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Council rejects closed session after public comment

By Jim Garrett
Special to The SUN

The agenda for the Pagosa Springs Town Council's regular Feb. 18 meeting included a proposed executive session concerning the town's 10-Year Vested Rights Agreement with Springs Partners.

The session was intended to consider instructions to negotiators regarding potential revision of the agreement. But the proposal was tabled after a suggestion by council member David Schanzbaker that terms of the agreement should instead be discussed publicly.

The 2012 agreement with Springs Partners concerns a proposed mixed-use development downtown, on 27 acres south and east of the San Juan River and west of Hot Springs Boulevard.

As previously reported, construction by the town of a new bridge accessing the development site from 5th Street, west of the county courthouse, is under consideration. The bridge would also be connected with Hot Springs Boulevard near the post office, by a road through the development site.

Springs Partners would construct the bridge. ■ See Bridge A8

Turkey Springs search and rescue successful

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

A rescue effort was executed Monday, Feb. 22, by Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (USJSAR) and the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) for an unidentified woman who became lost in the Turkey Springs area at the Gate 5 trailhead.

In an interview with SUN staff, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) Division of Emergency Management spokesman Mike Le Roux stated that the agencies received a page around 4:35 p.m. and arrived at the trailhead around 5 p.m.

Le Roux stated that the woman, upon getting lost, was still in range of cell service and called her husband, who told her to stay where she was before notifying authori-

ties. Once the agencies arrived at the trailhead, they set up a command post while Le Roux interviewed the husband of the missing woman to "get a feel for the situation."

Le Roux explained that a part of the trail the woman was on, a 3.6-mile loop, was unclear in a certain area, and that he had even gone off that part of the trail while running a few weeks prior.

Le Roux and three PFPD volunteers followed the trail while singing and shouting to give away their position in the area where Le Roux thought the woman could be.

"It took about 15 or 20 minutes to locate her," Le Roux explained, adding that, when the search party made contact, the woman was in

■ See Search A8

County to hold public hearing on cell tower

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

On March 8, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) will hold a special hearing to consider the application for a cell tower in the Pagosa Lakes area.

According to a public notice provided by the county, "Black & Veatch, representing Verizon Wireless, is requesting approval to rezone a parcel in the PUD zone to establish a development plan, for property owned by the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association known as the Lake Forest Open Space ..."

The notice goes on to state that the development plan will "provide standards for placement of a Commercial Mobile Radio Systems (CMRS) wireless communication facility north of the lake, including

a 70' monopine pole and faux wood equipment shelter, and continued recreation and open space use."

The public hearing will take place at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, at the Archuleta County Emergency Operations Center, located at 777 County Road 600 (Piedra Road).

Public comment will be accepted at the meeting.

Those that wish to submit comments before the meeting regarding the cell tower can do so in several ways.

Comments can be submitted by:
• Emailing them to jshepard@archuletacounty.org.
• Calling them in to 264-1390.
• Mailing them to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
marshall@pagosasun.com

Pagosa Springs celebrates 125 years



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs History Museum

July 4 celebration, 1904.

Incorporation election Saturday, Feb. 28, 1891

By Shari Pierce
Staff Writer

Happy 125th Birthday, Pagosa Springs!
The Pagosa Springs SUN printed a special presentation of narrative profiles of Pagosa Springs pioneers in celebration of the town's centennial in 1991. The profiles were based on family records, earlier writings and remembered family lore, rather than historical research.

Those profiles will be reprinted in coming issues of The Pagosa Springs SUN.

The memoirs of the families who settled the area more than 125 years ago offer a reflection of the courage, character and commitment that provided a foundation for the Town of Pagosa Springs.

The 1885 special state census that was taken at the formation of Archuleta County was used in selecting the families profiled in the centennial edition.

Pagosa Springs newspapers published during 1890-91 were also used to identify families who settled this area prior to 1891, and who continue to have descendants living in Archuleta County.

These 10 selected families were in no way an all-inclusive listing of the earliest Pagosa

Springs pioneers, but were offered as being representative of these early settlers.

An 1890 item that was printed in the Pagosa Springs News reports that the population of Archuleta County totaled 927 at that time. (The fact that the 1890 census for most of the United States was destroyed prevented its use as a source of information for choosing families.)

It is obvious that there was a rather long list. Therefore, families were selected as being representative of different parts of the county and different walks of life. Pioneer families from the Navajo Valley, Edith, Upper Piedra and Chimney Rock areas were represented. Included were a fish hatchery operator, bank president, ranchers, politicians and merchants who were selected from among the different walks of life.

Space limitations dictated that some pioneer families whose descendants continued to reside in Archuleta County at that time were not included in the edition. Be assured, that in no way implied that these families were of any less importance to the formation and growth of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County. Each person who lived and worked in this region during that era played a role in the success of the community.

■ See Celebrates A8

Will the town of Pagosa Springs be incorporated? It seems to be the wish of a majority of her citizens that she should be. There are many arguments in favor of incorporation, and, perhaps, equally as many against incorporation, but we believe the former will outweigh the latter. In the matter of making improvements and beautifying the town, much more can be done under incorporation than without it. Incorporation is the only means by which non-resident property owners can be compelled to contribute their pro rata share for public improvements. Under the present state of affairs they expect the resident property owners to pay for all improvements and themselves reap equal benefit from the increase in value of their real estate. Let us incorporate and do something.

The Pagosa Springs News,
April 17, 1890.




Pagosa Springs May 1, 1906.

Photo courtesy Masco photo collection

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Bridging the gap

This week marks the 125th birthday for the Town of Pagosa Springs. For the past 125 years, town councils have been making the decisions for the residents of this community — some of them monumental.

A monumental move made by two council members at last Thursday's town council meeting went a long way toward bridging the gap between the council and the public in regard to the recent 5th Street bridge controversy.

Councilmen David Schanzenbaker and John Egan effectively stopped the council from entering executive session by voicing their desire to have the discussion held in front of the public.

This came in the wake of comments by numerous community members that illustrate the value of public input.

Unfortunately, that move was shut down before the public actually heard those discussions pertaining to the negotiations between the town and the Springs Partners.

Immediately following the suggestion to hold the session in public, concerns were expressed by council and staff that the Springs Partners weren't aware that their counterproposal would be heard in public at that meeting. There was a motion and vote to table the discussion until the town's March 1 meeting.

We applaud Schanzenbaker and Egan for their attempt to bring this matter into a public forum and being willing to conduct tough and possibly controversial conversations in the light of day.

It is not a given that a board has to enter into executive session, or that it will. The meeting was properly noticed. The public, including the Springs Partners, had fair notice of the meeting.

The Springs Partners had made a counterproposal to the town. Had the town accepted that counterproposal as submitted, it would have become public upon acceptance and vote of the council.

Why would anyone submit a proposal to town council and expect for that proposal to not be public information? Our town officials are elected by the public to serve the public.

For many who have shared their concerns with The SUN regarding the bridge, the issue isn't so much the idea of having a bridge in that 5th Street location.

The issue isn't the town participating in construction of the bridge, which could be a much-needed project.

The issue isn't the proposed development, which we see as a positive addition to our community.

The issue has been the process.

The issue has been the lack of transparency.

The issue has been lack of public information.

The issue has been concerns of council possibly violating the town's charter.

The issue is spending potentially \$6.5 million dollars of public funds without soliciting public input in a public forum.

The issue has become one of trust.

Council was elected by the public to serve the public, in the public's best interest, in the public's eye.

This matter has been labeled a "legacy decision."

We implore town council to make a legacy decision that it can be proud of, one that considers the concerns of its constituents.

Pursuant to a CORA request, Town Manager Greg Schulte released the Springs Partners' counterproposal on Wednesday morning to The SUN. That document is printed in a related story on page 1.

The public will have their say in a forum on March 17 at 5 p.m. at a location to be determined. In the meanwhile, the council's discussion of the counterproposal was tabled until the March 1 council meeting.

Perhaps the public will be provided with more information about the project and will be given the opportunity to contribute to the legacy decision that will shape our community for the next 125 years.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

Should a vehicle bridge be built across the river at 5th Street?



Keturah Ford

"Yeah ... it's hard to see it get developed, but in order to make it [Pagosa] a long-term plan for our family we need some bigger things happening."



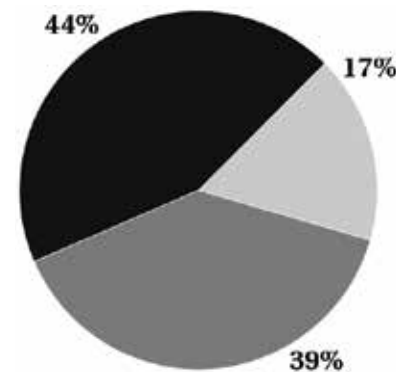
Joshua Rogers

"Yes, because the traffic is horrible and I think it would help."



Ken Cogen

"No, it takes away from the tradition of the town. Let development continue up and down 160."



Poll results (200 Votes)

Yes — 17 percent
No — 39 percent
Only if the developer pays for it. — 44 percent

This week online: Should Archuleta County regulate noncommercial marijuana cultivation?
Vote at www.pagosasun.com

LOOKING BACK



From the Mar. 9, 1967, Pagosa Springs SUN.

SPRING IS — Spring is starting to arrive in the lower country. This SUN photo of the longest railway bridge in Archuleta County also shows the river of ice. The thick cakes of ice on the island in the foreground are what remains of the river ice after it broke up a few weeks ago. These huge cakes weigh hundreds of pounds and are melting fast. The bridge is that of the D&RGW railway and is across the San Juan River just below Juanita.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 26, 1926

Kenneth D. Hill, Mrs. Vic Johnson and daughter Hattie returned home Sunday by auto from Globe, Ariz., where they accompanied Mrs. Ced Hill and Son Roderic. They report a splendid trip with the exception of bucking the mud the last forty miles.

W.H. Snow was in Dyke Wednesday from his ranch on Devil creek and very much worried because he didn't get a letter from Mrs. Snow, who is visiting at Pagosa Springs.

The Odd Fellow lodge will give a grand masquerade ball in their hall on St. Patrick's night, Wednesday night, March 17th.

Dyke and Holliday are vaccinating their cattle this week for blackleg.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 28, 1941

According to Mr. Alva A. Evans, local field supervisor for the emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office of Wichita, Kansas, crop and feed loans are now available to eligible farmers in Archuleta County. Application for these loans may be made at County Court Room, Pagosa Springs, Colo. These loans are to be made to farmers who are unable to obtain credit to meet their farming requirements on reasonable terms from any other source.

The Z.&H. Cafe operated by Mrs. and Mrs. Homer McKinley was burglarized some time Sunday night, the thief getting away with about \$3.50 which was taken from the cash till. Entrance to the building was gained by forcing the back door.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 24, 1966

County Clerk Felima Gardner this week reminded motorists that 1965 license plates are in need of replacing. February 28 is the last day that 1966 plates may be purchased if motorists wish to comply with the license deadline. After that date 1966 plates are required on all motor vehicles. Failure to comply with the deadline could result in a fine for any motorist who drives upon the highway.

