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Black Hills to purchase SourceGas for \$2 billion

By Casey Crow
Staff Writer

According to a press release, the Black Hills Corp., a multistate natural gas company, is moving forward in the process of acquiring SourceGas, to the tune of approximately \$2 billion.

SourceGas is the central provider of natural gas in the Pagosa Springs area. With the acquisition still unfolding, it is unknown exactly how the deal will impact local customers.

It was first announced in July 2015 that Black Hills would acquire SourceGas for \$1.89 billion, including reimbursement of an estimated \$200 million in capital expenditures through closing, and the assumption of \$720 million in

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SUN photo/Randi Pierce

With the finish line in sight, a musher and his dogs push to close out Saturday's sixth annual Pagosa Paw Sled Dog Race. More than three dozen mushers competed in a variety of events Saturday and Sunday, which was held at the Toner Ranch north of Pagosa Springs.

Hospital ends year strong

By Casey Crow
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Jan. 26, the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) held its regular meeting, during which the Board of Directors and staff reflected on financial reports and goals accomplished in 2015.

Expansion project

Perhaps the most important accomplishment of the USJHSD in 2015 is the completion and approval for a multiyear expansion plan, which includes improvements to Pagosa Springs Medical Center

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Reservoir Hill tree-thinning project



SUN photos/Marshall Dunham

Heavy equipment makes progress with the 40-acre Reservoir Hill tree-thinning project. According to Mayor Don Volger, commenting at the Jan. 21 Town Council meeting, the project will yield significant improvement in forest health and will also "look good" to visitors due to reduction of under-story clutter. Additional benefits anticipated from the project include mitigation of fire danger and enhanced recreational opportunities from increased accessibility for users to a broader range of the hill's terrain. The project is expected to run through February, and Reservoir Hill remains closed for public use until completion.



Town approves mediation for pipeline IGA dispute, pumps fail testing

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) board approved a resolution at its regular Jan. 21 meeting to mediate its dispute with the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) over the implementation of their agreement for treatment of sewage generated in the town of Pagosa Springs.

A resolution to like effect was also passed by the PAWSD board on Jan. 21; see the report of the PAWSD meeting also appearing in this issue of The SUN.

The two districts' intergov-

ernmental agreement (IGA) was originally approved in January 2012. It provided initially for the construction of a pipeline at PSSGID's expense to transport the town's effluent from its existing, outdated treatment facility to PAWSD's modern Vista wastewater treatment plant.

The IGA also provided that following construction of the pipeline and its two pumping stations, PAWSD would assume responsibility for operation and maintenance of the pipeline system. Also, PAWSD was to treat the effluent received from the town for a charge

■ See Town A8

PAWSD discusses TABOR restriction; agrees to mediation with PSSGID

By Casey Crow
Staff Writer

Last Thursday, Jan. 21, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) held its regular work session and meeting discussing water loss, the upcoming election and mediation with the Town of Pagosa Springs Sanitation and General Improvement District (PSSGID).

Potential water leak

During the PAWSD work session, District Manager Renee Lewis addressed the board about an unusual trend of data coming out of the water treatment plant on

Snowball Road.

"We do have some anomalies in the data coming out of Snowball, so we think there might be something going on downtown," Lewis said.

Board member Paul Hansen asked, "Do you think it's a metering thing or do you think it's a leak?"

"We think that there might be a big leak there; well, one that's about 3 million a month. So, in terms of our most recent big leaks, it's not huge, but it's a consistent, good amount of water that started in and about around August and has been consistent through December," Lewis reported.

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Preserve small-town mail service

If Congress does not act quickly to reform the U.S. Postal Service, small-town America can expect a further slow-down of the mail, said Chip Hutcheson, publisher of The Times-Leader in Princeton, Ky., when he testified to a U.S. Senate committee Jan. 21.

Hutcheson, president of the 130-year-old National Newspaper Association (NNA), told the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs that the closing of many mail processing plants by the troubled U.S. Postal Service over the last decade has already hurt mail service, which in turn damages local economies.

He said a survey of his 2,300-member association of community newspapers resulted in more than 92 percent indicating they have had recent problems getting newspapers through the mail on time. Nearly half report problems with First-Class or Priority Mail, as well. The NNA represents community newspapers, including more than 2,000 weeklies that largely depend upon mail distribution to reach readers.

Congress has been trying since 2008 to reach agreement on legislation to help the Postal Service address falling mail volumes, but still serve every household in America. Postmaster General Megan Brennan testified that the Postal Service had incurred \$56.8 billion in net losses since 2007.

The testimony was offered by the NNA in a hearing called by Committee Chair Ron Johnson, R-WI, entitled "Laying Out the Reality Of the Postal Service." Johnson and his committee are being asked by a coalition of businesses that use the mail and of postal workers to prevent further mail cutbacks.

Sen. Thomas Carper, D-DE, has introduced the Improving Postal Operations, Service and Transparency (iPOST) Act, to prompt action on Capitol Hill. Hutcheson urged Congress to act before April, when USPS finances are expected to worsen by \$1 billion because of a court-ordered postage rollback.

One aspect of iPOST is to end the double-funding of retiree health benefits for postal workers, both funded by postage payments. iPOST would shift postal retirees onto Medicare upon retirement, to which postage-payers contribute on workers' behalf. A separate federal health care package for postal workers is also supported by postage payments. USPS employee groups have supported the shift to Medicare integration to help USPS address its financial troubles. By streamlining the payments, USPS would no longer be required to pay into the separate benefit fund, mailers would not have to support a dual track system.

Finding financial solutions for USPS such as the Medicare integration is critical, Hutcheson said, so that more service cutbacks can be avoided, which he called particularly damaging for smaller communities.

"All of this makes the mail absolutely critical. In small-town America, we need it for medicines, to apply for jobs, to vote and to receive the newspaper," he told the committee. He commended the Postal Service for initiating a new study to measure on-time delivery for rural areas.

In April, USPS is under court order to lower postage rates so it is no longer collecting extra funds permitted during the Great Recession. The rollback is expected to deepen the agency's financial woes. Hutcheson said his organization had reluctantly concluded that the rollback should not occur and urged the committee to pass legislation in time to prevent it.

"NNA's support for suspending the mandate to roll back postage rates in April is contingent upon the Postal Service's commitment to enact no further systematic service cuts and to live within its means without more exigency increases. To us, that translates into suspending further plant closings and continuing the postmaster general's commendable efforts to trim costs without risking more mail volume loss through service cuts," Hutcheson said.

Tonda F. Rush

WHADDYA THINK?

What do you think of El Niño so far?



Holly Allen

"It's kind of missing; I'm wondering where it's at. I was expecting more consistent snow."



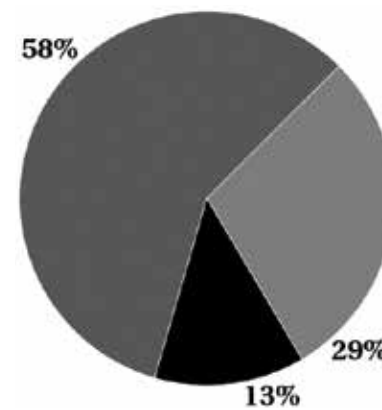
Zsolt Szogi

"I love when I'm on vacation, I hate it when I'm at work. I fly out of L.A., I work for the airlines, so it means delays for us."



John Darpli

"I love it. I live in New Mexico and I have 11 acres. I've cut 280 pinon trees because of the drought ... so maybe it will save a couple trees."



Poll results (118 Votes)

It is great. — 29 percent
It is a bust. — 13 percent
Winter is not over yet. — 58 percent

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LOOKING BACK



From the Dec. 1, 1966, Pagosa Springs SUN. PAGOSA PIRATES — Pagosa Pirates Coach Wright discusses the progress of the 1966-1967 team with three returning starters from last year. Shown, left to right, Coach Wright, Orlando Martinez, Fred Gallegos and Ernie Rivas. These three boys are seniors and were in the starting lineup for the team last year. They will be among those seeing action in the two practice games this weekend.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 29, 1926

Otis H. Snooks of Piedra, who recently killed a mountain lion on the Yellowjacket, the second one for him this season, has again been awarded the Denver Post bounty of \$25 for adult lions.

Atone Sorenson and Earl Ford are getting in logs for the McAlpine mill.

Mrs. Chas. R. Boone is enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. Hattie Hofmeister, and little son, who arrived Saturday from Saskatchewan, Canada, for an extended stay. It is the first meeting of the sisters for thirteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hersch returned home Saturday from Santa Fe, where they spent several days on business and visiting with friends.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 31, 1941

Spring weather continues in Pagosa and a number of nimrods are getting the old fishing tackle out, while the youngsters are getting their marbles together, ready for the opening games which will be in order as soon as the spring thaw is over. Rubbers and galoshes are stylish these days and that bad stretch of street opposite The Light Office and Moorehead's Garage, continues to get worse and rougher, if such is possible. It is now known as, and we quote: "the worst piece of road between Cortez and Denver." The rains this week have not helped it a bit. Local Golfers are beginning to chew on the bit and a meeting has been called for January 31st ... Melting ice has raised Cain with several flat roofs the past week.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 27, 1966

This area was hit by an earthquake or tremor Saturday. There was no reported damage in the Pagosa Springs area but damage was reported as moderate to heavy at Dulce, which is about 40 miles from here. The quake was felt with varying degrees of intensity in different areas. Generally speaking the strongest tremors were felt at Chromo, Edith, Trujillo and in the Blanco Basin. The jolt was felt north of town for some distance but if it reached the Upper Piedra area no one noticed. The quakes and tremors have continued at Dulce and some were reported as late as Wednesday morning. Workers in the Blanco Tunnel of the San Juan-Chama Diversion Project were unaware of the disturbance. Those outside the tunnel, however, felt the severe jolts very plainly.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 24, 1991

The process for including the Town of Pagosa Springs into the Pagosa Fire Protection district has reached the point where town trustees must decide whether to commit to the project and to satisfy conditions necessary for the inclusion or to pull back from the proposal. Trustees must decide if they are willing to meet conditions of inclusion defined by the Pagosa Fire Protection District. The conditions include, among other things, recognizing the importance of maintaining the PFPD's existing ISO rating and upon inclusion: Taking necessary steps to maintain required flows from fire hydrants within town; Donating specified firefighting equipment and vehicles, and agreeing to lease the town's current station to the district until a four-bay station is constructed.

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Letters

Shades of gray

Dear Editor:
Shades of gray, today the world needs a lot more room for doubt and imperfection.

As a younger idealist in Berkeley, Calif., I never saw or really was aware of the shades of gray in all things about me. Mostly, things, issues and people seemed right or wrong, until people started being killed over what was youthful social experimentation in drugs and the more extreme elements of the FBI and cops as well as the Bay area's radical groups pushed-the-broly on legality and made no room for "bonifide" spokespersons who were ... unpardonably moderates.

Our Berkeley commune was in the all-black area of the town. We never locked a door. All our parties had a no-drugs banner outside and were always attended by the local swat team with their cases of Heineken beer, "Angels" and Dykes-on-Bikes were always in and out and we literally were the neighborhood's children day care center ... somebody always had to be there in the day to feed the kids. Pim, a jeweler, left precious silver, gold and stones laying on a garage table with no theft. Two race riots occurred and the neighbors came out and stood in the street telling the crowd to leave this home alone. I guess we lived in a moderate neighborhood.

Later in life, I met several persons both within and on the edge of what might be deemed the gray world of intelligence. They were anything but moderates and were

best described as true believers. None of them hesitated at highly immoral acts in their shades of gray.

Today, we seem to have totally lost a political and moral compass. Just to mention three obvious players, Saudi Arabia our "best" Mid-east ally has an open checkbook for a host of our gray operations and yet, they sheltered/supported bin Laden and fund Islamism extremists globally. Pakistan accepts our billions of dollars, yet is the creator and continuous supporter of the Taliban and proudly sold the ability to create nuclear bombs to North Korea. And then there's ... us, to our cheers and support, the most popular political wanna-bes openly trash the Bill of Rights, Constitution and minorities while armed white ranchers seize federal land without penalty while unarmed blacks are killed for relatively trivial acts.

So, where-oh-where, are the moderates who find solutions through compromise or does the line between compromise and immorality always fade or is this eternal fanaticism a human condition?

Dave Blake

Great news

Dear Editor:

Wow. I can hardly believe what my eyes read in your newspaper (Jan. 21, page A5). And it was good news; well, actually it was great news.

In a previous letter to your paper, I confessed my infatuation with your beautiful town and friendly residents. Now I am blown away by your proactive, progressive-minded school.

It's hard for me to grasp that the Archuleta School District is actually cooperating and fostering a mutually beneficial sharing relationship with home-schoolers and private academies. Way to go. You are to be commended.

I'm sorry to say that the Department of Education of my state appears to maintain a grudging toleration at best for home-schoolers whose meager existence is only allowed because of state law. As I understand it, home-schoolers here are required to annually reg-

ister with their local school district and after that, it's adios, so long, outta here, you're on your own, sink or swim. Apparently, there is little, if any, communication afterward.

Hats off also to the state of Colorado for providing incentive funding to support shared-schooling programs. Enabling home-schoolers and private academies to have access to electives, enrichment classes, advanced placement courses, ACT prep, and SAT prep courses is a win-win relationship for your city, county, and state.

As a former school teacher and a former local school board member, I commend your local school district for actively pursuing an educational program that will benefit all the citizens of Archuleta County. May I urge all home-schoolers in your district to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime educational opportunity. Please contact the ASD liaison mentioned in the newspaper article.

With admiration and appreciation.

Billy Booth
Hazen, Ark.

Realizations

Dear Editor:

To give a little perspective and contrast to some of our local issues, I share two quotes from Richard Buckminster Fuller and one from Socrates.

Socrates being the fifth century B.C. philosopher and teacher of Plato. "Bucky" Fuller was the 20th century saint posing as a scientist of extraordinary proportions who presenting (sic) to the world a beautifully comprehensive view of Planet Earth's primary energy systems and structures. He popularized the geodesic dome.

"Planet earth is a superbly conceived and realized 6 1/2 sextillion ton 256 billion cubic mile spherical spaceship cruising frictionlessly and soundlessly on an incredibly accurate celestial course at 68,400 miles per hour, and whether you like it or not — you are the custodians of a vital resource."

Fuller also said, "I am confident that humanities (sic) survival depends on all our willingness to

comprehend feelingly the way nature works."

Over 2,400 years ago, Socrates stated, "The secret of change is to focus all your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

These quotes seem to embody healthy insightful realizations.

Jai Klarl

Continued

Dear Editor:

Continuing from last week. Now, when the deputy learned the kind of dog the "dog person" is, he replied, "Oh, I have one of those, they are smart, I'll go by and talk to him." Now, I don't know what that deputy said to that dog, but "he got it." Ever since that day, he has no longer strolled the neighborhood, but stays in the allotted area apparently set out by the deputy. He can go across my yard to the yard across the street to visit his friend who is just like him except that, at that time, he was just a kid and his friend was an adult.

The kid is smart. He soon learned the work schedule of the family across the street, that his friend would be "out" early morning and then again a little after 4 p.m. So, every day, he comes through my yard a little before 4 p.m., sits on my driveway looking down the hill for their car to turn up — then goes bounding over to welcome them home. And, of course, his dear adult friend comes running down the steps to meet him.

The two of them have had such happy times — jumping up and down, running and running and running, just couldn't get enough. But over time, the adult had put on a little age and his stamina was not as great. The kid had become a teenager. The adult began to tire out, would finally lie down and refuse to get up. The teenager couldn't understand the change — he would continue to jump up and down and around him, trying to get him to play some more, but eventually, the adult would simply go up the steps and into the house to get some rest. Does age take a toll? More next week.

Patty Tillerson

Letters

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Cards of Thanks

Gallegos

The family of Juanita Gallegos would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the countless number of friends, family, community members and businesses who responded to our need throughout the last couple of weeks.

Thank you to all the prayer groups that gathered to pray for Mom and to the many individuals who offered their prayers during our mother's illness and hospital stay. We would ask our friends, family and community to continue praying. Our family believes that prayer strengthens Mom and

strengthens our family.

Thank you, too, to all the donors who contributed to the recovery fund for Mom's house that was burned in December. Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated. And lastly, but certainly not least, thank you to the Pagosa Springs fire department for arriving so promptly, putting out the fire and helping to salvage many personal items from the fire. Because of their fine work, our family keepsakes and memories are mostly intact. Thank you again. Donations may be made at Gofundme.com/gallegosrecovery or at First Southwest Bank Gallegos Fire Recovery.

Pagosa Paw

A very special thanks to Forest and Jaclyn Bramwell and Third Generation Outfitters, Dave Schanzbaker, Wolf Creek Trailblazers, the Toner and Case ranches, Chow Down, The Overlook Hot Springs and the Pagosa Nordic Club, and the numerous volunteers who made the sixth annual Pagosa Paw Winter Dog Sports Event possible.

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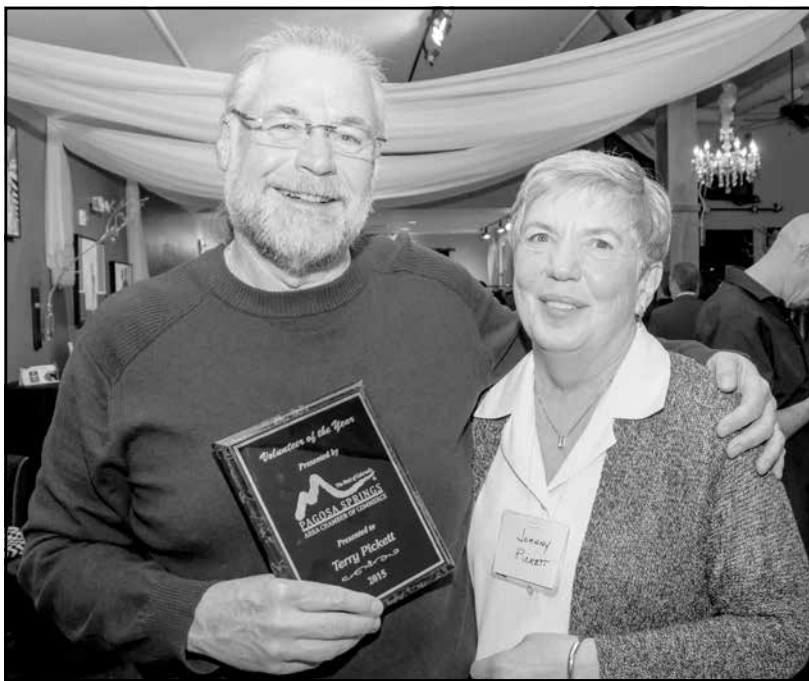
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Photos courtesy Jeff Laydon
Community award winners for 2015 are recognized at last weekend's Chamber of Commerce annual meeting. Top right: The Nonprofit of the Year is Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program. Top left: The Small Business of the Year is Choke Cherry Tree. Bottom right: The Volunteers of the Year are Terry Pickett and Aubrie Limebrook (not pictured). Bottom left: Citizen of the Year is Chris Olivarez with Will and Christie Spears accepting on his behalf. Also not pictured, the Brick and Mortar Award goes to Pagosa Brewing Company.

CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber seats new board members, announces community awards

By **Clint Alley**
 SUN Columnist

The Chamber's annual meeting took place last weekend at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The event was well attended, with over 100 members joining us for an evening of socializing, dancing to the Retro Cats and enjoying excellent appetizers.

