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Snowmobiler: Avalanche claims life

By Michael Le Roux
Special to The SUN

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m., Archuleta County Emergency Management, along with Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, assisted Mineral County in a search for a snowmobile rider who triggered a backcountry avalanche near Tucker Ponds Road.

In whiteout conditions, snowmobile and dog teams from Archuleta County and Wolf Creek Ski Patrol, and Rio Grande and Mineral counties, located the subject around 11 p.m. The snowmobiler died in the avalanche. The victim's identity was not released.

The recovery mission concluded at 4 a.m. Wednesday morning and

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Pipeline operation may begin in April

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

In their capacity as the board of Pagosa Springs Sanitation Improvement District (PSSGID), members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council received an update from town Sanitation Supervisor Gene Tautges on the new sewage pipeline at their meeting Tuesday evening, Feb. 2.

When operational, the pipeline will be used to transport raw sewage from the town to the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Vista sewage treatment plant, where

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2015 Outstanding Colorado Educator



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Mary Helen Cammack, second from right, poses with Archuleta School District Superintendent Linda Reed, Pagosa Springs High School Principal Sean O'Donnell and PSHS Counselor Mark Thompson after receiving the 2015 Outstanding Colorado Educator Award on Jan. 29.

Helping students achieve their highest goals

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." — Henry Adams, American historian.

A teacher's belief in a student can profoundly influence them, both in the classroom and out, immediately and over the long-term.

Such is the case with one local teacher who, even in retirement, continues to show a deep love for the students of Archuleta County by pushing them to reach their potentials.

The love and effort put forth by that teacher, Mary Helen Cammack, recently earned her the 2015 Outstanding Colorado Educator Award

from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

The award was presented to a surprised Cammack during an assembly at Pagosa Springs High School on Jan. 29 by PSHS Principal Sean O'Donnell.

"The Outstanding Colorado Educator Award is presented to educators across the state of Colorado who have demonstrated a commitment to helping students achieve their highest education goals," O'Donnell said in introducing the award.

According to PSHS Counselor Mark Thompson's statement nominating her for the award, Cammack fits the bill.

"We have an inordinate number of students with learning disabilities pursue higher educa-

tion," Thompson wrote in the nomination. "This is directly due to one teacher's influence. She believes that her students can do more and causes them to believe it about themselves because of her deep faith in them. She puts in astonishing hours, is committed to her students and has given our school district her entire professional life!"

"I always just thought she was an outstanding teacher," Thompson told The SUN, stating that he has worked with Cammack for several years and has always been impressed with her ability to take the kids that have learning disabilities and help them achieve more than

■ See Educator A8

EMS team prevents heart attack

By Casey Crow
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what would happen if you were to have a sudden heart attack in a small mountain town? Turns out, you would be in great hands.

Last week, the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) held its regular meeting. Each month, a "milestone moment" is presented to board and staff members, highlighting a job well done.

Last week, Dr. Michelle Flemmings recounted an impressive effort on behalf of emergency services to prevent a heart attack. The team managed a "door-to-drug" time of three minutes, putting the national benchmark of 30 minutes to shame.

According to Flemmings, the patient called 911 early in the morning complaining of chest pain, rating the pain at a seven on a scale of 10. At 1:46 a.m., the EMS team performed an EKG (electrocardiogram). At 1:48 a.m., the medical control center was called. By 2 a.m., the team contacted a cardiologist at Mercy Regional Medical Center to verify a plan of action. Flight for Life was called at 2:10 a.m.

By 2:11 a.m., the patient arrived in the Emergency Department at Pagosa Springs Medical Center and three minutes later, at 2:14 a.m., the first drug was administered. The second drug was administered at 2:17 a.m. and, by 2:30 a.m., the patient reported improvement, citing a pain level of two out of 10.

The achieved time of three minutes surpasses both the standards for the state of Colorado, as well as national standards.

"Through their actions, why we

■ See EMS A8

Souper Bowl Saturday



Photo courtesy Tessie Garcia

Souper Bowl Saturday takes place Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pagosa Springs Elementary School with the Empty Bowls event. Your \$10 donation will get you the opportunity to pick out a beautiful, handmade ceramic bowl, as well as a simple but wonderful meal of soup, bread, drink and dessert donated by area businesses and community members. Proceeds will go to local food banks.

Officials air concerns at county work session

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held an elected officials work session last Tuesday, Jan. 26.

The work session gave the elected officials a chance to discuss any issues or concerns they had with the BoCC, as well as explain their goals for the rest of the year.

Elected officials in attendance, besides the commissioners, included Assessor Natalie Woodruff, Treasurer Betty Diller, Clerk and Recorder June Madrid and Sheriff Rich Valdez.

Although all of these officials attended the work session, Diller was the main speaker on behalf of the officials.

Diller read from a document that listed the officials' concerns and requests.

"We independently and collectively have some concerns with a few departments that we would like to resolve," reads the first statement in the document. "Most of these concerns are primarily the lack of or inadequate communication with our offices."

The document goes on to list outstanding issues that concerned the officials.

Outstanding issues

The first issue involved a payroll deposit date that was scheduled for Dec. 31, 2015, but was delayed until Jan. 4, 2016.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Cabin fever reliever

Is your back breaking from shoveling snow? Have you raked so much snow off your roof that your arms feel like they are falling off? Have you plowed so much snow that there is nowhere else to put it, and the berms are even taller than your car? Have the ice dams backed up until the water is pouring in through your roof? Did the below-zero temperature on Wednesday of this week chill you to your bones? Have you been cooped up indoors for entirely too long? Are you a little tired of winter? Are you feeling a little restless? Has cabin fever set in?

We have the cure for what ails you — Winterfest.

While not officially a Winterfest event, you can escape the confines of your snow den starting Friday night in the Pagosa Springs High School gymnasium. Show up to show some support for the Pagosa Pirates as they take on the Alamosa Mean Moose, with varsity action beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Shake off your winter blues with Saturday morning's colorful hot air balloon mass ascension taking place downtown around 8 a.m. Come out and show your appreciation for the pilots and their crews from New Mexico and Colorado who have traveled for miles and miles to create an uplifting winter celebration.

Following the balloon event liftoff, the Mardi Gras Barkus Pet Parade will take place in Town Park at 11 a.m. Get your bark on while dressing both you and your canine up in Mardi Gras style for the occasion. There is a \$10 donation, which supports the Pagosa Springs Humane Society and includes delicious gumbo.

Don't stuff yourself with too much gumbo, because also starting at 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School will host the seventh-annual Empty Bowls Event to raise money for local food banks. Your \$10 donation for the "Souper Bowl" will get you the opportunity to pick out a beautiful, handmade ceramic bowl filled with soups donated by local restaurants, chefs and individual cooks. After your meal, the bowl is yours to keep as a reminder of the hunger struggle of people in our community who have "empty bowls." More than 300 ceramic bowls have been created by elementary and high school students, teachers and community members. The event runs until 1 p.m.

Once you have satisfied your appetite, you will want to congregate alongside the San Juan River to see just what being cooped up for too long during the winter has done to some poor souls who have completely lost their minds. You will witness some seriously insane people plunging into the San Juan River to benefit local charities in the Penguin Plunge. If you are feeling a little out of your mind, show up and register at noon before the craziness begins at 1 p.m.

The insanity will continue on Reservoir Hill with the Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race at 2:30 p.m. (Registration at 2 p.m.) This isn't just any sled race. All entries must be homemade and, as the name indicates, anything goes. While speed is important, the critical element of this race is entertainment.

Basketball returns to the Pagosa Springs High School gymnasium Saturday night as the Pagosa Pirates take on Monte Vista, with varsity action at 5:30 p.m.

Super Bowl Sunday begins with another hot air balloon mass ascension at 8 a.m., this time over the Pagosa Lakes area.

If you happen to have five friends, sign them up as a team for the broomball tournament at the Pagosa Multi-Purpose Pavilion ice skating rink. The event starts off at 10 a.m. And, like all great events, this one includes puppies. Come meet some local sled dogs while you watch some sweeping action.

Then, you can finish off your weekend watching the Broncos beat some team from the east coast in Super Bowl 50.

We extend our sincere appreciation to those who have created a weekend where we can all legally lose our minds and shake off the stress of winter.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

What is the best way to slow traffic on South 8th Street?



Oliver Phillips

"There is already a stop sign half way down there. I don't really have a suggestion; I didn't know it was a problem here in town."



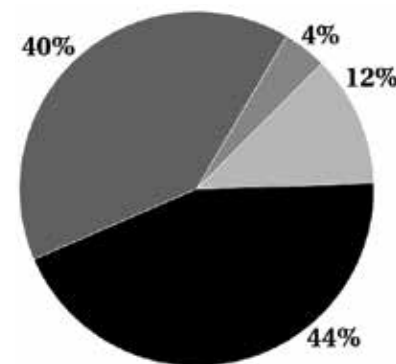
Peggy Trana

"Speed bumps. They do need to do something ... it's not safe."



Vanessa Villa

"Right there it's kind of slow ... it's just that the light takes forever. If they flipped the light a little bit more, I think you wouldn't have too big of a problem."



Poll results (135 Votes)

Textured pavement at intersections — 12 percent
Speed humps — 44 percent
Bump-outs — 4 percent
Stop signs — 40 percent

This week online: How effective are the pedestrian crossing lights in downtown?

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LOOKING BACK



From the Jan. 19, 1967, Pagosa Springs SUN. MOUNTED RANGER QUEEN — Mounted Ranger Queen Marvel Bramwell for the year of 1966 was presented a plaque and buckle by the Mounted Rangers. The presentation was made at a banquet last Saturday night by Bill Jackson, commanding officer of the local troop.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 5, 1926

The city fire hose carts are being kept temporarily in the Pagosa Springs Motor Co. garage in order to dry out thoroughly, following use of the same during the blaze of Saturday at the Cotton home. The key to the garage will hang on hook No. 1 in the Metropolitan hotel office in case the carts are needed for fire-fighting at night or any time while the garage is closed.

Even though the weather is fine, the roads are far from being smooth and as for joy rides, there don't seem to be many.

The investigation of the burglary last week at the Darlington ranch in the Arboles-Allison vicinity has to date failed of a solution, though one or two are under suspicion of having committed the crime.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 7, 1941

Mrs. Herman Sisson is doing some War Relief work with her school children, and they have made many mittens and hoods from old clothing. This is certainly a useful experience, and ideal from any standpoint.

In order that the services of the Social Security Board may be made easily available to the people of Archuleta County we have arranged to have a representative of this office in Pagosa Springs on the first Thursday of every month. On these visiting days, the representative of the Social Security Board may be interviewed at the office of the County Judge on the second floor of the County Court House at any time from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. February 6 was the first stop in Pagosa Springs.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 3, 1966

Vic's Texaco Service is now under new management and also has a new name, Lou's Service. Lou Poma has taken over the management of the station from his father, Vic Poma. Lou will continue to handle the same products and services at the station. Vic Poma will manage his other interests including bulk plants, stations in other towns, and other allied interests. Lou graduated from Kansas State at Manhattan, Kansas last week with a degree in business administration. He is a graduate of the Pagosa Springs High School and had a record as a top student and star athlete here. Lou played on the Pagosa Springs basketball team that won a state championship and the football team that played in the state championship.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 31, 1991

Local residents and property owners interested about the question of reintroduction of grizzly bears to the San Juan Mountains have until Mon., Feb. 4 to express their opinions. Recent updating of the grizzly bear recovery plan by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has generated varying arguments as to whether grizzly bears continue to range in isolated seclusion within the San Juans. The question of whether grizzlies should be relocated to the San Juans, if in fact they are presently absent, has created equally intense arguments.

Archuleta County Recycling, a group committed to a large-scale, ongoing recycling program aimed at protecting the local environment and saving tax dollars will meet at noon Feb. 1, at the Ruby Sisson Library.

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Letters

Trump colors

Dear Editor:
I know that people reading this letter will remember with great fondness John (Jack) Sherwood who was a longtime resident of Pagosa Springs and a good friend. Jack died of Parkinson's disease a few years back.

I watched in disgust as Donald Trump openly mocked a reporter that didn't have the same disease but also shook uncontrollably. Trump mocked the reporter by also shaking as he spoke jabs at the reporter who Trump disagreed with.

The reporter and the Republican front-runner had met on several occasions and photos of the two together were shown on TV, yet Trump lied and denied he ever met the reporter.

Trump showed his true colors. The irony is that Trump can end up having a very similar disease later in life as many of us do; disease doesn't care if you're a billionaire.

How anyone could vote for this poor excuse of man is beyond me.

Now whenever I see Trump I think of Jack Sherwood, the reporter and the many millions of disabled people, including veterans, who can't help being who they are and neither can Trump.

Ron Alexander
Gypsum, Kan.

Pagosa spirit

Dear Editor:
On Saturday morning, the kids woke us up early excited about the impending event of the weekend. Sled dog rides.

We geared up and headed to the park on a beautiful winter day. The event, I am sure, exceeded everyone's expectation. Hundreds of our town's finest from the spry to the more mature showed up in revelry to watch these amazing creatures run the sleds, and the dogs did a pretty good job, too.

But, that is not what this letter is about.

The day progressed and as the dogs became more tired, so did the throngs of anxiously awaiting people. The clouds began rolling in and the icy park seemed to be making everyone a bit more sluggish and exhausted. Anyone who has had young children knows the expire-by date is fairly rapid. As the day progressed more whines and tears were evident.

Our scheduled departure was to be 1:45, Pagosa time, of course. We happened to be queuing up well after the last scheduled run was to happen. My wife, three young children in tow and me were excited to finally be in the "on deck circle" when the sled dog captains said the dogs were too tired to continue and this would be their last ride.

The exhausted operators and the patient folks who had waited all day for a little slice of paradise graciously let my family and another to ride as the last sled ride of the day. These kind people waited all day and when their turn came, stepped away with a smile. What an amazing group of folks.

The kids had a blast as the exhausted dogs finished their victory lap for the day. As my daughter let out a whelp of giddiness, our driver

said, "If that doesn't sound like a good time, I don't know what does."

This is the spirit of Pagosa. This is why we all live here.

My heart is thankful to the many people who made the day great. I cannot thank the kind folks who waited all day in the cold and stepped aside so a few children could have an amazing experience.

The spirit of cheer and optimism given by the employees of Pagosa Dog Sled Adventures is eclipsed only by the spirit of our fine community.

Let's continue to make this the greatest place to live, work and raise a family.

Eric M. Smith

Urgent care

Dear Editor:
I am a part-time resident in Pagosa Springs and do not have a primary doctor in town.

At the beginning of the week, I started experiencing a sore throat, headache and earache. I asked friends to recommend a doctor I could consult and was told that there "used to be a doctor" but he had recently closed his office.

It was suggested that I call the clinic at the hospital, which I did, and was told that they had no appointments the rest of the week, but that if I called on Thursday I could make an appointment with two doctors who were going to open appointments for urgent care on Friday.

I remind you that I made this call at the beginning of the week. Should I drive to Durango to get care? That sounded ridiculous. As a

last resort I called the hospital and after telling them my sad story, was told I could come into the emergency room.

This was not an emergency, and I felt badly that I was taking their time when there are true emergencies to be dealt with.

I did go in, and I apologized to every staff member I came in contact with, as this was not an emergency. I was well taken care of and am feeling much better.

This is the problem, but what is the answer?

There seems to be a great opportunity for someone to open an "urgent care" clinic to take care of the town's nonemergency needs.

Does the clinic need more providers?

Barbara Stokol
Dallas, Texas

Editor's note: The following response was provided by Pagosa Springs Medical Center CEO Brad Cochennet.

"Thank you for your observations regarding our Primary Care Clinic. Our Board of Directors and leadership have recognized increasing demand for our services. We are breaking ground this spring on our new 30 exam room Primary Care building, which more than doubles our capacity, to keep healthcare where we live. Obtaining qualified physicians can take several months from start to finish. We are in the final stages of recruiting two more midlevels and one more doctor. Additionally, we are assessing our Emergency Room and Primary Care Clinic volumes to determine the demand for urgent care."

Obituaries



Susan Harris 'Sue' Ashcraft

Susan Harris "Sue" Ashcraft died Jan. 29 in a hospital in Dallas, Texas.

Ms. Ashcraft was born Oct. 7, 1946, in Denver, the daughter of Robert N. Harris and Roberta Minor "Bobbie" Harris.

Sue grew up in Farmington, N.M., and graduated from Farmington High School. She later graduated from New Mexico State University at Las Cruces, N.M., where she met her future husband, Larry Ashcraft, of Roswell, N.M. They knew each other for about 50 years and were due to celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary on April 8.

She graduated with a BA in education.

They lived outside Albuquerque, N.M., and later Pagosa Springs, and then Arboles, Colo. They moved to Aubrey near Denton, Texas, in 2014.

Sue served at one time as an EMT. She was involved in a number of ministry outreach and mentoring programs. She and Larry made several mission trips to the Dominican Republic.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Sherri.

Survivors are her husband, Larry Ashcraft, of Denton, Texas; daughter Michelle (Scott) Ashcraft Davis, of Plano, Texas; daughter Ronnie (Joel) Arrington, of Levelland, Texas; and grandchildren Daxton, Devin and Ellslyn Davis, of Plano, Texas, and Hannah, Malachi, Kestra and Tyler Arrington, of Levelland, Texas; sister Pat Harris (John) Wilson, Chattanooga, and Jean Harris (Dave) Bryant, of Sandia Park, N.M.; and brother-in-law Loney (Mayrene) Ashcraft, of Roswell, N.M.

A memorial service was held Monday, Feb. 1, at 4 p.m. at Life Gate Church at Denton, Texas.

A Celebration of Life Fellowship will be held in the late spring/early summer in Pagosa Springs.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to the T.E.A.R.S. (True Evangelism Always Requires Sacrifice) ministry to the Dominican Republic at 3614 NE 50th Ave., Portland, OR 97213.

Andreita Garcia

Andreita Garcia passed away Jan. 21 in Pagosa Springs. Andreita was born in Las Nutrias, N.M., on Feb. 24, 1930, to Julianita Lopez and Juan Pablo Samora.

Andreita was preceded in death by her husband, Arturo Garcia, and son Gilbert Garcia. She is sur-

vived by her children: MaryAnne Ulibarri, Rosalie Kearney, Annie Garcia, Jim Garcia, John Garcia and Michael Garcia; her grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Andreita will be remembered for her desire to do for others. She served as a volunteer for the Bonnie Dallas Senior Center in Farmington, N.M., for over two decades. Andreita will live forever in the hearts of her friends, family and caretakers.

Andreita's family would like to extend their appreciation to the staff of Pine Ridge Extended Care Facility in Pagosa Springs for their exceptional care of Andreita. Interment of Andreita's remains and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date in Aztec, N.M.

Juan Rosales

Juan Rosales passed away at his home in Pagosa Springs on Jan. 24. He was born March 8, 1945, in Mexico to Guadalupe Garcia and Julio Rosales.

Juan enjoyed hunting and working on cars. He was preceded in death by his father, two brothers, one sister and a son. He is survived by his wife, Viola, five brothers, one daughter, three stepsons and one stepdaughter; four grandchildren, many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and his dear friend, Terry Carter.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, located at 451 Lewis St., on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 11 a.m., followed by interment at Hilltop Cemetery.

Letters

The SUN welcomes letters from readers.

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In December, we were able to give the renewable energy sector more certainty that will allow it to grow. We extended the wind Production Tax Credit (PTC) for five years — its longest extension in two decades. The PTC provides a 2.2 cent credit per kilowatt hour of electricity produced that benefits wind energy producers and the supply chain across Colorado.

Colorado generates a larger percentage of its energy from wind than all but five other states and is home to wind technology manufacturers like Vestas and RES America. Roughly 6,000 people work in wind-related jobs in Colorado in counties from Pueblo to

Adams to Weld and beyond. This extension is expected to create 100,000 jobs nationwide, while an expiration of the credit could have cost 37,000 jobs.

We also extended the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for solar power for five years. It provides a tax incentive to help companies finance the initial investments for solar infrastructure. It's estimated that the extension of the solar ITC will create 220,000 jobs over the next five years, more than doubling the current number of U.S. solar jobs, and spurring an additional \$40 billion in investment. In Colorado alone, there are 388 solar companies employing more than 4,200 people.

The renewable energy credit extensions alone are equivalent to taking 50 million cars off the road by 2022 and there is more we



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can do.