The Pagosa Springs SUN was named as sweepstakes winner in the general excellence category among weekly newspapers. The SUN won first place in this category among smaller weekly newspapers and then won the sweepstakes award in competition against the winners of the large weekly newspaper category.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 21, 1991

Representatives for Pagosa Springs Enterprise Inc. and the Archuleta County Commissioners will meet tomorrow to decide on conditions and terms to be included in a long term lease on the local rodeo grounds. The meeting was scheduled during Tuesday's commissioners meeting after the commissioners expressed a desire to commit to a 99-year lease on the 40-acre site. The commissioners said such an arrangement will allow increased use of county funds, equipment and materials for the upkeep of the site of the annual July 4th rodeo and county fair. It was agreed that terms of the lease will guarantee Pagosa Springs Enterprise Inc.'s use of the grounds and its facilities for the annual rodeo throughout the lifetime of the lease.

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Bailey

Letters

Consciousness

Dear Editor:
 "It's not easy being green" sang Kermit the Frog. Especially nowadays with entire species of amphibians disappearing around the globe faster than oil prices are dropping.

Science has now documented a new reality; the same paradox Thoreau wrote of in the 1800s. It's what the hippies protested and what the Hopi as a tribe have known for millennia and testified to before the United Nations. The upshot is: whether you shop for your groceries at Walmart or beg organic handouts from the new geothermal greenhouse, our collective human activities are steadily destroying life on planet Earth. We are simultaneously witnessing and causing one of the rarest events in life's history: The 6th mass extinction.

Ecocide makes no sense. I have spent several optimistic decades in school, on the job and traveling the world, living, studying and working among global family, hoping to understand why humans as a species seem compelled to collectively behave in a manner that undermines their own sustainability.

I've been privileged to witness the grace, dignity and the magic of life's miracles. But I have also noticed how, despite having access to the best data, despite the glaring evidence and implications, despite the presentation of rationales and reasonable options for survival, despite all our art, religion, education and information sharing, we Homo sapiens go on pushing the buttons of our own self-destruction. We can put men on the moon and vaporize entire cities, but we cannot seem to resolve the root of our own separation. Whether we are razing rain forests to plant corn, moving to cities to study peasant

permaculture, or waging wars of peace, the no-brainer is: human behavior doesn't apparently have to make sense.

In much of the world, the dream of a consumerist lifestyle has now become the reality. We are a violent, shop-live-play species. That is our intention and sets our trajectory. This intention is intolerable to the harmony of life on earth.

Or perhaps human impermanence is harmony. By achieving our narcissistic goal of a militarist goof-off society, we're breaking the inviolable laws of life and creating a legacy of holocaust for our children.

Our sanity is vague now, so vague as to be tenuous. We are sleep-wandering toward a rude awakening with our shoelaces untied. Survival for all beings will become our shared human imperative if we are to continue to exist. This may enable us to develop self-restraint and kindness. Science presents the ecological imperative, the Hopi testify to the moral imperative, others prescribe an economic imperative.

However we engage our motivations, we must reconcile our collective consciousness to the reality that we're all sharing one little house. And we're destroying the life-giving properties of our home. When life is lost, home is gone. Perhaps we can come together over this.

Barr Bentley

Preserve potties

Dear Editor:
 The San Juan National Forest has asked for public comments on a draft plan called Recreation Site Analysis. It calls for the removal or degradation of recreation facilities across the forest, as a way to cut costs.

The list of 129 sites includes many that are not actually operated by the forest because they have been leased to a concessionaire for private for-profit operation.

Several other sites are not even on Forest Service land but rather on private property or state land. And some so-called developed sites consist of nothing more than a roadside sign or a spot to park while hiking on a trail.

Once you strip out sites like that, what you are left with is a plan for removing toilets. At least 13 toilets are being considered for removal, including at such popular sites as the Junction Creek, West Fork, and Upper Hermosa trailheads, the summit of Coal Bank Pass and Little Molas Lake dispersed camping area. Others, like the ones at Bear Creek trailhead and Andrews Lake, are proposed for less frequent cleaning. Nearly all of the toilets that are slated to be retained would only be kept if volunteers or other partners can be recruited to take care of them. This reflects a national policy known internally as "No partner, no potty," which the San Juan seems to be embracing wholeheartedly.

Fewer toilets, cleaned less often, dependent on volunteer citizens for their continued existence, to serve the same or a growing number of visitors. What could go wrong?

The Forest Service's motto is "Caring for the land and serving people." I can't think of a single type of developed facility that better accomplishes both goals than the provision of a well-maintained sanitary facility in a location that sees heavy visitation. Protecting our public land from the resource damage that happens when such facilities are not available is the bare minimum we should be able to expect, and should receive priority when difficult funding decisions are being made.

The Recreation Site Analysis is available at the SJNF website. The comment period is open until March 21.

Kitty Benzar
 Durango

Personhood

Dear Editor:
 Throughout U.S. history, corporations and the wealthy have tried to usurp the Constitution and take power.

Thomas Jefferson often warned of the dangers of concentrated wealth and plutocracy from within, and advocated unwavering vigilance against it. In a 1787 letter to James Madison, Jefferson wrote regarding his concerns that the first draft of the Constitution, particularly the Bill of Rights, didn't include a restriction on monopolies.

The second president, John Adams, a federalist, wanted to move the country toward a more authoritarian and monarchical direction. He often referred to the common person as "the rabble." Jefferson championed a democracy responsive to the people and referred to Adam's Senate as a "cabal" of the wealthy elite. Jefferson may have not wanted a lot of government, but he clearly wanted enough government to assert the sovereignty of citizens over corporations. Jefferson was elected in 1800 as a Democratic Republican over Adams and Jefferson's party swept both houses of Congress.

For over a thousand years of British Common Law and 100 years of American Constitutional Law, it was understood that there were two types of persons. Natural persons (humans), and then other entities such as churches, nonprofits, corporations, etc. These differences were understood and not challenged until the 1800s. It was ruled that corporations were "citizens" of the state in which they were incorporated in 1844.

In 1853 it was upheld that corporations were citizens, but only for the purpose of court jurisdiction, and did not have the same Constitutional rights as actual people. Then in 1886, in County of Santa Clara v. Southern Pacific Railroad, the railroads argued that corporations be declared as persons, citing the 14th Amendment. Thankfully, it was less than 20 years after the 14th Amendment was passed and was easy to prove that the amendment was to specifically address the newly freed slaves. The corporations were pushed back in those cases, but a crack had been created.

In 1907, President Teddy Roosevelt, with a Republican House and Senate, passed the Tillman Act, a law banning corporate campaign

donations. This was the law for almost 70 years.

However, in 1976, five Republican appointed justices, in Buckley v. Valeo, with a 5-4 decision, determined that money was speech. In 1978, the Supreme Court, in another 5-4 decision, the same justices ruled that corporations have the First Amendment right to spend money in the electoral process. The lines between real persons and artificial persons were erased, overturning 200 years of precedent. That set up the disastrous 2010 "Citizens United" decision in which money is equated with speech and that the government could not limit the amount of corporate donations.

There is a long list of other decisions since the '70s that have favored corporations over real people. If our Republic is to survive a total takeover by the "Economic Royalists," that FDR railed against in the 1930s, the court must reverse the decisions equating money to speech, unlimited campaign spending and corporate personhood.

Dave Butcher

PLPOA credibility

Dear Editor:
 It is no surprise that the Lake Forest Estates property owners, of which I am one, feel blindsided by the PLPOA agreement with Verizon Wireless to locate a communication tower there.

This is exactly what we expect the PLPOA to protect us from.

Is this the same PLPOA that recently passed a regulation prohibiting outdoor lighting shining on a neighboring property, and that requires approval to change the color of your front door? But now installation of an industrial communications tower with serious long-term potential health effects due to high continuous radio energy emission is "environmentally acceptable" in a residential area?

The tower will undoubtedly lower property values in the area. The PLPOA environmental committee has lost all credibility with me.

These communication towers are most effective when they are closest to the cellphone users and where there is an unobstructed

■ See Letters A4

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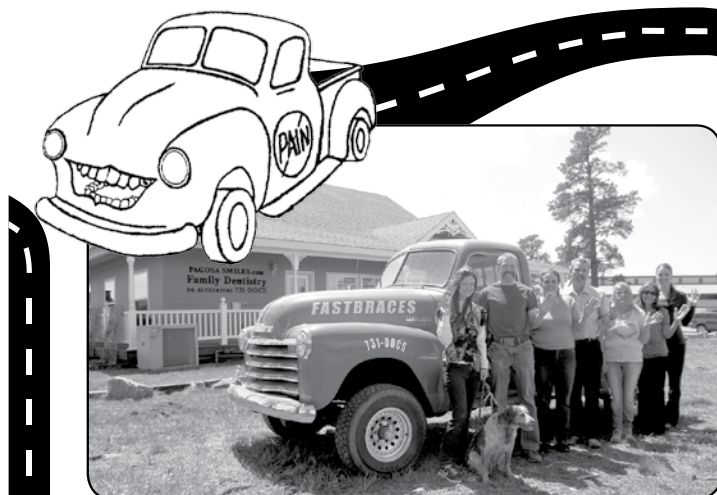
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signal path. If the PLPOA central core area and timeshare units are the areas the tower is intended to help, then a location in the central core area would be a better location. Is there not a greenbelt to defile that is adjacent to the PLPOA Recreation Center? This would be in the core area and this area needs "trees."

In recent email exchanges broadcast over the PLPOA news update site, several people proposed the tower be placed near the cement plant east of Piedra Road. This is probably a higher elevation than the Lake Forest site and this location would possibly be more beneficial to Lake Hatcher area cellphone users. This would also locate the industrial communications tower in an existing industrial area. Where, of course, it belongs.

Verizon has proposed to make the Lake Forest Estates tower resemble a pine tree to fit in with the area ponderosa pines, but of course, it will tower over the actual trees and have a number of exposed antennas on the top. You can see one of these tree-towers in Tres Piedres, N.M.; you definitely won't

mistake it for a tree so "resemble" is an apt term.

Verizon also proposes that the equipment building associated with the tower will be made to look like a miner's shed. How quaint. Why is this proposed when there are no mines or mine sheds to fit in with in the area?

The construction activities will probably leave a lot of excavation dirt that may look permanently like mine tailings, but there is another result from the proposed association with a mine. Every mine has a shaft and it is the area property owners that will be the ones getting the proverbial shaft if the tower installation is approved. The tower itself would be a permanent symbol of the PLPOA betrayal of the area property owners' trust.

Kevin Hargis

Political season

Dear Editor:

The political season is upon us: Carson and Kasich are in a slump; Rubio and Cruz are in a slump; Clinton and Sanders are jerks who want to hand out more perks.

Heaven help us, that leaves only

Trump.

John Meyer

Bridge questions

Dear Editor:

Pagosa Town Council, all members, is also being asked these questions.

A new bridge, I agree with SUN editor this issue needs to be open or should have been open to public long ago.

My concern if this is constructed how close to the river will the proposed development, i.e. hotel, dwellings, etc. be to the river?

The cobblestone on the river is an example that concerns me. What footage is this for floodplain? Will there be another development with such questions?

Help protect our environment and question development along/near the river. Council needs to be aware of what is being built in our town.