We welcomed our three newly elected board members: Chris Smith, Jon Johnson and John Janowski. We look forward to their service on our Chamber board for the next three years.

The community award winners for 2015 Volunteers of the Year are Aubrie Limebrook and Terry Pickett; Citizen of the Year is Chris Olivarez; Nonprofit of the Year is Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program; Small Business of the Year is Choke Cherry Tree; and the Brick and Mortar Award goes to Pagosa Brewing Company. We congratulate all our winners, who are well deserving of these awards.

The next Business After Hours will be hosted by Wyndham Pagosa. Please join us for networking, food and drinks from 5 to 7 p.m. on Feb. 24. We invite all our members and their guests to join us.

Also, look for our upcoming QuickBooks class in February.

Winterfest 2016 is just around the corner. The Chamber will have balloons on Feb. 6 and 7 and the

very popular Penguin Plunge. Also, during this exciting weekend, the town is bringing back the Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race, plus other activities like a broomball tournament, kids' dog sled rides and more.

For more information on many other exciting events that will be taking place during that weekend, please contact the Chamber at 264-2360.

Member news

Our next Maximizing your Membership class is Monday, Feb. 22, from noon to 1:15 p.m. Maximizing your Membership is a service offered to Chamber members or businesses interested in becoming a Chamber member. The Maximizing your Membership class is free and a light lunch is provided.

Please call to reserve your spot; space is limited. To RSVP, contact us at 264-2360 or email admin@pagosachamber.com.

We would like to thank our new member: Buck Frisbee Landscaping Inc., and our renewing members: Blue Mountain Accounting, Curtains Up Pagosa, Malt Shoppe, Pagosa Springs Inn and Suites, Lee Riley-I Sell Pagosa LLC, Ski and Bow Rack, Skip's Coffee News, Team Murphy Realty LLC and Walmart.

We welcome you to visit our offices Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You may also call us at 264-2360 or visit pagosachamber.com.

Town Council authorizes retail marijuana signage

By **Jim Garrett**
 Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council addressed the issue of retail marijuana signage at its meeting on Jan. 21 and approved the use of an externally visible green cross by The Green House, the town's first licensed recreational marijuana retailer located at 270 E. Pagosa St.

Council's action on Thursday followed its Dec. 17, 2015, approval of The Green House's license, subject to restrictions required by the town ordinance providing that "no exterior signage shall use the word 'marijuana,' 'cannabis' or any other word, phrase, symbol, acronym or combination of letters or numbers commonly understood to refer to marijuana."

At the time of council's approval, the licensees noted the likelihood of a follow-up request for signage in addition to the sign then allowed, which was limited to the business' name.

The predicted request by the operators of The Green House for authorization of additional signage provoked discussion during the meeting. Requested was authorization of two green crosses located in externally visible windows in the front of the business.

Town Manager Greg Schulte suggested that green crosses are widely used by recreational marijuana dispensaries and are generally recognized as symbols "commonly understood to refer to marijuana," in the words of the town ordinance.

Council member Tracy Bunning agreed, observing there would be no need "to have this conversation" if the proposed green crosses were not prohibited symbols for marijuana sales.

this, he contended that the green crosses should be allowed as "a pretty subtle way of letting people know what the business is selling."

Jason Cox, of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, who was present at the meeting, observed that from the economic development perspective, council should facilitate "a level playing field," for The Green House and potential future dispensaries, by a decision on what symbols may be permissible.

Council's student representative, Addie Thompson, observed that a possible benefit of allowing limited signage may be to alert members of the public offended by marijuana, so they would be less likely to enter The Green House out of confusion over the nature of its business activity. Members of council generally seemed to agree that possible confusion was a concern, which could be remedied by appropriate signage.

Mayor Don Volger suggested that further evaluation by town staff of the intent of Colorado law and potential alternatives for modifications of the town's ordinance would be helpful to reduce the risk of future disputes. Council members C.K. Patel and Clint Alley observed that the evaluation of potential modifications should consider limits on scope of signage, including size and number.

Council member Kathie Lattin suggested that because of council's sentiment in favor of further evaluation of the use of symbols and the concern that "people should know what [type of business] they're going into," The Green House should be authorized to use a single green cross in a window. She opined that one cross would be sufficient to identify the nature of the business.

Council then unanimously approved a resolution allowing The Green House to immediately use a single green cross and directing the town manager to evaluate and propose potential revision of the ordinance consistent with the discussion. It was noted that The Green House may be entitled to request additional signage in the future, to the extent consistent with any revision of the ordinance.

Economic growth evident in town data

By **Jim Garrett**
 Staff Writer

Reports presented to the Pagosa Springs Town Council at its meeting of Thursday, Jan. 21, included data that reflect economic growth in the community. Among the reports were those on sales and lodgers' tax revenues, and on issuance of building permits by the town during 2015.

Sales tax revenues up

Town Manager Greg Schulte reported that sales tax collections for the town's General Fund through November 2015, the most recent month for which figures are available, have been \$1,917,018. This amount is approximately \$209,000, or 12 percent, above the projection in the annual budget adopted last fall for the full year. It is also 18.6 percent greater than collections through November 2014.

Since sales tax collections are allocated evenly by the town to the General Fund and the capital budget, total collections by the town through November are more than \$418,000 greater than anticipated for the year. Collections by the town for the combined budgets for the year to date total more than \$3,834,000, contrasting with less than \$3,231,000 for the same period in 2014.

Thus, total sales tax growth for the comparable 11-month periods has been more than \$600,000.

For more information, see the Jan. 21 edition of The SUN, which contains a more detailed report on the sales tax picture.

Lodgers' tax revenue grows

Jennifer Green, Pagosa Springs Area Tourism director, provided a report of preliminary numbers on lodging tax collections for the year.

Despite uncollected payments still due for October and November, collections by the town for the first 11 months of 2015 are 3.66 percent higher than complete numbers for the same period in the previous year. This increase is on top of the strong increase in lodgers' tax collections recorded by the town in 2014, which were 14.59 percent greater than in 2013.

Green reported that the total lodgers' tax collected by the town to date in 2015, despite incompleteness of figures for the year's final quarter, is \$485,502. This is 19.22 percent greater than collections five years earlier, for the full year 2011. And Green stated that eight of the 11 months of 2015 reported so far have experienced "the strongest collections in history," compared

to the corresponding month in any prior year.

During her presentation to council, Green showed a two-minute promotional video that was recently produced by the tourism board. The video displays local winter scenes and activities. Included are compelling views of downtown at night, and skiing, boarding, sled dogs, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and other activities.

Green reported that the video had been posted on the Colorado state tourism Facebook page, Visit Colorado, for a period of five days, during which it had 780,000 views and reached nearly 2 million, which was a record for comparable efforts. The video is a powerful presentation of the area's attractions and may be of interest to local residents. It may be viewed currently on the tourism board's Facebook page.

Town building permits on the rise in 2015

Zach Richardson of the Pagosa Springs Building Department reported to council that a total of 57 building permits were issued in 2015. The permits were spread among a variety of projects including commercial and residential buildings and new construction and improvements to existing structures.

Richardson reported that the total project value was over \$9.7 million.

Notably, the total of 57 permits included permits for the construction of 21 new residences in 2015. This compares with only 10 issued by the town in 2014. Corresponding growth is also reflected in certificates of occupancy issued for residences. Whereas only eight were issued in 2014, 15 occupancy certificates were issued by the town in 2015.

Related developments

Schulte submitted a proposal to council during the meeting to authorize the town to make investments in CDs in a total amount of \$1.4 million.

Schulte informed council that the investments would be FDIC insured and would be made in CDs maturing at staggered, or rolling, intervals. Due to the different maturity dates, the CDs would yield varying rates of interest. Schulte stated that as a whole the expected current rate of return for the town would be slightly above 1 percent a year, or \$14,000.

In supporting the proposal, council member David Schanzenbaker, a member of council's finance committee, advised that the town's liquidity is positive. He suggested that, with other cash

balances maintained in the town's accounts, there is very little likelihood of any necessity ever to cash in any of the proposed CDs prematurely to meet expenses. Council unanimously approved the investment proposal.

Schulte elaborated further to The SUN in an interview following the council meeting. He indicated that the town has maintained a so-called "fund balance" for years, using an accounting term referring to accumulated, unspent funds held by public agencies. Much of this is held by the town in regular bank accounts used to meet ongoing expenses.

However, Schulte advised that Colorado Department of Local Affairs guidelines recommend that municipal bodies maintain cash reserves on hand sufficient to meet three months of expenses. He said the investments approved by council in its vote on Thursday consist of funds in excess of such reserves and an additional amount sufficient in the town's judgment to meet potential unusual expenses.

Schulte also noted that recent increased sales tax revenues, reported above, have contributed to growth in the town's fund balance. Since sales tax proceeds comprise the substantial majority of town revenues, a significant surplus of collections over projections can produce a corresponding increase in fund balance.

Schulte observed that the current trend of growth in sales tax collections has continued for a few years. He commented that the town periodically evaluates the size of its fund balance and may make adjustments over time in levels of expenditures or revenues as needed to avoid excessive accumulations.

However, Schulte also pointed out that sales tax revenues are both critical to the town's operations and "volatile" in that they can decline substantially from unpredictable regional or national factors. For example, he noted that forest fires and gasoline prices can negatively impact tourism, which then reduces tax collections. In such circumstances, a positive fund balance can help as a rainy-day fund to meet immediate needs.

Schulte noted that increases in sales and lodgers' tax collections, as well as in building activity as reflected in the issuance of permits, may be indicative of local economic growth in general. Another such factor is the unemployment rate, which Schulte said is currently less than 4 percent, an improvement over recent periods. He stated the community is currently "good on all markers" of growth.

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Town to evaluate sandwich board signs in historic district

By **Jim Garrett**
 Staff Writer

At the recommendation of Planning Director James Dickhoff, Town Council approved a resolution at its meeting on Jan. 21 directing the Historic Preservation Board to conduct a survey of merchants in the town's historic district focused on the use of sandwich board adver-

tising and the possible elimination of its use.

Dickhoff advised that sandwich boards are currently permitted by applicable regulations, but noted that their multiplicity in the historic district and other factors impairing freedom of pedestrian movement on sidewalks, such as stairways providing private building access and tree wells, have combined to

create hazardous conditions.

He said that the survey would solicit views from building owners and tenants on potential elimination of the use of sandwich boards in the district, as well as their reactions to potential allocation of alternative signage, such as signs hanging overhead or mounted on storefronts.

Council's approval of the resolu-

tion was unanimous. The resolution also directed the Planning Department to develop recommendations for potential revisions of applicable regulations, drawing upon the results of the anticipated survey.

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Obituaries



Rick Day

Rick Day, age 69, a native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and resident of Orange Beach, Ala., passed away unexpectedly Thursday, Jan. 21, in Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Rick was the son of V. Day Jr. and Jane (Trice) Day. From an early age, Rick always had a zest for life. He was an avid sportsman and he received endless awards and trophies. Rick loved dirt bikes, skiing, snowmobiles, fast cars and fast boats; he had a need and fascination for speed.

During his college year, Rick felt a strong sense of duty and honor to serve his country and joined the United States Navy. He served two tours in Vietnam. After Rick returned from serving in the Navy, he started his career in his family's owned and operated coal company. Rick was the third generation in his family to carry on the legacy of Center Coal Company.

In the 1980s, Rick's love for boats and speed paid off for him, allowing him to hold two world records for the fastest bass boat. He also competed in many fishing tournaments on his boat, "Experts Only." Being outdoors and especially on the water and fishing were more than just hobbies to Rick; they were his passion. In accordance with his drive for sports, he was a

member of numerous clubs: lifetime member of BPOE, "The Bay Boys" antique car club, Florida Powerboat Club and the Pagosa Springs snowmobile club, just to name a few.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Dana Day, of Orange Beach, daughter Heather Day Coleman and son-in-law Kevin Coleman, of Haleyville, and stepdaughter Cayla Marie Marcet, of Orange Beach; and four grandchildren: Jake, Hope, Isabella and Owen Coleman. Pallbearers for the Day service include Mike Allen, Wendell Latham, Russell Clemmons, Gordon Rickles, Kevin Thibodeaux, Mark Graubart and Gary Nichols. Honorary pallbearers include Joe Blair, Jeff Baggett, Al Quinn, Dale Casey, Jim Eberline and Bo Wilson.

Funeral services for Mr. Day will be Thursday, Jan. 28, starting at 1 p.m. at the Orange Beach United Methodist Church, with visitation two hours prior. There will be a graveside service with military honors immediately following the church service at Pine Rest Memorial Park in Foley, Ala.

In lieu of flowers, the Day family requests memorial donations be made to The Wounded Warriors Project, www.woundedwarrior.org.



Herbert (Herb) Nason

Dr. Herbert Miles (Herb) Nason died peacefully in Albuquerque,

N.M., at age 85 on Jan. 20 after a short illness following an outdoor fall. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather, highly respected doctor and wonderful friend.

Herb was born in Kansas City, Kan., on Nov. 16, 1930, to Dr. Z. Miles and Susie Robinson Nason and spent his childhood there. He graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1948. Carrying on the medical tradition in his family, Herb became a third-generation doctor, graduating from the Kansas University School of Medicine in 1956 with an M.D. and practicing family medicine for the next 35 years. The year 2016 would have been the 60th year since his graduation from medical school. He held several state offices in the American Academy of Family Practice and strongly supported KU Family Medicine throughout his life.

Herb and his wife, Betty, met on a blind date arranged by their brothers and remained best friends for life. They married in 1954 and raised their four children in Kansas City, Osceola, Mo., and Alamosa. Following his retirement from medicine in 1992, the Nasons moved from Alamosa to Pagosa Springs.

He was a long-time member of the Pagosa Springs Golf Club and Gray Wolf Ski Club. Over the years, Herb organized many golfing tournaments and downhill ski trips to national parks and other fun places in Colorado, Utah and Arizona for the Gray Wolves. He also greatly enjoyed meeting new friends, playing bridge, hiking, hunting and traveling, especially with Betty in their fifth wheel. His adventurous spirit, love of new experiences and mischievous sense of humor energized everyone around him.

Ever the caring family doctor even in retirement, Herb was famous among his friends for his willingness to share his medical expertise whenever friends had questions or concerns. He always kept up with the latest medical news and it was not surprising to

see him stabilizing a broken leg on the mountain with a tree branch.

People listened to Herb with great respect, as he always had something of value to say. He was a family man to emulate, a doctor to admire and a friend to treasure. He will be greatly missed and always remembered.

In addition to his wife Betty, Herb is survived by his four children: Susie Nason, Linda Hackathorn and husband Gary, Tom Nason and Tracy Nason; grandchildren Randy Wasmer, Melissa Nason, Rachael Hackathorn and Derik Chavez; brother Courtney; several nieces and nephews; and hundreds of wonderful friends, especially his bridge, hiking, golf, skiing and travel pals. He was predeceased by his parents, sister Pat Meeks and granddaughter Jessica Chavez.

Earlier this week, his family participated in a private service in Albuquerque, where there were many tears and also much laughter as they shared fond memories of Herb. At present, there are no plans for a service in Pagosa. The family especially thanks the staff at Casa del Norte and the nurses at Lovelace Rehabilitation Hospital in Albuquerque for their loving care of Herb.

In his honor, contributions can be made to the Nason Family Award for Kansas University Family Medicine, 3901 Rainbow Blvd., MS 3012, Kansas City, KS 66160, or the Dr. Mary Fisher Foundation, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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Hospice of Mercy to offer 10-week grief support group

By David Bruzese
Special to The SUN

Hospice of Mercy is offering a 10-week grief support group for individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one due to death.

The group will meet at Mercy Regional Medical Center, 1010 Three Spring Blvd. in Durango, on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Space is limited. Persons interested in joining this group should contact Kati Bachman at 382-2032 prior to Jan. 28.

Card of Thanks

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Sincere thanks to all for the beautiful cards and donations received in memory of my dear husband, father and grandfather, Mariano Echavarria. God bless you all.

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Wolf Creek Ski Patrol

Thank you, Wolf Creek Ski Patrol.

This is a thank you note to say thank you very much to Eric Deitemyer and Tristian Richardson of the very professional Wolf Creek Ski Patrol. I have been skiing a few

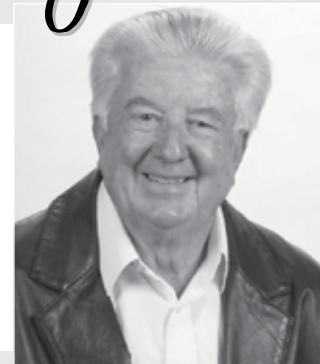
seasons and last Saturday (Jan. 9), I needed help getting down the mountain. I could not have had any better knowledgeable, dedicated and professional responders than Eric and Tristian. It was one hell of a toboggan ride down the mountain.

I just want you local skiers and visitors to our winter playground to take time out of your busy ski day and say thanks and show appreciation for all they do up on the mountain. A special thanks to my ski buddies, Kyle and Barry. Thank you all the Gray Wolves for your concern and friendship. Skiing is a lifestyle and a wonderful winter escape. Skiers are a special breed. Thank you.

Tim Cox

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"We will continue to work diligently with hopes to someday 'shape and mold' Kalei! He's the best! The apple must (truly) not fall far from the tree!" — Michael McTeigue

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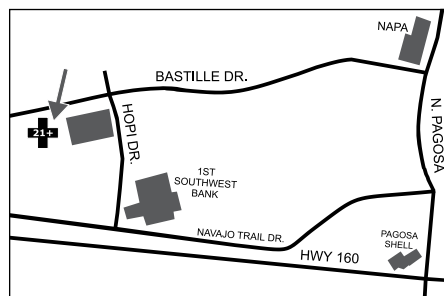
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LEGISLATURE

Bill addresses highway funding, CDOT accountability

The second regular session of the 70th Colorado General Assembly of the Colorado House of Representatives was called to order by Speaker of the House Dickie Lee Hullinghorst on Jan. 13, following a prayer. After the posting of the colors, the speaker began the first day with a speech on what she hoped would be accomplished in the next 120 days. Then Minority Leader of the House Brian DelGrosso talked about what the Republican Caucus expects to accomplish in this session.

Among other things, DelGrosso emphasized the need for affordable housing in Colorado and urged the passage of construction defect legislation that will protect homeowners from bad building contractors and protect homebuilders from frivolous lawsuits. This legislation is supported by all of the business organizations in the state. He

stressed that, at times, government needs to get out of the way, so that free people can make a living and create jobs.

The minority leader also stressed the need for maintaining our highways and outlined proposed legislation that will put more money into highways. He said, "The Department of Transportation is struggling to maintain our existing roads, and without a large infusion of funding, their list of critical transportation project[s] will likely never be completed."

I am running one of the bills that



Rep. Brown's Report

will require at least some additional funding for highways. This bill will guarantee the five years of transfers promised in Senate Bill 09-228 by adding one year of transfers for every year that the transfers are not fully appropriated. In 2009, the legislature replaced SB 97-001 with SB 228. SB 1 required general fund transfers into highways almost every year. Even though SB 228 was supposed to trigger five years of general fund transfers to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), not one dollar has gone into highways until this year. My bill will guarantee full transfers for the full five years.

