madness

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takes place Saturday, March 26, from 1 to 2 p.m. when first- through fifth-graders will have fun making slime.

### Book club for youngsters

If you're in the fourth through eighth grades, like to read and share what you read with friends, the Bookbustler's Dare to Read Book Club is for you.

Please join us tomorrow, Friday, March 25, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., when we'll be discussing your favorite books. Note change of day and time.

### Change of day for some tech sessions

Most of the more formal tech sessions requiring advance registration will now be held on Fridays.

The next one is tomorrow, Friday, March 25 — iPad Intermediate — from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You must provide your own registered iPad.

### All-ages movie

Join us tomorrow, Friday, March 25, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. with your friends and family for a PG movie.

Our contract does not allow us to name the film in the media, but you can get it on the activities calendars available at the library.

### New downloadable films

For your viewing pleasure, we have purchased IndieFlix, a streaming movie service that gives you unlimited access to more than 7,500 award-winning and popular independent shorts, feature films and documentaries from more than 50 countries — on your device, PC or Mac, with no apps needed.

Access IndieFlix through the Downloadable Content icon on the library's website. Use "Quick Pick," the discovery tool that lets you sample movies like you would music.

### Programmed Nooks

We have nine Nooks and three tablets programmed for your e-reading pleasure. The eight e-readers for adults contain either fiction or nonfiction bestsellers. The four youth e-readers contain books for children, juniors and young adults.

### Large print

"The Gangster" by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott is an Isaac Bell adventure. "The Friends We Keep" by Susan Mallery is the story of three women facing life challenges. "She's Not There" by Joy Fielding begins when a 2-year-old vanishes. "Clawback" by J.A. Jance is an Ali Reynolds mystery. "A Few of the Girls" is a collection of short stories.

### How-to and self-help

"Gardening with Less Water" by David Bainbridge describes efficient watering systems and inexpensive materials to help you conserve and grow. "Garden Made" by Stephanie Ross provides 40 ideas for a year of seasonable projects to beautify your garden and your life. "10 Reasons You Feel Old and Get Fat" by Dr. Frank Lipman offers a two-week program to help you feel your very best. "Overload" by Joyce Meyer suggests how you can unplug, unwind and unleash yourself from stress.

### Other nonfiction

"The Road to a Little Dribbling" by Bill Bryson is a loving and humorous look at Great Britain. "Wild by Nature" by Sarah Marquis takes you on a woman's 10,000-mile solo hike across the Gobi and then in Australia. "One Child" by Mei Fong explores the negative effects of Communist China's one-child policy adopted in 1980. "Imbeciles" by Adam Cohen exposes the 8-1 Supreme Court decision to allow the sterilization of a young woman. "Free Refill" by Dr. Peter Grinspoon is a memoir of a successful doctor and family man addicted to prescription medicine. "Leonard" by William Shatner is a tribute to

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# What's Cookin'

## Breakfast Egg Tacos

Recipe courtesy: Colorado Department of Agriculture and Chef Jason K. Morse, C.E.C.

Servings: 2

4 each 6-inch flour or corn tortillas

4 each large eggs, cracked and scrambled

1/4 cup crumbled breakfast sausage

1/8 cup red bell peppers, diced

1/8 cup green bell peppers,

diced

1/8 cup yellow onions, diced

1/4 cup potatoes, diced and cooked

2 tablespoons Italian parsley, chopped

Shredded cheese

Green chili

Salsa

Heat a large sauté pan. Sauté the breakfast sausage until half cooked, then add the peppers, onions and potatoes.

Cook this mixture until the

sausage is fully cooked. Add the scrambled eggs and cook until desired doneness. Remove from pan and fill the tortillas.

Top with green chili, shredded cheese and salsa, then garnish with parsley.

*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](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com).*

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Leonard Nimoy from his friend of 50 years. "Democracy in Black" by Eddie S. Glaude Jr. looks at the effects of race in America from the point of view of Black Americans. "I Had to Survive" by Dr. Roberto Canessa is a memoir of a young medical student who survives a horrific crash in the Andes and is inspired to dedicate his life to medicine.

## Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

"Far From True" by Linwood Barclay is the second in the Promise Falls thriller series. "Crazy Blood" by T. Jefferson Parker features two feuding brothers in a ski resort town in California. "The Steel Kiss" by Jeffery Deaver is a Lincoln Rhyme mystery. "Off the Grid" by C.J. Box is a Joe Pickett mystery. "The Travelers" by Chris Pavone featuring a magazine journalist thrust into the world of international espionage. "Gone Again" by James Grippando features Miami criminal defense lawyer Jack Swytek.

## Other novels

"Spill Simmer Falter Wither" by Sara Baume is the story of two outcasts — a man and a dog — in Ireland. "Fire Touched" by Patricia Briggs is a Mercy Thompson urban fantasy. "Arcadia" by Iain Pears is a fantasy involving three distinct worlds.

## Story CDs

"Find Her" by Lisa Gardner is a thriller. "Robert Parker's Blackjack" by Robert Knott features lawmen

Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch. "NYPD Red 4" by James Patterson and Marshall Karp is the fourth in the series featuring an elite NYPD unit formed to protect the rich and famous. "Breakdown" by Jonathan Killerman is the latest in the Alex Delaware series. "The Wolves" by Alex Berenson is a John Wells thriller. "The Road to Little Dribbling" by Bill Bryson is a personal tour of Britain a second time around. "Violent Crimes" by Phillip Margolin features attorney Amanda Jaffe. "Brotherhood in Death" by J.D. Robb is a Lt. Eve Dallas mystery. "Feverborn" by Karen Marie Moning is the latest in the Fever fantasy series.

## Music CDs

Come in and take a look at the wide variety of music CDs we have available to borrow, thanks to donations from patrons like you. You'll find bluegrass, classical, jazz, rock and more for your enjoyment.

## Thanks to our donors

For books and materials this week, we thank Julie Fox, Scottie Gibson, Gary Hopkins, Mary Kurt-Mason, Jerry Modisette and our anonymous donors.

## Quotable quote

"Music is God's little reminder that there's something else besides us in this universe, a harmonic

connection between all living beings, everywhere, even the stars." — Robin Williams (1951-2014), actor and comedian.

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## FATHER- DAUGHTER DANCE

Photos courtesy Jessica Carr

Scene ... at the inaugural father-daughter dance March 18 at Restoration Fellowship. The dance was a fundraiser for the Parker family's mission work at Pwoje Espwa ("Hope Village") orphanage in Haiti, as well as a chance for locals to make memories with their families. The Parkers began their work with the orphanage several years ago.







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

## 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 lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

**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.

**Course in Miracles Study Group.** 7:15 p.m., Yoga Clarity Studio. Call 264-0111 for more information.

## Friday, March 25

**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.

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

**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.

## 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.

**Open Gym.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Come start your morning out with open-gym basketball.

**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.

**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

**Wyndham Easter Egg Hunt.** Noon, Resort Activities Building near mini golf course. The Easter Bunny will also be present for pictures.

**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.

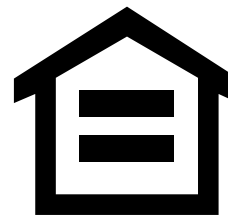
## Monday, March 28

**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

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ANSWER:

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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.

**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.

**Pagosa Bridge For Fun.** 12:30-4 p.m., Community Center.

**Bingo.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Come enjoy this one-of-a-kind cardio class open to all ages.

## Tuesday, March 29

**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.

**Yoga.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat or a towel.

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop-in technology help with Meg. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs).** 11:30 a.m., Taberna Borde Rio. If you are not on our calling list or evites, please call

946-1895 for your lunch reservation by Monday, March 28, so we can count you in to join us.

**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.

**'Legally Blonde: The Musical.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Our Pagosa production is full of spirit, song and a must-see for theatergoers in the area. Tickets will be sold at the door.

## Wednesday, March 30

**Pickleball.** 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**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 lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Come enjoy this

one-of-a-kind cardio class open to all ages.

**Relay for Life Monthly Meeting.** 6 p.m., First Southwest Bank. All past, present and future Relay-ers are invited. Stop in to hear the progress towards our June 18 Relay and tell us how your team is doing. For more information, call Paul at 507-0345.

**'Legally Blonde: The Musical.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Our Pagosa production is full of spirit, song and a must-see for theatergoers in the area. Tickets will be sold at the door.