Solar was the only technology that received an ITC extension. This year, Congress should extend the ITC for small wind power projects, geothermal energy and small hydro-power. Local farmers and ranchers who use individual wind turbines to generate power for their farms don't produce enough wind energy to benefit from the PTC, but are eligible for the ITC to help offset the cost of their turbines. Unfortunately, these small wind producers were omitted from last year's credit extensions.

Congress can also do more for natural gas, which is abundant in Colorado. Natural gas will play an important role as we transition to a cleaner energy future. Last year, we worked with Sen. Richard Burr, a Republican from North Carolina, to modernize an outdated tax provision that put cleaner, cost-effective natural gas at a disadvantage to diesel fuel when it's used to power large trucks. We're pushing Congress to make the same update for LNG used in ships. We also introduced a bill with Sen. Rob Portman, an Ohio Republican, to help power plants finance the purchase

and installation of carbon capture equipment. This bill will protect our air by reducing emissions from burning coal while protecting jobs in the industry.

Finally, to encourage more innovation and cleaner energy across the entire sector, we've called for a technology-neutral energy credit, which would be available to all of these industries.

All of these ideas should be incorporated into a new, comprehensive, long-term energy strategy that drives our diverse energy sector and meets our energy needs in the 21st century. It will enhance our security, keep us competitive in the global economy and leave a cleaner world for the next generation. There's no doubt Colorado will play an important role in meeting those goals. Whether it's the new solar plant set to open in Pueblo, methane capture in the North Fork Valley, the hydroelectric plants in Boulder, the LNG fueling station in Hudson or wind farms on the Eastern Plains, Colorado's pioneering and entrepreneurial spirit continues to innovate as it powers our lives.

Biomass bill: A proactive approach to Colorado's forest health

The 2016 legislative session is moving into full gear these days, with much of our time now being spent in committees as bills get their first hearing in front of these committees of reference.

If a bill makes it past its first hearing, it'll then move to what's called the second reading on the Senate floor. There, substantive debate and possible amendments determine whether the bill will move on for a final third reading vote in the Senate and possible passage to the House, only to repeat the same process there.

If a bill has a state fiscal impact, it detours to the Appropriations Committee before debate on the Senate floor. There are many potential "off ramps" as a bill winds its way through the legislative process; patience and stamina are helpful virtues for legislators awaiting the fate of their proposals.

In addition to chairing the Senate Judiciary Committee and serving as vice chairwoman of the Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy Committee, I'm kept busy meeting with people who are interested in providing feedback on my bills and perhaps seeking amend-

ments to them. One of the bills that I'm working on most of these days will, if passed, give electricity generation from woody biomass an incentive similar to what solar energy received under state law.

This biomass bill is my effort to assist projects in high wildfire risk areas by removing forest brush and small-diameter trees and utilizing these fuels to produce electricity at relatively small power plants. This type of project helps move us forward in reducing wildfire risk, thereby improving public safety and avoiding the high costs associated with fighting wildfires. Utilizing the woody biomass in small-scale power plants also creates jobs in communities desiring new economic opportunities.

Based on feedback I've received on the introduced bill, I'm amending it to provide that the renewable



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energy multiplier would be for those woody biomass projects that produce biochar, which is carbon-neutral or carbon-negative. Solar and wind energy have benefited from the use of incentives under the renewable energy standard and, while there aren't likely to be many of these small woody biomass power plants around the state, they can offer the significant multiple benefits, mentioned above, without cost to the state.

Left as is, when the woody biomass burns in catastrophic wildfires, we waste that fuel and its energy potential and the fires cause significant damage to air quality. Watersheds located in the burn areas and downstream are negatively impacted, as well. It's time we move to a more proactive approach to Colorado's forest health and this is one step forward in that direction.

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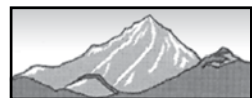
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Four seats on LPEA's board of directors up for election

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

Election packets for those interested in running for a seat on the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors will be available Monday, Feb. 22, at LPEA offices in Durango and Pagosa Springs and online at www.lpea.coop.

To be placed on the ballot, candidates must return completed petitions to either LPEA office by 1 p.m. on Friday, March 11. LPEA's offices are located at 45 Stewart St., Durango (Bodo Industrial Park) and 603 S. 8th St., Pagosa Springs.

As per LPEA bylaws, one-third of the directors' seats are up for election annually, one in each of LPEA's four districts.

Candidates are required to be members in good standing and permanent residents of the district they seek to represent, and cannot work for a competing enterprise or supplier of the cooperative, plus not be employed or have a spouse or child employed by the cooperative in any position. A complete list of director qualifications can be reviewed in LPEA's bylaws (www.lpea.coop/pdf/policies/LPEA_Bylaws.pdf).

Submitted election petitions must contain at least 15 signatures from co-op members in a candidate's district. A map of LPEA's voting districts is available on the cooperative's website (www.lpea.coop/company_info/board/district_map.html).

Directors are elected for three-year terms. Incumbent directors up for re-election are Mark Garcia (District 1 — Archuleta County), Tom Compton (District 2 — south and west La Plata County), Michael Rendon (District 3 — city of Durango) and Jack Turner (District 4 — north and east La Plata County).

"LPEA is a cooperative, owned by and operated for the benefit of those who use its services," said Mike Dreyssing, LPEA CEO. "So, if you purchase your electricity from La Plata Electric, and haven't opted out of membership, you are entitled to run for a director seat and join the board that determines company policy."

Ballots will be mailed to the membership by April 14 and tallied by an independent third party. Results will be announced at LPEA's annual meeting set for Saturday, May 7, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort in Ignacio.

The candidate packets contain additional election information and instructions, including copies of LPEA's bylaws and board policies. Candidates with questions should contact Jeannie Bennett, 382-3505 or jbennett@lpea.coop.

LPEA, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative established in 1939, provides to its more than 30,000 members, with nearly 42,000 meters, safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost, while being environmentally responsible.

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado appoints new board members

By Paige Elliott
Special to The SUN

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has appointed six new members to serve on the organization's board of directors.

Joining the board of directors are Elizabeth Bussian, Bobby Duthie, Suzanne Harrison, Jan Johnson, Paul McGurr and Debbie Wright.

"Our board recruitment process is very intentional and thoughtful," said Briggan Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "These six individuals add talent and great energy to our board of directors."

Johnson is looking forward to the challenge of being an ambassador for the Community Foundation in Archuleta County. She has a BA in elementary education, served on the economic development committee as a business owner in Leadville and led a 20-year career as a realtor in Summit County. She has been a member of PEO, a women's philanthropic organization, and served on the elementary school accountability committee in Pagosa Springs, where she now lives with her husband, Scott.



Jan Johnson

The Community Foundation is committed to increasing philanthropy in southwest Colorado. The organization provides opportunities for individuals and nonprofit organizations to create, grow and give funds to our community. For more information on expanding the culture of giving to meet the needs of our communities, visit www.swcommunityfoundation.org or call 375-5807.

'The Future of Kurdistan' to be presented in Durango

Special to The SUN

Great Decisions, an international affairs discussion group sponsored by the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women and the Durango Public Library, will hold its third 2016 session on "The Future of Kurdistan" at the Durango Public Library on Feb. 9 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Attendance is free of charge and attendees are welcome to bring a lunch.

The facilitator of this session will be Dennis Aronson, Ph.D. Aronson served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Afghanistan; he earned

his master's degree and taught at the American University of Beirut.

The topic, "The Future of Kurdistan," will discuss Kurdistan, a mountainous region made up of parts of Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria, home to one of the largest ethnic groups in West Asia: the Kurds. The west knows the Kurds for the small, oil-rich autonomous region in northern Iraq called Iraqi Kurdistan — one of the U.S.' closest allies in the Middle East and a bulwark against the expansion of the so-called Islamic state. What does the success of Iraqi Kurdistan mean for Kurds in the surrounding region?

Durango to Los Angeles direct flight service announced

By Anne Klein
Special to The SUN

On June 2, American Airlines will begin new nonstop Saturday service from Durango-La Plata County Airport to Los Angeles International Airport. The service will operate through Aug. 22.

American will operate the service with CRJ-700 jets, with seating for 70 passengers.

A nonstop flight from Durango to the West Coast, especially to Los Angeles, has been one of the top requests from area flyers.

"This route will provide Durango flyers with new opportunities for access to not only southern California, but also enable convenient connections to Hawaii, Asia

and Australia on American's global network," said Kip Turner, director of aviation for the Durango-La Plata County Airport.

"American's expansion of its Durango service will also provide better access for inbound travelers to southwest Colorado and the Four Corners region, and provide a significant boost for tourism," he said.

The flight will leave Los Angeles (LAX) at 8:01 a.m. and arrive at the Durango airport (DRO), at 11:42 a.m. It will leave Durango at 12:20 p.m. and arrive in Los Angeles at 2:07 p.m.

American currently provides daily nonstop service from Durango to Dallas/Ft. Worth and Phoenix.

Town not looking to settle Hudson lawsuit

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

In its Jan. 28 edition, The SUN reported that on Jan. 21, the Pagosa Springs Town Council held an executive session in connection with the lawsuit pending in Archuleta County District Court, William Hudson v. April Hessman, Town Clerk.

That suit claims that the council violated Colorado law in conducting an executive session last September by including a contract adversary, The Springs Partners LLC.

The Jan. 28 article erroneously reported that upon returning from the executive session to public session on Jan. 21, council announced that it would instruct negotiators to proceed to settlement negotiations in the pending lawsuit.

The public announcement following the executive session was instead limited to the statement that council would instruct its negotiators, without reference to the nature of the instructions. The SUN regrets the error.

A public reference to settle-

ment was previously made during council's discussion of the motion to convene the executive session.

Before the vote on the motion, it was noted as justification that a settlement proposal had been made in the lawsuit. By Colorado law, an executive session may be held for the purpose of "determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators."

In an interview with The SUN on Feb. 2 concerning the Hudson lawsuit, Town Manager Greg Schulte clarified that, "Town Council is not interested in settling at the present time."

With regard to the allegation that state law was violated by the inclusion of contract adversaries in the executive session last September, he commented, "Council is proceeding through the legal process and, based on its legal advice, expects its position to be vindicated."

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Gravel pit hearing set for Feb. 10

Special to The SUN

C&J Gravel Products Inc., of Durango, represented by Nathan Barton, Wasteline Inc., has applied for a Major Sand and Gravel Permit for the proposed Two Rivers Pit, to be located on property owned by the James A. Constant Jr. Revocable Trust and Leila B. Constant Revocable Trust; at 12500 County Road 500.

C&J Gravel proposes to construct and operate a sand and gravel mining and processing facility on approximately 62.6 acres of the 100 acres of the property east of the San Juan River, in accordance with Colorado Division of Reclamation

Permit M-2015-004.

This project will be reviewed according to the conditional use permit procedures in the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations.

Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to the Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone 264-1390 or to jsheward@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on Feb. 10, at 1:30 p.m. in the Archuleta County Administration Office meeting room, 398 Lewis St. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.

Heritage Action speaker to present at Republican Women's meeting

By Martha Peacock
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Republican Women will meet at noon on Feb. 9 at Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

The guest speaker is Rebekah Warwick, the western regional coordinator for Heritage Action, a grassroots affiliate of The Heritage Foundation.

Warwick is familiar with our area since she spent her summers with her father's family in Durango. Warwick lives in Lakewood, where she attended Colorado Christian University, majoring in political science

and history, graduated summa cum laude in 2014 and began working for Heritage Action and through their robust Sentinel program.

Warwick informs constituents of past votes and upcoming legislation and trains voters on the most effective way to hold their members of congress accountable.

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Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be offered for \$12. For further information, you can go to acrwpagosa@gmail.com.

CDOT updating transit funding distribution process, public comment sought

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Division of Transit and Rail (DTR) is seeking public comment on how federal transit funds are managed and distributed within the state.

CDOT recently eliminated several outdated rules and regulations regarding the funding disbursement when it developed a State Management Plan for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Streamlining the process is designed to facilitate transparency for transit agencies, other government entities and the general public.

"As part of the federal requirement to develop a State Management Plan on funding management and distribution, we decided to incorporate all of our FTA and FASTER funding policies into this single document," said DTR Director Mark Imhoff. "As part of eliminating the rules, we committed to a more formal process, including public comment."

The 30-day comment period on the State Management Plan concludes on Friday, Feb. 26. Comments should be emailed to Rob.Andresen-Tenace@rob.andresen@state.co.us, or by calling (303) 757-9766.

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Long legal battle over Village at Wolf Creek continues

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The legal fight over the proposed Village at Wolf Creek produced another ruling in U.S. District Court in Denver last week, on Jan. 29.

The ruling was filed by Judge William Martinez in connection with a suit over a request by Village opponents for disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) of relevant U.S. Forest Service (USFS) records.

Martinez ruled on a series of competing motions by both the USFS and Village opponents asserting entitlement to summary judgment, claiming that the FOIA request had either been, or not been, legally satisfied. The judge ruled that both parties were partially correct, and thus partially granted and partially denied their competing motions.

But, among the various rulings by Martinez were orders requiring the USFS to provide better justification for withholding certain admittedly relevant documents from disclosure and compelling it to make further searches for additional records potentially to be disclosed. The USFS was given until March 31 to comply with the orders.

Martinez's ruling was the second time in five months that a U.S. District Court judge has ruled the USFS must conduct a more extensive review of its records to respond properly to a request for information made by opponents of its decision to transfer part of the Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) to a private developer. The earlier order was entered in a separate suit under FOIA by Senior U.S. District Court Judge Wiley Y. Daniel on Sept. 30, 2015.

In addition to the two FOIA cases, also pending in U.S. District Court in Denver is a suit by Village opponents seeking to reverse the USFS May 2015 decision to transfer RGNF land to the prospective developer of the proposed Village at Wolf Creek. The plaintiffs in the primary suit challenging the decision include Rocky Mountain Wild, the San Juan Citizens Alliance and San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council. They contend that the USFS action contravened the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The USFS decision in dispute

would provide the developer critical, all-weather access to U.S. 160 just east of the summit of Wolf Creek Pass. This would occur through the trade of a piece of the RGNF bordering the highway for a piece of the developer's "in-holding." Without the transaction, the developer's land would remain surrounded by forest land and would be limited to over-the-snow access in winter.

The USFS decision would facilitate the developer's plan to build its proposed 8,000-person residential and commercial community adjacent to Wolf Creek Ski Area. The developer is Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture LLC (LMJV), headed by billionaire B.J. Red McCombs, of Austin, Texas.

The developer originally acquired its in-holding adjacent to the ski area in 1986, nearly 30 years ago, but so far has failed to start construction on the proposed Village.

Opponents claim that the development would create an "Aspenized" community at an elevation above 10,600 feet, and produce an environmental catastrophe in pristine wilderness by polluting air and water, vastly increasing congestion and degrading critical wildlife habitat.

FOIA requests such as those ruled on by Wiley and Martinez in the last several months are often made by parties objecting to actions by U.S. government agencies. Records disclosed in compliance with the Act can potentially be used to substantiate objections or help uncover evidence.

In the two suits pending under FOIA, Rocky Mountain Wild contends that USFS improperly responded to its disclosure requests without making the comprehensive searches of its files for relevant records mandated by the Act and also applied, too broadly, disclosure exemptions protecting privileged records.

In the recent FOIA ruling, Martinez concluded that communications involving high-ranking officials including the chief of the Forest Service and undersecretary of the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., had not been reviewed as requested by Rocky Mountain Wild.

Accordingly, Martinez ruled, "The Court will order the Forest Service to search the individuals and locations

named in Rocky Mountain Wild's Specific Requests, both for responsive third-party communications as well as responsive intra-agency communications, and any other responsive record, whether embodied in a communication or not."

The ruling last week followed public allegations made by the Friends of Wolf Creek Coalition in a press release on Jan. 19 that approval of the land swap may have been influenced by political pressure on USFS. Members of the Coalition include several of the co-plaintiffs in the pending primary lawsuit disputing USFS approval of the swap.

In citing the possibility of political pressure, the Coalition's press release emphasized emails found among the limited documents obtained initially from USFS under FOIA. The emails had been circulated among various USFS officials in late 2014, several months prior to the agency's final decision on the land swap. The messages included comments attributed to McCombs, stating that he intended to "begin making calls to his friends in Washington" and "use every political avenue open to him."

In an interview with The SUN on Feb. 1, attorney Travis Stills, of Durango, who represents Rocky Mountain Wild and the other co-plaintiffs in the primary lawsuit, said that although USFS records that had been disclosed under FOIA suggested that contacts by McCombs of the sort implied in the emails quoted in the press release had occurred, no records provided had included any of the substance of those contacts to "his friends in Washington" from McCombs.

Stills said that in matters dealing with the application of NEPA and the use of political influence, experience suggests "where there is smoke, there is generally fire."

Stills explained that USFS records providing "indications of political influence might tend to show that proper consideration was not given by the Forest Service to legally mandated factors" in its action approving the land swap. Full disclosure of records in compliance with FOIA might thus substantiate the plaintiff's objections to the action.

As reported by The SUN in its Jan. 21 issue, a spokesman for LMJV denied in response to the Coalition press release that political pressure was brought to bear. Clint Jones, president of The Village at Wolf Creek LLC, told The SUN the allegation that an attempt had been made to bring political influence to bear "was not factually based whatsoever."

He contended McCombs' remarks reported in the emails only reflected his effort at the time to "understand when the process would be concluded," in light of its unexpected duration.

The USFS declined to comment on the allegations, citing the pending litigation.

The land swap at issue is challenged on a host of grounds raised in the 72-page primary lawsuit. The suit was discussed in detail in the article appearing in The SUN on Jan. 21. A central issue raised by the suit is whether the USFS conclusion that it was obligated to facilitate the

developer's right to the "enjoyment" of its private in-holding consistent with the full extent of its wishes met legal standards.

Stills indicated that in announcing the decision to approve the land-swap last May, RGNF Supervisor Dan Dallas seemed to assume that "he had to give the developer what he wanted," without considering other alternatives available under the law.

The plaintiffs contend that in approving the land swap, the USFS improperly favored the developer's plans contrary to pre-existing restrictions on its in-holding, and without proper regard to the severity of negative environmental impacts that could result.

The pending suit is the second that has challenged approval by USFS of actions granting the proposed Village at Wolf Creek full access to U.S. 160.

The previous suit was filed in October 2006 and challenged USFS approval in March 2006 of a "special use permit" that would have allowed the developer to build a year-round road over RGNF land giving all-season access to the site of the proposed Village.

After the suit was filed, on Oct. 4, 2007, Senior U.S. District Court Judge John L. Kane granted the plaintiffs' request for a preliminary injunction barring all construction activity pending its resolution.

Such an injunction requires that the plaintiffs show a likelihood of prevailing on the merits.

Kane found such likelihood for various reasons, including claims that the USFS failed to adequately consider in its decision the impacts of the Village and associated congestion that would be triggered by the special use permit, and that it failed to consider alternative means for the developer to use its private land other than full build-out of the proposed Village.

Kane explained the preliminary injunction was needed because "NEPA's purpose is to influence the decision making process by focusing the [federal] agency's attention on the environmental consequences of a proposed project, so as to ensure that important effects will not be overlooked or underestimated only to be discovered after resources have been committed or the die otherwise cast."

Ultimately, the prior suit was settled before trial in an agreement among the parties filed with the court on Feb. 19, 2008. The settlement provided that the USFS action to approve the special use permit for LMJV in 2006 would be withdrawn and any rights granted thereby would be relinquished. It also provided that any future action by USFS in connection with access to the proposed Village site would require compliances anew with NEPA.

The adequacy of USFS compliance with NEPA in its action seven years later to approve the land-swap with the developer is again disputed by the plaintiffs, in part for reasons similar to those noted by Kane in his decision granting the preliminary injunction.

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Officials

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Essentially, this prevented all the county employees from getting paid until four days after expected.

"We have letters from employees who were adversely affected by the date of change," explained Diller.

The document goes on to point out that the issue was the method of communication from the finance department, as the notice of this delay was included in an email containing many other items.

The document states that the delay would have been more effectively noticed if it was at the top of an email or if a notice was included in the county employees' holiday bonuses.

"The notice was sent out early enough in the hopes that people would be able to make the necessary individual adjustments," replied County Administrator Bentley Henderson. "Whether they read the email or not is kind of a different issue."

Madrid and Woodruff argued that a better effort should be made when a payroll delay is going to affect 150 employees.

Another outstanding issue for the officials involved the submission of invoices.