Another question that I share with many others: "Are we using transportation funding in the most efficient way possible?" I am running a bill with Sen. Randy Baumgardner and Rep. Dan Nordberg that will require more transparency

and efficiency by CDOT. A recent FASTER audit revealed that taxpayer dollars are not being used efficiently and that CDOT does not have transparent processes in place to prioritize highway projects. Our bill requires an audit of all construction and maintenance funds, as well as an annual budget transparency report to the Transportation Commission, implements transparency measures for CDOT bidding processes, ensures CDOT closes contracts within a reasonable amount of time following completion and requires CDOT to seek legislative approval to bond out for facilities. This bill will make CDOT more accountable to both the Transportation Commission and the Legislature.

I am excited to make government more efficient and accountable to Colorado taxpayers.

Settlement efforts begin in Hudson suit against town

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

Town Council convened an executive session during its meeting on Jan. 21 to consider instructions to negotiators in connection with its defense of the lawsuit brought by local resident Bill Hudson.

The suit, William Hudson v. April Hessman, Town Clerk, pending in District Court of Archuleta County, challenges the legality of council's action in allowing a "contract adversary" to participate in a prior executive session held on Sept. 15, 2015.

The executive session concerned a contract entered into by the town in July 2012, granting 10-year development rights in certain property along the San Juan River to Springs Partners LLC.

At issue at the time of the 2015 meeting were proposed revisions

to the 2012 agreement.

The executive session was convened pursuant to Colorado's Open Meetings Law, allowing governmental bodies to meet privately in executive session to formulate positions and strategies guiding the conduct of negotiations in third-party dealings.

According to Hudson's suit, the town violated the law last September by allowing representatives of Springs Partners LLC to participate in the executive session. The suit argues that any third party dealing with a municipal body is legally an adversary, meaning someone with interests at least potentially at odds with those of the town, and thus the meeting could not have concerned solely formulation of the town's position in the ongoing dealings.

The executive session was recorded, as also required by law,

and the suit seeks disclosure of any part of the proceedings that did not meet the restrictions of the Open Meetings Law.

At the conclusion of the executive session last Thursday, council publicly announced that its negotiators would be instructed to enter into settlement discussions in the Hudson lawsuit.

In comments made to The SUN on Jan. 26, following council's announcement, Hudson noted that he initially filed suit because, in his view, there had been at least one other occasion on which council had invited a contract adversary to participate in an executive session in violation of Colorado law, and he became concerned over the pattern. He indicated that his primary objective in bringing the suit was to ensure compliance with the law in future matters.

Hudson stated that for some time he has been urging the town to discuss settlement, without success. Consequently, he was gratified by the announcement following the executive session Thursday night of the town's intent to pursue potential settlement. However, at the time of commenting to The SUN, Hudson noted that he had not yet received any contact pursuant to the announcement.

Hudson said that, in his view, an appropriate resolution of the merits of the suit would be for the town to agree that it would not permit future participation by its adversaries in executive sessions authorized by Colorado law for development of negotiating positions. He also noted that he would like to receive compensation for attorney fees.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

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.

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

Monday, Feb. 8

Pagosa Area Geothermal Water and Power Authority meeting. 5 p.m., Archuleta County

administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. or Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Coffee with a Cop. 10 a.m., Boulder Coffee Cafe, 2839 Cornerstone Drive. Opportunity to ask questions of deputies and learn more about the Sheriff's Office.

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission. 5:30 p.m., Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Archuleta School District Board of Education regular meeting. 6 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.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic

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

Tuesday, Feb. 16

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.

Pagosa Fire Protection District regular board meeting. 6:30 p.m., training room at Station 1, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

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

Thursday, Feb. 18

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

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

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Archuleta County Board of County

LPEA initiates maintenance program in Archuleta County

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

As part of La Plata Electric Association's (LPEA) commitment to reliability and safety, crews will be performing transformer maintenance and raptor protection efforts throughout Archuleta County in coming weeks, weather permitting.

"We have an ongoing maintenance program for our equipment," said Justin Talbot, manager of operations. "We plan, monitor and keep ahead of issues, and this current effort in Archuleta County is part of that. You'll see workers in bucket trucks working at the top of utility poles."

While atop the poles servicing the transformers, crews will also, when warranted, upgrade or install avian protection devices to discourage the large birds from nesting or coming in contact with energized wires.

Maintenance efforts on some equipment may require access to private property and crews will notify homeowners upon arrival at each location prior to initiating work.

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William L. Hubbard
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Radon Awareness Month: Testing and mitigation information

By Roberta Tolan
SUN Columnist

January is Radon Awareness Month, and surveys show that homes in most Colorado counties have the potential for radon levels above the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended action level.

Radon has been identified as a risk factor in developing lung cancer because it decays into radioactive particles that can get trapped in the lungs. These particles release bursts of energy that damage lung tissue and it is estimated that radon may be associated with about 21,100 lung cancer deaths per year in the United States.

Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas emitted from uranium, a naturally occurring mineral in rocks and soil. Normally, radon rises up through the soil and dissipates in the air outside. Radon becomes a concern, however, when it seeps through openings such as cracks, loose-fitting pipes, sump pits, dirt floors, slab joints or block walls and accumulates in the home. Because radon levels are influenced by a variety of factors — soil type and moisture, how tight the home is, type of heating and ventilation system, movement of air and groundwater, air pressure

and lifestyle behavior of the occupants — the only way to know if a home has elevated levels of radon is to test it.

Testing and mitigation

All homes in Colorado should be tested for radon and only individual testing can determine which houses may have a radon problem. You cannot base your radon level on a neighbor's test result as every home is different. If tests show higher-than-acceptable levels of radon in the home, mitigation is needed.

The cost of repairs to reduce radon depends on how the home was built and the extent of the problem. Most homes can be fixed for \$800 to \$2,500. A variety of methods may be used to lower radon levels in a home including sub-slab, drain tile, sump hole and block wall suction. Sealing cracks and other openings in the foundation and covering sump pump holes are basic approaches to radon reduction; however, sealing alone is not proven to significantly or consistently lower radon levels.

Radon resistance and new construction

Radon reduction methods can be planned for and installed during new home construction. The aver-

age cost to install a radon system during home construction is approximately \$350 to \$500, versus \$1,200 after the home is built. New homes constructed with high levels of radon should include:

- A passive sub-slab or crawl-space depressurization system.
- Foundation barrier techniques such as a layer of gas-permeable material under the foundation (usually 4 inches of gravel), plastic sheeting over that material, and sealing and caulking of all openings in the concrete foundation floor or floor above.
- Dedicated intake and/or combustion air for exhaust and combustion appliances.
- Installation of a gas-tight 3- or 4-inch pipe that runs from under the foundation (under the sheeting covering the soil in crawlspaces) through the house to the roof.
- A roughed-in electrical junction box for future installation of a fan, if needed.
- Homes should be tested after occupation and if radon levels remain above 4 pCi/L, the passive sub-slab system should be converted to an active system by adding a fan.

Free radon presentations and test kits available

Free presentations about radon

detection and mitigation will be offered at the Archuleta County CSU Extension office on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. Those attending a radon presentation can pick up a free radon testing kit while supplies last.

Preregistration is required to reserve your space; call the Extension office at 264-5931.

For more information on radon, testing, mitigation and resources, visit the CSU Extension website at www.ext.colostate.edu and download Fact Sheet No. 9.953, "Preventing Radon Problems in the Home."

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.

SENIOR NEWS

Tax prep help to return to Senior Center

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN Columnist

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be returning to prepare federal and state income tax returns at no charge.

The planned dates are Saturday, Feb. 20, and Saturday, March 5, by appointment only.

The gross income limit this tax season is \$54,000. You must be a 2016 member of the Archuleta Se-

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Please call 264-2167 for information or to make an appointment.

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Thursday, Jan. 28 — Beef brisket, baked beans, Asian slaw, whole wheat roll, salad bar and fruit.

Friday, Jan. 29 — Shrimp scampi, orzo, broccoli with cauliflower and carrots, whole wheat roll, salad bar and fruit with yogurt parfait.

Monday, Feb. 1 — Beef strogan-

off, whole wheat roll, fettuccine noodles, mixed vegetables, salad bar and fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 2 — Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, Mexican corn, salad bar and pineapple.

Wednesday, Feb. 3 — Pork ribs, corn, baked sweet potato, braised red cabbage, whole wheat roll, salad bar and brownie.

Thursday, Feb. 4 — Beef-stuffed pepper rings, red potatoes, steamed carrots, salad bar and yogurt with strawberries.

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.

LPEA lowers Time-of-Use 'off peak' rate

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) will lower the cost for members using electricity in "off-peak" periods as part of the Time-of-Use (TOU) program, effective March 1. The action comes after concerted negotiations with LPEA's primary power supplier Tri-State Generation and Transmission.

The "off-peak" rate for those signed up for the TOU program will drop 7.7 percent, from 6.5 cents per kWh to 5.9 cents per kWh, to help encourage members to shift their electricity usage to "off-peak" periods. The "on-peak" rate of 16.8 cents per kWh will remain the same, as will the base charge of \$21.50 per month to cover LPEA's fixed costs.

"Lowering the 'off-peak' rate

truly goes far to re-invigorate our Time-of-Use program," said Dan Harms, manager of rates, technology and energy policy. "One of the goals we have in managing electricity distribution is to level off usage and not experience 'spikes' in demand for power. Through the Time-of-Use program, our members can help us and we want to financially reward our members for shifting energy use to 'off-peak' periods."

Because of a dramatic change in rate structure from Tri-State Generation and Transmission (LPEA's primary power provider) in 2013, LPEA's Time-of-Use program proved no longer viable for many members previously participating, according to Harms.

"We've now come to a better agreement with Tri-State," said

Harms. "And that will benefit our Time-of-Use members."

Going forward, LPEA will no longer delineate between regular TOU participants and those who have ETS (electric thermal storage) heaters. (ETS Advantage was a special program that was spawned by the 2013 Tri-State rate change.) All TOU participants will now realize lower "off-peak" rates 1 to 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., plus all day Sunday and Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"It shouldn't take much effort to now realize savings on the Time-of-Use rate by shifting heavy use of electricity to the off-peak hours," said Energy Management Advisor Suzy Bynum.

Contact Bynum at 382-3506 or sbynum@lpea.coop. View the change of rate notice at www.lpea.coop.

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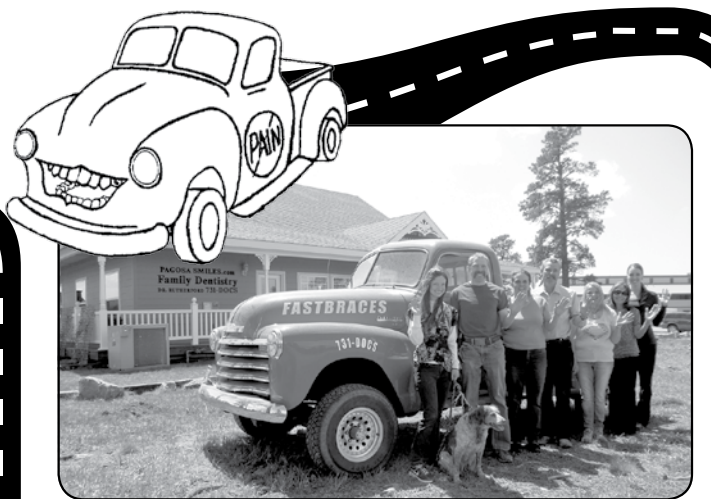


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(PSMC) and the construction of a new primary care clinic.

Construction on the new clinic is set to begin April 4, with a formal groundbreaking ceremony on May 24.

In addition, the district has completed the grant application for an amount of \$2 million by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for the expansion.

The district also received pledges and donations from community members and other donors for the expansion project totaling \$2,460,062, mostly from members of the community.

Debt refinancing

According to Chief Administration Officer Ann Bruzzese, although the hospital faced unintentional delays in securing financing for the new primary care clinic, the delay has resulted in a positive outcome.

In the spring of 2015, the USJHSD began the process of obtaining financing for the new clinic. Through the process, it was discovered that the district's existing 2006 and 2007 bonds precluded

the district from having additional debt secured by net revenues, unless the district met at least one of two "additional bonds/debts tests."

The additional bonds tests require the district to demonstrate the following:

One, that for the two prior full fiscal years, the district's mill levy was sufficient to pay 175 percent of the maximum annual debt on the 2006 and 2007 bonds and the new debt.

Two, for the two full fiscal years following the issuance of the new debt (or completion of the project), the district's mill levy is projected to be sufficient to pay 200 percent of the combined maximum annual debt service on the 2006 and 2007 bonds and the new debt.

Initially, the USJHSD did not meet either of these requirements, forcing the district to refund or refinance the bonds.

By September 2015, Bruzzese, bond attorneys and investment bankers were focused on three goals. One, to finance approximately \$20 million, with \$10 million designated to refund and refinance the existing bonds and

\$10 million for the primary care clinic; two, to allow the maximum flexibility for future lending and expansion; and three, to meet a spring 2016 groundbreaking date.

This led the district toward Certificate of Participation financing, which is a costly form of financing, but was intended to ensure increased flexibility for future growth and financing.

Fortunately, the district was able to revisit the additional bonds/debt tests. Due to improved finances in the fiscal years of 2014 and 2015, the district now meets the first requirement of the test.

This means the USJHSD has the option to obtain additional debt, secured by the net revenues of the PSMC, without refunding and refinancing the 2006 and 2007 bonds.

In other words, with the delay, "the district has the flexibility to finance the clinic or expansion costs with revenue bonds and leave the existing 2006 and 2007 bonds in place," Bruzzese explained in her report.

2015 financial report

According to board member Karl Irons, the district saw many

positive financial improvements from the year 2014 to 2015.

- Gross patient revenue totaled \$46.23 million, which is a 32-percent increase from 2014.

- Net income totaled \$1.62 million, which is 107 percent more than 2014.

- Collections totaled \$23.44 million, which is a 42-percent increase from the previous year.

- Year-end cash on hand totaled \$4.84 million, which is 3.5 times more than last year's \$1.37 million.

In his report, Irons states, "In summary, from a financial perspective, 2015 was yet another high growth year. In fact, Gross Patient Revenue was 32 percent higher than last year and 90 percent higher than 2013. By keeping operating

expenses in check, we managed to break even without counting the mill levy or donations."

According to Irons, the district's finances for the month of December were also largely positive.

- Total patient revenue came to \$4.13 million, the fifth highest number the hospital has ever seen and 17 percent above budget.

- Benefits were \$411,000 under budget. According to Irons, 2015 was a good year for the district relative to self-insurance costs.

- December was a strong collections month totaling \$2.28 million. This makes December the second-strongest month ever in this regard.

The hospital also set several important monthly records.

- Inpatient admissions totaled

59, besting August by 9 percent.

- December bested October by 1 percent, with clinic visits totaling 1,615.

- Infusion revenue totaled \$320,000, besting August by \$47,000 or 17 percent.

2015 patient numbers

Along with strong financials, the hospital remained extremely busy throughout 2015, including 55,800 outpatient visits, 20,800 lab visits, 9,700 imaging patients, 16,800 clinic visits and just under 7,000 emergency room visits.

In the year 2015, 54,000 lab tests were conducted, 13,000 imaging tests conducted and 1,000 surgeries performed.

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calculated to meet the expense of the additional treatment burden added to that of treating effluent from its own system.

The IGA specified that the ultimate discharge from the Vista plant would satisfy all applicable federal and Colorado environmental standards. Full implementation of the IGA would consequently allow the PSSGID to decommission the town's current sewage treatment lagoons, located between the high school and the San Juan River, which no longer fully comply with legal requirements.

Construction of the multimillion dollar pipeline in satisfaction of the IGA was completed late last year. However, by a vote of its board at a meeting on Dec. 10, 2015, PAWSD declined to fund operation and maintenance of the system for the year 2016. Under the terms of the IGA, that action had the effect of terminating the agreement, and undermined the plan for future treatment of Pagosa Springs' sewerage to satisfy legal requirements.

According to Pagosa Springs

Town Manager Greg Schulte, the IGA clause providing for the termination of the agreement if one of the parties refuses to allocate annual funding was included in the agreement to satisfy the Colorado TABOR law (Taxpayers' Bill of Rights), designed to limit multiyear financial commitments by municipal bodies.

However, Schulte related that before the IGA, the town had planned to deal with the deficiency of its current sewage lagoons by constructing its own modern treatment facility. The decision instead to deliver sewage via a pipeline to the PAWSD Vista treatment plant resulted from a proposal by PAWSD to the town that became the basis for negotiation and eventual execution of the IGA between PAWSD and PSSGID.

Schulte said that the mediation of the dispute approved by the board's Thursday resolution would address "a multitude of issues re-

lating to the substantive terms" of the IGA. This will include terms of operation and maintenance of the pipeline, as well as sewage treatment. However, he stressed that "the town's position is that the IGA is valid as written."

Regarding the status of the pipeline itself, at its Thursday meeting the PSSGID board received a report from Sanitation Supervisor Gene Tautges that four of the eight pumps installed to move sewage through the pipeline failed certification testing on Jan. 4. Tautges stated that the affected pumps were pulled out of the system and returned to the manufacturer for repairs. His hope is they will be reinstalled and startup can occur by mid-February.

Schulte told The SUN that the reason the pumps failed is to be determined by the manufacturer while repairs are being made. He said financial responsibility for the repairs will be assigned accordingly.

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SourceGas

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debt. The effective purchase price is \$1.74 billion when accounting for \$150 million in tax benefits, according to Black Hills.

In August 2015, Black Hills and SourceGas filed a joint application with the Colorado commission seeking approval of the purchase.

According to Linn Evans, president and COO of utilities for the Black Hills Corp., "This settlement is an important step in our regulatory approval process to acquire SourceGas. The settlement represents the agreement of the parties that the acquisition will be beneficial to customers."

SourceGas serves approximately 425,000 customers in about 800 communities, most of which are rural, throughout Colorado, Arkansas, Nebraska and Wyoming.

The agreement prohibits changes in customer base rates for at least three years for SourceGas Distribution customers in Colorado, and two years for Rocky Mountain Natural Gas LLC, a 512-mile regulated intrastate natural gas transmission pipeline that is also being acquired by Black Hills.

Additionally, settling parties are conditionally prohibited from challenging the rates and revenue requirements of SourceGas in Colorado for five years after the closing

of the transaction.

"The company will not seek recovery of any acquisition premium from the acquired Colorado customers and will reduce annual SourceGas distribution customer charges by \$200,000 per year for up to five years," the release states.

The settlement agreement had to be approved by the Colorado commission before its terms became effective. The parties requested that the commission issue a final decision by Dec. 31, 2015.

No official statement has been provided by either company on the outcome of the Colorado commission's decision.

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Lawsuit against county amended

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

A complaint filed in district court by a local resident against the Archuleta County clerk and recorder was amended last week, on Jan. 20.

The complaint was originally filed by Archuleta County resident Greg Giehl and his attorney, Matt Roane, regarding an executive session recording that took place Sept. 22.

The executive session, held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), pertained to the resignation of County Attorney Todd Starr.

The complaint was filed against Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder June Madrid, because she did not release the recording of the executive session to Giehl and Roane when they requested it.

The complaint argues that, for various reasons, the executive session wasn't conducted correctly and therefore deserved to be public knowledge.

There were four counts in the original complaint, with the amendment removing the first count.

The first count alleged that the BoCC went into executive session

without properly noticing the executive session to begin with.

The amendment to the complaint reads, "COMES NOW Plaintiff Greg Giehl and withdraws Count One of his Complaint for Disclosure of Public Records pursuant to C.R.C.P. 15, as a matter of course. The parties have addressed the matter privately rendering further litigation of the Count unnecessary."