## Thursday, March 31

**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

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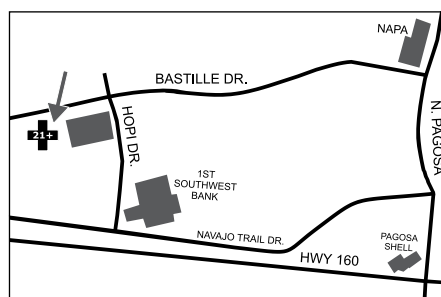
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a towel.  
**Movie.** 1 p.m., Senior Center. Pop-corn and beverages provided.  
**Duplicate Bridge.** 5-10 p.m., Community Center. Call Stan at 731-2217 to sign up.  
**Meditation Class.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. You will learn and explore various methods.  
**'Legally Blonde: The Musical.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Our Pagosa production is full of spirit, song and a must-see for theatergoers in the area. Tickets will be sold at the door.  
**Course in Miracles Study Group.** 7:15 p.m., Yoga Clarity Studio. Call 264-0111 for more information.

**Friday, April 1**

**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.  
**'Legally Blonde: The Musical.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Our Pagosa production is full of spirit, song and a must-see for theatergoers in the area. Tickets will be sold at the door.

**Saturday, April 2**

**Learn to Hunt Turkeys.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., CSU Extension Office. Colorado Parks and Wildlife and local hunting guides will teach the basics of turkey hunting. To

register for the class, fill out the form at <https://www.registered.com/events/view/79079>.

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. GriefShare is a national non-denominational program. The purpose of the sessions is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member or of a special friend. Free child care provided. A onetime donation of \$10 or \$15 is suggested. For more information, call 264-5508 or go to [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

**Annual Humane Society Chocolate Auction.** 5:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Enjoy a delicious seated dinner followed by dessert and the auction. 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.

**'Legally Blonde: The Musical.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Our Pagosa production is full of spirit, song and a must-see for theatergoers in the area. Tickets will be sold at the door.

**Sunday, April 3**

**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.

*Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.*

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

- 1 Beggar's request
- 5 Attack ad, maybe
- 10 Obi, e.g.
- 14 Keats, for one
- 15 Kind of line
- 16 Allocate, with "out"
- 17 Newt or hellbender
- 19 Side squared, for a square
- 20 Competitor
- 21 Crowded together
- 23 Get clean
- 25 Diner, perhaps
- 26 Halloween prop
- 29 Certain hockey shot
- 31 Basalt source
- 32 Lingering sensation
- 38 Close to closed
- 39 All skin and bones
- 40 Put in place
- 41 Nonsense
- 43 Fasten
- 44 Swerve
- 45 Off-color
- 46 Type of parakeet
- 50 Luxury boat
- 53 Middle bit of a Venn diagram
- 55 Pepys, for one
- 59 Band member
- 60 Mob's payment
- 62 Family
- 63 Ill-gotten gains
- 64 Aerobic bit
- 65 Difficult
- 66 Poly- follower
- 67 Achy

**DOWN**

- 1 Altar locale
- 2 Advance, e.g.
- 3 Change states, in a way

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- 4 Seafarer's right
- 5 Limited
- 6 Calendar page
- 7 Pull the plug on
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- 9 Band with the 1970 hit "Get Ready"
- 10 Brainy
- 11 Eagle's home
- 12 Animal in a roundup
- 13 Intoxicating
- 18 Palindromic term of address
- 22 Absorbed
- 24 Little sound
- 26 Give away
- 27 Hindu prince
- 28 Like an oxeye window
- 30 Monocle part
- 32 Pleasant
- 33 Grow dim
- 34 Constant burden
- 35 Flying jib, e.g.
- 36 Hair colorer
- 37 Countercurrent
- 42 Axis of \_\_\_\_
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- 46 Make a mess of
- 47 Mouth part
- 48 Oust from the ABA
- 49 Word before slam or theft
- 51 Be crazy about
- 52 Autumn drink
- 54 "Not only that..."
- 56 "What's gotten \_\_\_\_ you?"
- 57 Nostradamus, for one
- 58 Sort
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**Answer to Last Week's Crossword:**

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# Deadlines\*

**Display advertising:** Noon, Monday

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**Classified line ads** (Too Late to Classify): 3 p.m., Tuesday

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# Because We Care Program accepting registrations for several classes

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 onetime 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

Instructors Nicole Lagioia-Lewis and Darren Lewis will be teaching a CPR/AED class from 8:30 a.m. to noon today.