"When the administration office moved to the Lewis Street address, we were told by commissioners that this move would not inconvenience us at all," reads the document that Diller presented. "However, we have been required to hand carry our invoices over to the Finance Department. This is an interruption on our work flow that was supposed to have been prevented."

"That is something that should be addressed and needs to be addressed," commented Commissioner Clifford Lucero.

The conversation then turned to the payment of said invoices, with an issue on the document stating that there have been concerns about invoices not being paid in a timely manner.

Whether the reason why was due to inadequate authorization, a lack of communication or another reason, the document states, "We wanted to clear up the issues causing these circumstances and ask for

training so that we can make sure the financial obligations of the county are met properly."

Commissioner Steve Wadley then responded that there needed to be a more timely electronic "trail" in keeping track of who has been notified of receiving invoices.

Diller then discussed another item on the document, which pertained to changes to budgets.

"Last year an item from the administration budget was partially removed and allocated to the budgets of the assessor, clerk, sheriff, and treasurer. This was done after the board had approved the budget, as evidenced by the published budget, without any notification to us," explained Diller. "We met on August 17th with the Finance Director and after much discussion we were assured that the budget funds to pay for this expenditure would also be moved to our budgets. As of January 22nd, this has not been done."

A clear direction on how to proceed for this issue was not discussed in detail, primarily due to limitations on time.

The next issue was listed as, "Changes affecting the organization." The document states that when the county recently underwent data migration, the operation did not go smoothly.

Many of the obstacles faced with the data migration could have been avoided had the officials been notified that the migration would include reorganization of data and drives prior to the migration, the officials' document indicated.

"Because there was no opportunity for this collaboration, many functions of several offices were brought to a complete standstill," reads the document. "Suggestion of a policy stating that any changes affecting the conduct of business throughout the organization are to be communicated to all offices in a detailed manner that would allow us to partner with others in preventing such nightmares resulting in stoppage of work and limited service to county customers was our goal for resolving this issue."

"We couldn't scan all of our documentation," explained Diller, with Madrid commenting, "It's because the drive's names were changed."

"The lesson learned here is communication before you do something," said Diller.

"We need to fix whatever's wrong now," commented Lucero, "but it seems to me we just need to pick up the phone sometimes and say 'Hey, this is going on.'"

Other issues listed on the docu-

ment that weren't discussed due to time limitations included:

- The elevator in the courthouse not working.
- Emails not being answered in a timely manner due to a variety of reasons.
- An increase in communication for courthouse closures, as the courthouse closing for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was not noticed properly due to a lack of communication.

Future goals

The document then lists items and events that the officials would like to see occur in the future, with the document posing the question, "How do we improve the corporate culture of our organization to promote unity, comradery, value, and singleness of purpose?"

One event that the document pitches is "Walk a Mile in my Shoes Day," where employees are given the opportunity "to learn about the duties, responsibilities, frustrations, and successes of other employees."

The document states that if an employee were allowed to shadow another employee in their work environment and witness what the employee is tasked with, the shadowing employee would develop empathy for the other employee, while the employee being shadowed would feel more appreciated.

Another item listed on the document was entitled "Summer Barbecue," but before this item could

be discussed, county attorney Todd Starr commented, "I would be happy to pay for and sponsor a picnic or barbecue this summer."

The document also pitches the idea of a retreat for county employees, saying it would be a great team- and communication-building event. "This would take considerable planning and some money, but the benefits would be huge," reads the document.

Diller acknowledged that not all county employees would be able to attend, especially those from the Sheriff's Office.

Additionally, the document states that the Christmas party that was held last year was a great success for the little notice it was given and few funds allocated to it.

The document requests that another Christmas party be held this year, but with more funding and planning involved.

Lastly, the document requests the idea of training for county employees.

"We can provide training on technology, job skills, and soft skills in house," reads the document. "We would like to survey employees to see in what they are interested. Then we could move forward with developing training sessions."

"It seems the spirit of this meeting was met," commented Commissioner Michael Whiting. "This helps."

"This is good," said Lucero. "This is productive."
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Avalanche

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all relevant information was turned over to Rio Grande County.

Archuleta County Emergency Management would like to reinforce the importance for preparedness for safe travel in the

backcountry.

Some critical factors to consider would be local weather conditions, terrain and topography, current avalanche conditions and proficient use of personal safety equipment.

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have in the backcountry, you can never be too prepared.

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Educator

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people might expect of them.

Thompson nominated Cammack for the award last spring. Cammack retired from full-time teaching in May.

"There's nobody who deserves it more," Archuleta School District Superintendent Linda Reed said, adding that she was thankful for the years of service from Cammack and her impact on a variety of students, from elementary to high school.

Cammack, a teacher for 28 years, began teaching in the district 22 years ago. In those 22 years, she taught every grade except first and fourth, with about half of that time spent working with special education students.

Reed said Cammack adapts to the students she's teaching, is kid-centered and provides the high expectations that all kids need. Too, she said, Cammack brings a lot to not only her students, but also her colleagues.

"And she's just a doggone great lady and great teacher," Reed said.

"I just have a big heart for kids and their potential and their abilities, and just push for them to strive for that," Cammack said. "And sometimes all it takes is that belief."

Cammack said she was surprised to receive the award, even being caught off-guard at the sound of her name because she was tending to a student.

"It surprises me to get an award like that because I feel like everyone

should be or is doing that," she said, noting that all the teachers who help students strive for their potential should share in the award.

In talking with Cammack, it's evident that helping kids reach their potential is what drives her.

"It's the energy that students have and the potential for their success," she said about what motivates her. "I really feel like we don't, I guess, give students the credit that they can do more than what they think they can do. We tend to enable kids and do things for them and that's not what's best. So, to be able to push them and believe in them and allow them to fail, to allow them to fail is important, to learn and grow."

Putting that theory into action, Cammack said she and Thompson would often take students to tour college campuses throughout Colorado, as well as taking them to attend regional career fairs as a way to help them look to the future and create goals, or to help them pursue goals they already had.

Too, she helped students obtain job experience through internships with local businesses that were completed through the school.

"That's a big deal for businessmen and women," she said, noting that Becky Thompson helped set those up.

"It takes a village to raise a child," Cammack stated, also complimenting the support from the school administration.

Now, even though she retired in

May, you can often still find Cammack in the local schools, providing mentorship to young teachers through a Boettcher Foundation residency program or serving as a substitute teacher.

"It keeps me part of education," she said. "For me, it's all about the kids. To be able to walk in the door and see former students and see how they're doing is great."

The program puts Cammack working with a trio of new teachers within the district as a field coach, helping the teachers solve problems and work through any struggles they find themselves having.

"I come in and help just support and mentor and observe and work with the new teachers in the district that are going through the Boettcher program," she said.

The program allows those teachers to essentially complete an apprenticeship as a teacher while also earning a master's degree in the field of education.

One of those teachers, Cammack said, is currently working with a veteran teacher, while two maintain their own classrooms, but also have mentor teachers that they work alongside.

But retirement hasn't been all work and no play.

Cammack said she is taking time to travel and visit family, with a trip to South America in the works, and called the award "a fun thing to kind of end your career with."

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Pipeline

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it will be treated in compliance with modern environmental standards. That will allow the town's obsolete sewage treatment lagoons to be decommissioned.

At the previous board meeting on Jan. 21, Tautges had reported that four of the eight pumps needed for the pipeline to function properly had failed certification testing on Jan. 4. Tautges had informed the board the pumps had been sent to the manufacturer for repairs and at that point were hoped to be ready for use by mid-February.

On Feb. 2, however, Tautges reported the repairs would require "longer than we had anticipated."

He stated he had recently been informed that new parts were needed for the manufacturer to complete the repairs, which would cause about a 10-week delay to completion. Accordingly, Tautges estimated that, in all, 13 weeks would be needed for the pumps to be back online, evidently

until sometime in April of this year.

He informed the board that the cost of the needed repairs and re-installation would not impact the town at all, other than the delay. He indicated that, to his understanding, the cost was the pipeline contractor's responsibility.

Tautges also provided the board with some brighter news, reporting that the district's applications late last year for funds from the Small Community Grant Fund Program had been approved in the total amount of \$422,765. The program is administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Upon receipt, once paperwork is completed, Tautges stated that the grant funds will be used in combination with matching funds of \$144,756 to support construction in conjunction with the pipeline of additional capacity for storage of raw sewage.

The additional storage capacity might be needed to prevent spills in

the event of some failure of extended duration in the pipeline system after it becomes operational.

Town Manager Greg Schulte also reported to the board on developments concerning an additional obstacle to operation of the pipeline — the ongoing dispute with PAWSD regarding the expenses of operation and maintenance.

PSSGID and PAWSD previously agreed to mediation of their dispute.

Schulte informed the board Tuesday evening that a mediator had been jointly selected — Durango attorney David Smith.

Schulte stated that the prospective date for the mediation process would be in the last two weeks of March.

Under the mediation schedule reported by Schulte, and the repair schedule indicated by Tautges, the dispute with PAWSD could be resolved near the time that the pipeline itself should be ready for use.

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EMS

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are here tonight, is because the team involved in caring for this patient, down to the lab, down to radiology, down to the EMS driver achieved a door-to-drug time of three minutes ... because in little Pagosa, we beat and busted out that standard," Flem-

mings said.

"I've never seen three minutes," one audience member remarked.

"Me neither; I think our previous best was maybe an eight or a 10," said Flemmings.

"We did 13 in North Carolina and got investigated by the state

because they thought we were lying," Dr. Ralph Battels said with a laugh. "Three is world-class. Everyone has to be at the top."

Flemmings reported that the patient is doing well and on the road to recovery.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

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 Adjust-

ments and Design Review Board. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

Archuleta County Planning Commission special meeting. 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

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 Commissioners and Pagosa Springs Town Council joint work session. 8 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

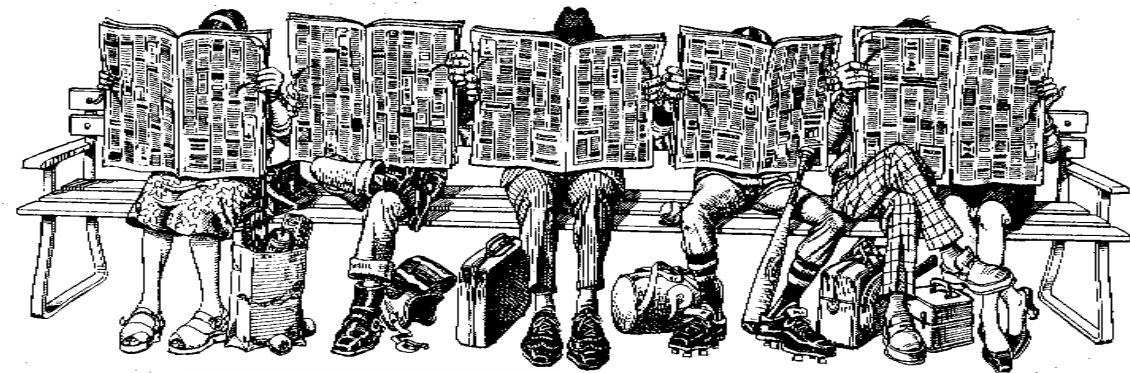
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation work session. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. First Southwest Bank, 249 Navajo Trail Drive.

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.

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

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Schanzenbaker running for re-election to Town Council

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

As of Jan. 25, David Schanzenbaker is running unopposed for a seat on Town Council.

Schanzenbaker currently holds an at-large seat on the Pagosa Springs Town Council and has lived in Pagosa Springs since 2006.

"I'm running for a second term because I'm excited about the direction we're heading," Schanzenbaker wrote in a statement to SUN staff. "What I appreciate about local government in a small community like ours is that we're really engaged in citizen democracy. It's about stepping up and taking a turn, and when my next term is up I'll hope some of my friends and neighbors decide it's their turn to help shape where we're going as a community."

Schanzenbaker discussed the issues he presented to citizens of Pagosa Springs four years ago in his



David Schanzenbaker

last election, and how he thought he'd made an impact on said issues.

One issue that Schanzenbaker said he was passionate about four years ago is the idea that "we can enhance Reservoir Hill without turning it into an amusement park." Schanzenbaker admits that

although this issue was resolved by referendum, he's made a push for low-impact improvements that help maintain the "character" of Reservoir Hill.

"We now have a popular disc golf course, permanent restrooms, improved trails, a gazebo in the festival meadow booked for weddings, reunions, and other events, a donated observation deck, and we're in the midst of a major thinning project that will improve the health of the forest for the long term," wrote Schanzenbaker.

Schanzenbaker, a timber framer by trade, stated that he's also accomplished getting a grocery store back in the downtown area of Pagosa Springs.

"Not too long ago downtown's only food choices were at the convenience stores and I think Old Town Market and the new HomeTown Market grocery store complement each other well and make for

a more vibrant downtown," wrote Schanzenbaker.

Lastly, Schanzenbaker stated that he thought he'd assisted in making local government more transparent.

"This council spent a good deal of time creating a Goals and Objectives document, a structure that lays out big picture priorities and steps to be taken to achieve those goals, as a way to provide direction to staff and to engage the public in what we are and should be working on," explained Schanzenbaker. "We've made improvements in public access to meeting packets prior to meetings, encouraged public comments in meetings, appointed a student liaison who attends and participates in council meetings, and recently issued a policy statement affirming our commitment to open government."

As far as goals are concerned for a second term, Schanzenbaker listed his biggest goal as getting the public more involved.

"It's often said that the only way to get people to show up for a meeting is to make a decision they don't like," wrote Schanzenbaker. "While there's some truth to that, if that's your attitude then it naturally follows that you'd do what you can to discourage public participation."

Schanzenbaker concluded his email saying that he'll work toward encouraging public participation and "try to show by example that you don't have to be special to be on town council, you just need to work hard, do your homework, ask skeptical questions to get at the best outcome, and respect your fellow board members."

Council member Alley running for re-election

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Town Council member Clint Alley is running for re-election, unopposed, as of Jan. 25.

Alley currently holds an at-large seat on the council and has lived in Pagosa Springs for 15 years.

"I am running for re-election to continue what was started 4 years ago," Alley wrote in a statement to SUN staff. "Though the last 4 years have went well, I believe that there is still considerable work to do and I don't want to lose that momentum..."

Alley went on to explain that although Pagosa Springs may have just come out of some hard times, the past four years have been good and he believes the future looks bright.

"The accomplishments would be record sales tax and lodging receipts, improved employment, strong real estate and construction market, improved infrastructure, the Sixth Street pedestrian bridge, stronger relationships with other community organizations and most importantly the feeling from our community that we are moving in the right direction," wrote Alley.

Alley added that he felt there was an "air of optimism" in town that he hasn't noticed in his 15 years of living in Pagosa Springs.

When asked about goals, Alley stated that he'd like to see Pagosa Springs continue with the "momentum" it has built up.

"That being said my goals would be to continue to improve infrastructure, connect the River Walk from the east side of town to Yamaguchi Park, complete the Town to Lakes Trail, improve recreational options for families, keep sales and lodging tax receipts on the increase, work on improving the heart of our community (Downtown), address work force housing and most

importantly foster that feeling of optimism in our community," Alley wrote.

Alley concluded his email admitting that there were obstacles that council members and citizens of Pagosa Springs face every day, but stated that, in reality, those obstacles are what makes all the work worthwhile.

"I would ask everyone in our community, especially our leaders, to take those obstacles and make them opportunities," wrote Alley. "We will all be better off for it!"

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Clint Alley

Super Bowl weekend DUI enforcement

By William Rockensock
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Police Department is participating in the upcoming 2016 High Visibility Impaired Driving Enforcement (HVIDE) campaigns. Enforcement period for the Super Bowl Weekend is Feb. 5 through Feb. 8.

Officers will be designated as DUI enforcement units, targeting alcohol-related driving offenses.

Targeted enforcement will continue throughout the month of February, as the PSPD is participating in the Colorado LEAF program and officers will be designated to patrol strictly for DUI traffic enforcement.

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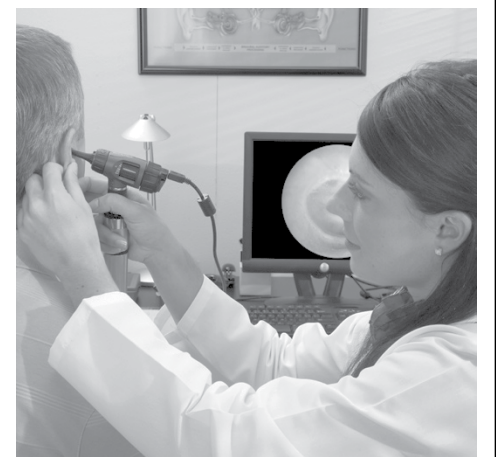
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WRESTLING

Pirate wrestlers grapple with busy week

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Pirates Wrestling team grappled with a busy week, competing in two duals and a tournament in the span of three days, but doing extremely well in all of the events.

On Thursday, Jan. 28, the Pirates wrestled in a dual hosted by the Bayfield Wolverines, which the Pirates won 48-27.

The following day, the Pirates hosted a dual against the Cedaredge Bruins, which the Pirates won 37-36.

On Saturday, Jan. 30, the Pirates traveled to Ignacio to participate in the Butch Melton Invitational, where they placed second out of 10 teams.

Bayfield

The dual began with senior Chance McReynolds, wrestling in the 170-pound division, getting a pin on his opponent.

Jaden Hinger, a senior wrestling at 195 pounds, won his match against his opponent in an ultimate tie-breaker, scoring 10-8.

Sophomore Nolan Stretton, wrestling in the 220-pound division, won his match by pinning his opponent in roughly a minute.

Bryan Medrano-Tapia, a senior weighing 106 pounds, won his match with a pin in just under a minute.

At 113 pounds, freshman James Thomas won his match by decision, scoring 7-3.

Dalton Lucero, a sophomore wrestling in the 152-pound division, won his match with a pin.

In an email to SUN staff, coach Dan Janowsky admitted that there were "lots of close matches and lots of excitement match to match."

"Jaden Hinger had been sick all week but went out and toughed out an overtime win," wrote the coach, adding that when Stretton got his pin, the Pirates were leading 21-0.

Cedaredge

The Pirates hosted a dual against

the Cedaredge Bruins the following day, with the coach calling it a "very exciting dual" and that the "winner wasn't decided until the last match."

The Pirates narrowly won the dual, scoring 37-36.

"Cedaredge is a 2A team that has had some impressive wins lately, including a couple over notable 3A and 4A programs," commented Janowsky.

In the 113-pound division, Thomas won his match with a pin.

Trevor Bryant, a sophomore weighing in at 132 pounds, won his match by decision, scoring 8-6.

In the 138-pound division, senior Tanner Schlom won with a pin four minutes into his match.

Lucero won his match with a pin, wrestling in the 152-pound division.

Weighting 160 pounds, freshman Caleb Janowsky won his match with a pin, as well.

The coach explained that these wins lead up "to a scenario where we needed to win the last match to tie, or if we could get a pin or a major decision (win by 8 points or more) we could win the dual with the bonus points you get for a win by a superior margin."

Stretton, in the 220-pound division, won his match by a major decision, scoring 10-2.

It was Stretton's win by major decision that earned enough points for the Pirates to win the dual.

"It was a very exciting give and take match, with each team and the crowd aware of the importance of the situation," wrote the coach. "It was very close in the early going, but Nolan began to string together some points and got the necessary takedown with less than 20 to secure the win for himself and the team."

Butch Melton Invitational

The Pirates also wrestled impressively at the Butch Melton Invitational, placing second out of 10 teams.

Janowsky explained that the tournament was a round-robin tour-

namment, instead of an elimination tournament.

Oftentimes, a round-robin tournament allows the grapplers to wrestle for five full-length matches.

The coach pointed out that round-robin tournaments are "really good for building condition and also building your techniques and your strategies because there was a lot of time spent competing."

He added that the Pirates had "wrestled something like 77 matches by the day's end."

The Pirates had two champions at the tournament: Lucero in the 152-pound division, and senior Chance McReynolds in the 170-pound division.

The coach commented that this was their "first tournament championships for both of them, indicating the progress they continue to show over the entire season."

Wrestlers who placed second included sophomore Tate Hinger at 126 pounds, senior Tyler Cowan at 145 pounds, senior Jaden Hinger at 195 pounds and Stretton at 220 pounds.

Wrestlers who placed third include Medrano-Tapia at 106 pounds, Bryant at 132 pounds, sophomore Colton Castro at 170 pounds and Thomas at 113 pounds.