Pam Morrow

Supreme Court

Dear Editor:

Regarding the open seat on the Supreme Court. Calls for a suspension of Constitutional duties to fill

the vacant seat on the Supreme Court — "The American people should have a voice in the selection of the next Supreme Court Justice," Sen. McConnell — flies in the face of both reality and duty.

The only person in this fracas that represents all of the people in the United States is the sitting president, who has twice been elected to his office by a majority of the American people (not merely one state or one Congressional district).

This is the duly elected "voice of the people." The president should fulfill his Constitutional duty and nominate a candidate for the open seat on the Supreme Court. Likewise, the Senate should fulfill its Constitutional duty and consider the candidate on her/his merits. Let the chips fall where they may.

Terry Pickett

Aspen Springs

Dear Editor:

Aspen Springs is having an election of directors on May 3, 2016. There are three positions open. I don't want to say I don't care who gets onto the board, but that's not true. But it would be nice if we could get some people on there

who aren't controlled by the puppet master of our district.

However, the board has announced that they are going to put a tax hike on the ballot. That does concern me. How many of you want a hike in your property taxes? I know I don't.

All I'm going to say is, "All that evil needs is for good people to do nothing." Come on people, the district board up till now has been completely irresponsible with the district's money. Make them be more responsible with their expenditures, and use the funds for our roads and bridges as they are required to be. If they do this, we may not need this hike.

Douglas Roberts

Bridge facts

Dear Editor:

For those who like to know the facts before jumping to conclusions, here are the facts on the 5th Street bridge:

1. The developers did not approach the town to build a bridge. The town came to the developers to ask for easements and right-of-way in the event they decided to construct a bridge. The town's

proposal was to pay for a bridge and connection road in exchange for easements. This was adopted as sketch plan A in 2012. Sketch plan B was also adopted as a plan in the case the town did not decide to build the bridge.

2. The developers can develop with or without a bridge.

3. The development will have a huge economic impact on the town. There have been discussions with hotel developers and small, clean manufacturing businesses. In addition, retail, restaurants, etc. are envisioned in this development. The development will be very pedestrian friendly with wide sidewalks and/or bike paths. Water rights attached to this property would allow for fountains and other water features.

4. This development will be an extension of the downtown core area. Creating more foot traffic and longer stays by visitors. This will help all downtown businesses.

5. There will be hundreds of jobs created as a result of this development.

6. South of the river along Hot Springs Boulevard is the last large

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Goals & Accomplishments

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District

SUN staff asked representatives of publicly funded agencies in Archuleta County to individually answer a trio of questions relating to the goals and accomplishments of themselves and their agencies at the turn of the year.

Their answers will be printed in The SUN over the coming weeks. Answers are printed as received and are not edited.

Renee Lewis, District Manager



What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2015?

The three biggest accomplishments for PAWSD from a staff perspective are reducing debt by \$528,000 through the refinancing of 2006 bonds, administrative and operational efficiencies to maintain the rate freeze the Board of Directors put into place in 2014, and the San Juan Water Treatment Plant upgrades. In taking advantage of interest rates that had again dipped to near historic lows, PAWSD refinanced its Series 2006 Enterprise Revenue and Improvement Bonds totaling \$5.26 million through the issuance of Series 2015 Enterprise Revenue Refunding Bonds. As a result of the refinancing, ratepayers of the Water Enterprise Fund will save close to \$528,000 in interest payments over the next nine years. By implementing adminis-

trative and operational efficiencies such as cross training staff and limiting costly operational practices, PAWSD was able to maintain the rate freeze the Board of Directors put into place in 2014. Lastly, the upgrades needed for the San Juan Water Treatment Plant to treat lake water are finally complete and we will be treating water from Lake Forest starting this year. This facility upgrade will add approximately 3500 acre feet of water to the source water system and allow PAWSD to continue to provide water to its customers should the San Juan River water quality ever be threatened.

What are your three top goals for 2016?

The three top goals for 2016 from a staff perspective are to continue to work towards operating more efficiently so as to keep rates as low as

possible, build on the progress made to reduce water loss amounts, and focus on finalizing existing capital projects and system optimization.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

The action plan to meet the above-mentioned goals is to continue to vigilantly look for and implement operational efficiencies, both administrative and technical, so as to provide opportunities for PAWSD to keep rates as low as possible, assign PAWSD staff to survey all infrastructure this spring and summer with a systematic approach to build on the progress made to reduce water loss amounts, and to complete current capital projects and focus on improving all current operating procedures to optimize the existing system in an effort to avoid any new capital projects in the near future.

Mike Church, Chairman and President



What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2015?

1. Finalizing a smart and fair agreement with the State of Colorado that will save PAWSD customers over \$5 million dollars over the next 20 years. The agreement gives PAWSD customers complete control over the property. If property values increase sharply at any point over the next 25 years, PAWSD customers could save millions more.

2. Extending the water rate and sewer rate freeze into a third year. Two years ago, the previous board was debating how to increase water rates by 32% to fund their next round of wasteful building projects. This board froze rates at our first meeting and made extending that freeze priority number one.

3. Cutting the interest cost on one of our largest loans in half by negotiating a much lower rate and deciding to pay the loan off earlier. This loan was the "poster child" of past reckless financing. Basically it was a slush fund abused by special interests. Never approved by the voters (of course) and no real principal payments for years. We've shortened the term and lowered the rate and, most importantly, made the decision to pay off debt earlier rather than "refinancing" the debt over a longer term, which only leads to more wasteful spending

What are your three top goals for 2016?

1. First goal: Extend the water rate and sewer rate freezes into a fourth year. Water districts across the state are hiking rates to fund expensive and questionable projects. We've put a stop to that at PAWSD. There is no "special projects" manager at PAWSD for the first time in years. Why? Because there are no expensive special projects being plotted. If we can extend the rate freezes into the future PAWSD customers will finally get what they have deserved for years: Fair rates that are competitive with other communities in Colorado.

2. Second goal: Being a true fiscally conservative board. Many candidates market themselves as fiscal conservatives and then sell out to the spending schemes of staff and their preferred engineers and contractors. Rate freezes don't just happen. They require a board willing to say "NO" to expensive new projects, more debt, and sweetheart deals for preferred contractors and engineers. In other words, "NO" to business as usual.

3. Third goal: Creating a positive agreement and working relationship with the Town to treat their sewage in a manner that protects the San Juan River and downtown Pagosa (including the High School) from an environmental disaster. We agreed six months ago that a professional maintenance and operations agreement was

a necessity. We must make that maintenance and operations agreement a reality. Operation and maintenance of a safe system needs to be discussed and put into an agreement.

The current system will not hold sewage if down for maintenance of a broken line. Some bad assumptions were made by others but can be fixed if the parties work together. This would get things operational safe in my opinion and moving forward.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

In principle, I am a fiscal conservative who remembers, on every budget item, that I am not spending PAWSD money, I am spending the customers' hard earned money. Every dollar of spending comes out of a customer's pocket. That principle, in practice, results in reduced debt, smaller more effective staffing, effective use of existing expensive equipment and the lowest rates and taxes for everyone. My experience is as an engineer and a businessman. Fair long-lasting deals that benefit both parties (the only deals that last) require facing the facts, open face-to-face discussion, recognition of critical concerns of both parties and compromise, and are not creating by legal grandstanding. Lawyers are critical when writing out the agreement. Only leaders with the community well-being at heart can make the agreement.

Goals & Accomplishments

Archuleta County Commissioners

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Michael Whiting, Commissioner, District 3



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2015?

1. Even greater financial responsibility. Our fourth clean audit, a real balanced budget, growing reserves, and annual increases in road funding for another year.
2. Our thoughtful, deliberate and inclusive response to the "Jail/Courthouse Crisis" and the decades of deferred maintenance and neglected facilities we inherited.
3. Creation of the first Town/County Joint Strategic Framework, in which we established and declared our priorities, and have met monthly to strengthen our teamwork, and fine-tune and reiterate our shared economic priorities of Broadband, Early Care and Education, Affordable Housing, and a Downtown Vitality. We have also formed three smaller teams to work on those specific issues. All are generating momentum, results, new resources, and much higher level communication.

What are your three top goals for 2016?

We will deliver a menu of clear options to resolve our

Jail/Courthouse dilemma and take thoughtful action. That is a promise not a goal.

#1 Roads (This is permanently #1)

In 2015, we kept our pledge to spend and do more every year on roads. We will do the same in 2016. More on maintenance, capital improvements and organizational capacity. None of which would be possible without our award-winning Financial Management and Public Works teams.

#2 Jobs/Economic Competitiveness

We will finish building the platform for consistent, predictable economic leadership, and the unified, focussed, modern strategy and team that we started building in 2015. Town and County, then PSCDC and Chamber, Tourism, Lodgers, Realtors, Retailers, Ranchers. A highly coordinated and aligned team to attract and retain businesses.

#3 Workforce Infrastructure

Big strides forward on early childhood care and education, affordable housing, inexpensive/reliable broad-

band, and local transportation. These are the cornerstones and basic rungs on the ladder. Without these, we cannot compete for businesses, jobs, or professionals to work and live here.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

1. Keep building Town/County collaborative leadership with aligned strategic objectives. 2. Next we develop real strategy. 3. Continue smart spending of new revenue. We are building trust in each other and seeing the early results. Those who were burnt out or alienated are beginning to come back to the table. Optimism is slowly returning.

Renew our commitment to the "long game", begin a new series of strategy work sessions in 2016, and continue our ongoing, regular, and highly directed discussions.

What we are doing is working. We simply need to keep after it. Constantly push our goals farther out.

Steve Wadley, Commissioner, District 1



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2015?

In 2015 there were more funds designated to county roads than in previous years. Surveys show that one of Archuleta county residents' highest priorities is the condition of roads. In the 2015 budget cycle the BoCC reapportioned the property tax mill levy as a means to create a larger road and bridge fund. This change reduced the general fund from 80 to 70 percent and increased the road and bridge fund from 15 to 25 percent. Human services remained the same. This is not a solution to our long standing road problems but it is a big step in the right direction. In my talks with constituents our most frequent topic of conversation is road conditions. Roads of special concern in 2016 include Trujillo Rd., Lake Forest Circle and Cloud Cap. The county has worked closely with P.A.W.S. and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association to stretch county resources to several large projects. The BoCC will continue to aggressively seek grants and Energy Impact Funds for road and bridge maintenance, repair, and equipment.

The sale of county owned property (approx. 88 acres). In 2010 Archuleta county purchased 95 acres on Highway 84, south of the fairgrounds, for \$745,000. The planned use was for ball parks and open recreation space. Our ability to develop this parcel was curtailed by the discovery of the Pagosa Sky Rocket, a small plant that is considered endangered by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The county was able to sell 88 of the 95 acres for \$740,000. This government to government sale was extremely complicated given funding sources and purchase conditions. Archuleta county came away with 7 acres of Highway 84 frontage for \$5,000. Commissioner Lucero and County

Manager Henderson showed great leadership in this complex transaction.