In an email to SUN staff, Roane explained, "Mr. Giehl originally included Count One in the lawsuit because it appeared that the County had not legally noticed the executive session. Chairman Whiting announced that Mr. Starr tendered his resignation letter on Monday, September 21, 2015. The subsequent executive session wherein the BoCC discussed the resignation occurred less than 24 hours later."

Roane went on to explain that, due to the situation, it originally appeared that the BoCC violated Colorado Open Meetings law.

"The County has since submitted evidence suggesting that Mr. Starr actually announced his resignation to county staff the prior week thus leaving enough time for the BoCC to arguably comply with the law," wrote Roane.

Roane then explained that Giehl accepted the County's evidence and withdrew the count as a result.

"I am pleased with Mr. Giehl's action as I believe this is how all litigation should proceed," wrote Roane. "Parties ought to work together to resolve as many matters as possible between themselves and only involve the Court in those they cannot."

"I don't want to waste anybody's time or money in this issue," Giehl stated in an interview with SUN staff, adding that he and the county mutually agreed to drop the dispute about the first count in the complaint.

SUN staff was unable to reach a county representative for comment by presstime Wednesday.

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The SUN later inquired about the reference to "3 million a month" made by Lewis.

In a phone interview, The SUN asked Business Services Manager Shellie Peterson what measurement was used for this number.

Peterson stated that the data is "too preliminary" to tell exactly what is occurring at the plant.

She also asserted that it has not been confirmed the data is showing a leak, and the numbers could, in fact, reflect an increase in demand downtown.

Due to the current season, PAWSD cannot conduct any "boots on the ground investigative work" on the situation, according to Lewis. It was indicated that action would be taken when conditions allow.

Election and TABOR

Also on the work session agenda was the upcoming election. Three seats will open in May 2016, including those currently held by Mike Church, Glenn Walsh and Blake Brueckner.

The deadline to submit self-nomination acceptance forms is less than a month away, on Feb. 26, but it was indicated all three current board members intend to submit.

If the three board members run unopposed, PAWSD is not required to hold an election and will potentially save between \$30,000 and \$50,000. However, the board expressed a desire to add a question to the ballot reinstating TABOR restrictions.

The board discussed at great length what would be most prudent in terms of holding an election, without knowing if multiple candidates will join the race.

In explaining the reinstatement of TABOR, Walsh said, "What it would do is limit any future property tax increases essentially to 5 percent, maybe a maximum of 5.5 percent."

Walsh continued, asserting that PAWSD has multiple streams of revenue with which to draw from, giving the district increased flexibility in comparison to other

districts.

"The thing is, PAWSD has a lot of revenue streams, so it doesn't really affect PAWSD like it would the county, which I'm still supportive of the county, but I understand people who are a little bit weary of it at the county," said Walsh.

Church, the board president, expressed that if current members are re-elected to their seats, the ballot question could be pushed back and money saved on an election.

"To sum it up is, if the same three board members get re-elected and there isn't another person running against them, then it would be expensive just to put TABOR out there, because the same board will still be here next year or in two years when another election is coming up, and we can safeguard that campaign promise that a lot of us made," Church stated.

While it is still yet to be seen whether or not members will run unopposed, ultimately, the board feels the voters should decide the fate of the TABOR restriction.

"Mostly, I just think the voters should decide. You know, if the majority would, if they have such confidence in PAWSD that they think we would effectively spend a 50-percent increase in property taxes, then I'll take that as a compliment," Walsh said.

It would seem the board assumes voters will support the TABOR restriction and members aim to fulfill campaign promises by placing the issue on the ballot. The question is when it will appear.

The board will discuss the matter further once the Feb. 26 deadline for self-nomination has passed.

Mediation

During the regular meeting, the board spoke with district legal counsel Jeffrey P. Robbins concerning mediation between PAWSD and the PSSGID.

On Dec. 10, PAWSD held a special meeting during which the board voted unanimously not to fund the line items in the budget associated with the operation

and maintenance of the pipeline related to the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between PAWSD and PSSGID.

On Dec. 1, a letter was submitted to Town Manager Greg Schulte from Robbins outlining the board's central concerns.

Robbins stated, "As you know, the crux of the issue is that the IGA contemplates the PAWSD Board and the PAWSD ratepayers subsidizing and paying certain of the incremental additional costs associated with the conveyance and treatment of PSSGID sewage at the PAWSD Vista treatment plant."

The letter goes on to state that the PAWSD board believes it is "fundamentally unfair for PAWSD ratepayers to subsidize, in perpetuity, the costs associated with treatment of PSSGID sewage."

With these concerns in mind, Robbins suggested the board bring in a third-party mediator to address the situation.

"We suggested, the board and I through a letter to the attorney, that what ought to happen is to involve a third-party mediator to assist the parties in addressing the issue to reach a fair resolution."

According to Robbins, the latest correspondence indicated the disagreeing parties would have additional time to mediate due to issues with the pump and pipeline. It was recommended this time be used for mediation and resolution.

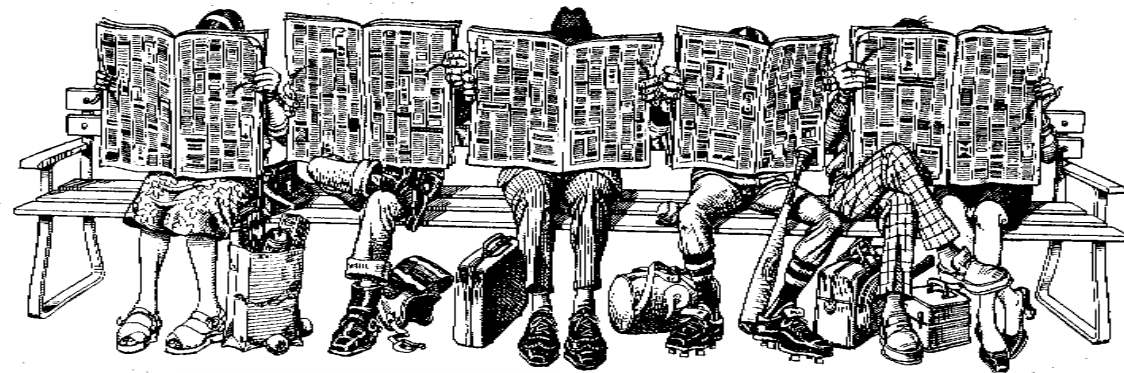
"I think this is a very good opportunity for your board and it's my recommendation that we all agree, and we should sit down and roll up our sleeves ... and see what efforts could be made to try to get to a resolution of the issues between the parties," Robbins stated.

Robbins recommended conducting the mediation in the next two to three weeks and presented the board with the option of using an attorney from Durango.

The PAWSD board unanimously agreed to bring in a third-party mediator, as did the PSSGID. For more information, see related story in this week's SUN.

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Town and county hold joint work session, reaffirm priorities

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council and the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held their first joint work session of the year Tuesday, Jan. 26, and reaffirmed the priorities that the town and county share.

The joint priorities, according to agenda documentation used at the work session, are listed as early childhood development, workforce housing and broadband.

Another priority that was not listed on documentation for the work session but was briefly discussed was maintaining downtown Pagosa Springs' vitality.

"We thought it appropriate, in the first meeting, to sort of set the tone for the year and go back over and reaffirm or confirm the joint strategic priorities and interests that we had established last year," began Commissioner Michael Whiting.

Whiting went on to explain that the Early Childhood Development Work Group, of which he is a part, is still in the process of looking for a part-time coordinator for said work group.

The newly formed group is able to hire a new coordinator due to a grant from the El Pomar Foundation that offered \$10,000 contingent on the town and county each matching \$10,000, bringing the total amount of funds to \$30,000.

"We've been meeting on a monthly and, occasionally, more frequent basis to ... put together a job description," explained Whiting.

He went on to add that an official draft of the description was created recently, and that an advertisement for the job would appear in the next couple of weeks.

Council Member Tracy Bunning added that, as the \$30,000 pot of money was spent, he thought it

would be in the town's best interest to receive reports on how the money is being spent.

"That pledge should come from the work group that we put together," replied Whiting. "I'll make that pledge on our behalf, that at least quarterly we'll provide an update in financials."

Commissioner Clifford Lucero stressed importance on the fact that the same amount of funds is not guaranteed for next year, and that the job description should reflect that.

"We all see the need for early childhood education and see it as an economic driver," commented Commissioner Steve Wadley, "but, we've got to make sure that our investment is going towards creating slots for early childhood education, not just creating a fundraiser or another level of bureaucracy."

Whiting pointed out that there was a fundamental difference between day care and early childhood education, but acknowledged that both are important.

Workforce housing

The work session then turned to workforce, or affordable, housing.

Wadley pointed out that many of the homes that were recently rented on six-month or year-long leases have now been turned into vacation rental homes.

"We're seeing a big increase in tourism funds," explained Wadley, "but it's not helping people that aren't in a position to buy a home to be able to rent someplace on a permanent basis."

Town Manager Greg Schulte then chimed in, saying "Town staff is going to look and see if there is a way that we can incentivize through the things we control ... that would be building, planning and fee structure."

Schulte went on to say that the

town was getting more staff in the planning and building departments.

"I wonder if there is some way that we can have a discussion with the PAWSD board, because the water and sewer hookups are very expensive for, say, a thousand-square-foot home," Wadley said. "But we need to find a way to solve this problem for the working force."

Wadley went on to point out that the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) had taken action to discourage consolidation of small lots, by increasing applicable fees.

Bunning added that, if the town and county did invite PAWSD to attend a meeting or work session, PLPOA should be invited as well.

Broadband

The work session finished with the discussion of broadband.

Whiting kicked off the discussion by allowing Parelli President and CEO Mark Weiler to speak to the group.

"I was invited to the CDC meeting; the topic was broadband communication," began Weiler. "It is my personal belief that that is the lifeblood of every community going forward and it is the highest need we have here."

Weiler went on to say that, at the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) there was discussion of a catch phrase for developing broadband in the area.

"One gig everywhere in Archuleta" was the slogan that Weiler pitched to the town and county. "One gig" refers to download speed.

"It's a big goal," commented Weiler, going on to point out that making broadband the primary focus could tremendously aid the community.

"You've been recipients of wonderful sales tax revenue receipts,

and I would suggest that you consider leveraging those as a funding mechanism for ubiquitous, one gig everywhere in Archuleta County," Weiler concluded.

"Archuleta County doesn't have broadband in most places by modern standards," commented Whiting. "Even with people with DSL, technically, that's not broadband anymore."

The conversation then turned to the actual fiber installation in order to get broadband.

The idea of a "dig-once" policy was discussed, with Schulte explaining "For example, if one of the utility companies is opening up a trench, then we want to be able to have the opportunity to put some fiber down there."

The idea is that any time a trench or ditch is opened up for maintenance or repair, the town and county are notified and given the opportunity to install fiber for broadband while the work is being performed.

Schulte added that the fiber itself isn't that expensive.

"It's the same price as dental floss per foot," stated Whiting, later adding, "90 percent of the cost of broadband is putting the thing in the ground."

"If we're going to try and get those kinds of speeds that we're talking about, then we need to have an infrastructure for that," concluded Schulte.

The next joint BoCC and Town Council meeting will take place Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 8 a.m. in the commissioners' meeting room, located at 398 Lewis St.

There was brief discussion of designating the last Tuesday of every month as the official meeting date for joint meetings, but nothing is certain at this point, and an official schedule is expected to be discussed at the meeting on Feb. 23.

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Jan. 18 — Criminal mischief, Haley Place.

Jan. 18 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.
Jan. 18 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, U.S. 160.

Jan. 18 — First-degree criminal trespass/other intent, Oakwood Drive.

Jan. 19 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drove vehicle when BAC .08 or more, Country Center Drive.

Jan. 20 — Possession of drug paraphernalia/penalty, drove vehicle when license suspended, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, warrant arrest, South 9th Street.

Jan. 21 — Disorderly conduct/ misdemeanor, second-degree assault on police officer or fireman serious injury, resisting arrest, second-degree assault on police officer or fireman serious injury, illegal possession or consumption of alcohol by minor, County Road 600.

Jan. 22 — Illegal possession or consumption of alcohol by minor, Monte Vista Drive.

Jan. 22 — Two warrant arrests, North 5th Street.

Jan. 23 — Warrant arrest, Ace Court.
Jan. 23 — First-degree criminal trespass/theft from vehicle, theft, Oakwood Circle.

Jan. 24 — Information only, South 6th Street.

Jan. 24 — Information only, San Juan Street.

Jan. 24 — First-degree criminal trespass/theft from vehicle, theft, Oakwood Circle.

Jan. 24 — Domestic violence, ha-

arrassment/stalking-misdemeanor, Valley View Drive.

Jan. 24 — No insurance in possession, failed to observe or disregarded traffic control device, County Road 600.
Jan. 25 — Harassment-strikes shoves/kicks, Country Center Drive.

Jan. 25 — Information only, San Juan Street.

Jan. 25 — Second-degree burglary, theft, Eagles Nest.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department
Jan. 19 — Found property, Cemetery Road.

Jan. 19 — Warrant arrest/nonlocal, South 9th Street.

Jan. 20 — Fraud/credit device, Talisman Drive.

Jan. 20 — Harassment, Reservoir Hill.
Jan. 20 — Child abuse/negligence, Trinity Lane.
Jan. 20 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Jan. 21 — Agency assist, Piedra View Road.

Jan. 22 — Shoplifting, Country Center Drive.

Jan. 22 — Information only, East Pagosa Street.

Jan. 23 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Jan. 24 — Information only, South 5th Street.

Jan. 24 — Violation/bail bond, Lewis Street.

Jan. 24 — Disorderly conduct/fighting, Lewis Street.

Jan. 25 — Harassment, Country Center Drive.

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
No report.

Free and healthy square dance class running through March 9

By Carla Roberts
Special to The SUN

Free square dance classes continue Wednesday afternoons through March 9 at the PLPOA Clubhouse from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

This introductory class has six more weeks and is still open for registration. This is a fun, easygoing and free class available to families, couples and singles. Suggested age for children is at least 8 years old. Call Carla Roberts to enroll at 903-6478.

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as 75 percent.

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Sports

BASKETBALL

Lee-Hammer, Madi Lewis lead Pirates to 11th win

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School girls' basketball team logged a strong win over conference foe Centauri Saturday evening in La Jara, ensuring that they keep their status as the only undefeated team in the Intermountain League.

No. 1 Pagosa defeated the No. 6-ranked Falcons by a final score of 51-36 in the game, and are now 11-0 overall and 3-0 in IML action.

"I thought our senior guards carried us that night," coach Wes Lewis said. "Madi (Lewis) and Taylor (Lee-Hammer) both had really good games."

Lewis added that Madi Lewis and Lee-Hammer provided "what you hope for out of senior leadership."

In the game, Lee-Hammer scored 25 points, including three 3-pointers and 10 free throws (out of 14 attempts). She also notched four rebounds, all coming on the

defensive end of the court.

Madi Lewis was the only other Lady Pirate in double digits, with 13 points, including one free throw. She led the team with nine rebounds, including seven defensive rebounds.

"I was proud of our two senior guards. I thought they stepped up and had some big games," the coach continued.

Only two other Pirates scored in the game — Morgan Lewis notched nine, and Ada Peshlaki contributed four off the bench, which the coach said added a "nice spark."

Morgan Lewis and Mariah Snarr each pulled down five rebounds, Peshlaki tallied two, and Megan Farrah logged one.

Despite finding themselves in foul trouble during the game and being challenged by the familiarity between Centauri and Pagosa, the Lady Pirates outscored the Falcons in three out of four of the game's quarters, leading to the 51-36 win. "We had several dumb fouls,"

Lewis said, explaining that the team committed fouls like reaching, going over the back and on runaway layups, as well as in other instances. "That's something we've really got to eliminate going forward."

Farrah played the least due to foul trouble, the coach said, but he added that freshman Devin Wilson "did good things" coming off the bench.

The Pirates were also challenged in the game due to the familiarity between the two teams.

"I thought we did a pretty good job at kind of clogging up their half-court defense and vice versa," Lewis said, adding that several players between the two teams canceled each other out, such as Morgan Lewis and Ember Canty.

Pagosa turned the ball over 25 times in the game, compared to Centauri's 17 turnovers.

Still, Pagosa bested Centauri by 10 in the first quarter, 14-4, and increased that lead by a point by

halftime, to 26-15.

In the third quarter, the Pirates tallied 16 points, outscoring their hosts by five points, and rang up another nine points in the fourth quarter. The Falcons tallied 10 in the game's final eight minutes, but fell short of a comeback.

Pagosa improved to 3-0 in league play with the win, while Centauri dropped to 2-2.

Pagosa will take on another conference opponent Friday evening when the team travels to Bayfield. The Wolverines are 3-7 on the season and 0-3 in league play.

The game is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Pagosa will welcome the 2A Sargent Farmers from Monte Vista for a 5:30 p.m. nonconference matchup.

The Farmers are 8-4 overall on the season.

Lewis said little is known about either team this season, and the Lady Pirates intend to stick to their standard approach, adjust-

ing throughout the course of each game as needed.

"We should be fine if we play up to our potential," he said.
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Pirates notch second league win, face Bayfield Friday

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

With a 36-36 tie through three quarters, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team's victory over the Centauri Falcons Saturday night in La Jara boiled down to the final eight minutes of the game.

It was in that eight minutes that the Pirates broke out for 19 points while limiting Centauri to seven, giving the Pirates a 55-43 advantage at the final buzzer.

"Centauri is a tough place to play and Centauri played well, so it was good to get a win on Saturday night," coach Randy Sorenson noted in an email to The SUN. "Our kids played well also and found a way to win in the fourth quarter. It was a close game until the end..."

In fact, the game was tied 14-14 after the first quarter. In the second quarter, Pagosa bested Centauri 14-12, giving the Pirates a two-point advantage at halftime.

The tables were turned in the third quarter, however, when the Falcons notched 10 points and limited the Pirates to eight, making for an even score going into the fourth.

"We had some kids make timely shots and crucial free throws in the fourth," the coach explained. "We are proud of the kids for fighting thru adversity and finding a way to win. We had several players in foul trouble and other kids had to step up."

Seven different Pirates added to the scoreboard in the game, led by Briar Erskine's 20 points. Craig Tamburelli followed with 10 points, six of which came as 3-pointers.

Isaiah Griego scored nine, including one 3-pointer. Zach DeVoight added seven to the scoreboard, Ethan Brown scored five, and Mike Kuhl and Jesus Pacheco each notched two points.

Several factors played in to Pagosa's performance in the game, including an 18-for-28 night at the free-throw line.

"We were finally able to get to the foul line in this game shooting 28 free throws in the game," the coach explained. "That was due to the kids being more aggressive offensively. Our defense was ok at times but we still need to continue to improve defensively. We also rebounded the ball pretty well which was good to see."

Griego led the team in rebounds with 10, eight of which were defensive. Erskine pulled down eight rebounds, followed by Keaton Laverty with seven, Kuhl with five and Tamburelli with three.

Pagosa turned the ball over 14 times in the game.

With the win, the Pirates improved to 8-4 overall and 2-0 in the Intermountain League and remain one of two undefeated teams in the league, alongside No. 8-ranked Alamosa, who is 3-0 in IML play and 9-4 overall.

Friday night, the Pirates will travel to Bayfield for another league matchup.

The Wolverines are 5-7 overall on the season and 0-2 in league

play, but Sorenson is not counting the game as an easy win.

"We need to have an excellent week of practice. Bayfield is a good basketball team and we will have to play well to win," he wrote. "It will be our third league game on the road so we will have to play with great effort."