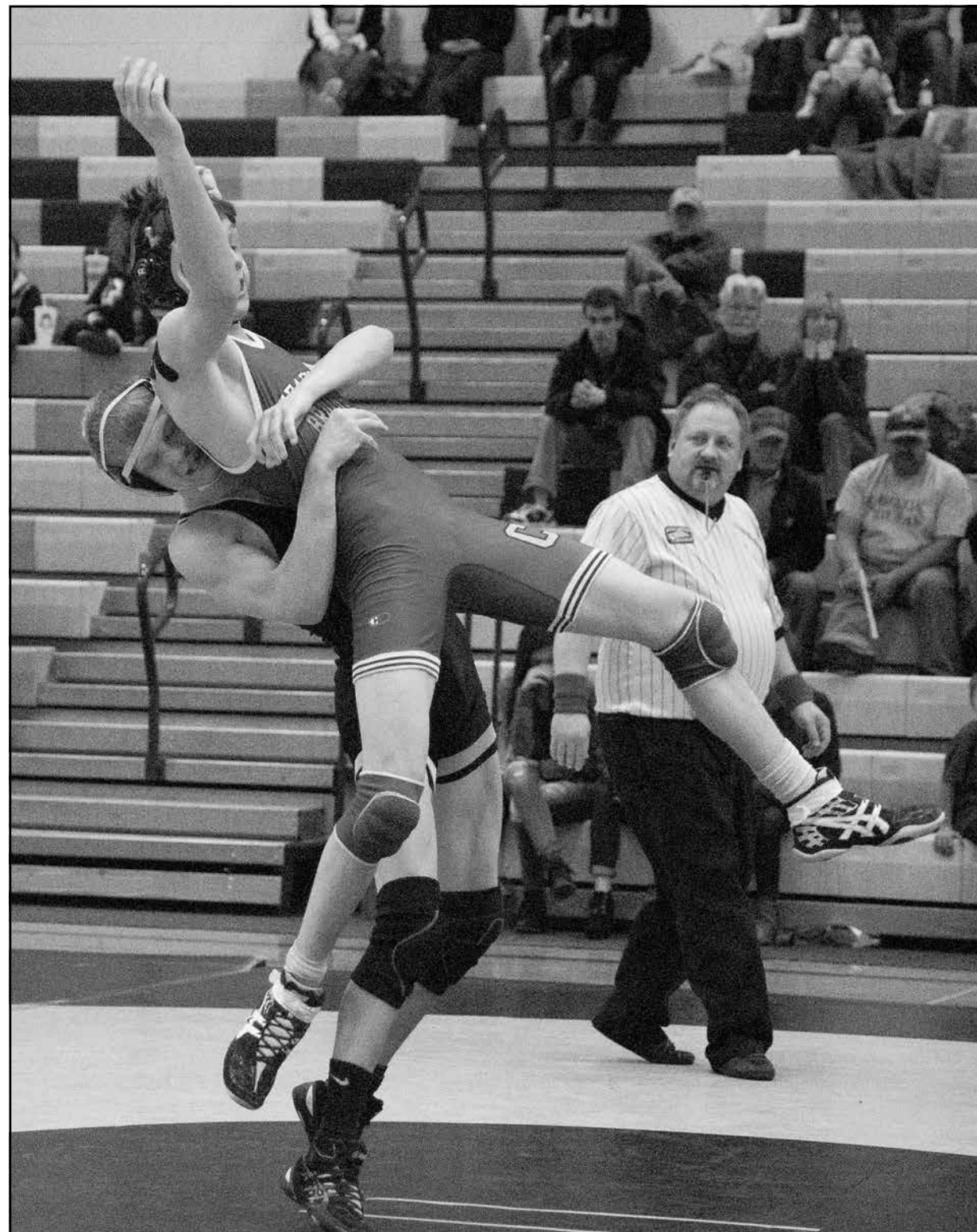
Junior Nick Talamante in the 138-pound division and freshman Caleb Janowsky at 160 pounds both placed fourth.

The coach went on to call the Butch Melton Invitational a good "tune-up" for the Pirate's regional tournament in Montrose in two weeks.

The coach explained that the Pirates will finish their regular season with a home dual against the Centauri Falcons, calling them "a very strong team" and adding that "we have our hands full."

The Pirates' dual against Centauri will be today, Thursday, Feb. 4, with action set to begin at 7 p.m.

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Sophomore Trevor Bryant prepares to throw his opponent on the mat during the Pirates' dual against Cedaredge last Friday. Bryant wrestled in the 132-pound division and beat his opponent by decision, scoring 8-6. The Pirates narrowly won the dual, scoring 37 points to the Cedaredge Bruins' 36 points.

BASKETBALL

With 10-4 record, Pirates ready for key games

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School boys' basketball team hit double-digit wins on the season with a pair of victories in the last week.

At 10-4 on the season and 3-0 in league play, the Pirates are tied with Alamosa for the lead in the Intermountain League.

"It was good to get two wins last weekend. The kids played really well as a team and lots of kids gave us quality minutes," coach Randy Sorenson wrote in a statement to The SUN.

Friday evening, the Pirates traveled to Bayfield to take on the Wolverines, who are now 5-8 on the season and 0-3 in IML play.

The Pirates returned home with a 52-40 win in the books.

"Bayfield is a good basketball team," Sorenson wrote, explaining, "They had a lot of kids starting basketball late due to winning the state championship in football so they were a little behind early in the year but they are starting to play really well. They will continue to get better and better. They have some really good athletes and are great competitors. Our kids battled and competed the entire game."

At the end of the first quarter, the Pirates held a 16-13 lead, but by halftime led by only one point, 21-20.

It wasn't until in the second half that Pagosa began to build a lead.

In the third quarter, Pagosa managed to outscore its host 15-10, and bested Bayfield 16-10 in the fourth quarter, making for a 52-40 win.

"It was a close game throughout but we were able to pull away a little bit in the third and fourth quarters," wrote Sorenson.

Briar Erskine and Craig Tamburelli led the scoring for the Pirates on the night with 13 points each, with Tamburelli logging one 3-pointer in the game.

Isaiah Griego followed close behind with 12 points in the book, including a 3-pointer.

Lane Schaaf contributed eight points in the game, while Ethan Brown notched four points and Ty Kimsey added a pair.

The team shot 74 percent from the free-throw line in the game, making 20 out of 27 attempts. Leading the Pirates, Kimsey was perfect in two attempts from the line, Tamburelli was 6-for-7, Griego went 5-for-6 and Schaaf landed four of five.

Griego led the team in rebounding with eight, followed by Erskine's six rebounds. A handful of other Pirates contributed rebounds to the team total of 21.

The following night, Pagosa took a break from league play to welcome the 2A Sargent Farmers to town from Monte Vista for a battle of the black and gold.

Pagosa bested Sargent 45-30 in the game, leaving Sargent with a 5-7 record on the season.

"Sargent is a scrappy team and they always play us tough. They are very patient offensively and tough defensively," Sorenson said of the Farmers. "We got off to a little bit of a slow start but got going in the second quarter and played pretty well the rest of the game."

Pagosa led by two points at the end of the first quarter, 7-5, but increased that lead to nine by halftime, 21-12.

In the third quarter, the Pirates outscored the Farmers 12-10, and scored another dozen in the fourth while allowing eight, giving them a 45-30 lead at the final buzzer.

Erskine and Griego each led the charge against the Farmers with 12 points each. Brown scored six and Kimsey, Schaaf and Keaton Laverty each added four. Tamburelli contributed three.

The team was again successful from the free-throw line, shooting 87 percent. Erskine, Brown, Kimsey and Griego were all perfect from the line in 12 total attempts. Overall, the Pirates sunk 13 of 15 attempts.

Erskine led in rebounding with eight of the team's 19, and Griego added five.



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Randi Pierce

Pirate Ty Kimsey heads for the hoop while Briar Erskine provides support during Saturday's 45-30 victory over the 2A Sargent Farmers. Kimsey scored four points in the game for the Pirates.

"In both games last weekend our turnovers were down and that is a big improvement," the coach wrote.

The team had 10 turnovers Friday night, compared to Bayfield's 17, and seven against Sargent.

"We still went thru a couple of scoring droughts and we need to continue to work on trying to limit those droughts," he wrote.

This weekend, the Pirates return to league action against Alamosa and Monte Vista, with both games being held in the PSHS gym.

"We have two really tough and important basketball games this weekend," Sorenson wrote. "We will have to play our best basketball game of the year in order to be suc-

cessful. Both Alamosa and Monte Vista are playing well and will be tough to beat."

Friday evening, the Pirates will face the Mean Moose, the No. 9 team in 3A basketball, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

The Mean Moose currently hold a five-game win streak.

The following evening, the Monte Vista Pirates will come to Pagosa for a Pirates-versus-Pirates showdown.

Monte Vista is 2-3 in league play and 6-9 overall, with a current streak of three losses.

Pagosa has won its last three games.

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Retro Metro Kids partners with new after-school program

By Casey Crow
Staff Writer

In early December, the Archuleta School District (ASD) received the first installment of a grant that will total \$182,000 from the Colorado Health Foundation (CHF). The grant will be used to purchase a wide range of recreational equipment, as well as kick start a new after-school program for elementary and middle school students.

The Catch On! program aims to teach kids a variety of outdoor activities, including biking, disc golf, hiking, running, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Catch On! will also provide nutrition education to decrease childhood obesity in Archuleta County.

The long-term goal is to instill a lifelong love of physical activity in children, as well as get kids moving for 90 minutes a week. The grant is funding two coaches and a program manager each quarter.

A large component of the new program is teaching pedestrian and bicycling awareness skills. In order to do so, the Catch On! program will partner with Retro Metro Kids (RMK), which is part of the local Safe Routes to School Coalition.

According to Annie Sewell, the Safe Routes to School coordinator, the program will teach pedestrian and bicycling intelligence and awareness skills in an urban environment.

The short-term goal is to teach children how to safely walk and ride bikes around town.

According to a statement provided by Sewell, "The long-term goal is to begin to build a generation of pedestrian and bike literate children in Pagosa Springs who will begin to choose walking or cycling as a preferred mode of transportation, making this a life-long habit."

The inspiration for the class came from the creators of the Boulder Valley School District's BLAST program, which teaches a comprehensive curriculum in

bicycle literacy and safety, empowering students to ride confidently and competently in an urban environment alongside traffic.

The BLAST curriculum is based on the principle that vehicular cycling is an essential life skill and communities are doing our children a disservice by failing to appropriately train them in it.

BLAST is considered very progressive in terms of cycling education, and is seen as largely successful, with over 600 students at six different district schools participating.

"Our program is still a work in progress, but so far the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Parents, PE teachers and the students alike request that we come back for more because they had so much fun and valued the program," Dan Adams told 303 Cycling.

Enthusiasm for cycling is spreading in Pagosa-area schools. The mountain biking elective at Pagosa Springs Middle School has proved enormously successful, with positive feedback from both students and teachers.

Now, a nonprofit group born out of Safe Routes to School, DUST2, is working to create a larger trail system in and around all three ASD schools. The group is currently in the process of gaining approval for an urban single-track trial initiative.

There seems to be significant potential for the ASD to follow Boulder Valley's example, training and educating children to be a big part of the local cycling community.

The partnership with RMK is only one part of the Catch On! Program. The ASD has big plans for providing programming in a wide variety of outdoor sports, including snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and disc golf. The program is in the beginning stages and more information will be provided as it unfolds.

The Catch On program will run Monday through Thursday and begins Monday, Feb. 8.

BASKETBALL

Team efforts net Lady Pirates two wins

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates dominated their opponents in a pair of games over the last week, improving to a perfect 13-0 record and 39-game win streak.

Friday night, the Lady Pirates traveled to Bayfield to take on a rebuilding Wolverine squad.

"I was proud of the girls," coach Wes Lewis said, adding that when playing teams that are struggling, kids can have a tendency to not play as well, but that the Lady Pirates were focused, came out with a lot of energy and played really well to start the game. "We go in there and the first thing we talk about is we want to do what we do and be who we are."

Lewis added that the team didn't focus on Bayfield's 4-8 record entering the game, but started the game as it would any other.

In fact, Pagosa bested their hosts 27-4 in the first quarter, then expanding that score to 45-13 by halftime.

The Lady Pirates continued to dominate in the second half, outscoring the Wolverines 13-8 and 15-13 in the final two quarters, resulting in a 73-34 final score.

Morgan Lewis landed 28 points in the game, also logging 10 rebounds and 10 steals.

"Morgan Lewis had a triple-double and that's kind of a rarity," Lewis said, adding, "And you've got to give her teammates a lot of credit because, you know, she doesn't do that without her teammates."

Madi Lewis added 17 points to the team total (including putting up a 3-pointer), and Megan Farrah notched 12, including a pair of 3-pointers.

Taylor Lee-Hammer contributed seven including a 3-pointer, Devin Wilson tallied five with the help of a 3-pointer, and Andy Miller scored three.

In addition to Morgan Lewis' 10 rebounds, Farrah and Mariah Snarr each pulled down six rebounds, and three other Pirates added to the team total of 35.

The team logged 17 steals in the game and turned the ball over seven times.

"It was just a good team win," Lewis said.

The following night, the Pirates took on the 2A Sargent Farmers in Pagosa, ending the night with a 60-



Megan Farrah drives the ball toward the basket during the Lady Pirates' 60-15 victory over the 2A Sargent Farmers Saturday evening. This week, the Lady Pirates take on the Alamosa Mean Moose and the Monte Vista Lady Pirates.

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15 win.

Lewis said the team played well early in the game, but committed several defensive mishaps in the game that were corrected by the second half — when the Lady Pirates

allowed only three points.

Pagosa bested Sargent 20-6 in the first quarter, 13-6 in the second, 12-0 in the third and 15-3 in the fourth.

Again, the coach noted that the game was a good win for the team.

No additional stats were available by presstime Wednesday.

This week, the Pirates will take on the Alamosa Mean Moose and Monte Vista Lady Pirates, both in Pagosa.

"It's a big week; it's two league opponents," Lewis said.

Friday, Alamosa, who are 3-2 in league play and 6-8 overall, come to town.

"Even though their record doesn't show it, they're a pretty good basketball team," Lewis said, adding that the Mean Moose are well-coached.

Saturday, the team will face Monte Vista again. In January, Pagosa defeated the team 67-41.

Monte Vista is currently 10-4 overall and 4-2 in league action.

Both games are set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

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RECREATION NEWS

Take advantage of open gym Saturday morning

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The Ross Aragon Community Center will be open Saturday, Feb. 6, 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 usage is strong, 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.

Volleyball registration

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.

Reservoir Hill closed

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

Please feel free to contact the recreation office with any questions at 264-4151, ext. 231.

Ice skating

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

Youth basketball 9-12

Games have started for 9-12 youth basketball. The 9-10 division will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the 11-12 division will play on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Recreation registration

You can register for all youth recreational sports offered through the recreation department at any time throughout the year. Registrations for all youth sports will be located in the lobby of the Community Center. Online registration will only be available prior to the upcoming youth sport offered at that time.

Online registration

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

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

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

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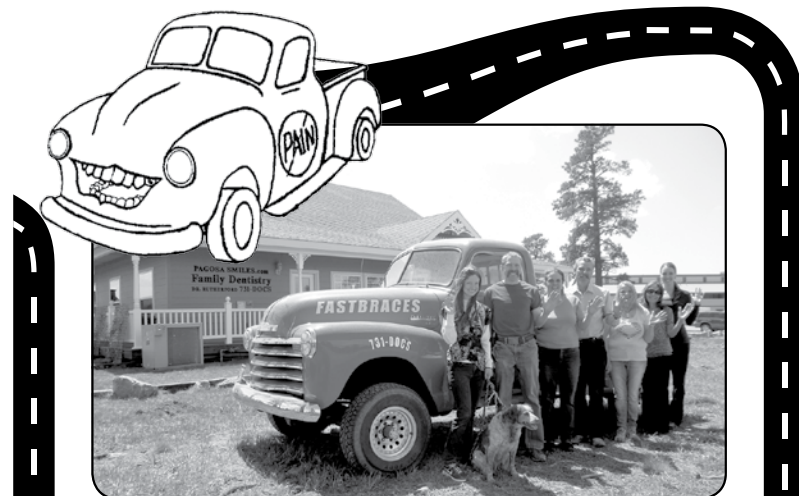
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Opportunity for public feedback on changes to recreation sites

By Casey Crow
Staff Writer

The draft San Juan National Forest (SJNF) Recreation Site Analysis (RSA) and Plan of Work (POW) is now available for public review and feedback, according to a U.S. Forest Service (USFS) press release.

The POW offers a five-year management strategy for some of the national forest's recreation sites and services, including campgrounds, toilets, trailheads and interpretive sites.

According to the release, the goal is to ensure the San Juan's recreation program is financially and environmentally sustainable.

The RSA was completed through a lengthy process of evaluating existing recreation sites through the lens of sustainability and available resources. The project began in November of 2014 and the Forest Service hopes to break ground under the POW this summer.

The outcome of the RSA could range from the decommissioning, or removal, of certain recreation sites, the construction of new sites, or modifications that fall in between.

The press release states, "Recreation is a primary public use of the San Juan National Forest, and public lands are a key component of the tourism economies of Southwest Colorado. The long-term goal for the San Juan's developed recreation program is to manage a reasonable array of recreation sites to high standards and within budget without compromising the quality of services, public safety, or creating undue impacts to natural resources."

The SJNF is extensive, with 129 recreation sites, 43 campgrounds, 1,824 miles of trail systems, 403 miles of trails in wilderness areas, the Purgatory (Durango Mountain) Resort ski area and three Nordic ski areas under partnership agreements.

It also includes four wilderness areas — Lizard Head, Weminuche, South San Juan and Hermosa Creek.

From an initial examination of programs, the USFS concluded that the current recreation program is unsustainable due to agency resources and maintenance liabilities.

According to the RSA executive summary, the SJNF budget has dropped from over \$1 million per year in 2007 to less than \$300,000 per year over the last few years.

The reduction in funding is limiting the USFS in undertaking quality maintenance of recreation sites.

If these site changes are implemented according to the POW, the USFS could be looking at a savings of nearly 30 percent annually on site management costs.

Site names and proposed actions

The following are several notable recreation sites in the Pagosa Ranger District.

- Chimney Rock National Monument: Major capital improvement project funded from Washington Office (\$2.1 million) in 2016. Will remove \$160,000 of deferred maintenance in addition to providing new improvements.

- Palisades Horse Camp Campground: Install new horse corral using revenue from concessionaire fees.

- West Fork Campground: Replace 12 tables (approximately \$1,000 each) and fire rings.

- West Fork Trailhead: Remove toilet.

- Williams Creek Campground: Replace or repair 12 picnic tables and fire grills; remove dump station.

- Teal Boat Ramp: Replace boat dock and ramp; approximately \$50,000 to \$75,000.

- Blanco River Group camp-

ground: Replace two tables and grills.

- East Fork Campground: Remove one hand-pump water system; replace 12 tables and grills.

- Treasure Falls Observation Site: Repair mist deck observation platform.

- Bridge Campground: Repair parking and camping areas for 12 sites.

- Piedra Falls Trailhead: Install toilet removed from Middle Fork Trailhead with funds from regional office (estimated at \$10,000).

- Buckles Lake Trailhead: Remove toilet (\$5,000).

- Opal Lake: reduce development scale and reduce costs.

- Ute Campground: Remove four underutilized campsites. Close upper loop, but do not decommission. If camping demand rises, consider reopening closed loop and upgrading toilet facilities.

Public feedback

Public feedback will be accepted until Monday, March 21, after which time the draft plan will be adjusted and finalized.

The draft RSA and POW can be accessed online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/sanjuan/RSA>.

Written feedback should be mailed to Brian White, San Juan National Forest Recreation Program Manager, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81301. Feedback can also be emailed to brianwhite@fs.fed.us.

Following the release of the final RSA and POW, a forest-wide National Environmental Policy Act analysis will be initiated to analyze any significant actions to be implemented at identified recreation sites.

It is anticipated a significant amount of this work will be conducted in 2016 and 2017.

For additional information, contact White at 385-1246.

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Photos courtesy Poppy Borland

More than 20 members of the Gray Wolves Ski Club ascend Alberta Peak to ski down to celebrate the 80th birthday of club member Dave Bryan (holding the champagne bottle and glass). To mark the occasion, celebratory drinks were enjoyed on the peak and cake and other refreshments at Base Camp.



Gray Wolves ascend Alberta Peak to celebrate birthday

By Simon Fuger
Special to The SUN

Over 20 members of the Gray Wolves Ski Club ascended Alberta Peak and skied down to celebrate the 80th birthday of one of their members.