The completion of the 2016 budget with an increase in strategic reserves. The financial stability of Archuleta County is a commissioner's first priority. In 2010 the BoCC began to save for operating reserves. As part of the 2015 budget the BoCC set aside additional funds for a "strategic reserve". In 2015 this was \$2.8 million. For 2016 the BoCC has budgeted to bring the total to just over \$3 million. We all remember the not-too-distant past when, during a recession, we faced lower revenues for several years. As one of the three stewards of the county budget I know we must save now for the possibilities of dark days ahead.

What are your three top goals for 2016?

1. An optimal plan for courthouse facilities.
2. Continued economic development.
3. The regulation of marijuana care givers.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

County Court House Building Plan
The current county courthouse must be replaced. Inspections and architectural reports indicate that it is way past the point of repair and remodel. It simply would not be cost effective. The building was built in 1938 as a bank with a later addition which now contains the uninhabitable jail. This is a huge moment in our community's history. The placement, cost and design of a new county facility will be a major project for the BoCC. Preliminary analysis indicates a cost beyond what we can currently afford. This will continue to be a community conversation and at some point a public decision. The BoCC is

exploring all possible options to solve a problem that has been decades in the making.

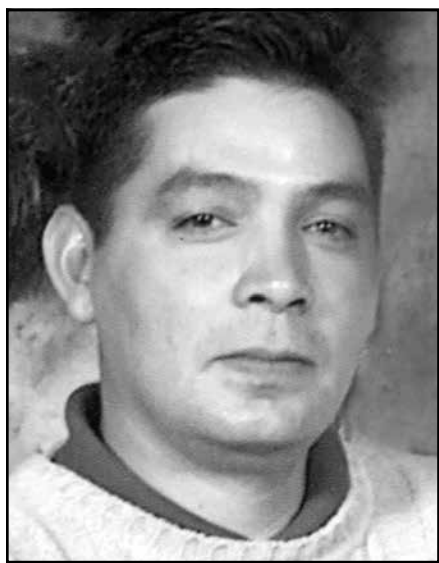
Economic Development

When businesses and individuals consider relocating there are many criteria that influence their decision. Early childhood education and high-speed broadband access are two that seem among the most important. The BoCC will continue to work with our community partners to provide ideal and accessible early childhood education. This is a must as it is in our best interest to attract physicians, entrepreneurs and other professionals to our county. High-speed broadband is no longer a luxury; it is a must for businesses and those working from home. The BoCC will continue in its effort to secure broadband internet access for our area. We are active participants in a council of governments which includes nearby counties, towns and tribes and gives all participants a louder voice. The BoCC has established excellent working relationships with our state and federal representatives as well as our fellow commissioners in neighboring counties.

Regulation of Medical Marijuana Caregivers

The BoCC must safeguard the designation of "marijuana caregiver". Caregiving to various medical patients must not evolve into an unregulated commercial marijuana growing operation. We will be researching the regulations and practices of other Colorado counties. I have asked our county administrator to arrange for a presentation that will cover the fundamentals and terminology of the marijuana grow process. Marijuana regulation is new ground for community leaders. It is important that we learn and listen as we endeavor to keep all things above board.

Clifford Lucero, Commissioner, District 2



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2015?

- 1) A major rebuild of County Road #500. In addition, working with PAWS, we were able to extend the area to reconstruct by Over 1200 feet. We also worked with the Town to reconstruct several hundred additional feet of County Road #500 within The Town Limits.
- 2) Back in 2009 and 2010 Archuleta County paved several miles of Roadway in the Pagosa Lakes area, this past year Archuleta County seal coated 5-6 miles of the roads that were paved in 2009-2010.

- 3) Archuleta County Airport Manager Kate Alford secured 5.5 million dollars in grant funding for a major project at the Airport.
- 4) Improved recycling efforts at the Transfer Station.

What are your three top goals for 2016?

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

The Board of County Commissioners will continue to work on a solution for the Courts and the Jail.
In 2016 the number one project will be the recon-

struction of Cloud Cap from Park Avenue to Monument Avenue.

We are also hoping to have sufficient funds to reconstruct a major portion of Lake Forest within the dam area.

I have served as an Archuleta County Commissioner for 7 years, during this time the County has gone thru some very difficult times. Archuleta County is now on solid ground, I have had a major part in helping Archuleta County move in this direction.

Bentley Henderson, County Administrator



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2015?

1. Completion of the land sale to Colorado Parks and Wildlife — As of the end of 2015 we had essentially completed all of the tasks associated with executing the sale of a portion of the Highway 84 property, originally purchased in 2010.
2. Reporting protocols — 2015 saw the reinstatement of on-going quarterly reporting to the Board of County Commissioners. The scope of the effort in 2015 was expanded beyond just the County's financial position and included all major functions within the County.
3. Continued dedication of resources toward long term un-funded deferrals. — The challenges faced by the County in the area of deferred investment is not going to be solved in one or two years. There are substantial needs in all areas of the County. This includes vehicle and heavy machinery replacement, building maintenance, and our ongoing responsibility to our employees. While this is not identified as a goal for 2016, it will continue to

be a top priority for years to come.

What are your three top goals for 2016?

1. Resolution to the facilities issue
2. Expanded use of financial modeling tools to ensure long term viability
3. Continuity of service delivery and levels of service while maintaining the status quo on equipment and personnel.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

Facilities — County staff and the Board of County Commissioners will continue to work diligently with our consulting team and affected stakeholders. The County will fully evaluate all reasonable facility improvement alternatives and make decisions that are in the best interests of the facility users and the residents of Archuleta County. Additionally and simultaneously, effort will be dedicated toward looking at any and all viable financing options for any project that is pursued.
Financial Modeling — In late 2015 County Finance

staff developed a financial modeling/forecasting tool. This tool offers us the ability to take a very informative long view at our operations. Through the manipulation of various inputs, both on the revenue side and the expenditure side, we can develop scenarios that will inform us on how the decisions that we make today will affect the long term viability of the County. Long term modeling will become one of the foundational elements that we will employ when considering any financially driven decision.

Service delivery — County staff will be tasked with looking into how we can ensure the continuity of service and level of service with the same staff and essentially the same physical resources. We will evaluate an option in the road and bridge department by supplementing their efforts through the outsourcing of a portion of their activity to see if there are some opportunities for increased service without increased employees or physical resources.

LEGISLATURE

Brown fights for adequate funding for highways and buildings

Funding Colorado highways — maintaining existing highways and building new ones to satisfy the demand created by more people — and funding capital construction projects and maintaining state institutions like Fort Lewis College and Western State Colorado University have always been among the most important functions of state government.

I am running a bill, House Bill 16-1138, which is very important to ensure that Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and capital projects receive General Fund money promised by Colorado law.

Here is a little background on recent highway and capital construction funding laws. In 2009, the state Legislature passed SB 09-228. SB 228 took the place of SB 97-01 and HB 02-1310. HB 1310 guaranteed that excess General Fund reserves

be transferred to the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) and the Capital Construction Fund (CCF), two-thirds to highways and one-third to capital construction. Excess General Fund reserve was any money left over after appropriations had been increased by 6 percent. A 4-percent reserve had to be fully funded. Also, a payment of 10.355 percent of sales and use-tax revenue required by SB 01 had to be made in full to the HUTF.

Before 2009, hundreds of millions of dollars were transferred to highways and capital construction.



Rep. Brown's Report

Since the enactment of SB 228, not one dime of money has been transferred from the General Fund to highways and capital construction, until this year.

SB 228 repealed the automatic HB 1310 transfer to the CCF and HUTF and the SB 01 diversion to the HUTF. The bill also changed the year-over-year General Fund appropriation growth limit to equal 5 percent of Colorado personal income (PI).

SB 228 requires a five-year block of transfers from the General Fund to the HUTF and the CCF beginning in FY 2015-16 and continuing through FY 2019-20. The amount to be transferred annually is suppose to be \$200 million to the HUTF and \$50 million to the CCF. However, if during any one of these years, there is a TABOR (Taxpayer Bill of Rights) refund, the transfer will be reduced in that year by either 50

percent or 100 percent depending on the amount of the refund. This is reasonable since a TABOR refund will reduce the money available in the General Fund.

What my bill, HB 1138, does is that for each state fiscal year that the required transfers are reduced or eliminated, another year of transfers to the CCF and HUTF is added. Therefore, there will be five fiscal years with the full statutory transfers to the funds, regardless of the number of fiscal years that it takes to do so.

I believe my bill is reasonable. One would think that highway and construction funding is not a partisan issue, but HB 1138 has been sent to the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee which is known as the kill committee. Our highways and buildings are falling apart and I will continue to fight for adequate funding.

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office to host Coffee with a Cop on Tuesday, March 8

By Mike Le Roux
Special to The SUN

On Tuesday, March 8, deputies from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and community members will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships and drink coffee.

All community members are invited to attend. The event will begin at 10 a.m. on March 8 at the Junction Restaurant, 401 E. Pagosa St.

Please contact Mike Le Roux with questions at 731-4799 or mleroux@archuletacounty.org.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the office's work in Archuleta County.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building

with the community and some community members may feel that deputies are unapproachable on the street. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

"We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns or simply get to know our deputies," said Sheriff Rich Valdez. "These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships."

Coffee with a Cop is a national

initiative supported by the United States Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the county, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between deputies and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

Letters

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area for town development. Developments in this area will be positive additions to our downtown core.

7. Others who decide to develop vacant property south of the river will benefit from a 5th Street bridge.

8. This is a public works project, valuable to the town. Without the

bridge, congestion will continue to build on the Hot Springs Boulevard. Many already see this as a problem.

One last item to consider: The developers of this project have lived in Pagosa Springs for over 90 combined years. All of their children grew up here and attended schools here. They desire only the best for Pagosa Springs and this project will be just that.

Jack Searle

opment. Remember the 3 "Ts" ... think things through.

Many of us visit the largest city in New Mexico, Albuquerque, for a variety of reasons. Albuquerque, like many cities in our country, is situated on a river, the Rio Grande. It is the 32nd largest city in the United States (Wikipedia) and has estimated population by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2013 of 557,169 people. The Albuquerque Metro-Statistical Area estimated population is 902,797 in 2013. It is interesting that in a community this size with two interstates that there are only six bridges across the Rio Grande. There are two other bridges that serve the urban area which are the Rio Bravo Bridge (NM 500) and the I-25 Bridge near Isleta Pueblo which are located south of this highly populated city.

Why does Pagosa Springs need another bridge across the San Juan River when the distance between the Hot Springs Boulevard bridge and proposed Apache St. bridge is approximately a half a mile?

According to Wikipedia, the estimated population of Pagosa Springs in 2014 was 1,743 people and Archuleta County 12,244 people.

Do we really need another bridge over the San Juan that will mainly serve a development and cost millions of dollars?

Are there plans for low-cost governmental housing that the community needs and parks for recreation?

It is my personal feeling that the money for the bridge could be used for additional low-cost governmental housing, parks and recreation, improved streets, etc. which the

town council and others have recently identified versus another bridge over the San Juan River.

Marilyn Stroud

American way

Dear Editor:

With my letters about the dogs awhile back, I hoped to help folks see that they are not much different from us — it has been an interesting "study" for me that I wanted to share with others.

The kid has now grown to a responsible adult. With grandpa no longer able to romp and run so much, the kid found a new friend, about his age, who lives just down the hill. They are getting along great. Now they are different in size and color but they don't mind that.