The next night, Pagosa will welcome the 2A Sargent Farmers from Monte Vista.

Sargent is 4-6 on the season and, according to Sorenson, "is a scrappy team that will compete to the end, so we will have to be prepared on Saturday also."

Both games are scheduled to tip off at 7 p.m.
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Local


Emily Bryant and Mary Rambo

Emily Bryant, of Pagosa Springs, was named to the 2015 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Cross-country All-Academic Team at Fort Lewis College. Bryant, an exercise science, physiology option major, earned Honor Roll accolades.

Mary Rambo, of Pagosa Springs, was named to the 2015 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Basketball All-Academic Team at Fort


Lewis College. Rambo, an athletic training major, earned Honor Roll accolades.

To qualify for First Team All-Academic consideration, a student-athlete must carry a 3.30 cumulative grade-point average and must have been an active student at the institution for at least two consecutive semesters or three consecutive quarters.



Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

James Thomas Wrestling



Year in school: Freshman
Favorite subject: History
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WRESTLING

Pirate grapplers beat Monte Vista 46-24

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Pirates won their most recent dual against the Monte Vista Pirates, scoring 46 compared to Monte Vista's 24 points.

The dual was hosted by Monte Vista and took place last Thursday, Jan. 21.

In an email to SUN staff, coach Dan Janowsky wrote that the team went "kind of back and forth for the early part of the dual," adding, "We won 6 of the last 7 to pull away."

Janowsky also added that, after the win, the Pirates are now "2-1 in duals and 1-1 in conference."

In an interview with SUN staff, Janowsky explained that he was really happy that they won the dual, but felt like the team began too tentatively, adding that the wrestlers "needed to believe in themselves more."

In the 106-pound division, senior Bryan Medrano-Tapia won his match with a pin.

Freshman James Thomas, at 113 pounds, won his match with a fall 14 seconds into the round.

Wrestling at 138 pounds, sophomore Trevor Bryant also won his match with a pin.

Senior Tanner Schlom won his match by major decision while wrestling in the 138-pound division. Schlom scored 12 points to his opponent's four points.

Winning with yet another fall, senior Tyler Cowan won his match wrestling in the 145-pound division.

Freshman Caleb Janowsky, wrestling in the 160-pound division, won with a fall 35 seconds into the match.

In 45 seconds, sophomore Colton Castro got a fall against his opponent, winning the match at 160 pounds.

Freshman Braden Shulda won his match due to a forfeit in the 170-pound division.

Janowsky stated that, because the dual took place on Thursday, the Pirates had the weekend off to work on some things.

He explained that the team did some really tough workouts over the weekend in hopes of helping the team develop a faster and more consistent pace during its upcoming matches and tournaments.

Lastly, Janowsky explained that he had some health and eligibility concerns with some wrestlers who are sick.

The Pirates have a busy week ahead, with three consecutive days of competition.

Today, Jan. 28, the Pirates travel to Bayfield to face the Wolverines in a dual.

Janowsky explained that this season, the Pirates have "seen them twice in tournament competition, once we tied and once they beat us by a slim margin, so it should be very exciting and probably down to the wire."

Action for the dual is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

The following day, the Pirates will host their second-to-last home meet, against the Cedaredge Bruins.

Janowsky mentioned that Cedaredge is a 2A school, adding that its wrestling program is "definitely on the rise and the dual should be a good one."

The dual will begin an hour earlier than the Pirates usually start,



Photo courtesy Lori Lucero

Wrestler Tyler Cowan cradles his opponent during last week's dual against the Monte Vista Pirates. Cowan wrestled in the 145-pound division and earned a pin three minutes into his match. The Pirates beat Monte Vista 46-24.

at 5 p.m.

The dual is scheduled to begin earlier due to the fact that, the next day, the Pirates will travel to participate in the Butch Melton Invitational in Ignacio.

Janowsky explained that a plethora

of teams were expected to attend, including Bayfield, Durango, Dolores, Dove Creek, Mancos, Bloomfield, Piedra Vista and others.

Action will begin at 9 a.m.

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RECREATION NEWS

Registration underway for youth volleyball

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

Youth volleyball registration started Friday, Jan. 15. Registrations will be accepted through Monday, Feb. 29.

The 9-10 division will be an instructional league held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. The 11-12 division will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for league play.

Community Center

The Ross Aragon Community Center will be open Saturday, Jan. 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for open gym basketball only. Feel free to come use the Community Center at your leisure.

If the building is being used, organizers will look at expanding the hours on Saturdays.

Please feel free to contact the recreation office with any questions or ideas for better use of Community Center at 264-4151, ext. 231.

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Reservoir Hill closed

The thinning project at Reservoir Hill is underway. The hill will be closed for approximately three to four more weeks.

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Ice skating

The ice rink at Town Park and the pond at River Center Park are open for ice skating.

Youth basketball 9-12

Practice for 9-12 youth basketball is underway. Youth basketball games will begin Feb. 1. The 9-10 division will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the 11-12 division on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Online registration

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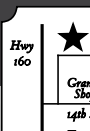


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Education

For local youngsters, play is FUNdamental

By Terri Hardeman
Special to The SUN

These are the words of author Janet Brown McCracken, whose many books and articles pertain to children's learning and development. She states that children's time has many demands placed upon it: piano practice, homework, helping around the house, swimming lessons, soccer practice. While a few structured activities are part of growing up, parents and teachers need to make sure that young children have lots of time to play, a safe space to play in and friendly people to play with. Play is indeed FUNdamental for children.

One of the Seeds guidebooks, "Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs" (published by National Association for the Education of Young Children), states that play gives children opportunities to understand the world, interact with others in social ways, and express and control emotions and develop their symbolic skills. Play provides a way for children to practice newly acquired skills. These may be language skills, social skills, motor skills, intellectual or problem-solving skills. Children express and represent their ideas, thoughts and feelings when engaged in play. Through play, children also develop their imaginations and creativity.

There are several stages of play and most often correspond to a child's age. Young infants (birth to 9 months) engage in sensory play. Touching and manipulating a variety of objects with hands, feet and mouth gives infants much information about objects and the world around them. Mobile infants (9 to 18 months) engage in exploratory play. Opening and shutting, filling and dumping, and picking up and dropping are activities that challenge infants' motor skills and their ideas about objects.

Toddlers (18 months to 3 years) engage in solitary play, exploring toys on their own. Their play may consist of hammering, investigating how a toy operates, pulling, pushing or rolling toys. As toddlers move into parallel play, they play



Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

Youngsters at Seeds of Learning play at a water table, at the same time learning and honing a variety of skills.

next to another child, but with different toys. They may watch one another and later imitate what the other child was doing with his toys. An example is two children playing in the sandbox. One child is making roads and pushing his cars, while another is making a birthday cake using sticks for the candles.

At 3 to 4 years of age, children begin to engage in give-and-take while at play. In cooperative play, children build blocks together, dress dolls, make sand castles or play in the kitchen. Children talk to one another about what they are doing or planning. At ages 4 and 5, children are fully into dramatic play. They are able to play in small groups and may play games with simple rules. Their play may have themes such as picnic, house, wedding or camping, with children

choosing a role.

Play is a part of life. From playing with dolls to playing tennis, from pedaling a tricycle to catching a fish, children and adults love to play. While play is indeed fun for all of us, it has a special role in childhood. Play is essential for children to learn.

The children at Seeds of Learning play all day. That is how they learn. In the Bumblebee class (ages 18 months to 2 1/2 years), the children are climbing, jumping, stringing beads and painting. They are having fun with shapes. They try to figure out how things work. Their teacher, Miss Amanda, stated, "Their play is their work!"

In the Dragonfly class (ages 2 1/2 to 3), the children play with puzzles, cars and train sets. They play next to each other and to-

gether. They like the dress-up center. The children talk to each other about what they're doing. Their teachers, Miss Kelly and Miss Lyndsey, report that the mothers of two of the children are hairdressers. So, next week, the teachers are creating a beauty shop center.

In the Ladybug class (ages 3 to 4) the children are playing house, playing with cars and toy animals. They are discovering math and science relationships as they play. Their teacher, Miss Frances, comments that, through "the manipulation of objects and toys, the children are relating to real life".

In the Butterfly class (ages 4 to 5), the children engage in cooperative group play. In their dramatic play, the children take roles and even use different voices. The children are serious in assigning roles down to the role of dog and cat. Their teacher, Miss Ruby, reported that, through their play, the children imitate the actions of adults, demonstrate problem-solving, exercise anger management and correctly identify feelings. Miss Ruby stated that play is important "because it teaches our children how to be great community members: moms, dads, fireman, policemen ..."



Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

A pair of young girls play side by side during their time at Seeds of Learning. Seeds focuses on a style of learning in which play is FUNdamental.

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery exam offered to students

By Mark Thompson
Special to The SUN

There is an opportunity for students to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) exam on Feb. 10 at Pagosa Springs High School.

This is test that the military uses as its entrance exam, which also has an interest survey. Whether or not a student is interested in the military, it is a nice way for the student to test their academic skills, as well as explore careers related to their interests.

There is absolutely no commitment by taking this exam to spending time with military recruiters (unless they want to).

If they are interested in this free exam, there is a sign-up sheet in the career center at the high school.

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VETERAN'S CORNER

Independent medical opinions can help with PTSD claims

By Raymond Taylor
SUN Columnist

If you applied for service-connected disability compensation for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) utilizing U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) form 21-078 — Statement In Support Of Claim For Service Connection For Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) — and were denied benefits, an opinion from a private medical doctor could help increase your chances of being successful on appeal.

The VA calls these opinions “Independent Medical Opinions,” or IMOs. They are also sometimes called nexus opinions, since their purpose is often to link an incident in service to your current disability.

Your primary care doctor works for the Veterans Health Administration, and disability compensation decisions are made by a separate branch of the VA, the Veterans Benefits Administration. If your doctor makes a statement about whether you should be awarded benefits for PTSD, there is no guarantee that they are correct. Even when VA doctors are willing to write a letter in support of your claim (many are not), their words do not have the force of law.

It is hard to say how much each different type of letter is weighed or how much it helps in determining a rating. It is commonly accepted that (doctors and/or co-workers) have the strongest authentication when it comes to providing support statements, but arguably spouses or family members that have lived with and/or witnessed the veteran's daily life after service have the best knowledge of how a condition or conditions have worsened over time and affected the overall quality of a veteran's daily living.

The Veterans Benefits Administration will review your claim for benefits without speaking with your primary care physician or any specialists that you see.

The only time a VA doctor can write a medical opinion about your claim is when they are required to, after what's called a Compensation and Pension Exam.

Often, after you apply for benefits, the VA will send you for a compensation and pension examination by a VA doctor. Chances are you will not know the doctor you are sent to. The VA will schedule a compensation and pension exam when you if the agency needs more information about your PTSD to make a decision about your application for disability compensation.

A private medical opinion can help you to get your disability com-

ensation claim approved earlier in the process, including after your first application. Or, it can help you to get benefits quicker on appeal. In some complex cases, you may not be successful at all on appeal without a private medical opinion.

It is best to have an experienced disability lawyer who can advise you on whether you need a private opinion. Just remember your letters need to state factual information concerning the health and wellbeing over a period of time where the condition of his problems has gotten worse. These statements need to be of hard truth and not merely opinions or conclusions you or others may have come to. Being particular about dates of incidents and providing any documentation of record (maybe you kept a log?) will assist in authenticating your PTSD claim. If you have no documentation record, that is still OK. Your personal and supporting statements will be more general in stating the facts, but, nonetheless, you will still be able to provide insight into the patient's life.

How to obtain a private medical opinion

Sometimes a private psychiatrist or other doctor that you have been seeing for some time will voluntarily support your application for benefits, or your appeal, by writing a letter for you.

If you receive all of your health care at the VA, it can be harder to get a private medical opinion. In these cases, you will have to pay a doctor to review the VA records and write a letter. If your disability compensation will be your primary or only source of income and you have limited assets, such as your house and car, it may not be advisable to pay a doctor for an opinion. Perhaps your veterans service officer will know of a doctor who can help pro bono. If you have a lawyer for an appeal, your lawyer can help you evaluate your options.

If you have a doctor who will be writing a medical opinion for you, you will want to give the doctor:

- Your military medical records, including your enlistment examination report.
- Medical records from the VA or other treatment providers.
- A copy of your VA claims file.
- Any other records the doctor requests or that you feel are relevant to your claim.

The psychiatrist or doctor should open the letter by talking about how long he or she has known you and the type of treatment he or she has provided to you. Doctors should also discuss their qualifications and credentials. A

doctor who specializes in the type of disability you suffer from (such as a psychiatrist) can have more influence on the VA than a doctor who is unfamiliar with your type of condition.

The doctor should talk about any tests you've been given and what the test results have been and what type of treatment you have received. It is important that the doctor list the medical records used to develop the opinion so that the VA will give the opinion more weight. The doctor should note when your condition began, what your symptoms are, how severe your condition is and your prognosis (meaning, whether your condition can be expected to improve).

The doctor should discuss any events or incidents that occurred while you were in service that may have caused or worsened your current disability. The main point of the letter will be for the doctor to explain if they believe your current disability was caused by your military service. It helps if the doctor can use legal language such as “as likely as not” or “more likely than not.” For example, your doctor could say “it is more likely than not that the veteran's combat experiences caused her current condition of post-traumatic stress disorder.” But any statement supporting a linkage between an incident in your military service and your current condition will be helpful.

Doctors should also mention that they have reviewed your VA claims file so that their opinion will be given more weight. For doctors writing the opinion who do not specialize in your type of disability, ask them to include part of their curriculum vitae (that's a fancy term for resume) that demonstrates their expertise with your type of disability. This is important because the VA will give more weight to a doctor's opinion if they are familiar with your type of disability.

For more information

The office of Archuleta County veterans service officer provides assistance to qualified military veterans, and their families, or a veteran's survivors, in applying to and in obtaining VA program assistance, benefits and claims.

This assistance is provided within the guidelines, policies and procedures established by the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This is a mandated program of the state of Colorado.

For further information on VA

benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office, located at the Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The best way to contact me is to set up an appointment, for either at your home or in the office, so I can schedule a specific time in order to answer and assist each veteran in Archuleta County.

I will be out of the office on the following days for regularly scheduled meetings:

- Vets4Vets: Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Arboles Community Center, scheduled Thursdays. Back around 2 p.m.
- Home visits/Pine Ridge outreach, 2 to 4 p.m.
- Pagosa Outreach Connection, 8:30-10 a.m. every Thursday.

The office number is 264-4013, fax number is 264-4014, cell number is 946-3590 and email is raytaylor@archuletacounty.org. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bring a DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO office.

Always leave me a message and phone number to contact you.

Veterans' groups

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.
- American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary: second Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.
- Veterans for Veterans: Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., Pagosa Lodge.
- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: First and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Parish Hall, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Charlotte at 731-1025.

Important numbers

- 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPCSO.org.
- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.
- Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.
- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.
- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M., emergency notification: (800) 465-8262, ext. 5739.
- The Veterans Crisis Line offers free, confidential support to veterans in crisis, as well as their family and friends 24/7/365. Call (800) 273-8255, chat online or text 838255.

Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2015-022

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On October 29, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s) Donald B Earley and Ruth E Earley Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Novastar Mortgage, Inc.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as Successor Trustee for JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Trustee for Novastar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2005-1 Novastar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-1
Date of Deed of Trust March 02, 2005
County of Recording Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust March 11, 2005
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 20502176
Original Principal Amount \$302,400.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$262,824.08
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 52 IN PAGOSA MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO. Also known by street and number as: 266 Paciente Place, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED 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, 02/25/2016, 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 12/31/2015
Last Publication 1/28/2016
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
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Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503

Defendant/Property Matter Amount
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Units 7813, 7814, 7815, and 7816 in Buildings 7 and 8, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$4340.28
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$5340.28
Lien Statement for Jacqueline M Aurand filed 1/12/2015 as Doc. No. 21500198 against the following described Property to wit:
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Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$687.71
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$1687.71
Lien Statement for Kenneth O Anderson II and Tracy A Anderson filed 1/12/2015 as Doc. No. 21500199 against the following described Property to wit:
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Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$2447.47
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$3447.47
Lien Statement for Margaret A Gray filed 1/12/2015 as Doc. No. 21500200 against the following described Property to wit:
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Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$4541.91
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$5541.91
Lien Statement for David L Derrig filed 1/12/2015 as Doc. No. 21500201 against the following described Property to wit:
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Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$6543.50
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$7543.50
Lien Statement for Thomas Kennedy and Lorraine Kennedy filed 1/12/2015 as Doc. No. 21500203 against the

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address:
449 San Juan St.
PO Box 148
Pagosa Springs CO 81147
Case Number: 2015CV30031
PLAINTIFF:
PEREGRINE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.
v.
DEFENDANT(S):
Gregory Scott Cole et al
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Property Owner's Association, Inc., recorded the 2nd day of August, 1990 under Reception No. 173556, as recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Archuleta County, Colorado, at Book 202, Page 104, Et al., Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered October 18, 2015, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s): Gregory Scott Cole, Jacqueline M Aurand, Kenneth O Anderson II, Tracy A Anderson, Margaret A Gray, David L Derrig, L James Grattan, Trustee and Jan E Grattan, Trustee of the Grattan Family Trust dated 11/26/2003, Thomas Kennedy, Lorraine Kennedy and The Harry A Nester Living Trust dated 9/30/1993 Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Property Owner's Association, recorded the 2nd day of August, 1990 under Reception No. 173556 as recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, at Book 202, Page 104, Et al., Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Peregrine Property Owner's Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs. Agent: John D. Alford, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 43104, 924 Adelaide Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901 Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Property Owner's Association, Inc. Debt: Timeshare Owner's Assessments due to Association in the amount of Gregory Scott Cole \$5340.28 Jacqueline M Aurand \$1687.71 Kenneth O Anderson II and Tracy A Anderson \$3447.47 Margaret A Gray \$5541.91 David L Derrig \$1709.28

James L Grattan and Jan E Grattan, Trustees of the Grattan Family Trust dated 11/26/2003 \$7543.50 Thomas Kennedy and Lorraine Kennedy \$1866.91 The Harry A Nester Living Trust dated 9/30/1993 \$2779.75 Amount of Judgment Entered on October 18, 2015: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.