This class will certify you for two years and costs \$50 per student.

## 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


All of our suffering is a result of the unquestioned mind. We believe "life" has to show up in a certain way in order for us to be happy and abundant. We've been taught that people, circumstances and events are responsible for our success and

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# National workshop to address domestic and sexual violence to be held in Pagosa

By Carmen Hubbs  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program is sponsoring a full-day workshop for faith leaders, advocates and community members to address how to better support victims of domestic and sexual violence in our community.

The program, which will be facilitated by national speakers from the Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence, will focus on strengthening partnerships between community providers and faith communities.

Abuse can affect anyone, regardless of age, race, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, first language or faith. One in three women and one in five men have experienced some form of physical or sexual violence or stalking at the hands of an intimate partner.

What does faith have to do with domestic violence or sexual assault? A study of older adults found that

“respondents, especially minorities, often indicated that their ‘first stop’ would be a member of the clergy if they were to discuss their [abuse] with anyone.”

However, faith leaders do not always feel prepared to respond. To make matters worse, sometimes abusers use faith as a weapon against a victim. Faith leaders are uniquely placed to reach out to victims and help direct them to services and safety, as long as they have the right knowledge and skills to do so.

Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence has been awarded funding by the Office on Violence Against Women to provide these trainings throughout the United States. For more information about Safe Havens’ work, please visit its website, [www.interfaithpartners.org/rural](http://www.interfaithpartners.org/rural).

The workshop is scheduled to run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 12 at the Ross Aragon Community Center. It is free and lunch will be provided.

For more information or to register, contact Carmen Hubbs at 264-9075.

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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.

This five-week course is based on the spiritual truth that we are all one and, in this workshop, we will explore who you really are. Designed to release unwanted patterns and unhealthy behaviors, this class offers an experience that will be up-close and personal on how to “be” the best you in a life lived without limits.

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.

### Jewels of the San Juan: Introduction to Jewelry Making Class

Learn the basic tools, techniques and designs for making earrings, necklaces and bracelets. Create beautiful jewelry for yourself and others or even to sell with basic understanding of techniques used and materials required.

This is a “make-it-and-take-it” class; you will leave with a completed set of jewelry. All tools and supplies will be provided.

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](mailto:communitycenter@pagosasprings.co.gov).

## Programs help seniors with home chores, modifications

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.

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Please call Louise at 264-2167 for more information or to sign up.

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# Senior

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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 eight-month Special Enrollment Period. COBRA and

retiree health plans are not considered coverage based on current employment.

Important dates: General enrollment runs from Jan. 1 through March 31 each year and coverage starts July 1. Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 is open (or annual) enrollment for switching plans for Part D and a Medicare Cost Plan; coverage starts Jan. 1.

If you would like to talk to a Medicare counselor, please contact the Area Agency on Aging to make an appointment. Please call 264-0501, ext. 2. We will put you in touch with one of our talented and experienced Medicare counselors.

## Memberships

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

## Menu

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

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

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

Thursday, March 24 — Spinach or meat lasagna, grapes, zucchini, salad bar and strawberries with bananas.

Friday, March 25 — Ham, stuffing, gravy, green beans, carrots with red peppers, salad bar and mixed fruit with apples and oranges.

Monday, March 28 — Beef tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans, salad bar and fresh fruit cup.

Tuesday, March 29 — Shrimp jambalaya, brown rice, zucchini, okra, salad bar and fruit with bananas.

Wednesday, March 30 — Honey barbecued chicken, oven-browned potatoes, cucumber with tomato salad, green beans and salad bar.

Thursday, March 31 — Spaghetti with beef meatballs and marinara, snap beans, breadstick, salad bar and bananas with mandarin oranges and pineapple.

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.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always attend. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days.

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# Second annual Wear the Love Campaign begins in April

By Richard Gustafson  
Special to The PREVIEW

Wear the Love is a unique campaign to raise support and awareness for the women and children served by the Volunteers of America Durango Community Shelter and Southwest Safehouse. Each year, a local artist designs a signature Wear the Love pendant that is released as a limited-edition gift, allowing community members to “wear the love” and show their support for local women and children in need.