I even imagine that one is a Democrat and the other a Republican but both believe in the American way, that is, working together to get things done. Their big project right now is digging in the deep snow in my front yard — is there something of value under there?

Just like the rest of us, always hopeful. They take breaks from their labor now and then to romp and run, just like the kid used to enjoy when grandpa was young.

New friend is lots of fun and when grandpa comes outside, they both run over to say hello — grandpa tries to romp and play but tires out quickly. Once they see that he is through, they say goodbye and run across the street to continue their work. Grandpa stands and watches for a little while before going back into the house.

Sound familiar? Love and respect ... right?

Patty Tillerson

Memorial



Butch Madrid

A celebration of life for Coach Butch Madrid will be held this Saturday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m. in the Mamie Lynch Gymnasium at Pagosa Springs Middle School.

We invite everyone to come and wear their favorite tie, Bronco, Dodger or Pagosa Pirates gear to spend time with the family.

Vote at caucus

Dear Editor:

The current political race has been aptly compared to persons running for class president. Promises like "free ice cream every day; a wall built around the school to keep out bullies, paid for by the teachers; free gourmet coffee bar in the commons; a guaranteed diploma regardless of attendance" — well, you get the picture.

It has never been more important to think critically. Are these promises realistic? How will they be paid for? How will it affect our children and grandchildren?

Talk is cheap. Freedom is not. Please vote at your caucus.

Nancy L. Strait

Another bridge?

Dear Editor:

Does the mountain community of Pagosa Springs need another bridge based on population, traffic and adjoining communities?

I have done some research into this possible bridge over the San Juan River ... just a little information to consider as you make your decisions in regard to this devel-

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Business

CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber to hold national search for director

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

Nothing is constant but change, and change has once again come to the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you to Clint Alley for a year of service to this organization. Alley has forged new relationships with the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC), town and county and has continued the Chamber programs that are so valuable to the members. We wish him great success in his new endeavor and congratulations on the newest addition to his and Monica's family (as of writing this article, the baby is still not here).

The word that caught everyone's attention last week was "interim." That is exactly what my position with the Chamber is at this time.

The Chamber board realized that it will take months for a qualified replacement to be found. They made the decision to bridge this gap with someone that had prior experience.

Pagosa Verde, my current employer, has released me to the Chamber organization for a time while the search for a director is ongoing. The board will conduct a national search and open the position up to all who are interested and qualified. I am honored to be able to bring some continuity to the Chamber and the community, hopefully implement some small ideas that I have hatched and listen to the needs of our members.

QuickBooks class

Since my return, I have filled up

my schedule with some important continuing education classes and informational meetings that the Chamber and the CDC will be offering.

On Tuesday, Feb. 29, the Chamber will offer a QuickBooks class. Bart Mitchell, QuickBooks certified pro-advisor, will cover topics such as setting up your system and creating proper accounts, cash-flow strategies — let me repeat, businesses — cash-flow strategies, how to make paying bills less painful and strategies on how to get paid faster. Even if you know the basics and have set up your books, you may be able to garner some useful tips from some of the other topics mentioned.

The class will be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided with the cost being \$20 for Chamber members and \$25 for nonmembers. Call the Chamber or register online at info@pagosachamber.com.

Social media class

On Tuesday, March 22, the Chamber will host a social media class from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center. Lindsay Nyquist, director of digital communications at Fort Lewis College, will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be provided.

The cost of the class will be \$15 for Chamber members and \$20 for nonmembers.

The topics to be covered will be announced next week; however, if you need to get down to learning more about how you can utilize

social media in your place of business, mark this date down on your calendar.

Economic forum

The CDC, in conjunction with the Town of Pagosa Springs, Region 9 Economic Development District and the Pagosa Springs Area Association of Realtors, conducted a second-home market study.

Second homeowners have critical impact in small communities throughout Colorado, and Pagosa Springs is no exception. The study was analyzed and the results culminated by Donna Graves, Small Business Development Center advisor from Durango. Graves will be in attendance at an economic forum to present the findings, along with local realtor and CDC board member Mike Heraty.

The presentation will be held on Friday, March 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in The Springs Resort Ecoluxe conference room. Registration is required as only a limited number of seats are available. The cost is \$20 for CDC members and \$25 for non-CDC members and lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP by March 2 by calling the Chamber or emailing info@pagosachamber.com.

Tourism summit

Mark your calendars for April 13 and 14 as the fifth annual Southwest Tourism Summit comes to Pagosa Springs. The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board will host the event with the help of numerous businesses in our community and the Southwest Travel Region organiza-

tion. This summit will bring together hundreds of people in the tourism industry regionally and throughout the state.

Cathy Ritter, the new director of the Colorado Tourism Office, will be the featured keynote speaker. She and her staff will present information and insights on our state tourism programs and initiatives.

Seminars, workshops and educational sessions will focus on aspects of tourism marketing and sales, trends, partnership opportunities, social media, Internet technology, agritourism and much more.

Along with all the learning you will do, there will be plenty of time for fun and networking with other tourism professionals. The cost will be extremely reasonable and includes all the networking and lunch opportunities and educational sessions that you want to attend. Registration will open soon and I recommend that you sign up quickly once we announce that registration is open. The Summit in Durango sold out last year.

Membership news

We welcome new Chamber members, the Veterans for Veterans Archuleta County group. This organization helps veterans from all branches of the services and of all ages. The group meets the first Tuesday of the month at Dorothy's Restaurant at 9 a.m. Every Tuesday the rest of the month, they meet at 10 a.m. at the Quality Resort. For more information, contact vets4vetsPSC0@gmail.com.

Our renewals this week include Parelli Natural Horse-Man-Ship Inc., Ramon's Mexican Restaurant and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Please stop by the Chamber and say hello or voice your concerns or compliments. I look forward to visiting with old friends and businesses.

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Loaves and Fishes receives grant

By Paige Elliott
Special to The SUN

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

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

Loaves and Fishes is a faith- and community-based organization that provides nutritious meals free of charge in a safe, warm and caring environment to anyone seeking

nourishment and fellowship. They provide a hot meal once a week, delivery of meals to homebound persons on Thursdays, hot to-go meals for guests and opportunities for guests to socialize.

"We are so excited to increase our giving in Archuleta County," said Jan Johnson, member of the board of directors of the Community Foundation. "In 2016, we are planning several events to build a stronger presence for the Community Foundation and strengthen philanthropy in Archuleta."

The Archuleta committee meets every second Monday of the month at 4 p.m. at Rose Walker Starr, 462 Lewis St.

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.

Direct Impact Grants from the foundation are intended to address special community needs that are not currently being met by other philanthropic sources. Generally, they are considered one-time grants that will have a unique impact. The foundation will not advertise or solicit proposals for Impact Grants, but will rely on regular sources of grants requests and the knowledge of staff, board and committee members.

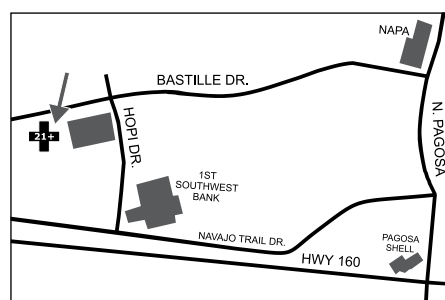
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Celebrates

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There were also many families who arrived at Pagosa Springs after 1891, yet were major contributors to the growth, stability and success of Pagosa Springs; and today their descendants continue this proud family tradition. It should also be recognized that their ancestors' arrival followed that of the Native Americans who first visited Pagosa Springs.

The Ancestral Puebloans

Through the years, there have been many different groups of people contributing to the uniqueness of the area.

The Anasazi Indians, now referred to as the Ancestral Puebloans, were the first inhabitants of this beautiful portion of Colorado. They built cities along the cliffs and lands surrounding Chimney Rock, west of Pagosa Springs.

The Ancestral Puebloans were religious people. In underground rooms, called kivas, men practiced their worship of the heavens and the earth, heat, light and water.

The Ancestral Puebloans were also farmers. They cultivated crops on the valley floor and carried their harvests to their cliffside cities. The Ancestral Puebloans mysteriously disappeared at the beginning of the 12th century.

In later years, the Ute Indians and small numbers of Apaches and Navajos inhabited this area. These Indians hunted the region for deer and other game. They also visited the great "Pagosah" hot spring, which they believed had healing powers.

Legend of the Pagosah Hot Springs

According to Ute legend, before Europeans ever explored southwestern Colorado, a mysterious illness plagued the Redman. Nothing they could do would rid them of this plague. Finally it was decided to hold a great council where all the Ute chiefs would build a huge fire and pray to the Chief of the Happy Hunting Grounds seeking a cure for their tribes. During the night, at the spot where the fire had burned, appeared a pool of boiling water. The Utes believed the gods had answered their prayers, so they remained for many months thanking them. They drank and bathed in the water and health returned to them.

The Utes and the Navajos skirmished frequently. A major battle was fought in 1867 over the ownership of the hot springs. Tribal leaders decided to settle the issue for good. A duel was to be fought between one man chosen from each tribe. Indian agent Col. Albert Pfeiffer was highly regarded by the Utes and his advice was greatly valued by them. He offered to duel on behalf of the Utes provided he could choose the weapon and method of fighting. Pfeiffer was a man of small stature, so the Navajos quickly agreed to this and sent against him a veritable giant. Pfeiffer chose the Bowie knife as the weapon. Both men were stripped to the waist and one hand was tied behind their back. Pfeiffer outmaneuvered the Navajo and, in a matter of moments, the battle was over. The Navajos acknowledged defeat and left the possession of the springs to the Utes.

The presence of the United States military was the next major factor in Pagosa Springs history. In October 1878, troops began

arriving in the Pagosa Springs area to establish a fort in order to protect white settlers from Indian hostilities.

Fort Lewis established

On February 17, 1879, General Orders No. 2 from Headquarters Department of the Missouri Assistant Adjutant General's Office officially designated land for the post. It was to be called Fort Lewis in honor of Col. William H. Lewis of the 19th Infantry, who had been killed in a battle with Cheyenne Indians at Farnished Woman's Fork, Kan., on Sept. 28, 1878.

Life at the fort was simple. Day-to-day activities were of a routine nature. The soldiers were not called upon for any major skirmishes with the Indians in this area. They were called to northern Colorado in 1879 because of the Meeker Massacre. After the Meeker Massacre, the soldiers' role at Pagosa Springs was reevaluated. Therefore, Gen. Phil Sheridan recommended the fort be moved to a more central location in the San Juan Basin.

On Aug. 15, 1880 Gen. John Pope ordered the fort to be relocated to a site on the La Plata River near present-day Durango. The transfer began taking place immediately and, by 1881, the fort had been entirely removed.

First settlers

The establishment of Fort Lewis had attracted many additional settlers to Pagosa Springs. They located on the east side of the San Juan River because the fort occupied the plateau along the western bank of the river.

Some of the first settlers of this area included: Jo Mann, who worked a short time as a forage agent for the Fort and also had mining interests in the Summitville area; Leo Hersch, who was a local merchant; and William Campbell, who was the proprietor of the Campbell House. C.W. Opdyke was the proprietor of the Opdyke Hotel. Charles Scase and E.T. Walker were early mail contractors. Walker also had one of the first sawmills in the county. J.H. Voorhees and S.E. Bowling ran general merchandise stores, and Isaac and Mary Cade built and operated the San Juan Hotel. There were numerous others who pioneered this country, too many to mention, although they all played important roles in the shaping of this area.