The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: January 7, 2016
Last Publication: February 4, 2016
Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.
A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE PURSUANT TO §38-38-104 C.R.S., SHALL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICER AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO §38-38-302 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
John D. Alford, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 43104, 924 Adelaide Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901. Attached hereto as EXHIBIT B are copies of certain Colorado statutes that may vitally affect your property rights in relation to this proceeding. Said proceeding may result in the loss of property in which you have an interest and may create personal debt against you. You may wish to seek the advice of your own private attorney concerning your rights in relation to this foreclosure proceeding.
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed December 7, 2015.
Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

Exhibit A
Detail Listing of Judgment Calculations
As of January 12, 2015

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Total: \$5541.91
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Units 7813, 7814, 7815, and 7816 in Buildings 7 and 8, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$6543.50
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$7543.50
Lien Statement for Thomas Kennedy and Lorraine Kennedy filed 1/12/2015 as Doc. No. 21500203 against the

following described Property to wit:
Units 7813, 7814, 7815, and 7816 in Buildings 7 and 8, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$866.91
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$1866.91
Lien Statement for The Harry A Nester Living Trust dated 9/30/1993 filed 1/12/2015 as Doc. No. 21500204 against the following described Property to wit:
Units 7813, 7814, 7815, and 7816 in Buildings 7 and 8, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$1779.75
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2779.75
Published January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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Court Address:
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PO Box 148
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Case Number: 2015CV30029
PLAINTIFF:
PEREGRINE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.
v.
DEFENDANT(S):
Carl Z Salzman et al
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Property Owner's Association, Inc., recorded the 2nd day of August, 1990 under Reception No. 173556, as recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Archuleta County, Colorado, at Book 303, Page 104, et al., Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered October 18, 2015, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s): Carl Z Salzman, Elsa Salzman, Carolyn Eberhart, Carl J Meyers II, Margaret E Loughhead-Meyers, Troy C Mitchell, Tracy L Mitchell, Rebecca L Samarin, George W Samarin, Jane E Cox, Frank Cox, Wayne Newby, Pamela L Newby, Ronald C Dimmer, Veronika H Dimmer, Jacquelin D Mitchek, Judith A Smelker-Mitchek, Perry S Faulkner, Alice M Faulkner, Logsdon Enterprises, Ray W Wickell, Dirk L Craver, Katherine Craver, Sherman L Suits, Linda Sue Suits, Stephen Wunder, Ralph O Work, Lynn Benson Work, Phil Hanson, Barbara Hanson, Kathryn M Cullum, Gina M Williams, and Herman J Williams III Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Property Owner's Association, Inc. recorded the 2nd day of August, 1990 under Reception No. 173556 as recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, at Book 202, Page 104, Et al., Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Peregrine Property Owner's Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs. Agent: John D. Alford, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 43104, 924 Adelaide Ave., Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Property Owner's Association, Inc. Debt: Timeshare Owner's Assessments due to Association in the amount of Salzman, Carl Z and Elsa Salzman \$3865.00 Eberhart, Carolyn \$4136.48 Meyers, Carl J II and Margaret E Loughhead-Meyers \$1687.71 Mitchell, Troy C and Tracy L Mitchell \$2510.34 Samarin, Rebecca L and George W \$3917.80 Cox, Jane E and Frank Cox \$2380.27 Newby, Wayne and Pamela L Newby \$2452.98 Dimmer, Ronald C and Veronika H \$9098.61 Mitchek, Casey D and Judith A Smelker-Mitchek \$7892.21 Faulkner, Perry S and Alice M \$4171.73 Logsdon Enterprises \$1515.12 Wickell, Ray V \$8233.80 Craver, Dirk L and Katherine \$2333.60 Suits, Sherman L and Linda Sue \$3048.43 Wunder, Stephen \$2548.60 Work, Ralph O and Lynn Benson Work \$5361.05 Hanson, Phil and Barbara Hanson \$2626.25 Cullum, Kathryn M \$4575.05 Williams, Gina M and Herman J Williams III \$2203.37 Amount of Judgment Entered on October 18, 2015: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.

The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEM
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: January 7, 2016
Last Publication: February 4, 2016
Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.
A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE PURSUANT TO §38-38-104 C.R.S., SHALL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICER AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO §38-38-302 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
John D. Alford, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 43104, 924 Adelaide Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901. Attached hereto as EXHIBIT B are copies of certain Colorado statutes that may vitally affect your property rights in relation to this proceeding. Said proceeding may result in the loss of property in which you have an interest and may create personal debt against you. You may wish to seek the advice of your own private attorney concerning your rights in relation to this foreclosure proceeding.
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed December 7, 2015.
Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

Exhibit A
Detail Listing of Judgment Calculations
As of January 12, 2015

Defendant/Property Matter Amount
Lien Statement for Gregory Scott Cole filed 1/12/2015 as Doc. No. 21500197 against the following described Property to wit:
Units 7813, 7814, 7815, and 78



Pagosa Paw Winter Dog Sports Event

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Under clear blue skies, mushers, scores of excited dogs and spectators gathered for the sixth annual Pagosa Paw Saturday at the Toner Ranch north of Pagosa Springs. The two-day event featured a variety of spectator-friendly sled dog events.



Dozens get their mush on at the sixth annual Pagosa Paw Sled Dog Event

By Jennifer Martin
Special to The SUN

Last weekend, the Pagosa Nordic Club, along with the Rocky Mountain Sled Dog Club, sponsored the sixth annual Pagosa Paw Winter Dog Sports Event.

The Nordic event and sled dog race took place at the Toner Ranch and 37 mushers with over 100 dogs, along with many volunteers and spectators, gathered for the two-day event. Participants traveled from all over the state, as well as Arizona and Utah, to participate in this first race of the series this season.

Races consisted of internation-

ally sanctioned six-dog and four-dog sled race divisions, 6-mile and 4-mile skijor race (dog pulls you on skis) and sportsman's events. Local mushers participating in the event were Forest Bramwell, Jaclyn Bramwell, Jennifer Martin, Penny Holmes, Jan Hester and Joe McDaniel.

"It is such a special treat [to] have this event in Pagosa Springs and get people out there recreating with their dogs," said race founder Jennifer Martin. "The International Sled Dog Racing Association (IS-DRA) draws a lot of talented mushers to our area. It is just a blast to watch and even more fun to participate in. Both days were fantasti-

cally attended by both mushers and visitors. I am very happy to see this event continue and everyone out there having a great time."

The Pagosa Nordic Club is a nonprofit whose mission is to enhance the winter recreational opportunities in Pagosa Springs by maintaining accessible groomed winter trails for skate skiing, classic cross-country skiing and snowshoeing for all ability levels and to encourage and promote the use of these winter trails through education, marketing and events.

The next event is the Nordic Fest Weekend. For more information, visit pagosanordic.com.

Laura Lewis Marchino elected to the National Association of Development Organizations Board of Directors

By Terry Blair-Burton
Special to The SUN

Laura Lewis Marchino, assistant director of the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado Inc. in Durango, was elected to the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) 2015-2016 Board of Directors at NADO's annual business meeting. The meeting was held in conjunction with the association's 48th annual training conference in New Orleans.

"We are honored to have Laura serve on NADO's board of directors. She brings a wealth of expertise, knowledge and leadership on regional communities and economic development issues to the national level," stated Joe McKinney, NADO executive director. "Most importantly, Laura is focused on helping our nation's local communities pursue comprehensive regional strategies for remaining economically competitive in today's rapidly changing global environment."

NADO was founded in 1967 to provide training, information and representation for the regional development organizations through-



Laura Lewis Marchino

out the United States. Today, NADO member organizations serve local governments and the public within their regions through various programs focused on diversifying local economies, assisting businesses, creating jobs and providing social services. The NADO Board of Directors oversees the association's budget and operations, and develops policy on issues affecting

regional development organizations. Marchino has served on this board since 2009.

NADO's Board of Directors represent member organizations from a broad section of the United States, including the eastern, mid-western, central, southeastern, southwestern and western regions.

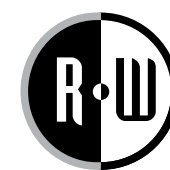
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ARTS & LIFE

Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race

Feb. 6 • 2 p.m. • Reservoir Hill



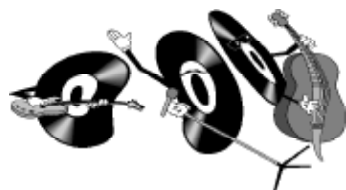
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January 28, 2016



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A brave participant holds on tight to her homemade sled at a previous iteration of the Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race. The event is returning to this year's Winterfest festivities and is slated to take place Feb. 6 on Reservoir Hill.



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Thursday

Rez Hill Grille: DJ Lisa Saunders, 8 p.m.

Saturday

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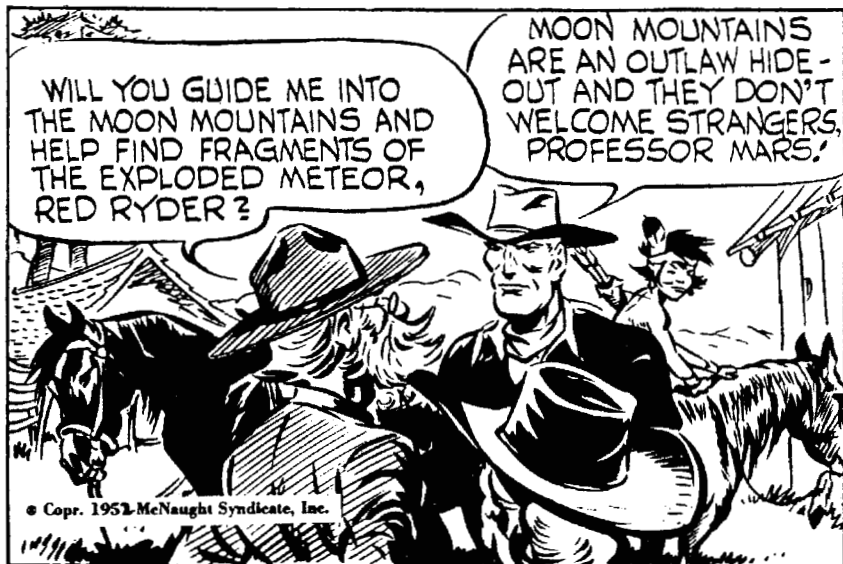
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The Pagosa Springs SUN thanks longtime Pagosa Springs supporter Mrs. Shirley Slesinger Lasswell for the privilege of being the only newspaper in the United States to publish the 'Red Ryder and Little Beaver' comic strip. The ongoing adventures of Red Ryder and Little Beaver which began appearing in the Preview section with the December 26, 1996, edition of the SUN first ran in major daily newspapers across America from December 25, 1938 through December 4, 1963. Drawn by the late Fred Harman, the comic strips are under the registered copyright restrictions of Red Ryder Enterprises, Inc.

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By Fred Harman



Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race returns to Winterfest lineup

By Jenelle Syverson
Special to The PREVIEW

Ready for a different kind of fun? The Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race is back on for this year's Winterfest, and the fun is up to you.

Registration starts at 2 p.m. and the race at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 6, so start brainstorming and building, or come see for yourself how fun community creativity can be.

It will be just a short walk over from the Penguin Plunge at 1 p.m. We are hoping to see anything from the "Oscar Mobile" to half of a canoe, a satellite dish, wagon, toilet or other creative "sled" fly down Reservoir Hill.

The best place to park will be in the Mary Fisher parking lot,

then take a short walk up the road behind Healing Waters and Quality Inn.

A few rules of course: All entries must be homemade. No unmodified, store-bought sleds or skis. Speed is important — entertainment is critical. All entries must be controllable and brakes are required. An event representative will have final authority over the safety of all entries.

Each entry will make three runs and the fastest average run wins. Bragging rights, merchandise and cash prizes will be awarded to the three fastest entries, as well as the most creative/best decorated, the best crash and — a new category this year — "gone" green for the best use of recycled materials.

This is also definitely a spectator event, as the crowd cheers on the participants as the homemade concoctions fly, roll, slide, bang, rattle, disintegrate and crash down the hill.

For the adventurous, entry forms for the race are available at The Choke Cherry Tree, Old West Press, Coyote Moon Bar and Grill and the Chamber. There is a nominal \$5 fee if you preregister by Feb. 5 or \$10 at the event.

Hot concessions will be provided by the Pagosa DI Nerds, with the proceeds going to support their competition trips. The DI stands for Destination Imagination, which is a competition focusing on problem-solving, critical thinking and STEM skills (science, technology, engineering and math). The Nerds have been together for nine years and this is their final season together since three of the four are graduating this year. They have placed in the top 10 at globals and the top 20 twice, so this is undoubtedly a great group of kids to support.

With great snow this year, this is an event not to miss and a great way to support and grow our flourishing community. Businesses are highly encouraged to make an entry, as well as families, groups and individuals. You don't have to be young — just young at heart.

What's Cookin'

Skillet Buffalo Queso Fundido

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

12 ounces thick-cut applewood bacon, diced

1 medium yellow onion, diced small

2 Anaheim peppers, roasted, peeled and diced small

1 red bell pepper, diced small

Cajun seasoning to taste

1 pound ground buffalo

1 8-ounce package shredded cheddar cheese

1 8-ounce package shredded jalapeño jack cheese

4 teaspoons corn flour (masa)

1 12-ounce bottle amber beer

1/2 bunch fresh cilantro, stems removed and chopped

1 medium tomato, diced

Heat a large cast iron skillet on medium high, then add the bacon and cook until half cooked and starts to caramelize. Slowly add the onions, Anaheim peppers and red bell pepper. Saute the onions and peppers over medium high heat for approximately 5 minutes until slightly colored. Add the Cajun seasoning, stir well, then add the ground buffalo, stir and cook for approximately 5 minutes.

Put both cheeses into a large bowl, add the corn flour, then toss well to combine. Add the beer to the skillet and allow to cook for 2-3 minutes. Add the cheese in by 1/3 at a time and mix well in between each batch. Add the cilantro and stir to combine. Simmer uncovered for about 5 minutes, stirring occa-

sionally to ensure it doesn't burn or stick to the pan.

Remove from the heat, top with the diced tomato and serve with tortilla chips.

The Pagosa Springs SUN does not have a test kitchen and does not independently test recipes printed.

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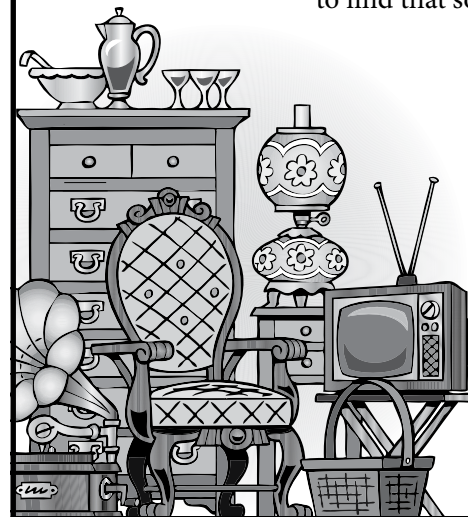
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But, maybe the old guy needs to prove he's still got it and he won't give up his shovel. It's hard for my Sweet Al to let someone else do it. On the Lower Blanco, everyone is shovelin', including my Sweet Al. Our grandson is shoveling roofs and our daughter is shoveling our walkways and porches.

This shovelin' thing started Christmas day. We were invited to our family's house for Christmas dinner. We had food in our car and the rest of the food was at their house. In 2 feet of snow, Sweet Al and I stuck three four-wheel-drive

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



vehicles before we got out of our driveway. We wondered at the time if it was necessary to go, but it was Christmas; of course we had to go. Our son-in-law came to get us; he got stuck three times coming and one time taking us back home. There was a lot of shovelin' goin' on.

Our son-in-law said to Sweet Al, "You don't have to go to work. Just stay home and don't get stuck. I'll come with the Kubota and will plow everyone out on Saturday."

My Sweet Al couldn't hear that. Our neighbors needed to be plowed

out and he had to do it. He got in the Scout with the plow on the front and got it stuck on the hill. He started shovelin' and the neighbor to the east of us picked up a shovel and started moving snow alongside Al. It took a week before the neighbors to the west got it out for Al.

So Al got on the tractor; he needed to get his brother's house plowed. He got his Kubota stuck at his brother's house and it wouldn't start. Then, he stuck his old blue truck in a snowdrift on our property. It was there for a few days. He didn't have anywhere to go, but, in his mind, the neighbors might need to go and he needed to help the neighbors get out. It ended up the neighbors had to help my Sweet Al.

Then Zooma, the neighbor, got his brand new tractor stuck in the road. They were concerned they

■ See Lane on next page

'Moon Over Buffalo' entering final weekend

By Audrey Layne Crocker
Special to The PREVIEW

Going into the fourth and final weekend of "Moon Over Buffalo," audiences have been delighted and surprised by the speed and genuine hilarity presented onstage.

Thingamajig Theatre Company's production has proven that a farce can capture the attention of an audience member and take them on a wild ride moment to moment as the story reveals surprises left and right. "Moon Over Buffalo" does all of these things, delivered with truthful performances that take the comedy to an even higher level.

A common myth about comedies, whether on television, on stage or in a stand-up environment, is that it is an easier form of performance than the sometimes very emotionally demanding drama. Because

the purpose is to bring an audience to laughter, one assumes that it is easier than bringing an audience to tears. The physical reactions to comedies leave an audience with endorphins and joy that was conjured carefully and concisely by a highly rehearsed cast.

Moment to moment in a comedy, the truth must be paramount. If a man is wailing at the loss of an opportunity, but you don't believe him, it isn't funny. When someone is caught red-handed and trying to cover their tracks in a play, but you know the actor is on auto-pilot, the gag doesn't work. The delicate balance of rehearsing a comedy so that the timing is exactly right, but the characters are discovering each new surprise along with the audience, is an incredibly elusive one to strike.

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Lane

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might be blocking us. They worked and worked; their tractor wouldn't move. They took a heating blanket and wrapped it for a few days.

Zooma, his wife and son called Sweet Al: "We finally got our tractor going and now we're going to help you get your tractor started." If anyone knows about Zooma's wife, there is nothing she can't do. Al drove by and saw her putting chains on their truck. He came home and told me.

I asked Al, "Where was Zooma while she was doing that?"

"He was watching."

"Sounds like those young men on the work crew. But, maybe she wouldn't hand over the chains to him. Now that's an article. How big of a man do you have to be to take the job out of a woman's hands? If a man doesn't try or at least offer, he looks awfully small. If he does try, he better be big enough to do it."

Al said Zooma's wife looked at videos and learned about fuel pumps on tractors in cold weather. They spent five hours with Sweet Al getting the tractor started and digging him out. It actually was Zooma's wife who walked them through the process and got the tractor cranked up and back home in Al's garage.

Zooma's wife is like a good will ambassador for the whole Blanco. I remember in 1976 when we first moved to Pagosa. She was in high school and was going away to college. She ran cattle all summer on the Blanco and earned enough money to pay her way through college. She worked for the forest department, cleaned up recreational parks and fought forest fires. That's when she met Zooma. Sparks flew

and he got the best thing that ever happened to him.

She's put a couple of fires out for my Sweet Al. When Al says he's going to burn trash, I call Chris and tell her keep an eye on him and have her shovel handy. There's been a lot of shovelin' going on up and down the Blanco.

I'm amazed how she does what she does. Not only brilliant, she is as strong as any man. She trains horses, raises chickens and hays. I looked out the window; she's driving Zooma's tractor and getting the job done.

When this tall, slender redhead gets dressed up, she is a lady and looks like a million dollars.

She baked Sweet Al the best pecan pie I've ever tasted. She gives us homegrown vegetables and we eat fresh eggs every morning. If we ever had a Lower Blanco queen, I'd vote for her.

Final brushstroke: There's a whole lot of shovelin' goin' on. And a whole lot of lovin' goin' on in our hearts for our neighbors. More snow on its way. My Sweet Al isn't giving up his shovel and I'm sure the neighbors are going to have to shovel him out again.

Comments

Send your comments to betty@bettyslade.com. A note from a reader touched my heart:

"Hi, Betty! I just want to let you know that I was touched by your recent article in the December 24th edition of the Pagosa Springs SUN titled 'The best present I ever received.' Like your parents, mine didn't have much money when I was growing up in the fifties but I don't think I was really aware of that fact until I was an adult. And

like your parents, mine did the best they could.

"Your words reminded me of several Christmases I celebrated as a child in North Dakota. Most of our gifts in the early years were homemade. My older sister and I received a counted cross-stitch picture carefully stamped upon linen. My mother had created a sewing kit for each of us. She bought two little zippered bags into which she placed sample sizes of lotion, Blue Waltz perfume from Woolworth's, and other little items to create a pretend cosmetics bag. She sewed beautiful clothes for our dolls. I still have the little zippered cloth bag and the doll clothes. The counted cross-stitch picture is long gone but I can still see it in the place where I hold my childhood memories.