In a tradition that goes back many years, any member who turns 80 and wishes to hike to the

top of Alberta Peak at the Wolf Creek Ski Area will be supported in their endeavor by a group of Gray Wolves to mark the occasion.

This year, Dave Bryan, a member of long standing, turned 80 and made the successful ascent and descent. To mark the occasion, celebratory drinks were enjoyed on the peak and cake and other refreshments at

Base Camp. A commemorative plaque is inscribed for those octogenarians who have achieved this remarkable result.

The Gray Wolves Ski Club is a not-for-profit organization for those 50 and older who enjoy skiing at the Wolf Creek Ski Area and socializing. The club has been in existence for 32 years and includes over 700 members.



Photo courtesy Julie Askins

A North American river otter hangs out on the banks of the San Juan River south of Pagosa Springs recently. The otters, which are not often spotted, are a native species that was reintroduced into Rocky Mountain National Park in the 1970s and now have a stable population in the state. Among other things, the otters eat crayfish, mice and fish.

Learn to cross-country ski Saturday

By James Dickhoff
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Nordic Club (PNC) is getting ready for a great Nordic learn to cross-country ski clinic this Saturday, Feb. 6, starting at 10 a.m. sharp.

Please come early enough to check in and gear up. Check-in starts at 9:30 a.m.

Some of Pagosa Springs' best skiers will be teaching skate ski and classic cross-country ski techniques for never-evers, beginners and intermediates. Go to pagosanordic.com

to register.

Other upcoming PNC events include:

- Nordic fest BB gun biathlon on Feb. 13, with a Kidk, 6k or 16k, at Yamaguchi Park, a fun and spectator-friendly venue.

- The Plumtaw Ultra 30k/60k Freestyle Nordic Ski on Feb. 14 for the hearty Nordic souls.

- The Spring Quad Challenge on March 6 that includes a 10k ski, 5k run, 22k road bike and 1/2k swim.

Registration is at PagosaNordic.com.

Emerging equine diseases presentation

By Kathy Sherer
Special to The SUN

The Four Corners Back Country Horsemen will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. at Bayfield Town Hall. Non-members are welcome to attend.

Ben Hufnagel, DVM, will give a presentation on emerging equine diseases. If you want to learn what

could be coming our way this spring and how to be prepared, you won't want to miss this.

The Four Corners Back Country Horsemen works to perpetuate commonsense enjoyment of public lands by horsemen and pack stock users. To learn more, go to www.4cbch.org or contact Cathy Roberts at 749-0316 or cathyroberts08@gmail.com.

Forestry agencies release 2015 aerial survey results for Colorado

By Ryan Lockwood
Special to The SUN

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Rocky Mountain Region, recently released the 2015 forest health aerial survey results for Colorado.

Every year, the USFS and CSFS work together to aerially monitor forest health conditions on millions of forested acres across the state. Aerial survey observations of tree-damaging insects and diseases native to Colorado's forests are highlighted below.

Aerial survey highlights

- Spruce beetle outbreaks caused widespread tree mortality for the fourth consecutive year.

- Spruce beetle populations have expanded, impacting higher-elevation stands of Engelmann spruce.

- In 2015, spruce beetle infestations were detected on 409,000 acres across the state, expanding onto 182,000 acres of previously unaffected forests.

- Since 1996, spruce beetle outbreaks have caused varying degrees of tree mortality on more than 1.5 million acres in Colorado.

- Blowdown events, combined with long-term drought stress, warmer temperatures and extensive amounts of older, dense spruce, have contributed to this ongoing epidemic.

- Outbreaks of two defoliators of conifer trees — western spruce budworm and Douglas-fir tussock moth — also expanded in 2015.

- The area impacted by western spruce budworm, Colorado's most widespread forest defoliator, increased from 178,000 acres in 2014 to approximately 312,000 acres in 2015. This insect typically feeds on developing buds and new needles of fir, Douglas-fir and spruce in southern Colorado.

- Douglas-fir tussock moth caterpillars consumed needles on Douglas-fir, white fir and spruce on approximately 26,000 acres along Colorado's Front Range. Impacts were observed primarily in the South Platte River Basin and areas just west of Colorado Springs. Ground surveys have documented the presence of a naturally occurring virus among Douglas-fir tussock moth caterpillars, which has historically been a

San Juan National Forest plans response to spruce beetle activity

By Ann Bond
Special to The SUN

The spruce beetle infestation on the San Juan National Forest (SJNF) has grown to a total of more than 120,000 acres, as detected by the 2015 Aerial Detection Survey Summary for the U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region.

In the Rocky Mountains, spruce beetles primarily target Engelmann spruce, which grow in high-elevation forests. To address this and other forest-health issues, the SJNF is working several proposals that will include public involvement and environmental analyses this year.

On the Pagosa Ranger District near Wolf Creek Pass, a small salvage sale is being prepared for approximately 100 acres of dead spruce in 2016. A nearby planning effort is investigating the future salvage of additional dead spruce that can be accessed from the Wolf Creek and Falls Creek

roads. Both proposals focus on the harvest of dead merchantable trees, retention of live green trees and using receipts from the sale of timber to promote reforestation in areas of heavy mortality. Dead spruce trees can remain standing for several decades and retain value as commercial timber for up a decade or more.

On the Columbine Ranger District, an integrated forest-health project across several thousand acres north of U.S. 160 between the Piedra River and the Vallecito area is investigating the potential for salvage sales in dead forests, resilience treatments in live spruce and aspen forests, as well as fuels reduction and prescribed burning.

For the region-wide 2015 Aerial Detection Survey highlights and maps, visit www.fs.usda.gov/goto/USFSR2ForestHealth.

For information on the SJNF timber program, contact Travis Bruch at 385-1317.

key indicator of imminent population collapse.

- Trees weakened by these defoliators may become susceptible to Douglas-fir beetle, which can kill impacted trees.

- Mountain pine beetle activity has subsided and remains low, with 5,000 acres affected statewide. The epidemic has ended in many areas of Colorado as mature pine trees have been depleted in the core outbreak areas.

"The lesson we can take away from the extensive insect and disease damage we've seen in Colorado over the past two decades is the need for proactively taking care of our forests," said Mike Lester, state forester and director of the CSFS. "The best time to take actions to address long-term forest health is before a major outbreak starts, and not after."

Agency highlights

In 2015, the CSFS treated more than 17,000 acres in Colorado, predominantly on private and state

lands, as part of forest management and wildfire mitigation efforts.

The CSFS is committed to providing timely, relevant forestry information and education to the citizens of Colorado to achieve resilient forests and communities. CSFS Quick Guides on spruce beetle and Douglas-fir tussock moth are available free online at www.csfs.colostate.edu/csfspublications. Another guide on Douglas-fir beetle will be available this week.

The USFS is committed to ecological restoration, which includes maintaining and restoring healthy and diverse landscapes, promoting resilience in the face of climate change and other stressors, reducing the risk to communities and natural resources from wildfire, and sustaining diverse wildlife habitat. Along with partners, the USFS is investing in several projects to improve forest health.

"Although forests in Colorado have experienced a series of insect infestations, we continue to invest

in projects with local and industry partners, ahead of and behind the infestations, to improve forest health," said Dan Jirón, regional forester for the Rocky Mountain Region of the USFS.

Last year in Colorado the USFS treated approximately 51,020 acres through timber sales, thinning and prescribed fire. A total of 268,000 CCF (hundred cubic feet) of timber was sold, which equates to the framing lumber and other wood products used to build 3,350 homes.

Project highlights

- One Chief's Joint Landscape Restoration Project on the San Juan National Forest, which is a joint program with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

- Two Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) projects, on the Front Range and Uncompahgre Plateau.

- Four long-term stewardship contracts are in place and secure a steady stream of work and products to support local mills and bioenergy facilities.

- Collaborative planning and cost sharing with partners for restoration work in high-priority, mutually beneficial areas.

- The Spruce Beetle Epidemic and Aspen Decline Management Response on the Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest (GMUG). The GMUG has approximately 223,000 cumulative acres of spruce beetle mortality and 229,000 acres of affected aspen from the past decade.

Together, the CSFS and the USFS are using other tools such as the Good Neighbor Authority to perform watershed restoration and forest management services on National Forest System lands. A Master Good Neighbor Agreement, signed by both agencies last November, fosters a collaborative approach and leverages state resources to accomplish work across land ownership boundaries onto National Forest System lands. Both agencies are working to identify eligible projects to protect water supplies, manage insect infestations, reduce wildfire risk and meet other forest management objectives.

For the 2015 Aerial Detection Survey highlights and maps, visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/USFSR2ForestHealth>.

Great Backyard Bird Count: opportunity to document feathered friends

By **Becky Gillette**
Special to The SUN

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) takes place each Presidents Day weekend (Feb. 12-15).

The GBBC is a free, fun and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations.

Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the four-day event and report their sightings online at gbbc.birdcount.org.

Anyone can take part in the GBBC, from beginning bird watchers to experts, and you can participate from your backyard or anywhere in the world.

Last year, more than 143,000 volunteers in 100-plus countries shattered the previous record for the number of species tallied during the annual citizen science survey, with birdwatchers recording 5,090 species, or 48 percent of the world's total avian species — some 792 more species than in 2014.

"Citizen-science projects like the Great Backyard Bird Count are springing up all over the world," said Jon McCracken, national program manager at Bird Studies

Canada. "More and more, scientists are relying on observations from the public to help them gather data at a scale they could never achieve before."

Learn more about how to take part in the GBBC at rockies.audubon.org. You can also attend the monthly meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society on Feb. 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the senior dining room at the Ross Aragon Community Center, where Audubon members will share tips and techniques for getting the most out of this year's GBBC.

Audubon Rockies has partnered with Tractor Supply to celebrate this year's GBBC by giving participants a free block of suet to attract birds to their home, office or school. Simply come in to the Tractor Supply Store Feb. 7 through 15 during store hours to receive your gift while supplies last.

Suet is a combination of fat and seed that attracts winter-hardy birds such as nuthatches and woodpeckers, who, unlike many migrating birds, stay in Colorado through the winter.

The Weminuche Audubon Society will also host a birding outing for the GBBC on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 9 a.m., beginning in the Community Center parking



Photo courtesy Ben Bailey

The Weminuche Audubon Society will host a birding outing for the Great Backyard Bird Count on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 9 a.m. along the San Juan River beginning in the Ross Aragon Community Center parking lot. Recent sightings along the river include year-round resident species such as the bald eagle, great blue heron, American dipper and common goldeneye.

lot. Local Audubon member Ben Bailey will lead the walk along and adjacent to the San Juan River and Riverwalk, where participants can scope the banks for songbirds and waterfowl. Recent sightings along the river include year-round resident species such as the bald eagle, great blue heron, American

dipper and common goldeneye. Footwear for snowy conditions is recommended.

The GBBC is a joint project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the National Audubon Society and Bird Studies Canada, and is made possible in part by sponsor Wild Birds Unlimited.

Ski area water rights battle put to rest

By **Casey Crow**
Staff Writer

After several years of tension between the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and ski industry over ski area water rights, the USFS has dropped its previous directive that would force ski areas to concede water rights to the federal government and instead issued a new, less abrasive directive.

The USFS will not require ski areas to transfer water rights to the federal government as a condition of operating on public land, rather the USFS will require ski areas to prove there is sufficient water to sustain skiing in the future.

Nationwide, 122 ski areas operate on 180,000 acres managed by the USFS. These resorts host 23 million visitors annually, contribute \$3 billion yearly to economies and support approximately 64,000 full- and part-time jobs in communities, according to the Forest Service.

In 2011, the Forest Service proposed a clause in its permitting process that would require ski areas to hand their water rights over to the federal government.

The argument made by the agency asserted that the clause would ensure the water was never separated from the land.

According to the Denver Post, the USFS feared that as the value of water rights climbed in the West, ski resorts might see more financial benefit in selling water rights than in using the water for snowmaking operations.

In January 2012, the National Ski Area Association (NSAA) sued the Forest Service for allegedly taking private property.

Then, in late 2012, a U.S. District Court judge overturned the rule and the USFS vetted it in a series of public meetings.

The final directive rejects the proposal that ski area water rights must be transferred to the federal government. Instead, ski areas will be required to prove there is sufficient water to support skiing through each permit term.

Ski areas will be required to bring in a hydrologist to review water plans and inventory all sources of water as a condition of receiving permits to operate on public land.

The Ski Area Water Clause summary states, "The Forest Service recognizes the importance of winter sports opportunities on National Forest Service (NFS) lands and the need to address the sufficiency of water for ski areas operating on NFS lands. By addressing this need, this final directive will promote the long-term sustainability of ski areas on NFS lands and the economies of the communities that depend on revenue from those ski areas."

The final directive contains two clauses for ski area water rights — one for eastern states that follow the riparian doctrine for water rights and one for western states that follow the prior appropriation doctrine for water rights.

Under the riparian doctrine, water rights are appurtenant to the land, whereas under a prior appropriation doctrine system, water rights may be severed from the land. The majority of ski areas on NFS lands are in western states that adhere to the prior appropriation doctrine.

"In states like Colorado and New Mexico, holders of ski area permits may have to purchase senior water rights at considerable expense to meet current requirements for snowmaking to maintain viability. Holders of ski area permits need to show the value of these water rights as business assets, particularly during refinancing or sale of a ski area," the directive states.

In addition to demonstrating the value of water rights as business assets, ski areas must also prove "sufficient quantity of water to operate the ski area," as defined in the directive.

In response to the publication of the directive, Colorado Rep. Scott Tipton (R-Cortez) issued a statement.

"The Forest Service's conditional use of permit for ski areas has been one of the Administration's most onerous attempts to hijack private water rights. While the latest version of the directive is improved from the original that sought to outright force the transfer of private water rights to the federal government, there still is room for improvement."

Tipton continued, "The latest rendition of this ill-fated directive places unnecessary restrictions on private water rights holders, in an attempt to solve a problem that doesn't exist. By the Forest Service Chief's own admission, there has not been an instance of ski area water rights being sold off for other uses."

Tipton led the charge against the proposed water clause that surfaced in 2011. He sponsored H.R. 3189, which was shot down by the U.S. House of Representatives in November 2013.

Had it passed, the bill would have forbidden the USFS from requiring permit holders to hand over their water rights.

One major concern outlined by the organizations was the bill's potential "to weaken federal law such as the Endangered Species Act that allows agencies to place conditions on permits or licenses that would

keep water in rivers to support fish, wildlife, and in-stream recreation," as reported in a previous article in The SUN.

With the failure of H.R. 3189, Tipton is now pushing a new bill — H.R. 1830.

This bill "prohibits agencies from implementing a permit condition that requires the transfer of privately-held water rights to the federal government in order to receive or renew a permit for the use of land."

It also "maintains environmental safeguards."

Despite Tipton's opposition to the directive and continual attempts at passing water rights protections, representatives of the ski industry are supportive of the changes made by the USFS.

Geraldine Link, policy director for the NSAA, applauded the action in a statement to The Salt Lake Tribune.

"We support the new clause. The agency is dedicated to preserving the permit area for ski area operations. That [water] sufficiency requirement protects their interests and our interest at the same time. We have had a longstanding partnership with the Forest Service over decades. ... The directive published today strengthens that partnership. It also provides benefits to the public. It's an enlightened approach, and it's practical and workable for us."

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CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber offers plenty of fun with Winterfest

By Clint Alley
Special to The SUN

Winterfest 2016 will feature hot air balloons on Feb. 6 and 7 and the very popular Penguin Plunge on Feb. 6.

This exciting weekend will also feature the return of the Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race, plus other activities like a broomball tournament, kids dogsled rides, the Barkus Mardis Gras Parade, "Souper" Bowl Empty Bowls lunch event and more.

For more information on events that will be taking place, please contact the Chamber at 264-2360 or at pagosachamber.com. Also, check out our Winterfest event page on Facebook.

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.

Business Bites will be held on Feb. 29. The topic will be Quickbooks and Bart Mitchell will be the presenter. Please join us at the Ross Aragon Community Center South Conference Room for the class. For more information regarding cost and registration, call 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 members Rose-Walker-Starr and Southern Mountain Portable Toilets. We would also like to thank our renewing members Curtains Up Pagosa, Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County Inc., Pagosa Ski and Snowboard Rentals, Pinewood Inn and Wolf Creek Trailblazers Snowmobile Club.

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.



Photo courtesy Becky Jacobson

Archuleta County 4-H'ers celebrate at their annual Achievement Night awards banquet in December. Members received awards for Top Record Books, Rate of Gain, All Around 4-H'er and project completion. The highlight was the announcement of Club of the Year, awarded to the club that showed the most effort in community service, fundraising and organization. Colorado Kids Club, pictured here, was the top club for 2015 and will receive a party in February. Pictured are Courtney Jacquez, Macey Jacobson, Carla Elliott, Taylor Elliott, Lorah Jacobson, Desiray Martin, Delainy Martin, Ashlie Elliott, Tiffany Martin and Danielle Decker.

Celebration



Chelsea Anne Thompson and Torrey Raymond Paul Mandigo are engaged to be married.

Chelsea is the daughter of Dr. Donald Thompson, of Pagosa Springs, and Jaye Thompson, of Mendon, Vt. Torrey is the son of Tina and Paul Mandigo, of Stowe, Vt.

Chelsea and Torrey graduated from high school together in 2009 and each earned a bachelor's in biology from the University of Vermont in 2013. Chelsea is working toward her master's in genetic counseling from Brandeis University and Torrey is in a biology Ph.D. program at Boston College.

A wedding is planned for July 2016 in Vermont.

Rotary to award \$20,000 in college scholarships

By John Richardson
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is pleased to announce that \$20,000 in college scholarships and vo-tech scholarships will be awarded in 2016.

The club has awarded over \$363,500 to 148 students since 1982.

Any senior graduating from a Pagosa Springs area high school is eligible. Scholarship application forms are available in Pagosa Springs High School counselor Mark Thompson's office. Completed applications are due to the office by March 30.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of scholastic accomplishment, extracurricular activities, personal essay, personal interview, financial need and letter of recommendations.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is proud to invest in the future of graduates of area high schools. Scholarships are funded through fundraisers in the community and interest from the Pagosa Springs Rotary Scholarship Foundation.

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Local

Derek Lorenzen

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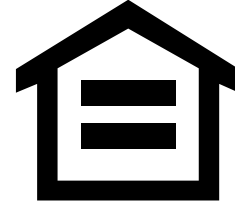
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LIBRARY NEWS

Library to be closed Sundays starting in March

By Carole Howard
SUN Columnist, and the library staff

In 1989, when Kevin Costner starred in an Academy Award-nominated film about baseball called "Field of Dreams," he made famous the inspiring phrase, "If you build it, they will come." Unfortunately, that did not work for us relating to keeping the library open on Sundays.

One of the key findings from our 2014 patron survey was an apparent desire for the library to be open on Sundays. In fact, 98 of the 242 survey respondents requested this change. As a result, in January 2015, we began staying open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Unfortunately, the response has been lukewarm at best. Much to our surprise, we have averaged only 53 patrons visiting the library on Sundays, a small number that does not justify the cost of staff and utilities needed to stay open. For this reason, our board has decided that effective March 1, your library will be closed on Sundays. Interestingly, it is not unusual for libraries in southwest Colorado to be closed on Sundays. Durango, Ignacio, Mancos, Dolores, Cortez and Dove Creek all are closed. In fact, only Bayfield and Telluride are open on Sundays.

We hope this change does not inconvenience you, but we are sure you understand that we have a responsibility to both patrons and taxpayers to spend the library's funds wisely.

Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library,

we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults.

Book club for youngsters

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

Please join us on Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 4 to 5 p.m. when we'll be discussing "Boy" by Ronald Dahl.

Book club for adults

Our book club for adults meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles.

On Feb. 9 we will discuss "Storied Life of AJ Fikry" by Gabrielle Charbonnet. If you need a copy, please let us know. No registration is required.

DIY session for adults

This month's free DIY project takes place next Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 1 p.m., when we will make Coke pops just in time to be Valentine's Day treats for your loved ones.

In the past, these fun DIY sessions have included making your own cheese, sushi, centerpiece, tea wreath, candles, mustard and mayo, household cleaners and screen-printing a T-shirt. No registration is required. Please note the earlier starting time and time in the month.

Technology classes

Meg Wempe is available for the highly popular Tech Tuesdays and Thursdays sessions from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays. Drop in with

your technology questions.