Some other businessmen who later contributed to the growth and success of this area were from the Lowenstein, Crouse, Seavy, Jackisch and Alley families.

The ranching industry played a big role in the development of Pagosa Springs' economy. With acres upon acres of land available for homesteading, the chances for success for hardworking individuals were limitless. A lot of the first ranches established in the county are still in operation. In later years, others came who contributed to successful ranching in the county, such as the Shahan, Masco, Thayer and Dutton families.

A new county

Archuleta County was formed from a portion of Conejos County in 1885. The bill to create Archuleta County was introduced to the Colorado Senate by Sen. A.D. Archuleta on Feb. 21, 1885.

The first county officials were appointed by the governor of Colo-

rado. On May 29, 1885, they met to organize the new county. They were: County Commissioners J.H. Hallett, A.S. Dutton, J.M. Archuleta Jr.; Clerk E.M. Taylor; Treasurer Isaac Cade; County Judge J.H. Voorhees; Assessor J.P. Archuleta; Sheriff William Dyke; Coroner Dr. N. Hover; Superintendent of Schools F.A. Byrne; Surveyor C.Y. Butler; and Clerk of the District County E.M. Taylor.

The first elected officials took office in 1886. They were Clerk E.M. Taylor; Assessor E.T. Walker; Coroner Dr. N. Hover; Superintendent of Schools Barzillai Price; Surveyor A. Harpst; Judge of the County Court, J.M. Archuleta Jr.; Constable, J.M. Gilliland; and County Commissioners, C.D. Scase, J.B. Martinez and J.P. Archuleta.

Incorporation

The Town of Pagosa was incorporated in 1891.

On Feb. 9, 1891, a petition was filed in Archuleta County Court with Judge Barzillai Price. The purpose of the petition was to request Judge Price take "proper action to submit the question of incorporating this said town site. To be known as the town of Pagosa Springs."

The petition was signed by 36 men. They were C.H. Freeman, Leo Hersch, M.A. Patrick, J.S. Garvin, L.D. Clark, L.M. Clark, August Linn, Jewett H. Palmer, W.J. Arey, Elliott Hallstead, James Melrose, S.C. Bell, W.J. Gilliam, Chas. H. Harpst, A.J. Lewis, V.M. Harpst, J.H. Hallett, E.M. Taylor, J.L. O'Neal, E.E. Hatcher, Jos. M. Brownfield, H.C. Cooper, A.H. Sanders, John L. Dowell, C.D. Scase, James C. Strawn, A.D. Garvin, D.L. Egger, Col. C.W. Opdyke, Henry Gordon, P.A. Deller, H. Berard, P.W. Claypool, Henry Moore, M. Clark and John Cox.

Judge Price responded by appointing five men to serve as election commissioners. They set the election date for Saturday, Feb. 28, 1891.

On that Saturday, 38 votes were cast in the election. Of that number, 26 favored incorporation and 12 opposed the proposal.

On March 2, election results were filed in the county court. Judge Price wrote his "Notice of Incorporation of the Town of Pagosa Springs in Archuleta County, Colorado."

The first town election was held on April 7. In that election, John L. Dowell was elected mayor. The men elected to be the town's first trustees were C.H. Harpst, C.H. Freeman, M.A. Patrick, J.C. Strawn, A.J. Lewis and C.D. Scase.

The Town Board held its first meeting on April 20, 1891. At that meeting these officials were elected: W.J. Arey, treasurer; A.D. Garvin, town marshal; John A. Walters, street commissioner; E.M. Taylor, clerk and recorder; and N.G. Peterson, police judge.

The busy little town set about making improvements and encouraging growth.

The hot spring enjoyed a widespread reputation for its healing properties. Army doctors brought patients to the springs for cures. Dr. Weaver, Army surgeon from the National Home of Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Leavenworth, Kan., who often brought soldiers to the springs, called it "the Carlsbad of America."

Unfortunately for Pagosa Springs, reaching the town in order to use the mineral baths required a

long journey. A common route to the springs was to travel by train from some eastern Colorado town into Pagosa Springs. It was an arduous task for a person who was seeking relief from disabilities.

Archuleta County also became a cattle and sheep raising center. The area provided the herds with lush grazing lands. Getting the animals to market often required long drives, which would be virtually eliminated through the construction of a railroad.

Logging became an important industry for the growing county. Small railroads were built throughout the county to transport the timber to the sawmills and the resulting lumber to market. After an area was logged, the railroad men would take up the track and relocate it to another timbering

Bridge

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proposal, but, in recognition of the continuing process of negotiations with Springs Partners, urged council members to be sure to analyze the full development proposition thoroughly and with care.

Bill Hudson pointed out that a lender undertaking to provide financial support to a developer must conduct extensive due diligence. He noted this is because of the importance, when seeking to make a profit, of evaluating the viability of the business plan based on numerous relevant factors before accepting the financial risk of making a loan. He argued due diligence in an equivalent degree would be even more important for the town, "if you're going to support [the development] with taxpayer money."

Similarly, Mike Heraty stressed the importance of careful evaluation. He suggested, also, that the town should share with the community the data persuading it that the development would benefit the town by creating new revenue sources, as well as traffic studies demonstrating that a new bridge would be needed to prevent downtown congestion.

In summary, he expressed the hope there was convincing information to show that a public undertaking to construct new infrastructure would be justified by more than "supporting a speculative private real estate development."

J.R. Ford began by remarking he believes construction of a new bridge at 5th Street would be beneficial, but also contended the data relevant to the decision to build the bridge should be shared with the public, especially any justifying the benefit that would be realized by the developer if the town pays for its construction. He suggested that responsible municipal support for development requires analysis of the public cost against the anticipated public benefit, including increased tax revenues.

Ford commented, too, that it would be sensible to allow at least initial stages of the development to proceed before building the bridge, so that increased revenues would begin to be realized first. He also suggested that all commercial properties that would benefit from construction by the town of the new infrastructure should share in paying impact fees for its cost.

Comments by members of the public regarding the possible development by the Springs Partners, and the proposed 5th Street bridge, were made during the portion of the council meeting reserved for general public comment rather than during discussion of an agenda item. Accordingly, council members did not directly react or respond to any of the comments offered by members of the public.

However, council's later decision to table the executive session regarding possible revision of the vested rights agreement did appear to be influenced by the breadth of interest expressed during the public comments, as implicitly acknowledged by Schanzenbaker's comment that the matter was one deserving of public discussion. While council's ensuing discussion of whether or not to convene executive session was limited, the only reservation expressed over dealing with the matter in public was a matter of timing.

This came following the observation by Town Manager Greg Schulte that the town had received a counterproposal for revision of the agreement from the Springs Partners, which would become part

of the public record if council decided not go into executive session. Council member Clint Alley then commented that he didn't agree with Schanzenbaker and Egan, and he didn't think the Springs Partners' counterproposal should be put out for public discussion until council had one more meeting before the public meeting in March.

Schulte agreed, stating that the Springs Partners were not aware that their counterproposal would be heard in a public meeting. Council then voted to table discussion until the March 1 meeting in order to notify the partners of the outcome of the meeting.

It was announced during the course of the meeting that a public work session to discuss the development and the construction of the bridge would be held by council on March 17 at 5 p.m. The location of the work session was not specified, although the possibility was noted it may be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The SUN obtained a copy of the Springs Partners' counterproposal Wednesday morning.

In the email with the counterproposal, Schulte wrote, "Please know that while the Council received this document, they have not discussed or considered the contents as a group."

The counterproposal reads: "At this point Greg, we agree to reject the existing Addendum to the Vested Rights Agreement."

"The Vesting Rights Agreement simply states that, at the Towns request, the Developer's requirement is to dedicate the land necessary for the ROW for the connection road and the Town builds the Bridge and Road."

"So, we must decide if the Bridge is worth the cost to us to give up the ROW (approximately 2.10 [sic] 3 acres) and construct the connection road at our expense. Our decision must be based upon economic merits, no more and no less. The town's decision should be based upon the future structural needs of the Community and the potential return to the Town in the years to come. This decision will impact the Downtown forever and will be irreversible [sic] if it is not done at this time."

"So the Towns proposal is simple as it proposes we dedicate the land for the ROW and then pay to construct the road that the Town was obligated to build (approximately \$2 million). If we choose to do this then we would request to have tax abatements (Town Sales Tax and Lodgers Tax) over a 10 year period for any new Hotel operation built on this site. The 10 year period would start from the date the Hotel is opened for business and the tax collected would be rebated on a quarterly basis. In addition, the Town would be responsible for construction of a 250 foot section of the Connection Road south of the Bridge. We would then be responsible to complete the Connection Road to Hot Springs Blvd. There would be no security deposit and no guaranteed amount pledged to be spent on projects. We estimate the amount to be spent on road and related infrastructure to be about \$3,000,000."

"Should you [sic] wish to have further discussions on these matters, Jack Searle is available to meet with you and Matt Mees will be back in Town on Feb 12th."

"I hope we can make good choices that will have a lasting impact on future of Downtown Pagosa Springs."

"Sincerely,
"Bill Dawson"
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for the first time in the summer of 1916. In places it was a narrow, one-lane road. It was open only in the fall. It wasn't until the mid-1930s that the Wolf Creek roadway was improved to the point that it could be maintained for year-round travel. This made access to Pagosa Springs much easier.

Over the years, the economy of the town and county was maintained through ranching, logging and the lumber business, and persons who sought relief for the ailments at the hot springs. In the 1970s, developers discovered this beautiful part of Colorado. About the same time, the local skiing and tourism industry boomed.

One hundred twenty-five years after its incorporation, Pagosa Springs continues to strive to better itself and to prepare for the future.

Search

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good spirits. Le Roux stated that himself and the three PFPD volunteers hiked the woman out of the trail and arrived back at the trailhead around

6 p.m.

The woman did things correctly by staying where she was, which, in turn, made locating her easier for the search party, explained Le Roux.

He went on to put emphasis on the idea that if a person gets lost or stuck in the backcountry, it is important for them to stay where they are.

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Town, county approve additional funding for geothermal exploration project

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

In a divided vote at its meeting last Thursday night, Feb. 18, the Pagosa Springs Town Council gave conditional approval to new funding for the area's geothermal exploration project.

Council's action followed a similar decision by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners at a meeting earlier in the week. Each body conditionally approved expenditure of an additional \$44,500 for the project.

The exploration project involves drilling into the depths of the earth to evaluate the commercial potential of the geothermal resources.

Both the town and the county initially committed \$260,000 to the project in 2014. If conditions imposed on the new funding are accepted by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), the new commitments will raise the total contributions of each local government to \$304,500.

The new funding is intended to help move the exploration project into its next phase, which will involve drilling of a larger "confirmation" well at the site of the most promising of the four thermal gradient (TG) wells completed last year.

The confirmation well will bore a wider hole to a depth of 2,500 feet, significantly deeper than any of the earlier wells. It may immediately yield commercially usable hot water. It will also provide evidence on the feasibility of converting the geothermal resource currently heating the hot springs to ultimately producing electric power.