"Thank you too for the reminder that the gift of salvation is the most precious gift we have ever received. Blessings, Carol Blechschmidt."

Our son-in-law said to Sweet Al, "You don't have to go to work. Just stay home and don't get stuck. I'll come with the Kubota and will plow everyone out on Saturday."



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Sister Cornell: A force to be reckoned with

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

“Yoo-hoo!” Sister Ida Cornell stood on our front porch with a hot blackberry cobbler in her hands. She had popped over for a visit, but not empty handed.

She could be seen in the neighborhood with a covered dish for a shut-in. She walked to the hospital with a single flower picked from her garden in her hand and a Bible tucked into her oversized purse. She baked cookies for vacation Bible school. She rocked crying babies in the church nursery. If there was a need, she was there to lend a helping hand. She loved people.

Cornell held the position of charter member in the little Pentecostal church. She never told her age, but everyone guessed her to be in her mid-80s. She had lived through two world wars and the Great Depression. She was a fighter and survivor.

Small in stature, she carried herself with grace and confidence, her hair pulled back in a tight little bun on her head and a small hat secured on top with bobby pins. She wore white gloves, Bible tucked under one arm, handbag draped over the other. Respected and loved, she was the esteemed mother and loving grandmother to all the members. Always glad to see people, she would shake hands with adults and give hugs to children on the way to her seat.

She sat in the second pew from the front on the left-hand side, first seat. She would introduce herself to visitors, welcome them to church and with a confident smile ask if they would please scoot over to make room for her. No reserve sign on the pew, nothing to indicate it was saved. Everyone knew it was her seat. She sat down, laid her Bible and purse next to her and picked up a hymnal. Cornell was ready. Time for church to begin.

She sang the old hymns with emotion. Her voice loud, clear

A Matter of Faith

and a little off-pitch. Many times she interrupted to request her favorite song, “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder.” It was OK. She loved church and was an active participant.

She gave from her small widow’s pension as the offering plate was passed. She had no husband or children and lived alone in her little house. She always had a testimony and shared God’s goodness, faithfulness and provision.

The pastor preached as she encouraged with an “Amen” or “Praise Jesus.” Cornell was the first to respond to the altar call given at the end of the service. She stepped out of her row and headed to the front to pray for anyone who walked down the aisle. She knelt on feeble legs, wrapped her frail arms around the person and prayed until she knew God answered her prayer. She might need assistance to get up, but stiff joints didn’t deter her.

Sunday night worship services were energized as Cornell stepped into the aisle and with her white hankie held high in the air began a Jericho March around the perimeter of the sanctuary. She sang “God’s Got an Army.” She circled the room until everyone filed in

behind her with handkerchiefs waving.

She worshiped, encouraged, prayed and supported her church family with love, generosity and strength. She didn’t attend the church. She was the church.

I often look back on those days with fond memories. It was more than Cornell’s blackberry cobbler. I hear the old hymns and remember her strong voice as she sang praises to her Lord. Her “Amen” and “Praise Jesus” resonate in my spirit and I give God thanks for His goodness and faithfulness. A recipient of Cornell’s faith and commitment, I felt her arms wrapped around me while I prayed at the altar. I heard her whisper in my ear, “I love you, but Jesus loves you more.” I joined her in the Jericho March and felt the joy she demonstrated. She was a powerful force in a small body.

“I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Then the righteous will answer him, saying, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ... And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me,’” Matthew 25:36-37, 40 (ESV).

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‘Business as a Spiritual Practice’ at UU service

By Puja Dhyon Parsons
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a program titled “Business as a Spiritual Practice,” with Puja and Udgar Parsons, this Sunday, Jan. 31, for its regular service.

The spiritual masters speak of “being in the world but not of it.” What does this mean when one is called to redefine business as a conscious contribution to the problems of society?

Udgar and Puja Parsons will share stories from their spiritual journey as a dentist and therapist (respectively) who felt called to become entrepreneurs in the formation of their local company.

“The new forms of business that are modeling quadruple bottom lines, attend to people, planet, profit and process to form conscious businesses,” Puja Parsons said. “We seek to ‘Be the Change in the World’ we wish to see,” as Gandhi suggested. “This means a constant learning from inner and outer practices and disciplines and

a willingness to meet problems head on with insight and awareness.”

To model a leading-edge product in a business culture has been a journey of awakening and discovery with hard lessons and many paradoxes. The Parsons’ commitment to restore the heroic spirit of business and become “a healing force that nurses the eco-sphere back to sustained vitality” (from John Mackey, CEO of Whole Foods) is encapsulated in their mission statement, “Where Life Thrives.”

The practical base needed to succeed in business is informed by their consistent focus on offering positive alternatives to life-denying systems. Each stage of business has its own needs and honors individual strengths, rather than training weaknesses in their staff, as well as learning the heartache of hard decisions, and is an interesting story we can all relate to.

Abraham Lincoln said, “The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty and we must rise with

the occasion. As our case is new, so must we think anew and act anew” ... even in the way we do business.

This presentation will offer ideas relating to the Unitarian Universalist principles of “The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large,” “the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all,” and “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.”

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship welcomes people of all spiritual belief systems, ethnicity and sexual orientation and invites you to enjoy refreshments and conversation after services, which are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue; then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

For further information, call 731-7900.

St. Patrick’s takes theology to the tavern

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

Are you one who claims a certain lack of enthusiasm when it comes to attending or affiliating with a church? Or, perhaps, you are a believer, but not a religious believer who maintains a certain curiosity and openness to the presence of God. Perhaps you enjoy a lively discussion about your beliefs, but shy away from institutions of religious faith. Or, perhaps, you attend church regularly and enjoy informal discussions about faith. If that is the case, you might find Theology on Tap a perfect venue

to air your thoughts.

A small group of friends, old and new, led by Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, meets weekly to share ideas about God, faith, the church, historical beliefs, religious traditions, ethics and much more. The group has been meeting in various pubs around town, but has gradually outgrown its venues as more people join in the discussion.

“I am happy to announce we have found a new home in the upstairs section at Coyote Moon,” said Neel. “We will meet on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., early enough to enjoy happy hour and some infor-

mal discussions.”

Taking discussions of God to the pub is not a new idea. In fact, it was a practice that Martin Luther started over 500 years ago. It is an opportunity for people to be themselves; to ask questions, to share opinions and to learn new ideas with no strings attached.

“The idea is that pubs are infor-
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Survivors gather at a previous Archuleta County Relay for Life. This year's relay is set for June 18, and the event's committee is holding an informational meeting Feb. 25.

Archuleta County Relay for Life preparing for 19th annual event

By Paul Lehmann
Special to The PREVIEW

With the turning of the calendar to 2016, it is time to start preparing for our community's Relay for Life. Once again, our Archuleta County event will be held at Town Park on Saturday, June 18.

As in past years, there will be a kickoff social hour and meeting held on Thursday, Feb. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Coyote Moon Bar and Grill. Everyone from survivors, caregivers, team captains, relay teammates and all our sponsors are invited to attend.

Recently, the Cancer Journal for Clinicians published annual statistics on the progress that has been made thanks to fundraisers like ours and others across the world in the fight against cancer. This reports states that the death rate due to

cancer fell 23 percent between 1991 and 2012, which translates to more than 1.7 million lives saved. These are encouraging numbers and lift our hopes; unfortunately, the facts are that almost 1.7 million new cancer cases, spread equally across men and women of all ages including children, are occurring every year.

The top types are lung, colon, prostate and breast cancers in adults and leukemia in children.

Due to fundraising efforts like ours, screenings and treatments have been developed that are allowing for more of these cancers to be caught earlier, cured earlier and lives saved.

This information is certainly encouraging; however, with over 100 known cancer diseases, some of which are stubbornly resistant to treatment, the fight to find the cure is far from over. For more statistics and details on the various cancers, go to www.cancer.org and select the "Annual Cancer Statistics Report."

The American Cancer Society is the nonprofit organization that sponsors over 3,200 relays around the world, which are the primary fundraisers. As one of the largest nonprofit donors to cancer research for all types of cancer, some of the funds come back to our community to support local cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. This comes in the form of fuel assistance and lodging during treatments, road to

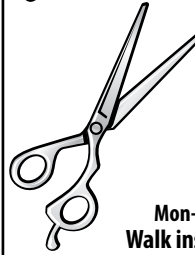
recovery rides and multiple cosmetic items. For more information on what is available and to receive these funds, contact the 24-hour cancer information and support hotline at (800) 227-2345.

Prior to the kickoff party, go to www.relayforlife.org/archuleta-county-co to sign up as a team, as a relayer on a team or as a survivor; it is free to sign up. Don't worry, if you don't have a team to sign up with, come to the kickoff and we will find a team for you to join, or sign up at the event.

The Archuleta County Relay for Life committee is looking forward to seeing you on Feb. 25 to answer your questions and find a way for you it get involved with our community fundraiser.

For more information, contact Paul Lehmann at 507-0345.

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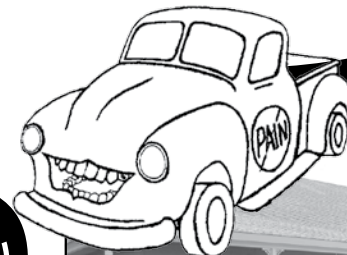


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mal, a place that is comfortable for most. We want a setting that allows for good conversation accompanied by good food and drink. We are grateful to Coyote Moon for accommodating us and hope that we will be able to encourage more people to join us with this larger space," said Neel.

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By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

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Meanwhile, mark your calendars for another free, fun, all-ages event — karaoke next Friday, Feb. 5, from 2 to 3:15 p.m.

Activities calendars

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Cancellations

Please note there will be no Otaku, karaoke or teen advisory meetings this month.

Free health insurance info

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Library News

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A more formal session requiring advance registration takes place tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., when blogs and websites will help you take advantage of these informational sites to market your business or chronicle something you're interested in. You will learn the difference between blogs and websites, as well as hosted and non-hosted sites, and discover how to choose a template, add posts and avoid common mistakes.

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St. Patrick's announces new choir scholarship program

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is excited to announce a brand new choir scholarship program for high school students and high school graduates working towards college or trade school.

Interested students must audition for Sally Neel, director of music at St. Patrick's, and be available and willing to attend rehearsals and services at the church.

Students do not have to plan to major in music, but must graduate and attend college in order to receive the funding.

The scholarship program is limited to only four students, who will be selected to be a part of the Choir of St. Patrick's. A scholarship fund will be set up for each student and money will be added to their account for each week of participation (one hour rehearsal and Sunday morning services). No money will be given directly to the student.

Rather, upon graduation and acceptance into college or a trade school, the funds will be transferred directly to the school of their choice.

This program benefits students more than monetarily. Students will be exposed to sacred choral music that is generally not sung in public schools, they will improve their sight-reading skills through weekly preparation of anthems, they will enjoy a warm and inviting group of adult choir members who will encourage their progress and serve as mentors, and they will be a part of a loving church family.

"For us at St. Patrick's, the program will offer us an opportunity to work more closely with the youth and benefit from their talents and ideas. It will also strengthen our church choir program with young voices. We feel like this new program will be a win/win for both students and parishioners," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's.

Doug Neel added, "Finding funds for college has become more and

more difficult as more students are facing the almost prohibitive costs of higher education. Working at minimum wage jobs barely scratches the surface. As the parent of a recent college graduate who is now looking at paying back student loans, I am very aware of the terrible frustrations students face. If we at St. Patrick's can help lessen the stress, even in a small way, then we feel we should do our part."

This new program is the brainchild of Sally Neel. She works closely with music students from the high school and knows several graduates who have not gone directly to college due to lack of funds.

"These are very talented kids who have a lot to give to our community and to the greater society. They need our help and the Choir of St. Patrick's would certainly enjoy their talents. I am very excited about this new opportunity," Sally Neel said.

The program will award each scholar's fund \$10 per rehearsal and \$20 per Sunday up to \$1,500 per year or up to \$6,000 over the course of four years. The funds will not be awarded for absences.

For more information, call St. Patrick's Episcopal Church at 731-5801.

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terworth II is an adventure moving across Europe and the U.S. "The Forgotten Soldier" by Brad Taylor is a Pike Logan thriller. "The Bitter Season" by Tami Hoag features Minneapolis detective Nikki Liska. "The Killing Lessons" by Saul Black is a mystery set in Colorado.

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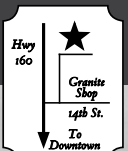
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All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, Jan. 28

Hoopsters. 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Come down and play 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. Bring a mat or a towel.

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 lyn-nrose323bc@gmail.com.

Meditation Class. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. You will learn and explore various methods.

San Juan Stargazers. 7 p.m., Visitors Center conference room. We will be learning about galaxy groups. There will be coffee and snacks. For more information, go to sjstargazers@gmail.com or call 335-8286.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Moon Over Buffalo.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Center for the Arts. A play that centers on a husband-and-wife acting team. In an attempt to keep their careers afloat, the couple is producing two plays simultaneously. They receive word that Hollywood director Frank Capra may be coming to see a performance, giving them one last chance at fame. That is, of course, if they can remember which play they are doing. For ticket information, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Friday, Jan. 29

Pickleball. 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles available.

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. Wear flat-soled shoes.

Blogs and Websites. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Learn the difference between blogs and websites, hosted and non-hosted sites, choosing a template, adding posts and common mistakes to avoid. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

Duplicate Bridge. Noon-5 p.m., Community Center. Call Stan at 731-2217 to get signed up.

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. All ages. Join us for video gaming on the Wii and X-box 360 with your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Course in Miracles Study Group. 7-8:30 p.m., Yoga Clarity Studio. Call 264-0111 for more info.

Saturday, Jan. 30

Men's Basketball Tournament. Community Center. Double-elimination tournament. Deadline is Jan. 25, if it doesn't fill up before then. For registration fees and more information, call 264-4152.

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Open gym basketball.

Baby/Toddler Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. Recommended for children 6 months to 3 years. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Zumba. 10:15-11:15 a.m., Community Center. Come start your morning with this one-of-a-kind cardio workout.

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Sunday, Jan 31

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Moon Over Buffalo.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Center for the Arts. A play that centers on a husband-and-wife acting team. In an attempt to keep their careers afloat, the couple is producing two plays simultaneously. They receive word that Hollywood director Frank Capra may be coming to see a performance, giving them one last chance at fame. That is, of course, if they can remember which play they are doing. For ticket information, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

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

Monday, Feb. 1

Pickleball. 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles available.

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

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners are welcome at 9:15 a.m., no experience needed. Advanced group will be at 10 a.m. Call Gerry for information at 731-9734.

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Come help maintain and improve your health, strength and balance.

Pagosa Bridge for Fun. 12:30-4 p.m., Community Center.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Earth Community. 2:30 p.m., Visitor Center. General meeting on upcoming events.

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Come start your evening with this one-of-a-kind cardio workout.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Hoopsters. 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Come down and play basketball.

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., Pagosa Lodge.

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

Adult Coloring. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Mah Jongg. 1-3 p.m., Community Center.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library.

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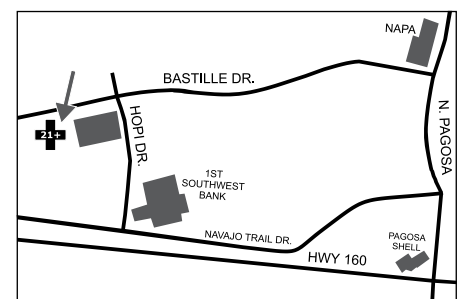
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ESL Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lyn-nrose323bc@gmail.com.

Duplicate Bridge. 5-10 p.m., Community Center. Call Stan at 731-2217 to get signed up.

Terrific Tuesdays. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Learn to dance. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Pickleball. 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles available.

Hatha Yoga. 10-11 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Please bring a mat and towel or blanket. For further information, call 731-5529.

Preschool Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Recommended for 3- to 5-year-olds. Preschoolers and their families are invited for an hour of stories, music and a craft. Develop early literacy skills while having fun. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Flow Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Bring a mat or a towel.

Free Screenings. 10:30 a.m., Senior Center. Provided by San Juan Basin Health Department. Total cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure checks, referrals, translations for Spanish speakers.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. 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 Nan-

cy 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.

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Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Come start your evening with this one-of-a-kind cardio workout.

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

Wild West Square Dance Class. 6:45-7:45 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Basic level. Open to families, couples and singles. Suggested age for children is at least 8 years old. Call Carla Roberts to enroll at 903-6478.

Thursday, Feb. 4

Hoopsters. 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Come down and play basketball.

Health Insurance Options. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Come for drop-in sessions to learn about health insurance via Medicaid and Connect for Health, as well as medical savings plans for seniors.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Bring a mat or a towel.

Overeaters Anonymous. 11 a.m., Centerpoint Church. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Leslie at 799-0775.

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

Tech Time. 3-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop-in technology help with Meg. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

ESL Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing.

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Meditation Class. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. You will learn and explore various methods.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Program speaker will be Sandy Kobrock, of the Wolf Creek Avalanche School, and the presentation will be "Know Before You Go: Avalanche Avoidance." Light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome. Website: www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org.

Friday, Feb. 5

Pickleball. 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles available.

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. Wear flat-soled shoes.

Duplicate Bridge. Noon-5 p.m., Community Center. Call Stan at 731-2217 to get signed up.

Karaoke. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an afternoon of karaoke. All ages are invited. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Course in Miracles Study Group. 7-8:30 p.m., Yoga Clarity Studio.

Call 264-0111 for more info.

Saturday, Feb. 6

Winterfest Balloon Rally. 8 a.m., downtown. Contact the Chamber at 264-2360 for more information.

Baby/Toddler Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. Recommended for children 6 months to 3 years. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

7th Annual Empty Bowls Event. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Your \$10 donation will get you the opportunity to pick out a beautiful handmade ceramic bowl as well as a meal of soup, bread, drink and dessert. There will also be a silent auction. Proceeds will go to local food banks.

7th Annual Penguin Plunge. 1 p.m., Downtown. Come support representatives of local nonprofits as they plunge into the icy San Juan River to raise money for their organizations. Contact the Chamber at 264-2360 for more information.

Winterfest Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race. 2 p.m., Reservoir Hill. Registration starts at 2 p.m. and the race is at 2:30 p.m. All entries must be homemade. No unmodified, storebought sleds or skis. There is a \$5 fee if you preregister by Feb. 5 or \$10 at the event.

Sunday, Feb. 7

Winterfest Balloon Rally. 8 a.m.,

uptown. Contact the Chamber at 264-2360 for more information.

Monday, Feb. 8

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

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners are welcome at 9:15 a.m., no experience needed. Advanced group will be at 10 a.m. Call Gerry for information at 731-9734.

Earth Community. 2:30 p.m., Visitor Center. Book study of "When Corporations Rule the World" by David. C. Korten.

Homebrewing Order of Pagosa Springs. 6 p.m., Coyote Moon. Learn about the art of brewing your own beer, wine and mead, or just learn more about craft beer and fermentation. Presentations on style, flavor and processes regularly given.

CPR Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension Office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

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Earth Community Pagosa planning bevy of events

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

Earth Community Pagosa has decided to continue working on increasing the safety of the food supply in our area, the state of Colorado and on the national level. We are encouraged by the amazing impact that individuals and small groups are having on this issue.