A more formal session requiring advance registration takes place Friday, Feb. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., when Facebook for Individuals will show you how to create an account, find friends, upload photos and videos, post a status update and set privacy settings.

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New offerings include "Weightless," about a scuba school for plus-size women; "Injustice," a British crime drama; and "dik," a comedy about what happens when a young boy brings home his school artwork.

For music lovers, we have "The Sacred Triangle" featuring musical geniuses David Bowie, Iggy Pop and Lou Reed. For film fans, try "Their First Time at the Movies" featuring Goldie Hawn, Woody Allen, Jack Nicholson, Elvis, Julia Roberts, Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise, Denzel Washington and dozens of other movie stars.

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Novels

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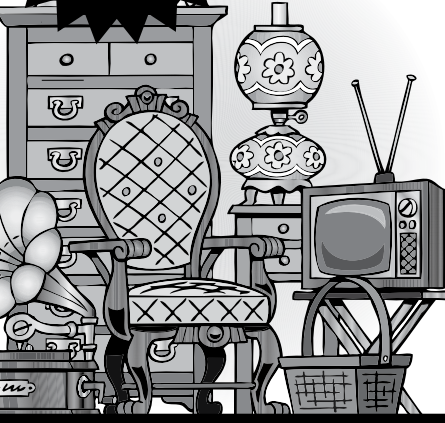
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SENIOR NEWS

Tax help available for seniors

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.

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

Chore program

The chore program offers in-home chores such as cleaning appliances, rugs, windows, turning mattresses, snow removal, tree trimming, etc.

Home modification chore services includes repairs, adaptations such as wheel chair ramps, installing grab bars in bathrooms, etc.

Please call Louise at 264-2167 for more information or to sign up.

Home monitoring

Home monitoring services are available for seniors. We can help you get set up with a system and assist with the monthly service charges or, if you already have a system in place, we can help supplement the monthly service fees.

Please call Louise at 264-2167 for more information or to sign up.

Menu

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

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

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

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

Friday, Feb. 5 — Grilled cod, whole wheat roll, brown rice, butternut squash, salad bar and citrus cup.

Monday, Feb. 8 — Grilled chicken breast, pasta salad, broccoli, whole wheat roll, salad bar and fresh fruit with bananas.

Tuesday, Feb. 9 — Beef with broccoli, brown rice, Asian vegeta-

bles, salad bar and fortune cookie.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 — Roast turkey, whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli with cauliflower, salad bar and apple crisp.

Thursday, Feb. 11 — Beef pot pie, roasted vegetables, whole wheat roll, salad bar and melon medley.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a reservation at 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to dine in the Community Cafe at the Senior Center.

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EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Pollinator protection: What's your role?

By Roberta Tolan
SUN Columnist

A topic that has been in the media a lot lately and is important to all of us is the protection of the organisms that help pollinate our food crops.

Many organisms, including butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, hummingbirds and, of course, honey bees and native bees, are pollinators of plants. In the United States, about one-third of all agricultural output relies on pollinators to help produce seed or fruit. So, protecting pollinators benefits everyone.

The following article was written by Thia Walker, Colorado State University Extension pesticide safety specialist.

Promoting and protecting honey bees and, consequently, other pollinators, requires a collaborative effort between beekeepers, agricultural producers and pesticide users. So, what's your role? Here are a few suggestions:

- As a grower, plant pollinator habitat in marginal lands or in areas that serve as a buffer between fields. Plant a diversity of pollinator-friendly plants that will bloom from spring through fall, as this offers a variety of nectar and pollen sources that pollinators require for good nutrition.

- Use integrated pest management (IPM) to manage pest populations and reduce pesticide use and its environmental impact. IPM emphasizes cultural controls and host plant resistance as the first line of defense against insects and diseases, monitoring for pests and applying the least toxic alternative only after an economic threshold has been reached.

- Also, work with beekeepers to locate hives in areas that will not receive applications of highly toxic pesticides during the growing season, especially during the bloom period.

- As a beekeeper, work with growers to locate hives in areas that may not require repeated pesticide applications and be prepared to move, cover or contain your bees if a pesticide application must occur. Provide a clean water source near the hive. Most importantly, monitor colony health throughout the year.

CSU Colorado Environmental Pesticide Education Program offers the free publication "Integrated Hive Management for Colorado Beekeepers." Email cepep@colostate.edu to obtain a copy.

- As a pesticide user, practice IPM. When pesticide applications are necessary, identify and confirm hive locations, maintaining appropriate buffers. Never apply when blooming weeds are present or when the crop is in bloom.

If an application is required during bloom and allowed by the pesticide product label, apply the pesticide when bees are not present. This is typically very early morning or after dusk.

Finally, try to select insecticides and fungicides that are effective against the target pest and have the lowest toxicity rating to bees whenever possible. Minimize drift by using the proper nozzles for the application and calibrating equipment. Also avoid creating pools of water that may contain pesticide residues when cleaning equipment.

But, the most important role that growers, beekeepers and pesticide applicators have is to communicate with one another. In Colorado, FieldWatch is a tool that growers, beekeepers and pesticide users can use to collaborate on pollinator protection. This tool is available at www.fieldwatch.com. It includes DriftWatch, BeeCheck and FieldWatch, free voluntary registry tools intended to help pesticide applicators, beekeepers and specialty crop growers in Colorado communicate more effectively and promote awareness and stewardship activities to help prevent and/or manage drift appropriately.

DriftWatch is for registering sensitive crop sites and is not intended to be a registry for homeowners or sites less than half an acre. Beekeepers with no specialty crops are encouraged to use BeeCheck to map their hives. FieldWatch is the registry that allows pesticide applicators to locate sensitive sites and provides a means to communicate with both beekeepers and growers to protect their sensitive sites. An informational brochure is available at <http://www.cepep.colostate.edu/underthePollinatorProtectiontab>.

Protecting pollinators is not the responsibility of any one individual. It requires a collaborative effort. It's important to know your role and recognize what you can do to promote pollinators. It will benefit everyone.

More information

Information on neonicotinoids and bees is available at www.xerces.org/neonicotinoids-and-bees/ and information on pesticide toxicity to honeybees is available at <http://pesticidestewardship.org/PollinatorProtection/Pages/Pesticide-Toxicity-to-Bees.aspx>.

Always read herbicide labels and keep in mind that "the label is the law." The label, or the MSDS (material safety data sheet, found online) for each pesticide, will explain target weeds, mixing rates, personal protective equipment needed, toxicity and re-entry interval (amount of time after application in which grazing or other activities should be ceased). The user of any pesticide is liable for all aspects of handling the product, including mixing, loading, application, spill control and disposal of container. If you have specific questions about an herbicide, read the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) at <http://www.cdms.net/LabelsMsds/LMDefault.aspx?ms=1,2,3,4>. Find the herbicide MSDS by searching for manufacturer.

Radon presentations set, test kits available

Free presentations about radon detection and mitigation will be offered at the CSU Extension office in Pagosa Springs on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 2 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."

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.

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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, 81417.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY 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 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:

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: \$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:

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: \$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:

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: \$709.28
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$1709.28

Lien Statement for J. James Grattan, Trustee and Jan E Grattan, Trustee of the Grattan Family Trust dated 11/26/2003 filed 1/12/2015 as Doc. No. 21500202 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: \$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: \$2865.00
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$3865.00

County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$1779.75
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2779.75

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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

Court Address:
449 San Juan St.
PO Box 148
Pagosa Springs CO 81417

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 REDEMPTION

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 at Reception Number 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, Casey D Mitchek, Judith A Smelker-Mitchek, Perry S Faulkner, Alice M Faulkner, Logsdon Enterprises, Ray V Wickell, Dirk L Craver, Katherine Craver, Sherman L Suits, Linda Sue Suits, Stephen Wunder, Ralph O Work, Lynn Benson Work, Gina M Wilson, 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, 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

Defendant: Carl Z Salzman and Elsa Salzman \$3865.00

Eberhart, Carolyn \$4136.48

Meyers, Carl J II and Margaret E Loughhead-Meyers \$1657.29

Mitchell, Troy C and Tracy L Mitchell \$2510.34

Samarin, Rebecca L and George W \$3971.80

Cox, Jane E and Frank Cox \$2380.27

Newby, Wayne and Pamela L Newby \$2452.98

Dimmer, Ronald C and Veronika H \$9098.61

Mitchell, Casey D and Judith A Smelker-Mitchek \$7892.21

Faulkner, Perry S and Alice M \$4171.73

Logsdon Enterprises \$2015.12

Wickell, Ray V \$6233.60

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 ENCUMBERED 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

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.

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This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed December 7, 2015.

Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

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Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$1333.60
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2333.60

Lien Statement for Sherman L Suits and Linda Sue Suits filed 1/12/2015 as Doc. No. 21500160 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7803, 7804, 7805 and 7806 in Buildings 2 and 3, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase I, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173553 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: \$5233.80
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$6233.80

Lien Statement for Dirk L Craver and Katherine Craver filed 1/12/2015 as Doc. No. 21500159 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7803, 7804, 7805 and 7806 in Buildings 2 and 3, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase I, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173553 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: \$1333.60
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2333.60

Lien Statement for Ray V Wickell filed 1/12/2015 as Doc. No. 21500158 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7803, 7804, 7805 and 7806 in Buildings 2 and 3, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase I, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173553 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: \$2048.43
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$3048.43

Lien Statement for Carolyn Eberhart filed 1/12/2015 as Doc. No. 21500147 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7803, 7804, 7805 and 7806 in Buildings 2 and 3, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase I, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173553 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: \$3136.48
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$4136.48

Lien Statement for Carl J Meyers II and Margaret E Loughhead-Meyers filed 1/12/2015 as Doc. No. 21500148 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7803, 7804, 7805 and 7806 in Buildings 2 and 3, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase I, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173553 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 Arch

Education

Hypotheses, results and conclusions: Science fair results

By Tim Taylor
Special to The SUN

Science. Indeed, the quest for scientific insight was again the theme for Pagosa Springs Middle School students, grades six through eight, during the annual science fair held Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the school.

The fair was the culmination of nine weeks of effort put forth by students during their science fair elective courses in the winter academic quarter.

The 22 students from all three grade levels applied themselves to 18 projects, which presented their scintillating hypotheses, provocative results and bold conclusions. Project topics spanned galvanic cells, leg prostheses, how colors affect emotions, 3-D printed smart surfaces, WiFi transmission and “sky veggies,” reflecting the diverse interests of the students and breadth of scientific topics they’ve been studying in class.

Indeed, the various projects spanned the many and varied disciplines of engineering and science. Consider, for instance, “communication confusion,” “electromagnetic madness” and “musical memory.” And what Pagosa science fair would be complete without a project such as “wind resistance stance for downhill skiing?” The coursing of science blood through students’ veins was palpable. Judg-



Photo courtesy Tim Taylor

Representing the four top-placing projects in the Pagosa Springs Middle School science fair are, pictured, left to right: sixth-grade science teacher Kristen Hentschel, Trevor Moore, Ashlie Elliott, Nell Taylor, Maya Nasralla, Megan Greenly and seventh-grade science teacher Tiffany Candelaria.

were aptly impressed.

Each student scientist was judged on aspects such as incorporation of the scientific method, creativity and poster presentation, as assessed during interactions with three judges.

The top award went to seventh-graders Megan Greenly and Maya Nasralla for their project “Tune In,” which looked at how stretching a violin string changes the pitch of the sound emitted. (Physics rocks.) Second place went to sixth-grader Ashlie Elliott for “Analyzin’ the Horizon,” which asked whether

eye color affects visual acuity and peripheral vision. Third place went to seventh-grader Trevor Moore for his project “Penetration of an Arrow” and fourth place went to sixth-grader Nell Taylor for “Operation Evaporation.”

Projects were judged by a distinguished group of local practicing engineers and scientists: Nancy Crouse, Matt Ford, David Karan, Mike Leitch, David Smith, Gwen Taylor and Tim Taylor. Much credit goes to middle school science teachers Kristin Hentschel (grade six), Tiffany Candelaria (grade

seven) and Anita Hinger (grade eight), who thoughtfully guided the students through their science elective courses.

Congratulations to all Pagosa science fair students for their interest in furthering scientific investigation. The next step in the students’ science careers will be participation at the San Juan Basin Regional fair to be held March 3 in Durango. All Pagosa Springs students can thus continue to refine their projects for entry into that regional competition. Good luck, young scientists.

Science fair judges needed

By Sheila Weahkee
Special to The SUN

San Juan BOCES is hosting the 58th annual San Juan Basin Regional Science Fair on Thursday, March 3, at the La Plata County Fairgrounds in Durango.

Judges are needed to interview

students and evaluate projects. You don’t have to be a rocket scientist to judge at the Regional Science Fair; you just need a basic understanding of science and a willingness to talk with students.

For more information or to sign up, please visit www.science-swco.org/judges.html or contact Sheila Weahkee at 764-7550 or [sweahkee@sjboeces.org](mailto:sweahkee@sjbooces.org).

Deadline extended for summer high school robotics apprenticeship

By Julie Waechter
Special to The SUN

The deadline to apply for Adams State University’s High School Apprenticeship Research Program in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics has been extended to Feb. 15.

Current high school juniors and seniors are invited to apply for the apprenticeships online at <http://www.usaeop.com/programs/apprenticeships/hsap/>.

This summer apprenticeship is funded by a \$3,716 grant from the Army Research Office. The grant will allow two high school students to participate with faculty and university students in the Undergraduate Research Internship Program in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Social Robotics, also recently funded by the U.S. Army. Both programs are directed by Matthew Iklé, Adams State professor of mathematics.

Open to high school juniors and seniors, the seven-week apprenticeship program will be held during June and July. Apprentices will earn \$10 per hour for 20 hours per week, as well as one credit hour from Adams State University.

“We are seeking students who have demonstrated interest and taken coursework in computer programming, software development, scientific reasoning, robotics, or some combination of these,” said Iklé, who will mentor the apprentices.

The research project will have two tracks: artificial intelligence and robotics, with one apprentice assigned to each track. Researchers will use the OpenCogPrime (OCP) artificial intelligence system, as well as NAO and RoboKind humanoid robots in Adams State’s AI Robotics Lab. By working on this ambitious research project, apprentices will gain hands-on experience to strengthen their skills, learning abilities and scientific reasoning.

Iklé noted the apprenticeship program will also create a pipeline from high school to completion of a STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) bachelor’s degree.



Photo courtesy Lynn Rose

ESL students (clockwise) Javier Mendoza (back to camera), Ruby Mendoza, Yolanda Aguilar, Adriana Piña, María Ortiz, Gabriela Moreno and Noemi Briseño practice English with Susan Lawrence, ESL instructor.

New conversation class for non-native speakers of English

By Lynn Rose
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Education Center (ACEC) is offering a new English conversation class, Wednesday Conversation, held every Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

This class is open to everyone whose first language is not English. Adults at every level of ESL, from beginning to advanced, are welcome to participate. Students, who do not have to be registered in ESL to attend, may join the class at any point. Free child care is provided.

Unlike the more structured beginning and intermediate classes, which are held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Wednesday Conversation offers a more informal opportunity to practice English in a supportive environment.

FLC’s annual Latino College Day offers an inside look at college

By Mitchel Davis
Special to The SUN

Latino College Day at Fort Lewis College is the annual event that welcomes ninth- through 12th-grade Hispanic students and their families to campus to learn more about college life in general and what FLC has to offer.

This year, Latino College Day is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 12, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Registration is available at www.fortlewis.edu/latinocollegeday. The deadline to register is Monday, Feb. 8.

Included in the Latino College Day activities are workshops on applying for financial aid, dis-

cussions with current Hispanic students at FLC on what college life is really like, campus tours and even a performance from the Ballet Folklorico de Durango dance group. Lunch and dinner are also offered, with dinner requiring an RSVP after registration.

Latino College Day has been a part of Fort Lewis College since 2005. Currently, Hispanic students make up about 11 percent of the FLC student body.

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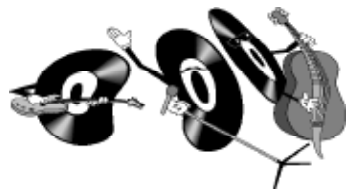
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A plunger takes a deceptively cold leap in the San Juan River in front of a crowd during a previous Penguin Plunge. This year's plunge, part of the Winterfest celebration, looks to be snowier and more penguin-like.



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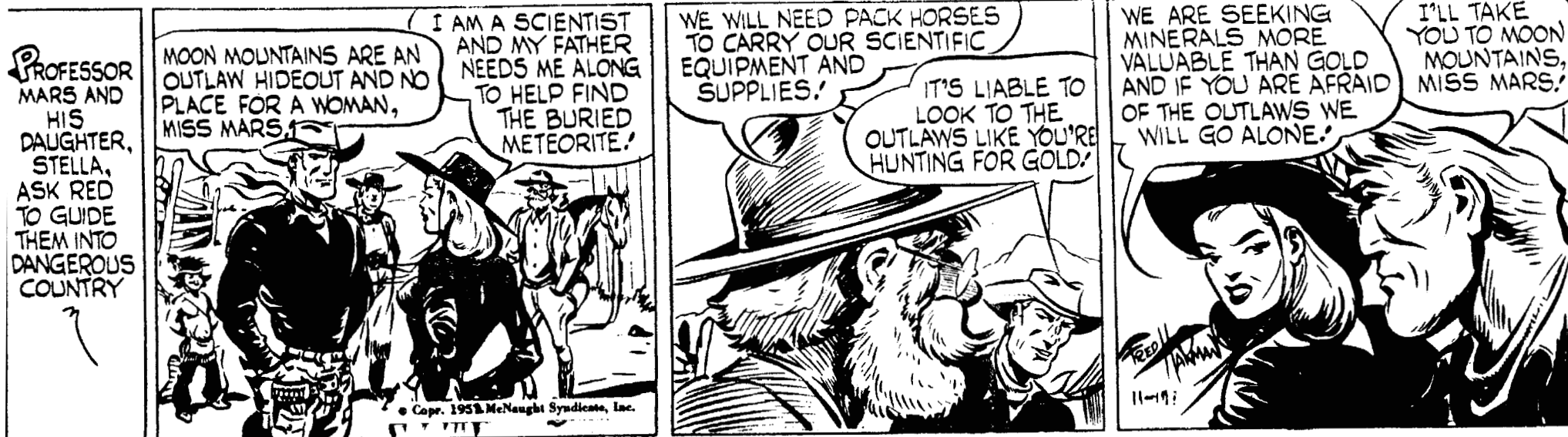


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By Fred Harman



Winterfest: Activities galore Saturday, Sunday

By Cheryl Bowdridge
Special to The PREVIEW

The powder is great and the weather has been beautiful as we prepare for a weekend of fun winter activities for Winterfest. Join the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as other local nonprofits and businesses, as we host a weekend full of activities.

On Saturday, Feb. 6, enjoy a great display of color as pilots from New Mexico and Colorado take to the sky in their colorful balloons at approximately 8 a.m. from the downtown area. A Mardi Gras Barkus Pet Parade to support the Humane Society will take place at 11 a.m. in Town Park.

Next, fill your tummy with warm, homemade soups prepared by local chefs and individuals during the Empty Bowls event at Pagosa Springs Elementary School.

At 1 p.m., enjoy watching local nonprofits raise money by taking a plunge into the freezing San Juan River. You can wrap up this fun-filled day by participating or watching the Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race on Reservoir Hill beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The fun will continue at 8 a.m. Sunday as the balloons take to the skies again from the uptown area. Following the balloons is a broomball tournament at the ice rink in Town Park to benefit the Multi-Purpose Skate Pavilion.

After all of the outdoor activities come to a close, finish off the weekend watching Super Bowl 50.

Visit www.pagosaspringschamber.com or our Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for more information on times and locations.

Locals to hit the stage for 'How to Eat Like a Child'

By Audrey Layne Crocker
Special to The PREVIEW

Each year, Thingamajig Theatre Company presents a show in February that features the creativity and artistic prowess found in the citizens of Pagosa Springs. With such an interesting and beautiful community, the draw of folks from all walks of life is wide and deep.

From former actors and current performers to those who have never appeared onstage before, this outreach program gives the community of Pagosa an opportunity to "sit on the other side of the table."

This year, "How to Eat Like a Child" will feature several members of the community, directed and led by Laura Moore and Audrey Layne Crocker as a co-directing team.

The show itself features hilarious stories of children learning to consume their least favorite foods, as well as subjects like how to beg for a dog, how to torture your sister, how to act after being sent to your room and how to laugh

hysterically. A fast-paced and hilarious look at the child's incredibly mischievous and intelligent brain is perfect fodder to share with the community of Pagosa.