Potential production of electric power would require drilling to still greater depths. If evidence from the confirmation well sustains the feasibility of that undertaking, its exploitation would require additional funding. However, the promise implicit in such evidence would be expected then to attract new funding sources. Alternatively, bonds authorized by

Colorado legislation passed in 2014 and signed by Gov. John Hickenlooper in Pagosa Springs could potentially be sold to provide funding.

The confirmation well to complete the next phase of the exploration is expected to cost \$745,000. At the project's inception in 2014, the funding for both the initial drilling and the confirmation well was projected to be fully covered by the initial contributions of the town and county, combined with grants of \$4 million from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and \$2 million from DOLA's Energy Impact Assistance Fund.

But the unexpected withdrawal of DOE funding last summer brought the project to a halt. DOE's action came after the completion of the four TG wells, but before the project's next phase could be launched.

Conditional approval by the town and county last week of new funding could get the exploration project restarted. Its success will hinge on approval by DOLA of revisions of the terms of its grant, both to relax a 50/50 match requirement and to accelerate the timing of release of its funds.

PAGWAPA board

Much debate occurred among members of the Pagosa Area Geothermal Water and Power Authority (PAGWAPA) board at its meeting two weeks ago on Feb. 8 about whether or not the time had not come simply to end the project.

But even at the cost of more funding, the majority could not yield entirely its hope of finding the long-sought answer to the question: What is the hot springs' economic potential?

While results from the individual TG wells were uneven, the net results of that phase of the exploration project were generally consistent with the driving hypothesis that commercially significant hot water lies deep under the earth in Archuleta County. But those findings are primarily of value

to guide further exploration and rest on data too sparse alone to attract investment.

The comment of Mayor Don Volger, a PAGWAPA board member, exemplified the consensus: "Damn it, we don't have anything yet, and if we stop now we're done ... I don't feel good about that."

But the consensus was strongly also that to move forward, greater financial help from DOLA would be needed. As proposed by the PAGWAPA board, this would take two forms: first, reduction of the match ratio to 75/25, and, second, authorization for grant funds to be advanced, rather than being limited to reimbursement.

The PAGWAPA board accordingly resolved in its meeting by a vote of 5-2 to request DOLA to make the needed changes to the grant terms. And to demonstrate continuing commitment by the local governments, the board also agreed to request approval by the town and county conditioned on favorable action by DOLA of the additional sums of \$44,500 each, the amounts needed to meet the proposed 25-percent match to complete the confirmation well.

In taking these actions, the board considered that DOLA has been consistently supportive of the project and, also, that even with the new match ratio, the total expended by DOLA through completion of the confirmation well would still be less than the full \$2 million originally authorized.

If DOLA agrees to the board's proposal, the funds to cover the \$745,000 cost of the confirmation well would be met by \$558,750 from the DOLA grant, \$75,000 from cash on hand currently held by PAGWAPA, the new \$44,500 contributions from each of the town and county, and a new contribution of \$22,250 from Pagosa Verde LLC.

The PAGWAPA board comprises the three county commissioners,

three members of town council — Volger, David Schanzenbaker, John Egan — and at-large member Mike Alley.

Council comments

The subsequent debate over the proposal by town council during its Feb. 18 meeting substantially mirrored that which occurred at the earlier PAGWAPA meeting.

Comments reflected the urge of council members to find an answer to the question, the hope to realize a benefit for the community, frustration over the funding impasse and concern for public fiscal responsibility.

Egan summed up that the additional commitment needed to see the project through seemed reasonable in comparison to the \$260,000 already committed by the town, which would otherwise be a complete loss. Council member Clint Alley agreed that he would accept the recommendation of the PAGWAPA board, but observed, "we can't go much further" — a point that was echoed by other council members.

The proposed conditional funding request was approved 6-1 by council, over the dissent of council member Kathie Lattin.

The approvals by both the county and the town of the new conditional funding will present a clear test of DOLA's ongoing support for the exploration project. A history of support by DOLA for the project was noted with appreciation in the discussion by the PAGWAPA board at its Feb. 8 meeting.

At this point, DOLA's judgment concerning the project's future will be pivotal. According to the DOLA website, Energy Impact Assistance Grants require a dollar-for-dollar match, "unless financial circumstances warrant a reduction."

If DOLA approves the pending proposal to save the exploration project, drilling of the confirmation well is expected to be completed in June of this year.

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LPEA announces unclaimed capital credits available

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is seeking members, or former members, who are due to receive capital credits refund monies.

To that end, LPEA is inserting a notice in The SUN and posting on its website, www.lpea.coop, a notice naming those individuals or businesses whose capital credit money (aka patronage capital) has gone unclaimed because of an invalid address, or whose capital credit checks have not been cashed.

The unclaimed capital credits insert will appear in The Pagosa Springs SUN on Thursday, March 3. The notice is also posted on the LPEA website.

"This is money that belongs to

our members," said Dennis Svanes, LPEA chief financial officer, explaining that electricity payments made by members in excess of the cost of providing their electric service (called the "margin") is placed into a patronage capital account in each member's name. "This capital, along with borrowed funds, is used to finance needed improvements to LPEA's system infrastructure. The margins allow LPEA to maintain system reliability at its highest level and help keep rates lower. But when we find we have patronage capital in excess of what we need, we refund it to members."

Annually, the LPEA board of directors determines the amount of patronage capital retired and most retired capital is typically refunded to members in the November-December billing cycle through

billing credits. Checks are issued to those due to receive \$100 or more. Since incorporation in 1939, LPEA has refunded nearly \$44 million.

To claim funds, individuals and businesses are asked to contact LPEA's Durango office, 45 Stewart St., Bodo Industrial Park, or call 247-5786. Identification will be required to claim the available funds.

Should individuals or businesses listed in the public notice not come forward to receive their funds, the unclaimed monies will be used for educational or charitable purposes as determined by the LPEA Board of Directors, as set forth in the LPEA bylaws. Unclaimed capital credit funds support LPEA's annual scholarships, as well as contribute to educational and nonprofit community projects in La Plata and Archuleta counties.

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Education

Feel groovy at the Book Fair beginning Feb. 29

By Lisa Scott
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Springs Elementary School will host the Scholastic Book Fair Feb. 29 through March 10 during school hours in the school library. Families, teachers and the community are invited to attend the fair, which will feature a special theme: Feelin' Groovy Book Fair — Peace, Love, BOOKS!

Many activities at the school accompany the Book Fair and the 1960's theme, as this is an exciting time for students at the school and a fun and gratifying way to increase interest in reading for pleasure.

Parent/teacher conferences are Feb. 29, March 1 and 2 and the Book Fair will be open during these after-school and evening hours. This Book Fair was scheduled to coincide with parent/teacher conference nights so there is another opportunity for busy families to visit the fair together. Students love showing their families the decorations and the books they have their eye on.

Family Night will be held Wednesday, March 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Partners In Education Committee (P.I.E.) has organized the evening. A delicious and nutritious homemade dinner will be served and there will be other fun activities.

Students visit the Book Fair with their class to preview the books for sale, especially the new releases. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available and there is always a huge supply of bargain items as low as \$1.99. Students also view the "Author DVD," supplied

by Scholastic, which features authors discussing the books they wrote with kids in mind.

The elementary school has been hosting a book fair since 1982. The 2015 fall Book Fair netted the school \$1,644 in cash and \$190 in books for the school library. Additionally, the proceeds enabled the purchase of a book repair machine that fixes loose pages, damaged bindings and broken spines to allow damaged books to be repaired and remain in the library.

Proceeds from previous book fairs were used to help purchase playground equipment and LEGO robotics equipment for the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) program for each grade level.

Individuals attending the event can also help build individual classroom libraries by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List Program that is highlighted within the Book Fair.

The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including newly released titles, award-winning titles, children's classics, beautiful hardback books, interactive software and book titles from more than 150 publishers. There are products for all age ranges and many excellent gift ideas.

The community is invited to attend the Book Fair as a shopper or volunteer during book fair hours as the event is hosted in the school library and staffed by volunteers.

For more questions or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

Celebrating Dr. Seuss and reading at Seeds

By Terri Hardeman
Special to The PREVIEW

Children, families, teachers and community members recently gathered at Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center for a literacy event to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

Theodore Seuss Geisel wrote under the pen name Dr. Seuss throughout the 20th Century. His work includes several of the most popular children's books of all time, including "The Cat in the Hat," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "Horton Hears a Who!," "Green Eggs and Ham" and "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish."

Actors from the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts attended the literacy event in costume reading Dr. Seuss' classic rhyming books in each classroom. With parents and grandparents by their sides, toddlers painted red and blue fish and preschoolers decorated iconic Dr. Seuss hats. Children in the age group that Seeds of Learning serves are traditionally great fans of Dr. Seuss' work.

Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2, has been adopted as the annual date for National Read Across America Day. The day is a national celebra-



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

A Thingamajig Theatre Company actor reads to the children of Seeds of Learning to celebrate the Dr. Seuss' birthday Thursday.

tion of reading to remind parents of the importance of reading to and with their children.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Storytime took center stage Thursday, with the children of Seeds of Learning being treated to readings of Dr. Seuss books by Thingamajig Theatre Company actors. The stories and related activities were to celebrate the author's birthday and National Read Across America Day.

DI calls for tournament volunteers

By Sheila Weahkee
Special to The SUN

Volunteers are needed to help celebrate students' success as they showcase their solutions and compete for the opportunity to represent our region in state and global Destination Imagination tournaments.

Tournaments serve over 300 youth. Students work in teams without interference or assistance from adults to solve complex challenges and create a performance to present

their solutions to the public.

Challenges range from technical to fine arts. Students from elementary school through college each work through the same challenges, at their own level and each in their own way.

Join us for an unforgettable display of confident kids in an amazing state of creativity from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 19 at Fort Lewis College in Durango.

Please contact Sheila Weahkee for more information at 764-7550 or sweahkee@sjboces.org.

LPEA college scholarship application deadline March 1

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

The deadline for high school seniors to apply for scholarships and awards available through La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is Tuesday, March 1.

Applications can be downloaded at www.lpea.coop.

All high school seniors in La Plata and Archuleta counties, including home-school students, who receive their electricity from LPEA are eligible to apply for the variety of funding opportunities.

LPEA directly offers the LPEA Scholarship (four-year) and LPEA/John Voelker Memorial Scholarship (two-year) per LPEA Board of Directors policies, plus provides for additional affiliated rural electric scholarships/awards offered by Tri-State Generation and Transmission and Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

Specifically, LPEA will award two four-year scholarships (140 credit hours) for students attending any college or university beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year. LPEA will cover tuition, books and fees, up to \$28,000 over four years, given that the students maintain minimum qualifications.

The LPEA/John Voelker Memorial Scholarship recognizes two

students attending accredited vocational schools, technical schools or junior college. This two-year scholarship covers fees, books, tools and supplies up to \$10,000 over two years, per student.

Funds for the LPEA and LPEA/John Voelker Memorial Scholarships come from LPEA's unclaimed capital credits. Each year, LPEA attempts to find "missing" members who are due a share of retired capital credits. Those funds unable to be returned to members are then put back into the community—in this case, into college scholarships.