During the second annual Wear the Love campaign, supporters will receive a limited-edition precious metal clay pendant with chain designed by Durango artist Anne Campbell for a donation of \$65 to the Volunteers of America Durango Community Shelter and Southwest Safehouse.

Each pendant comes with the personal stories of individuals impacted by the support and services provided by the Durango Community Shelter and Southwest Safehouse.

All proceeds from the campaign

will directly benefit the over 400 local women and children fleeing domestic violence or struggling with homelessness who turn to the Durango Community Shelter and Southwest Safehouse for safe shelter each year.

The kick-off event for the second annual Wear the Love campaign will be held on April 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Taylor Raymond Gallery (835 Main Ave. in Durango). The event will be a chance for attendees to receive this year’s signature pendant in recognition of their donation to support women and children in our community, as well as enjoy appetizers and beverages.

Guests will also have the opportunity to learn about the crucial services the Volunteers of America Southwest Safehouse and Durango Community Shelter offer to local women and children.

After the kick-off event, the Wear the Love signature pendant will be available at select locations from April 11 through May 15, while supplies last.



Photo courtesy Volunteers of America

**Durango artist Anne Campbell at work. Campbell designed the pendant for this year’s Wear the Love campaign to raise support and awareness for the women and children served by the Volunteers of America Durango Community Shelter and Southwest Safehouse. The pendants will be sold for a \$65 donation during the campaign.**

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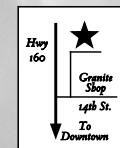
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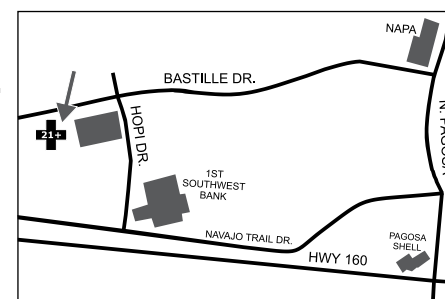
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**EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I:** The Town of Pagosa Springs is hiring an Equipment Operator I to work in the Public Works Department. Starting wage for this position is \$17.36 per hour DOE. Information on position description, salary, application and deadline can be obtained on the town website at [www.townofpagosasprings.com](http://www.townofpagosasprings.com) or picked up at the Town Hall. The Town of Pagosa Springs is an equal opportunity employer.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**AL-ANON** meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Saturday, 10:30a.m., 234 N. 2nd Street (CR200/ Snowball Road), [www.al-anon-co.org](http://www.al-anon-co.org).

**A.A. PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES GROUP** meets at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Tuesday 7p.m. Big Book Study (closed); Thursday 7p.m. Discussion (open); Questions (970)245-9649, [www.aa-westerncolorado.org](http://www.aa-westerncolorado.org) or [www.aadistrict18.org](http://www.aadistrict18.org); Ken or Charlotte 731-1025.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** meets Saturdays at 9a.m. at 234 N. 2nd St., aka CR 200 or Snowball Road. Open meeting, various structure. Call Lyn, 903-0655, or Carl, 903-2346, to confirm we are meeting or for information.

**EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH AT TAVERN** Le Boeuf. March 27, 11a.m.-2p.m. Call to make your reservations. (970)731-WINE (970)731-9463.

**A.A. PAGOSA SPRINGS GROUP.** 234 N. 2nd St./ CR 200- Snowball Rd. Sunday 10a.m. (AM); 5:30p.m. open discussion; Monday 12p.m. (D); 5:30p.m. (BB); Tuesday 12p.m. (D); 5:30p.m. (M); Wednesday 12p.m. (D); 5:30p.m. (W); Thursday 12p.m. (D); 5:30p.m. (BG); Friday 12p.m. (D); 7p.m. (D); Saturday 7:30a.m. (AM); 5:30p.m. (D). (Last Friday of the month, 6p.m. potluck, 7p.m. birthday speaker meeting.) Questions, contact (970)245-9649, [www.aa-westerncolorado.org](http://www.aa-westerncolorado.org) or [www.aadistrict18.org](http://www.aadistrict18.org), or call: Ed K. 946-2606; Val V. 264-2685; Ben B. 264-0217.

**NEW OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** meeting starting December 3, 11a.m., at Centerpoint Church, 270 Cornerstone Dr. Leslie, (970)799-0775.

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**BE SURE TO** check for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

**YARD SALES**

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