This year's local stars include Annita Benz, Amy Wolfe, Ann Bubb, Mary Webb, Thad McKain and Elly Heitkamp. With a variety of experience, audiences will be delighted to watch practical professionals play with total newbies in a show brand new to the theater scene of Pagosa.

One of the most important ambitions of Thingamajig Theatre Company is not only to bring fantastic, professional theater to the community, but to help the citizens of Pagosa take ownership of the art within themselves, as well. This outreach is a huge part of that ambition and results in an absolutely delightful night at the theater.

Tickets are available now. Visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW for purchase or information. This is sure to be the highlight of your winter as you watch folks you know take a chance and make their stage debuts.

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“Alaska Expedition” by Michael Rudd. Rudd, a professional photojournalist for nearly two decades, is this month’s presenter for the Pagosa Springs Photography Club.

Photography Club February meeting to feature Michael Rudd

By Steve Merchant
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will hold its February monthly meeting Wednesday evening, Feb. 10, at the Pagosa Lodge.

Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by the program and short business meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Photography Club normally meets the second Wednesday of each month year around at 6 p.m. at the Lodge.

The February program will be

presented by local photographer Michael Rudd.

Rudd has been covering overland expeditions as a professional photojournalist for nearly 20 years. He will be discussing and sharing photos from a recent overland drive from Fairbanks, Alaska, to the Beaufort Sea using the Cambridge Trans-America Expedition Land Rover from the original 1960 expedition.

Members are encouraged to bring 15-20 photographs of recent photo opportunities on a flash drive or CD for review and discus-

sion following the presentation, time permitting.

Photography enthusiasts at all levels of ability are invited to attend club meetings at no charge for the first meeting. If interested, you are invited to join for annual dues of \$25 for individuals, \$35 for a family membership and \$10 for a student membership.

For more information concerning the meeting, contact Jean Moats at 507-1017, Steve Merchant at 264-1226 or Susanne Russell at 946-6454.

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Archuleta County 4-H council members pose with food items collected during the months of November and December. 4-H hopes that donating after the holiday season helps to replenish the local food pantry and has done donated food two years in a row. Pictured in back row are Becky Jacobson, 4-H coordinator, Tay Barker, Katie Hamblen, Jade Hart, Caitlin Adams, DeAnn Schaaf, Ashley Smyth, Diana Scott, Liam Doctor and Mitch Meisinger. Front row are Gracelyn Kiker, Courtney Jacquez, Macey Jacobson and Danielle Decker.

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Whadyacallit Drag Wednesday moved to Feb. 17

By Audrey Layne Crocker
Special to The PREVIEW

One of the premier events of Pagosa Springs is hosted by Thingamajig Theatre Company every month.

With wild and crazy versions of games that most folks know, this night is full of surprises. Charades, Pictionary and art trivia have never been played quite this way in Pagosa, and Thingamajig is proud to present a fresh and new event to keep the winter months a little spicy.

February, the month of love, is already jammed with all kinds of crazy events. Because of some scheduling conflicts, Thingamajig has officially decided to move Whadyacallit Drag Wednesday to Feb. 17. All of the same fabulous queens will be in residence (look out for Beverly's Valentine's surprises) and the night will remain a blast.

Register for the table-by-table competition online or by phone. Register as a group of four (\$80) or individually (\$20) and we'll find a table for you to join for the competition. Silly and saucy prizes are delivered throughout the evening as each round intensifies. A full bar will be available and you're free to bring any snacks you'd like to fuel your team.

Visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW for tickets or information.

Thingamajig Theatre Com-



Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

February may be a busy month, but it isn't too busy for Thingamajig Theatre Company's Wadyacallit Drag Night, which has been moved to Feb. 17. The evening is slated to feature a few Valentine's surprises.

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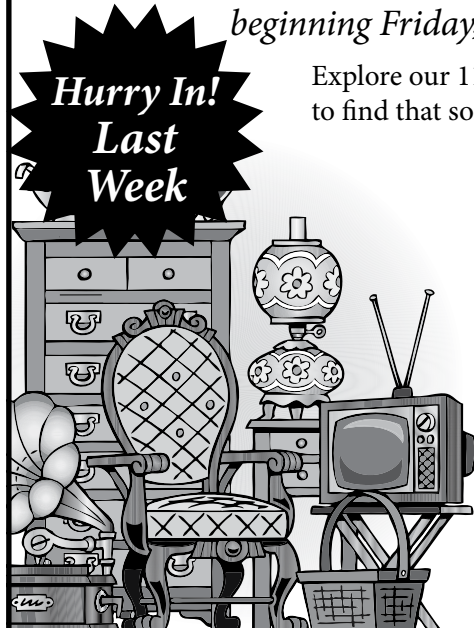
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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir is sponsoring a Community Women's Chorus to share the stage at its annual Spring Concert. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church and continue each Tuesday until the performance on May 3.

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir to sponsor Community Women's Chorus

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir is seeking women in Pagosa Springs who love to sing and would like to perform in a concert along with the PSGC.

A community women's chorus is being formed to begin rehearsals

on Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church. The choir will continue to rehearse each Tuesday until its performance on Tuesday, May 3.

The Women's Chorus will perform quality choral music in a variety of styles. It will sing several pieces alone and also perform a

selection or two with the PSGC.

"I am so excited for this venture to give the girls an opportunity to sing with a women's chorus. It will be a new experience for the girls, one that we all enjoy," said PSGC Director Linda Parker. "I had a wonderful time singing in the Community Choir with women

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Sweet Al: If the shoe fits

Every June at the wrestling banquet in the Town Park, my Sweet Al and I dance to the music of The High Rollers. I know you've seen us out there under the stars. I feel like Gabby Hayes and Kitty from "Gun-smoke." My Sweet Al's right leg is 2 inches shorter than his left. He holds me tight, and with a jerk and a limp we move one step forward, then a dip and one step sideways.

Believe it or not, we fell in love on the dance floor. We must have been standing still or blindly in love. For years, I couldn't remember which leg was shorter. I'm not one for details, so it didn't matter. I just knew Al had a short leg. But, I didn't fall in love with one good leg and one bad leg. I fell in love with my Sweet Al's beautiful heart.

Over the years, Al has told his story about the accident. At 2 years old, Sweet Al's dad ran over him with the family's big Buick. His dad realized what he did, thought Al was under the wheel and backed over him again. For months, Al lay in the hospital with blood poisoning. The doctor said, "If this child is going to live, we've got cut off his leg."

Sweet Al's grandfather, a baby

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



specialist, grabbed his grandson up and carried him out of the hospital on a pillow. He saved his life, his leg and what was left of his anklebone. Fast forward 75 years, we are in the doctor's office shopping for a shoe that fits, which will hopefully reconcile the problem.

All these years, Al has walked on his toes to compensate for a 2-inch shorter leg. His ankle has fused to his foot and it hasn't moved. He couldn't stand the pain any longer and we went to the doctor.

One doctor said, "You're going to have to live with it; I can't grow you a new ankle bone. I can take out the nerve endings, but you'll have a brick on the end of your leg. I'll fit you for a lift in your shoe; it'll take away some of the pressure. Here's the company, here's the address, make an appointment."

Sounded good to me. We were

in Albuquerque, in the car driving to the shoe place when Al said, "I don't need a lift, I've walked on my toes all these years, I don't need one now."

I said, "Al, just do it."

"Which shoe? You know I love shoes. My closet is full of shoes." He said, "I can't. I don't know which ones to pick. I'd have to wear the same shoe all the time. That won't work. I need shoes to work in and different shoes to play in."

Oh, the problem of having a shoe fetish. Heaven forbid. "Al, just do it. We're here in Albuquerque and we need to do it."

His foot continued to hurt. It's been years of constant pain. We made another appointment with another foot specialist. The doctor said to relieve the pain we need to get a shoe built for him. There's a company in Durango.

We went to Durango. The shoe man spent two hours with Al. He said, "We can go two ways. We can fit you with a 2-inch lift, which can be switched into your different shoes. Or the promise of a three-month wait to have a shoe built to fit your need. Let's start with

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Choir

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and men who are wonderful musicians. Some of those women have already expressed an interest in singing in the Women's Chorus."

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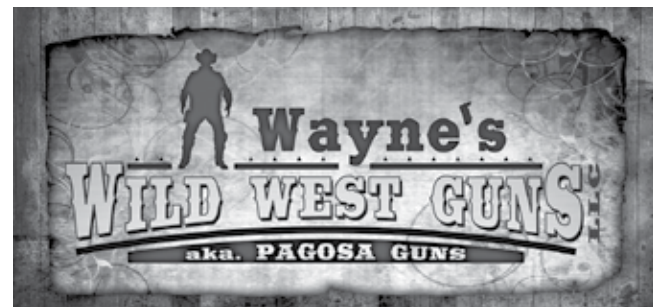
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Lane

■ continued from previous page the lift.”

He built the lift, slipped it down into Al's high-top shoe and Al walked out with his 2-inch lift. Now, he can't walk without it.

Al said, "It feels so good." "Al Slade, I told you to do it years ago. That lift in the shoe wouldn't fit inside that hard head of yours. You make me so mad that you've suffered with that foot when you didn't have to."

My friend's mother had both feet removed because of diabetes.

She tells everyone, "I'm short two feet. That's all." Well, now my Sweet Al is tall 2 inches.

If you live so long, you'll see it all. Al's no longer walking on his toes. He's walking on his heel and loving it. Next summer, when the snow is off the grass and the ice rink is put away until another winter, you're not going to see Gabby Hayes with Kitty limping around at the wrestling banquet. You're going to see a new Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers gliding over green grass.

Why is it we have to be backed into a corner before we can take a step forward in new shoes? Why does it take so long to learn what we need to learn?

Final brushstroke: Move over, Ron Gustafson. There's a new John Travolta in town. He's walking 2 inches taller. Now, we have another dilemma. Al had every pair of pants he owns hemmed 2 inches shorter on one leg. Now he's walking around with one short pant leg.

I guess one day it won't matter. Have I heard right? They don't wear

shoes or pants in the casket. There will be a day we will happily trade it all in on a new pair of wings. Maybe one should be a little shorter just to keep us sweet.

Readers' comments

Send your comments to betty@bettyslade.com.

On the recent article, "The prodigal mother," our son wrote, "I really feel bad about your article. For how long did you blame yourself for something that wasn't yours to own? If ever you did anything to run me away, or stand in the door or whatever, it was a one hit. I have lived by my own hand for years. I have done a lot of bad things and hurt a lot of people, but it wasn't because you did anything to cause those things. For anything you may have done, I look at it like shaking a tree and only one leaf fell. The rat was me shaking the tree until every leaf was gone. I'm really sorry. But my misses are mine and by the grace of God I can recognize and own them."

Quilting Guild to meet Feb. 13

By Kay Beatty
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Piecemakers Quilting Guild meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13, at CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave.

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Men of St. Patrick's reach out to Navajo Nation with fundraising pancake supper

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

Just as the glow of the Christmas lights begin to fade and we pack away last year's memories, it is time to retreat into Lent, a season of contemplation. But, first, there is the prerequisite Mardi Gras, also known as Fat Tuesday. It is the last hurrah, the day to eat, drink and be merry.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., the Men of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will hold a traditional pancake dinner in the church parish hall. For only \$5 (\$10 per family), the men will serve all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausages in a festive Mardi Gras atmosphere.

The proceeds go to help with outreach projects, such as providing solar panels to homes in Nava-

joland so that the Navajos can have electricity.

"There are 16,000 homes in Navajoland without electricity," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "The small solar panels cost \$300 each and provide enough electricity for two lights and a cell phone recharger. While that seems like a small amount, it is hard to imagine having no lighting at all. The men of our parish have been partnering with St. Mark's Episcopal in Durango and St. Barnabus in Cortez on this project and it is making a difference."

In addition to the solar panel project, the men have provided wooden crosses to mark graves in Navajoland and have worked to paint and repair community buildings and the small church.

"There is a strong Episcopal presence in Navajoland, one that began with a medical mission in

1894, and we at St. Patrick's are very happy to be a part of the effort to help these indigenous people in their efforts to be more self-sufficient," Neel said.

For more information about the Episcopal Church in Navajoland, go to www.navajoland.org. Extra donations are welcome and appreciated.

The pancake supper is always a fun and traditional way to begin the season of Lent. Those who attend will have the additional pleasure of knowing that the cost of their meal will be helping people in need.

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m., the Ash Wednesday service will officially mark the beginning of the holy season of Lent. You do not have to be Episcopalian to attend. All are welcome.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Feb. 7 session to discuss addictive behaviors

By Roxanne Schick
Special to The PREVIEW

Jaclyn Deilgat, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist in San Diego who specializes in the study and treatment of addictive behavior and mental illness with a specific interest in schizophrenia. She currently teaches a class on addictive behaviors in a doctoral program in the Santa Barbara, Calif., area.

Deilgat will be in Pagosa Springs this weekend and will be discussing with adults and teens the impact of addictive behaviors and

their consequences.

She advocates for people with addiction and mental illness and works mainly with people who cannot afford exorbitant fees for treatment. She believes in moral, compassionate care and is philanthropic in her approach. Her goal is to destigmatize people who struggle with addictions and mental health concerns; she sees the human behind the diagnosis and the patient behind the patient ID number. She believes that all people can be helped and sees no situation as hopeless.

She will present her clinical ex-

perience and professional knowledge of how self-defeating behavior impacts and affects individuals, family members and friends. The subject matter will include alcohol, drugs and other mood-altering substances. Deilgat will address other addictive behaviors such as video games, texting and food.

Ample time will be given to attendees who want to share their experience and ask questions.

This event will take place from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, located at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

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Innocent eyes and removing the mask

By Gregg Heid
Special to The PREVIEW

A baby girl distracted me in church on Sunday. I sat behind her mother, who held her so she faced me. When she smiled, I was captivated. She loved making me smile. Her large, black pupils sparkled when she looked at me.

William Shakespeare said, “the eyes are the window to the soul.” I felt as though I was looking into her soul, pure and innocent. It was as though I gazed into the eyes of Christ.

Eyes can be deceiving as we age. We can tell by the body language and eyes of a young child when they are not truthful. We don't always see the truth when we look into the eyes of an adult. Outward emotions and certain eye movements can mask inward values or feelings. Sometimes we see happiness that covers pain and suffering. Other times we see politeness and good behavior covering for evil and malicious intentions. On other occasions, we see goodness and charity covering for one's own poverty and lack.

We need to discern the mask from one's true identity. Discernment is a gift from God (Philippians 1:9, NAS). It is a gift used to

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determine the things in life that are true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, excellent and worthy of praise. The values in life, which are important. When we focus our priorities on these things, it allows us to take off our masks and be sincere, honest and blameless with those we encounter.

The wonderful truth is we have the potential to be as pure and sinless as the little girl in church if we put on the righteousness of Christ through faith in Him (II Corinthians 5:21, NAS). People will look into our eyes and see the light of Christ, which shines in the darkness and cannot be extinguished. No mask needed.

Our eyes should reflect who we are, not a mask we show the world. The mask veils the true man from himself and others. If anyone looks into my eyes, will they see the light of Christ?

“The eye is the lamp of your body, when your eye is clear your

whole body is full of light; but when your eye is bad your body also is full of darkness,” Luke 11:34 (NAS).

Lord, help me to look into the eyes of others with compassion so I can see your light in them. Remove my mask so others may see You in me.

Readers' comments

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Taking back the reins to our lives

By **Sonya Flores Lugo**
Special to The PREVIEW

John Walden, who trained with Tony Robbins and Sandra Ray, will be speaking at Luminosity Talks this Friday, Feb. 5, at 6 p.m. He has developed his own method on how to disengage the primitive brain from triggering stress and overtaking our personality.

The primitive brain is flawless — it works perfectly all the time in our daily routine. Yet, any slight fear about money, hurting somebody's feelings or concern about our safety

triggers the primitive brain and, in response, it shifts into the fight-or-flight syndrome. This syndrome causes a rush of adrenaline in our bodies that comes with the dramatic effects of stressful reactions.

What happens when stress becomes a daily reaction to real or imagined fears that trigger the primitive brain into dumping adrenalin into our system on a daily basis? The result becomes obvious. It becomes corrosive to every organ and system in our bodies and a slow poisoning takes place.

While stress continues dumping

its payload of negative charges into our bodies, we become increasingly helpless and powerless to stop it. We become like helpless pawns to trigger-response mechanisms that take over our personalities until we don't know who we are anymore.

Walden will speak about this common phenomenon and the overcharged world of negative emotions that have come to rule our lives. He will address how to free ourselves from the crippling effects of stress and the insights necessary to take back the reins to our reality to transcend suffering in any way it's showing up.

In Walden's own words, "When we take responsibility for what we've made up about ourselves that causes us stress, then we can see that change comes by recognizing it's an inside job after all."

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

Luminosity Talks meets at the Vista Clubhouse at 230 Port Ave.

UU Fellowship to present 'Standing on the Side of Love' Feb. 13

By **Julie Loar**
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a program titled "Standing on the Side of Love" with Julie Loar this Sunday, Feb. 7, for its regular service.

Loar will present a message on the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) public advocacy campaign also titled Standing on the Side of Love. The campaign was initiated by the UUA to promote respect for the inherent worth and dignity of every person, one of the seven principles. Unitarian Universalists stand with all who believe that no person should be dehumanized through acts of

exclusion, oppression or violence.

Standing on the Side of Love continues the prophetic tradition of working for healing in a broken world. This campaign is an opportunity to live out our deepest ideals and aspirations and confronts exclusion, oppression and violence that is based on identity head on. Grounded in the belief that all people deserve love and respect, the campaign pursues social change through advocacy, public witness and speaking out in solidarity with those whose lives are publicly demeaned.

In addition to the principle noted, this presentation honors the Unitarian Universalist principles of "justice, equity and compassion

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Celebrate Souper Bowl Saturday at the Empty Bowls event

By **Tessie Garcia**
Special to The PREVIEW

Souper Bowl Saturday will take place Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pagosa Springs Elementary School with the Empty Bowls event.

We have over 300 ceramic bowls made by elementary and high school students, as well as other members of our community. During the event, under the direction

of music teacher Lisa Hartley, students will perform to entertain everyone.

Your \$10 donation will get you the opportunity to pick out a beautiful, handmade ceramic bowl, as well as a simple but wonderful meal of soup, bread, drink and dessert donated by area businesses and community members.

Karen Sicclair is organizing a silent auction that will include items

and gift certificates donated by local businesses. Proceeds will go to local food banks.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's event. If you have attended our Empty Bowls event in the past and have a bowl that you would like to donate back, contact Tessie Garcia at 769-4212.

Homemakers to share their favorite things Feb. 11

By **Tozi Rubin**
Special to The PREVIEW

The theme of Mountain View Homemakers' February meeting is "My Favorite Things." This program is back by popular demand because we've all had such a great time in the past as members shared favorite household tips, personal treasures, books and even recipes.

Be sure to bring something to share that is a big favorite with you. It can be an object, a cooking trick, something in technology or a novel way to use something. You are only limited by your imagination. However, please do not take more than a few minutes to describe your favorite thing. The program will begin after lunch.

We invite all area women to

meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11, in the Extension center at the fairgrounds. There will be a covered dish lunch at noon. First-time visitors are not expected to bring food.

Mountain View Homemakers is a 50-year-old monthly gathering of area women who are interested in making their lives, the lives of their families and the community more enjoyable. The meetings include lunch and a speaker or activity.

At least one meeting each year is a hands-on community project and the July meeting is an auction/fundraiser.

There are no dues or membership requirements and every interested woman is welcome. We meet on the second Thursday of every month. Call Tozi at 731-3360 with questions.

Fellowship

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Loar serves on the steering committee for the Pagosa Fellowship and also has been director of religious education.

The Pagosa Fellowship welcomes people of all spiritual belief systems, ethnicity and sexual orientation and invites you to enjoy refreshments and conversation after services,

which are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue; then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north. For further information, call 731-7900.

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Preview Calendar

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Thursday, Feb. 4

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.

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. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

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.

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

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., UU Fellowship Hall, Greenbriar Plaza Unit B15. Call 264-0111 for more information.

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.

Mardi Gras Barkus Pet Parade. 11 a.m., Town Park.

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.

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Sunday, Feb. 7

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

Addictive Behaviors and Their Consequences. 12:30-3:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Jaclyn Deilgat, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist who specializes in the study and treatment of addictive behavior and mental illness.