In February, we have three dates to show films at the library at 2 p.m. They are Sunday, Feb. 14, which we will turn into a Valentine's Day party with refreshments. Also, Saturday, Feb. 20, and Sunday, Feb. 28 — which we are sorry to say will be the last Sunday the library will be open and we will turn it into a leap year party with refreshments.

We are reviewing some new films, so we have not selected which ones we will show, but they will be high quality and very educational. As soon as we decide, they will be published in The PREVIEW.

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 25, from 1:30 to 5 p.m., we will serve coffee, tea and snacks in the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center conference room, where we will provide results from studies for you to peruse while you munch. We will have books, magazines and some copies of studies for you to take home. We are encouraging skeptics and doubters to show up with all your questions. We will provide the proof for why we are working on this issue and why you should join the effort. Please come for this valuable opportunity.

We will also have a general

meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1, in the Visitor Center conference room to, we hope, finalize the wording on our mission statement, select films and continue planning for a super Earth Day celebration in Town Park on Saturday, April 23.

Also, on Monday, Feb. 8, and Monday, Feb. 22, at 2:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center we will complete our study of the book "When Corporations Rule the World" by David C. Korten. His final sections with solutions are just too valuable to complete quickly. Even if you have not attended the book discussions before, you are invited to join us on these dates to study positive actions.

In March, we will be starting a new book study on "The Omnivore's Dilemma." You can either get your own copy or we will be ordering about a dozen used copies that you can purchase for cost. Dates and times will be set later.

There will be no activities the first week of March so that everyone can attend their party caucuses. The Democratic one has been set for Tuesday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center and I have not as yet gotten the information for the Republican caucus. The Earth Community is not affiliated with either party, but is more issue-oriented. We do want our members to actively participate in the political process.

Very soon, we will have our website, where we will have a directory of services in Pagosa that fit with our mission statement. There is so much else to come. Hope to see you at these events.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Play loudly
- 6 Egyptian snake
- 9 "Naughty you!"
- 14 Duck down
- 15 Get the picture
- 16 Marking post for races
- 17 Spartacus, for one
- 18 Dismiss
- 20 Sort
- 21 Chopper part
- 22 Be rife (with)
- 23 October handout
- 25 For all to see
- 27 Hardly trim
- 29 Shady spot
- 31 Tennis stroke
- 32 Element no. 5
- 34 A bit lit
- 38 Holiday song title starter
- 40 Present time
- 42 Opera feature
- 43 Legendary
- 45 Broker
- 47 Every last bit
- 48 Prefix with manage or wave
- 50 Sound of keys
- 52 Smartly dressed
- 55 Surfer's need
- 56 Exuberance
- 57 Take back, in a way
- 60 Parade entry
- 63 Usher, e.g.
- 65 Homework helper
- 66 Catch, in a way
- 67 Wisecrack
- 68 Breathing
- 69 Secret meeting
- 70 Woolly mama
- 71 Avian chatterbox

DOWN

- 1 Part of BFF
- 2 Showy flower

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- 3 Not fixed
- 4 Studio effect
- 5 "... ___ he drove out of sight"
- 6 High-class tie
- 7 Musical chairs goal
- 8 100 centavos
- 9 Mudbath locale
- 10 Mass reaction, perhaps
- 11 Roswell crash victim, supposedly
- 12 Runway walker
- 13 A Hatfield, to a McCoy
- 19 Believe, formerly
- 21 Dress fabric
- 24 "Chicago" lyricist
- 26 Astro or Asta, e.g.
- 27 Union Jack, eg.
- 28 Ominous look
- 29 Type of drum
- 30 ___ bitten, twice shy
- 33 Big laugh
- 35 Down-to-earth
- 36 Pie perch
- 37 New Haven school
- 39 Mildew cause
- 41 Dig
- 44 50-50, e.g.
- 46 Small amount
- 49 Caked deposit
- 51 Space cloud
- 52 Gave out
- 53 Church part
- 54 Easy mark
- 55 Certain print
- 58 Finger, in a way
- 59 Falling flakes
- 61 Exploding star
- 62 Keene's Nancy
- 64 "___ so fast!"
- 65 Cap

Answer to Last Week's Crossword:

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Billy Kern was an early Pagosa Country settler and country sheriff.

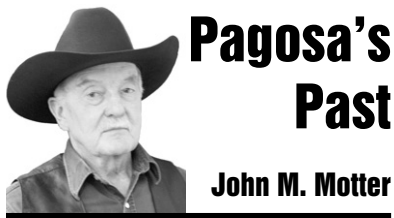
Winter in the mountains and a lost finger

We've been talking about the first roads into Pagosa Springs used by the first settlers. We've described Elwood Pass, the first route across the San Juan Mountains east of Pagosa Springs.

For a time after Elwood Pass was suitable for teams and wagons, circa 1878, the Army considered it as the route for freighting supplies from Fort Garland to the new Fort Lewis under construction in Pagosa Springs. The plan shows that the Army had no inkling of how much snow could accumulate on the peaks of the San Juan Mountains. They wised up pretty suddenly that first winter, which was a bad one.

They didn't endure the same tragedy as Major John C. Fremont in 1849, when Fremont lost 10 men while trying to cross the San Juans less than 100 miles north of Elwood. Just the same, the troops and horses stationed at Fort Lewis that first winter ran low on rations before the Army figured out they couldn't deal with the high mountain snow and sent their supply wagons south down the San Luis Valley, finally crossing the mountains at Rio Caliente in New Mexico, then back north through the Chama River Valley to Fort Lewis.

Civilians managed to keep the



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

Thereafter, Kern stole a page from Hollywood by fanning his pistol when shooting became necessary.

roads from the San Luis Valley to Summitville open all winter, but it was an ordeal of epic proportions. One citizen of that mining town wrote sarcastically in a short-lived Summitville newspaper about the joys of living in that snow-impacted environment, especially the joy of putting on snowshoes and stepping out of a second-story window onto the icy excrement.

Many of Pagosa's first settlers

used the Summitville route to reach Pagosa. Local storytellers tell us of a trip down the pass from Summitville when mail carrier Billy Kern, after completing the hazardous journey in a snowstorm — the mail must go through — took off his gloves to warm up his hands in front of the fire at Ma Cade's San Juan Hotel in Pagosa Springs. In the best traditions of a gritty frontier woman, Cade sniffed the air, recognized the odor of rotting flesh and, without hesitation, made Kern bite the bullet while she used a straight razor to saw off his trigger finger. No doubt she sterilized the cut with a splash of whiskey, then gave the rest of her disinfectant to her patient in a guzzling effort to subdue the pain.

Kern displayed his own high dosage of grit by becoming sheriff of Archuleta County even though he'd removed the trigger from his revolver because what good is a trigger if you don't have a trigger finger? Thereafter, Kern stole a page from Hollywood by fanning his pistol when shooting became necessary.

Elwood Pass has contributed considerable color to Pagosa's already colorful past. We'll be back next week with more stories based on the fabled Elwood entryway.

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is accepting applications for a Physician Retention and Recruiting Coordinator. This person is responsible for creating and administering a provider retention program and for administering strategies for identifying and recruiting physicians and mid-level providers for the organization. Recommends and executes retention objectives and several aspects of health care recruiting such as the qualified health care provider identification and interviewing, assists in contract negotiation, receipt of current credentials and placement of qualified physicians and/or mid-level providers for employment. Applications may be picked up at the human resources office or downloaded from www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes may be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

DEPUTY CLERK: The Town of Pagosa Springs is hiring a Deputy Clerk to work in the office of the Town Clerk. Information on position description, salary, application and deadline can be obtained on the town website at www.townofpagosasprings.com.

SEEDS OF LEARNING is accepting applications for a toddler room teacher aide. It is a full-time 40 hour a week position. High school diploma and CPR and First Aid is required. Must be able to pass a background check. Call Lynne or Melissa at (970)264-5513 for more information.

BASEBALL COACH: Archuleta School District 50 Joint is now accepting applications for assistant high school baseball coaches. Application, job description and salary are located under Job Openings at www.mypagosaschools.com.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is accepting applications for a Phlebotomist. This person performs blood collection from patients, some waived standard biological, microbiological and chemical tests in all areas of the medical laboratory. Works under direct technician supervision and performs waived complexity tests in accordance with standards established in the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) and/or appropriate agency protocol (COLA). Records and participates in evaluation of quality control for tests conducted. Applications may be picked up at the human resources office or downloaded from www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes may be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

CNAS WANTED, WITH BENEFIT package, competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care Center, 119 Bastille Dr. Sign on bonus.

REGIONAL YOUTH AND FAMILY Support Therapist- Pagosa Springs. Master's degree in mental health field. Must have experience working with children, youth and families. Ability to work with teams, travel and have flexible work schedule to provide in home and community based treatment. Position requires a self-starter and is collaborative with Department of Human Services. Send resume and cover letter to: Resumes, Axis Health System, 281 Sawyer Dr., Ste. 100, Durango, CO 81303, email resumes@axishealthsystem.org or fax (970)247-1337. EOE.

TRACK COACH: Archuleta School District is accepting application for a High School Assistant Track Coach. Job description and salary information and applications may be viewed/ completed online through www.mypagosaschools.com.

CAREGIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. No experience necessary. Must be caring and compassionate. Visit us at www.peoplecarehs.com. Call (719)778-1956 or send resume to nickh@peoplecarehs.com.

SIDE STREET SUSHI. City Market Plaza. Full-time night server. Experience preferred. Apply Tuesday- Friday, 3:30p.m.-5p.m. in person. No phone calls, please.

ASSISTANT COOK POSITION OPEN at Archuleta Seniors Inc. Experience required. Send resume to cheryl@pseniors.org.

WYNDHAM VACATION RESORTS. Find your next opportunity or launch your career right here in Pagosa Springs. Find out more online at WVOjobs.com or apply in person, 42 Pinon Causeway. (970)731-8070. Full-time positions, full benefits after 30 days, development and career opportunities.

ROSIE'S DSP PIZZERIA is accepting applications for night/ weekend servers. Early morning baker/ prep cook, and night delivery driver/ dishwasher. All applicants must have a valid driver's license and be 21+ years old. Please apply in person at 100 Country Center Drive.

WYNDHAM VACATION RESORTS. We are seeking an Activity Supervisor to join our team in Pagosa Springs. The position is accountable for leading a team of associates selling area activities to our guests. If you are outgoing, love to help people and have a winning spirit, you can find out more online at WVOjobs.com, apply in person, 42 Pinon Causeway, OR contact Tanya O'Neal at (970)731-8926. It is a full-time position with full benefits after 30 days, unlimited development and career opportunities. Come work for the biggest and best hospitality company in the world!

NEW YEAR-NEW CAREER in the field of dental health care. This is a job where you help others out, smile really big and feel better, no doubt. Help in the front, help in the back, for things to do you'll have no lack. Will train a person who has the right stuff, wear many hats and grin when it's tough. The hours and days will start with part time, but lead to much more we hope you will find. This is the year to start things out right, send us an email, your future looks bright. Send resume to denprac@yahoo.com.

REAL ESTATE CAREER. Hiring great talent to join growing team! Hourly office and commission agent positions. Email resume: pagosaconnection@gmail.com. Keller Williams Realty SW Associates.

BEAR CREEK SALOON & GRILL is accepting applications for all positions: kitchen, waitstaff, barstaff. Experience preferred. Apply in person 7 days a week. Full or part time available. Ask for Mark.

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FARRAGO MARKET CAFE. Looking for a full-time Front of the House person. Must be able to work day and night shifts. Please apply in person Monday- Friday, 2p.m.-4:30p.m. Ask for Abby.

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Pick up an application at our front desk at 42 Pinon Causeway, or apply online www.wvojobs.com

VOLLEYBALL COACH: Archuleta School District is accepting application for a High School Assistant Volleyball coach. Job description and salary information and applications may be viewed/ completed online through www.mypagosaschools.com.

ALL POSITIONS FOR NEW BREWPUB. Pagosa Brewing & Grill seeks fast-paced team members for all positions. Potential cross-training opportunities as we expand. Applications at 118 North Pagosa Blvd. No phone calls, please.

LOCAL RANCH LOOKING for a wrangler/ laborer for the summer of 2016 May- October. Job description includes fence work, pasture irrigation, lawn maintenance, some heavy equipment experience a bonus. Horse experience and cattle knowledge not a must but would be beneficial. If you're looking for a fun summer job outside in a beautiful setting and don't mind getting your hands dirty, send an email to pagosadave@gmail.com.

HEALTH AIDE: Archuleta School District 50 Joint is now accepting applications for part-time Health Aide. Application, job description and salary are located under Job Openings at www.mypagosaschools.com.

SMOKEN MOE'S BBQ NOW hiring kitchen help. Slackers and lazy people need not apply. No phone calls please. Can apply between 9:30-11a.m.

SELPH'S PROPANE IS LOOKING for a seasonal propane delivery driver. Must have CDL with hazmat/ tanker/ air brakes endorsements. Please apply at 4640 Highway 160 West.

HELP WANTED: ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for kennels position at Elk Park Animal Hospital. Applicant must be able to lift 50 pounds, work weekends and enjoy working with animals. 10 hour shifts 4 days a week with starting pay around \$10 hourly depending on experience. Please email a resume to elkparkvet@yahoo.com with your name and "resume" in the subject line or call between 8a.m. and 5p.m. on weekdays with any questions. 731-6400.

HOUSEKEEPING- Part-time housekeeper(s) needed. We will train. Compensation based on experience and quality of work with mileage reimbursement. Contractors are welcome to submit a proposal for their services. Call Sunetha Property Management, (970)731-4344, ext. 1.

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PART-TIME EMPLOYEE. Position is responsible for daily operation of the PLPOA Recreation Center while on duty; assisting in the operation of the front desk; assisting with all cash register transactions; selling Recreation Center memberships, lake use permits and boat permits; excellent communication and problem solving skills; exceptional guest services skills; strong computer skills and assisting with pool and hot tub chemical readings. Additional hours on holidays and in summer. Evenings and weekends required. Submit application to Pagosa Lakes Rec Center, 45 Eagles Loft Circle, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Email: plpoa@plpoa.com. Phone (970)731-2051, fax (970)731-5362. Position is open until filled. EOE.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE- Are you organized? Do you work well under deadlines? Would you enjoy getting to know local business owners and managers? We are looking for a self-motivated sales person to join our team selling weekly paper, website and special issues. Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop and marketing experience a plus. Please pick up an application at The Pagosa Springs SUN front office or email your resume to helpwanted@pagosasan.com. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

LPN/RN WANTED. NEW GRADS welcome. 12 hour shifts. Must be Colorado licensed, benefit package. Competitive wages. EOE. Apply in person. Pine Ridge Extended Care Center. 119 Bastille Dr. Pagosa Springs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 or www.aadistrict18.org, or call: Ed K. 946-2606; Val V. 264-2685; Ben B. 264-0217.

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.

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 or www.aadistrict18.org; Ken or Charlotte 731-1025.

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IF ANYONE has lost their pet, please call the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, 731-4771. www.humanesociety.biz.

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1999 MERCURY COUGAR, \$1,700. 1995 Toyota Celica, \$800, new windshield, needs clutch. Chihuahua mix dog, \$50. Call (970)317-4432.

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JUST FOR KIDS SALE! All jeans 20% off. Includes name brands like Levi, Wrangler, LEI, Osh Kosh, Justice, Lee. Sale ends February 6. Monday through Friday, 10a.m.-5p.m. Saturday, 10a.m.-2p.m. 2839 Cornerstone Dr. #5 above Verizon and Boulder Cafe.

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2 ALL SEASON TIRES, 285/75/R16, \$50. Pick up truck tool/ storage pouch, brand new never used, \$25. Hoop steps, brand new never used, \$50. Call (970)946-2632 or (970)946-5802.

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VACATION RENTALS

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2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1-car garage. Furnished or unfurnished. \$1,200/ month. For further information, email Lee Riley at leeriley@isell-pagosa.com.

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.

NEW OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meeting starting December 3, 11a.m., at Centerpoint Church, 270 Cornerstone Dr. Leslie, (970)799-0775.

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STREET LEVEL UNITS STILL available at the River Center. Give us a call at 731-0951 or 264-6147.

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Dodge for a cause at coed dodgeball tournament Feb. 20

By Traci Bishop
PREVIEW Columnist

Come out for a day of fun with family and friends and help raise money for our youth on Saturday, Feb. 20.

The Dodge for a Cause tournament is in honor of the Marky Egan Youth Scholarship Fund Program. This scholarship helps children in need and allows them to participate in many of the recreational youth programs available.

This will be a two-court tournament held at the Ross Aragon Community Center and will be divided into two age divisions. The first division is ages 12-15 and the second division is 16 and older.

There will be prizes for most uniquely dressed team and for the champions in each division.

Each team must have a minimum of six players to register. The registration fee is \$10 per person. The registration deadline for all teams is Friday, Feb. 12. Registrations can be found at the Community Center. For more information, please call us at 264-4152.

Open gym Saturday

Come down and mix up your Saturday with some basketball. The gym will be open to the public for use from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, please call the Community Center at 264-4152.

Zumba classes

Instructors Leslie Holleman and Rhonda Sledge are now offering Zumba classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. at the Community Center.

For more information, please call the Community Center at 264-4152.

Meditation class starting

Don't miss out on the new free meditation program offered Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. beginning today, Jan. 28.

Meditation, if done properly, creates an awakened awareness, focus, peace of mind and joy. It allows us to be "present," therefore experiencing our life more fully. Through the practice of meditation, we dissipate the reactionary knee-jerk response, allowing us to be our natural selves.

In this class, you will explore and learn various methods of breathing and meditation in a gentle and supportive setting.

Instructor Val Fulco is a 20-year resident of Pagosa Springs. He has a personal and deep relationship with a family of Tibetan lamas, with whom he studied the energy exercises and meditation techniques of the ancient Nyingma tradition.

Community Center News

Because We Care

The Community Center and Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Department are very excited to announce their 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 is kicking off with a Boys to Men class, a women's self-defense class and CPR/AED-certification classes. Please look for more classes to be offered.

Boys to Men

This class is designed to promote 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 older. Registrations for the Boys to Men class are due by Friday, Feb. 17. The registration fee for this five-week class is \$35.

For more information, please call the Community Center at 264-4152.

Women's self-defense

Have you always wanted to learn self-defense, but did not know where to start? In this class, we will develop ways to survive a potentially violent encounter.

More than just a self-defense class, we will also learn proper body alignment, breathing and rooting exercises learning to feel "at home" in our bodies.

Instead of focusing solely on fighting drills, which are often forgotten in a fearful setting, we will learn situational awareness — how to respond without fear and how to deal with a threat quickly and efficiently. This is a great class for discovering personal power and

how to use it.

Registration for the women's self-defense class is due by Friday, Feb. 17. The registration fee for this five-week class is \$35.

For more information, please call the Community Center at 264-4152.

CPR/AED certification

Registration for the CPR/AED class for Thursday, Feb. 25, is now open.

Instructors Nicole Lagioia-Lewis and Darren Lewis will be teaching from 8:30 a.m. to noon. This class will certify you for two years and the cost is \$50 per student. Space is limited, so hurry in to the Community Center to get signed up.

Free programs

The Community Center offers many free programs throughout the week. Check The PREVIEW

calendar and the website, racc.co, for a current calendar of programs.

Center information

Community Center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed for lunch daily from noon to 1 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday by appointment only.

The Community Center is located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Phone is 264-4152, email is communitycenter@pagosasprings.co.gov.

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