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.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Earth Community. 2:30 p.m., Visi-

tor Center. Discussion 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.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

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

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

Archuleta County Republican Women. Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. The guest speaker will be Rebekah Warwick, who is the western coordinator for Heritage Action, a grassroots organization of The Heritage Foundation. Everyone is invited to attend. The doors open at

11:30 a.m. Lunch will be offered for \$12. For more information, go to acrwpagosa@gmail.com.

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

Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for the book club for adults. The February book is "Storied Life of AJ Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin. Let us know if you need a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

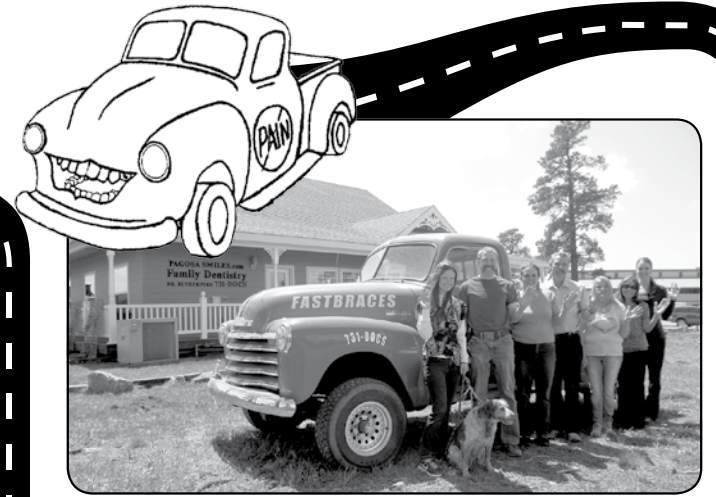
American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary. 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. X-box, Wii, board games and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Pi Beta Phi. 5 p.m., Ajia Chinese Restaurant. Alumnae and husbands celebrate the Year of the Monkey at a no-host Chinese New Year's dinner. RSVP to Carole Howard at tailwinds1@aol.com.

Men of St. Patrick's Pancake Supper. 5-6:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Join us as the Men of St. Patrick's hold a traditional pancake dinner. For only \$5 (\$10

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per family), the men will serve all you can eat pancakes and sausages in a festive Mardi Gras atmosphere. This is a fundraiser for the Navajo Nation.

ESL Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

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. 10

Hatha Yoga. 10-11 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. 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.

Free Blood Pressure Checks. 10:30 a.m., Senior Center.

HELP (Healthy Eating Lifestyle Plan). Noon-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Weigh-in, support and more. Everyone is welcome. Call Nancy Strait at 731-3427 for more information.

DIY Cake Pops. 1 p.m., Sisson Library. Just in time for Valentine's Day, learn to make your own cake pops. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Earth Community. 1:30-5 p.m., Visitor Center. Discussion will be on GMOs. There will be books, magazines and copies of studies to take home. Snacks and beverages provided.

Free Radon Testing Workshop. 2-3 p.m., CSU Extension Office. Free presentations about radon detection and mitigation. Those attending a radon presentation can pick up a free radon testing kit while supplies last. Preregistration is required to reserve your space. Call 264-5931.

Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

Bookbuster's Dare to Read Book Club. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to discuss the book "Boy"

by Roald Dahl. For youth in 4th-8th grades.

ESL Conversation Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or e-mail lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

American Legion Post 108. 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St. Veterans' group meeting.

Ash Wednesday Service. 6 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The service will officially mark the beginning of the holy season of Lent. All are welcome

Pagosa Spring Photography Club. 6 p.m., Pagosa Lodge. Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by the program and short business meeting at 6:30 p.m. The February program will be presented by local photographer Michael Rudd. For more information, contact Jean Moats (970) 507-1017, Steve Merchant 264-1226 or Susanne Russell at 946-6454.

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

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. 11

Health Insurance Options. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Come for drop-in sessions to learn about health insurance via Med-

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- 15 Arabian bigwig
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- 18 Take for a bride
- 19 Not bold
- 20 Beat
- 22 Gym tote
- 24 Itsy-bitsy biter
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- 27 Formula _____
- 28 Chester White's home
- 30 Understandable
- 33 Kind of photograph
- 35 Folklore fiend
- 39 Part of MADD
- 40 It may be flared
- 43 Carry on
- 44 Energy drinks, perhaps
- 46 "Carmen" highlight
- 49 Drone, e.g.
- 50 Cleopatra biter
- 53 Shipping hazard
- 54 Donations
- 56 What a slow runner may need
- 59 "Ciao!"
- 62 Arise
- 63 Armoire feature
- 65 Bat's home
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- 3 Religious leader
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- 5 Cut down
- 6 During
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- 9 Apprentice doctor
- 10 Catch
- 11 Pole-lowering dance
- 12 Winged
- 13 Golf club
- 21 Breakfast sizzler
- 23 Charge
- 25 Get rid of
- 28 Identifying mark
- 29 Forum wear
- 31 Top 40 lists
- 32 _____ bag
- 34 Core
- 36 Prospector's funding
- 37 Opportune
- 38 "If all _____ fails..."
- 41 Gumbo pod
- 42 Like some talk
- 45 Clique
- 47 Out
- 48 "Wanna _____?"
- 50 Coming up
- 51 Taste, e.g.
- 52 Ottoman title
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Overeaters Anonymous. 11 a.m., Centerpoint Church. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Leslie at 799-0775.

Mountain View Homemakers. 11:30 a.m., CSU Extension Building. Topic is "My favorite things." Covered-dish lunch prepared by members. Briefly share your favorite tip, book, recipe or treasured object. Call Tozi at 731-3360 with questions.

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

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

ESL Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

Friday, Feb. 12

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.

Facebook for Individuals. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Learn the basics of a personal Facebook account. Learn how to create an account, find friends, upload photos/videos, post a status update and set privacy settings. Call 264-2209 to register.

Movie. 2 -3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Explore the world of the emperor penguin through a little penguin who can dance. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m., Parish Hall.

Course in Miracles Study Group.

7-8:30 p.m., Yoga Clarity Studio. Call 264-0111 for more info.

Saturday, Feb. 13

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.

Meditation and Dharma Talk. 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, Suite 15-B, 70 Greenbriar Drive. Debra Quayle offers monthly dharma talks and meditation guidance. All are welcome.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilting Guild. 10 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave. This is a perfect time to visit/join and learn about the great programs and workshops ahead. All skills or just interested bystanders are welcome to meet and greet, refreshments, show 'n' tell and friendly fellowship.

LEGO Club. 10:30-11:15 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us to build wonderful creations with LEGOs. For ages 6-13.

Sunday, Feb. 14

Earth Community. 2 p.m., Sisson Library. We will be showing a short film. Earth Community Pagosa is working on increasing the safety of our food supply. There will be refreshments.

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. 15

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Tuesday, Feb. 16

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

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

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. X-box, Wii, board games and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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Pajama Time Storytime. 6-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for a pajama storytime recommend-

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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.

Whadyacallit Drag Wednesday. 7

p.m., Pagosa Center for the Arts. Resident drag queen Beverly hosts the night full of games you know with a Thingamajig twist. For more information, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Thursday, Feb. 18

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

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Gifts of the Heart make a difference

By Barb Draper
Special to The PREVIEW

Do your purchases of Gifts of the Heart cards for special occasions make a difference? Absolutely. The generous support of this community throughout 2015 made a tremendous difference in the lives of many people through donations to the Methodist Church Food Pantry, the Community Assistance Fund, the After School Tutoring and Pagosa Programs for Youth.

During the year, more 263 individuals and families (130 more than in 2014) honored their friends and loved ones with beautiful greeting cards. Therefore, hundreds of local residents received much-needed and appreciated assistance.

You collectively donated \$4,649 to the food pantry. This provided hundreds of bags of basic food supplies for the many who needed food assistance last year. Food pantry chairman Rose Cheadle coordinates food purchases with items that are donated and her committee assembles the bags weekly. Food bags are distributed at the Methodist Church Mondays through Thursdays and are very much appreciated by each recipient.

The Community Assistance Fund received \$4,373 from you. You helped individuals with many needs, including, but not limited to, emergency prescription assistance, home utility payments, eyeglasses, emergency short-term housing and one-time travel assistance. Jennifer Lindberg at the Methodist Thrift Store or Pastor Claus Rohlfs are the contact people for this fund.

Thanks to your generosity, dozens of students received after-school tutoring that helped them continue to attain their educational goals. The \$2,820 you gave contributed greatly to the salaries of the dedicated tutors. This ongoing program helps pave the way for continued classroom success by these students. Lisa Scott is the mastermind behind this project and she works closely with both the classroom teachers and the program tutors.

The \$2,436 you gave to Pagosa Programs for Youth will help kick off the upcoming 2016 Summer Youth Program for kids ages 5 and up. Darren Lewis, program director, has plans for full-day activities for Pagosa youth this summer. This money will help jump start



Photo courtesy Barb Draper

Recipients of checks from Gifts of the Heart Program are, from left: Darren Lewis (Summer Youth Program), Joyce Ryan (food pantry), Jennifer Lindberg (Community Assistance Fund), Lisa Scott (After-School Tutoring) and Pastor Claus Rohlfs (Community Assistance Fund). Checks were presented by Barbara Trask (third from left) and Glenda Henderson (far right).

this program, which will include athletic, cultural, educational and other fun activities for the participants. Watch for more information about this new program throughout the spring.

Moving into 2016, new cards have just been designed for Valentine's Day and will be for sale (minimum donation of \$5) this Saturday, Feb. 6, at Ace Hardware between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

You can also pick out your Valentine's cards and cards for other occasions throughout the year Monday through Thursday at the Methodist Church. Yes, for those of you who are really planning ahead, you may even purchase Thanksgiving and Christmas cards at anytime.

The Gifts of the Heart committee and those who received services throughout the past year thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. The people who received cards from you surely appreciated your thoughtfulness, as well. Please continue your support in 2016.

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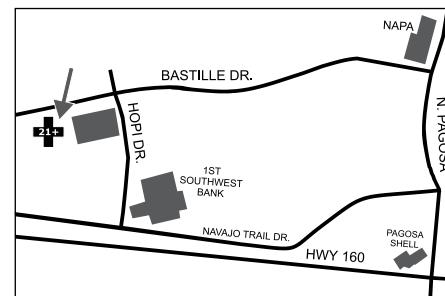
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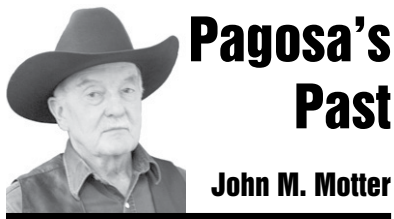


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Crossing the San Juans on Elwood Pass

I've been writing about the first roads used by Pagosa Country pioneers to reach Pagosa Springs from the outside world. The focus has been on a road no longer in use. This particular road crossed the San Juan Mountains by way of Elwood Pass and on the western side of the San Juans reached Pagosa Springs by way of the East Fork of the San Juan River.

I think the Elwood Pass route is still passable with a four-wheel drive, but since I haven't been up there in maybe 30 years, I'm not sure. The best advice is to call the U.S. Forest Service office in Pagosa Springs before you try it.



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

At an early date, the road through Elwood Pass was taken over by the state of Colorado as a state highway. To follow it easterly from the San Juan Basin in those days, travelers had to follow the Conejos River almost to the New Mexico border, then follow it up to the old mining town of Platoro.

From Platoro, the route swung northward to the approximate vicinity of Summitville. From Summitville, the road moved into Elwood Pass, followed the East Fork of the San Juan to its juncture with the West Fork of the San Juan, then generally followed the San Juan down to Pagosa Springs.

I used to drive this route every year, especially in the fall when the aspen displays were outstanding. This route remained as a state road until the October flood of 1911 washed away the road in the canyon just upstream from its union with the West Fork. At that time, the state decided to search for a

new route. I'll describe the result of that decision pretty soon.

When I first moved to Pagosa Springs about 1979, there were still people living here who'd crossed the mountains by horse-drawn wagons by way of Elwood Pass. It should be noted that flooding was an almost annual event in the lower canyon of the San Juan East Fork. When that happened, travelers headed for Pagosa Springs from the east followed the Elwood Pass route to a point just upstream from the Joe Mann cabin site (which remains to this day). Then they turned northward on the Windy Pass Trail, crossed those moun-

tains, then dropped down through Windy Pass to an existing route along the West Fork of the San Juan that led to Pagosa Springs.

The descent of Windy Pass was extremely steep. To prevent loss of the wagons, the team of horses could be moved behind the wagon, thus holding back on the wagon, or logs could be attached behind the wagons. That adventure was described to me by former barber Earl Mullins, who, as a small boy in 1900, came to Pagosa Springs with a caravan of covered wagons by way of Elwood and Windy passes.

The last time I looked, there
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United Way dining certificates perfect for Valentine's Day

By Bill Hudgins
Special to the Preview

Valentine's Day is just two weeks away. Are your plans made? How about taking your dearest out for dinner, pay for the night out with a United Way dining certificate and benefit our community all at the same time?

These certificates may be purchased for \$25, redeemable for that amount at any one of the 24 participating establishments. In turn, those establishments donate \$5 for each certificate to Archuleta County United Way.

These donations help to fund 12 local nonprofit agencies providing much-needed services to our residents in the areas of health, education and self-reliance.

Most restaurants allow you to use more than one certificate provided that you spend in multiples of \$25. Also, most allow the certificates to be used for beverages as well as food, but please check with your server when ordering. Certificates are not to be used for tax and tip.

Those agencies benefiting from these donations are American Red Cross, Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program, Axis Health System, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Girl Scouts of Colorado, Habitat for Humanity, Housing Solutions for the Southwest, Pagosa Outreach Connection, San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging, Seeds of Learning, Southwest Conservation Corp and Volunteers of America.

Certificates may be purchased at many of these partner agencies, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center, Ross Aragon Community Center and the Pagosa Lakes Recreation Center, or by calling 946-1624 or emailing to billh@unitedway-swco.org.

Using these certificates to dine out is a win-win situation. You win by enjoying a great meal and showing how much you care about our community, and the community benefits with the donation from the restaurant at no cost to you. Certificates may be used at any time for any occasion until April 10.

The issue of teen dating violence

By Cheryl Bowdridge
Special to The PREVIEW

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Some of you may be thinking, "Is that really an issue?" The answer is yes. One in three young adults between the ages of 14 and 24 will be involved in some form of dating violence. That number is alarming when you think about the fact that some of us have three daughters, so possibly one of them.

Dating violence is not always physical. It comes in the form of control, verbal abuse and/or emotional abuse; often physical violence is not present in a dating violence relationship. What most teens don't even realize is that their relationship may be unhealthy. When a young person is in the middle of a relationship, the control and constant attention they receive from their partner may seem completely normal to them.

Movies, books and music often portray relationships as being about intensity and complete physical attraction or they don't survive. This portrayal gives our

young people a false sense of what a real, healthy relationship should look like. Is it necessary to have such an attraction, or is it possible a normal best friend kind of relationship is actually the type of relationship we are looking for?

One of the most important things that adults can do in the lives of the young people around them is be good role models in their relationships. Have conversations with teens and preteens about the difference between the kind of relationship they see on TV or read about in books and what a real relationship that consists of love, trust and compromise is.

Teen dating violence is an epidemic that will take all of us working together to become more involved and educated about to put an end to it. When a young person begins their relationships in such a way, this may become normal and can lead to a lifetime of domestic violence.

For more information on Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month or to get information on how to cope with this situation, visit www.loveis-respect.org or call Archuleta County Victim Assistance at 264-9075.

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This route remained as a state road until the October flood of 1911 washed away the road in the canyon just upstream from its union with the West Fork.

was still a Windy Pass sign along the east side of U.S. 160 just before reaching Treasure Falls while traveling toward Wolf Creek Pass. You can also reach the Wolf Creek Ski Area by way of Windy Pass if you're into hiking.



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

The Joe Mann homestead with its log cabin remains on the San Juan East Fork Road at a point where the first canyon widens. Mann was among the first pioneers in Pagosa Country and is the subject of several good stories. He lost the homestead, but in his declining years built a small cabin along the road on Elwood Pass. The second cabin is noted on San Juan National Forest maps.

The power of mentoring

By Christina Crain
Special to The PREVIEW

Mentor. What a powerful word. A mentor guarantees young people that there is someone who cares about them, assures them they are not alone in dealing with day-to-day challenges and makes them feel like they matter. This definition truly identifies what the mentors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Archuleta County do.

January was National Mentoring Month and from our community Bigs to our high school Bigs, their dedication and commitment to our youth is what makes our volunteers incredibly special.

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CITIZENS BANK is now accepting applications for a Teller position. Some experience preferred. Applications and resumes may be dropped off at 27 Talisman Drive. Equal opportunity employer.

SECRETARY: Archuleta School District 50 Joint in Pagosa Springs, CO has a part-time elementary school secretary position available. Job description, salary and applications may be viewed and 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.

TEACHER AIDE: Archuleta School District 50 Joint is accepting applications for a part-time Elementary School Special Education Teacher Aide. Job description and salary schedule information and application may be viewed and completed online through www.mypagosaschools.com.

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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.AxisHealthSystem, 281 Sawyer Dr., Ste. 100, Durango, CO 81303, email resumes@axishealthsystem.org or fax (970)247-1337. EOE.

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.

CARETAKER FOR ELDERLY COUPLE. Full or part time. Also, live-in option. Light housekeeping, meal preparation. Need dependable transportation, upper Piedra area. Call 731-4523.

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.townofpagosaspings.com.

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POSITION: COLORADO CERTIFIED B or Collections 3 Wastewater Operations Supervisor. Location: Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Pagosa Springs, CO. Salary and benefits: Salary DOQ. Benefits include retirement, health insurance, vacation, sick leave, district paid holidays, paid testing, training, tuition assistance and more in a competitive benefits package. Job description: Operate a recently upgraded wastewater treatment system, consisting of a 3.9 MGD activated sludge plant and a bio-solids greenhouse drying facility. Desired qualifications include: Use of CityWorks Computerized Maintenance Management System as a scheduling, planning and reporting tool. Diagnose and correct operating problems. Prepare reports and maintain records. Analyze readings and lab test results and make necessary plant adjustments. Inspect plant for efficiency in operations, cleanliness and maintenance. Train and evaluate employees. Prepare work schedules. Determine emergency actions. Assist in safety programs. Assure compliance on all levels of regulations. Establish and maintain cooperative job related relationships. Job requirements: High school diploma or GED. Colorado Class B wastewater certification or Class 3 Collections. One or more years of supervisory experience. Knowledge of the principles, methods and tools employed in the general operation of engines, pump valves, motors and related equipment; general maintenance work, safe work practices; principles and methods of wastewater treatment processes, principles of supervision and training; principles of budget preparation and expenditure control. Knowledge of computer software including but not limited to Microsoft Word, Excel, asset data management systems and able to operate plant PLC and SCADA systems. How to apply: Submit resume with a cover letter to email: nancy@pawsd.org or call (970)731-2691. Also complete and submit the application at our website: pawsd.org.

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ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE- The Pagosa Springs SUN is seeking a creative person to join our award-winning newspaper team. This position provides you the opportunity to work with area business owners and managers to assist them in advertising and work as a team with your clients to produce creative advertising layouts. We are looking for a self-motivated person to join our team selling weekly paper, website and special issues. Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop and marketing experience a plus. Base pay plus commission allows you to increase your income as you grow your client base. Please pick up an application at The Pagosa Springs SUN front office or email your resume to helpwanted@pagosasun.com. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL is accepting applications for a part-time teacher. Hours are from 2:30-5:30p.m. MWF with other days to substitute. Must be able to pass a background check. Experience is necessary and must have First Aid and CPR. Call Anette at (970)731-3512 for more information.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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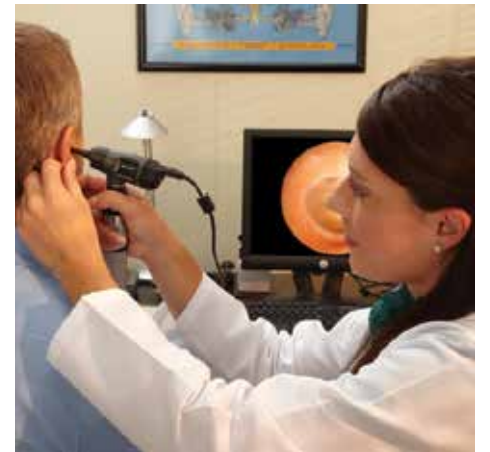
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