LPEA endeavors to train and educate local young people for positions they may ultimately secure at a rural electric cooperative, though this is not a requirement of the scholarships.

For further information on available scholarships and awards, or to download applications, visit www.lpea.coop. Direct questions to Jeannie Bennett at 382-3505 or jbennett@lpea.coop.

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Outdoors

Volunteering at Chimney Rock: A rewarding experience

By John Gwin
Special to The PREVIEW

I believe we are all blessed to have the opportunity to live in Archuleta County. And those of us that have chosen to volunteer at Chimney Rock National Monument (CRNM) are constantly reminded of the sacredness of this land.

I believe that, a thousand years ago, the people who lived here knew the lands of Chimney Rock were sacred and the twin spires had special spiritual significance for them. As a Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) volunteer for the past 10 years, I have taken the opportunity to also have a spiritual connection with the sacred lands of CRNM.

In addition to the spiritual aspects of the Chimney Rock Ancestral Puebloan community, I have enjoyed the interaction with CRIA volunteers and visitors to the site. I have volunteered with many organizations since retiring in 2004 and none have more dedicated, energetic volunteers than CRIA. More than 90 mostly retired folks gave 14,766 hours and 63,874 miles in service to CRNM and the 11,600 visitors who came in 2015.



Photo courtesy Howard Rowe/Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Volunteering for Chimney Rock Interpretive Association is a wonderful opportunity to give back, preserve a national treasure and educate visitors about Chimney Rock National Monument.

Being a cabin host at the visitors' center is great fun. Interacting with other volunteers and the visitors is special. Meeting folks from anywhere and everywhere is a treat and explaining to visitors what CRNM is about is rewarding.

It's amazing how most visitors arrive with a thirst for knowledge about the Ancestral Puebloans who were here a thousand years

ago. Most visitors leave with a new understanding and appreciation for the peoples who lived there and the very special place Chimney Rock was and is.

It's also rewarding to lead interpretive tours and see the transformation that occurs when the visitors recognize the sacredness of the land they are walking on. And while their spiritual beliefs may differ, they acknowledge the spirituality of those who came to this place before them.

As a maintenance team member, it is especially rewarding to work at the site in the early mornings, before the site is open to the public. The quietness and natural beauty of the area create a special work environment. For those who have enjoyed the view from the Great Pueblo atop the mesa while waiting for the full moon, you know the feelings.

CRIA members who volunteer as mesa hosts, welcoming visitors

to the mesa (upper parking lot area), have a special opportunity to share their love of CRNM with folks who may not be able to take the entire guided tour. As a mesa host I always felt a special appreciation from those visitors unable to tour the entire site — to be able to share with them information they would otherwise not have had an opportunity to see or hear.

If you enjoy the outdoors, welcoming and educating, please consider joining CRIA. It is a wonderful opportunity to give back, preserve a national treasure and educate visitors to the special place CRNM was and is.

Please consider joining our band of enthusiastic Chimney Rock volunteers. CRIA invites community members to the annual Chimney Rock Open House from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 18, at the EcoLuxe building at The Springs Resort, located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

There will be a host of CRIA volunteers on hand at the open house who are eager to introduce guests to the variety of roles that support CRIA and the flexibility in level of commitment.

CRIA's Volunteer Training Days will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16, at the PLPOA Clubhouse located at 230 Port Ave. CRIA offers a great, in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers.

For more information, call the CRIA office at 731-7133 or go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at CRNM in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest.

Nordic Club to host Spring Quad Challenge

By James Dickhoff
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Nordic Club is hosting the final race event of the winter season — the Pagosa Nordic Spring Quad Challenge — on Sunday, March 6.

This event includes a 10k Nordic freestyle ski at the West Fork Nordic trails, 5k run, 22k road bike back to town along U.S. 160 and a 1/2k swim at one of the downtown hot spring pools. Participants can race solo or in teams of up to four, which allows the not-so-serious athletes to commit to a small portion of the challenge and compete with their friends.

Participants are required to check in at 7:30 a.m. at the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center located at 105 Hot Springs Blvd., with an 8 a.m. mandatory meeting before

heading out to West Fork. Please do not park at the Visitor Center. You can drop off your equipment, then park east of the Visitor Center at Mary Fisher Park on San Juan Street.

The race will start promptly at 9 a.m. at West Fork. Race awards will be held at Riff Raff Brewing Company, located at 274 Pagosa St., beginning around noon, with food and a beverage provided. Top finishers receive choice prizes and all participants have a chance to win giveaways.

Come on out and join in the fun. For event information and registration, go to PagosaNordic.com under the events tab. The event will be held as long as we do not receive any snow that requires snowplows on the highway, so please check our Web page for any updated information.

Fall Creek spruce salvage: Request for public input

By Ann Bond
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Ranger District is seeking public input during the early phases of planning for the Fall Creek Spruce Project, which proposes to salvage dead, standing trees.

As of 2015, the spruce beetle infestation on the San Juan National Forest has grown to a total of more than 120,000 acres.

In the Wolf Creek Pass area, the majority of mature Engelmann spruce trees have been killed by the beetles since the outbreak began in 1996. The Fall Creek Spruce Project proposes to harvest dead, merchantable trees; retain live, green trees; and reforest areas of heavy mortality on up to for 850 acres accessed by the Fall Creek and Wolf Creek roads.

Opportunities to stabilize wetlands, address erosion problems, and conduct in-stream habitat improvements that benefit fish may also be considered.

The Fall Creek Spruce Project will expand upon the Wolf Creek Spruce Salvage Sale, a nearby, smaller salvage project authorized in 2014 to salvage 100 acres of dead spruce off of the Wolf Creek Road. The smaller project is currently being prepared for sale in 2016.

A map of the proposed Fall Creek Spruce Project area can be downloaded at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/sanjuan/landmanagement/projects>.

For more information, to request to be added to the mailing list

for this project or to submit your input by March 21, please contact Matt Tuten, forester/project leader, via mail at P.O. Box 310/180 Pagosa St., Pagosa Springs, CO, 81147, by phone at 264-2268 or emailing mtuten@fs.fed.us.

Williams Creek Campground available for reservations

By Ann Bond
Special to The SUN

The San Juan National Forest Pagosa Ranger District's most popular campground is now available for reservations and will remain under a reservation system into the future.

Williams Creek Campground, located 23 miles up Piedra Road at 8,200 feet in elevation, includes more than 50 campsites with tables and fire grates, along with potable water and toilets. Some sites also have sewer and electrical hookups at an additional fee to accommodate RVs.

The area was reopened in 2014 after being closed for two seasons to allow for a significant effort to remove hazardous standing trees affected by a root fungus. The district is pleased to have the camp-

ground fully reopened, with about half of the sites now available for advance reservation for visitor convenience. The remainder of sites will remain available for first-come, first-served to continue to allow for more spontaneous camping trips.

Detailed pricing, site information and reservations can be made at the following link to the National Recreation Reservation System, the clearinghouse for most federal recreation reservations on public lands: <http://www.recreation.gov/camping/williams-creek-campground/r/campground-Details.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=133990>.

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For more information, please contact Paul Blackman, district recreation staff, at 264-1505.

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Sports

WRESTLING



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Tate Hinger tries to stay on his feet at the 3A state tournament at the Pepsi Center. Hinger wrestled in the 126-pound division and finished the season with a record of 19-18.

Pirate wrestlers return from state competition

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Five Pirate wrestlers traveled to Denver to compete in the 3A state championships last weekend, wrestling in front of thousands at the Pepsi Center.

The grapplers included Tate Hinger, Trevor Bryant, Tyler Cowan, Dalton Lucero and Jaden Hinger.

At 126 pounds, sophomore Tate Hinger entered the tournament with a record of 19-16 and lost in the first championship round to Berthoud freshman Austyn Binkly (37-8 entering the tournament) by a pin.

Later, Tate Hinger lost his consolation round to Valley senior Jordyn Gutierrez (31-11) by major decision, with Hinger scoring five points to Gutierrez's 14.

In an interview with SUN staff, coach Dan Janowsky stated that Tate Hinger had really good opponents, with Janowsky explaining that Valley placed first in the tournament, with Berthoud placing third.

"He wrestled hard and he always gives his best," explained Janowsky, adding that, although Tate Hinger's opponents may have been a little stronger physically, "they're not tougher, certainly not mentally tougher."

Weighing 132 pounds, sophomore Trevor Bryant (23-14) lost via an 8-3 decision to Berthoud junior Matt Bailey (37-5).

Bryant later lost his consolation round to Fort Lupton freshman Darian Rosales (24-17).

"It was Trevor's first experience at the tournament, and he's only a

sophomore," stated Janowsky. "He was wrestling the No. 1 wrestler in his weight right off the bat."

Janowsky went on to describe that Bryant actually got a lead on the match against his first opponent, but later lost it.

"But, he showed through both of his matches that he was everybody's equal," explained Janowsky.

Wrestling in the 145-pound division, senior Tyler Cowan lost in the first championship round to Erie senior Tobias Campbell (31-9) via fall.

In his consolation round, Cowan lost to Mead junior Caleb Mendez (21-12) via a pin.

"It's an emotional thing, when you realize I'm not going to get to do this again," said Janowsky. "Tyler's put a lot into it, and his family's put a lot into it, and he's been such a pleasure to coach."

Janowsky went on to say that Cowan's early performances gave the team a good start in the season and that the team would miss him.

"He's a classy kid," said Janowsky. "He brings honor to whatever he does."

Weighing 152 pounds, sophomore Dalton Lucero (24-10) lost in the first championship round to Alamosa's Reis Martinez (26-6).

Later, Lucero lost his consolation round to Valley senior Dakota Gore (11-4) by decision, with Lucero scoring eight points to Gore's nine.

Janowsky explained that experience was a factor in Lucero's matches.

"In Dalton's weight, 12 of the 16 wrestlers were seniors," said Janowsky. "Those guys have some maturity and experience there."

Janowsky added that Lucero really gave it his all.

"He wrestled hard," he said. "He just had tough guys to go against, but he was right with both of them."

In the 195-pound division, senior Jaden Hinger (17-10) lost in the first championship round to Lamar sophomore Bart Gruenloh (27-12) via fall.

In his first consolation round, Jaden Hinger won by decision over Strasburg's Skile Ames (17-10), scoring seven points to his Ames' six.

In his second consolation round, Jaden Hinger won by decision over Denver West's Chris Padilla (26-10), scoring eight points to Padilla's seven.

In his third consolation round, Jaden Hinger lost by decision to Platte Canyon's Conner Peterson (40-11), with Jaden Hinger scoring three points to Peterson's five.

"Jaden had a great tournament," explained Janowsky. "In his first two consolation rounds, we fell behind, but Jaden stays calm and, as the match progresses, he figures things out."

Janowsky went on to say, "It was one of the best performances from an underdog that I've ever had at a state tournament. He helped show our younger guys in the end, 'Hey, you can do this.'"

Janowsky later explained how proud of the team he was, calling them "underdogs from day one" and saying that they "improved every week."

Janowsky added he was very confident for the next seasons with the team he was coaching, saying "I like the possibilities of the future."
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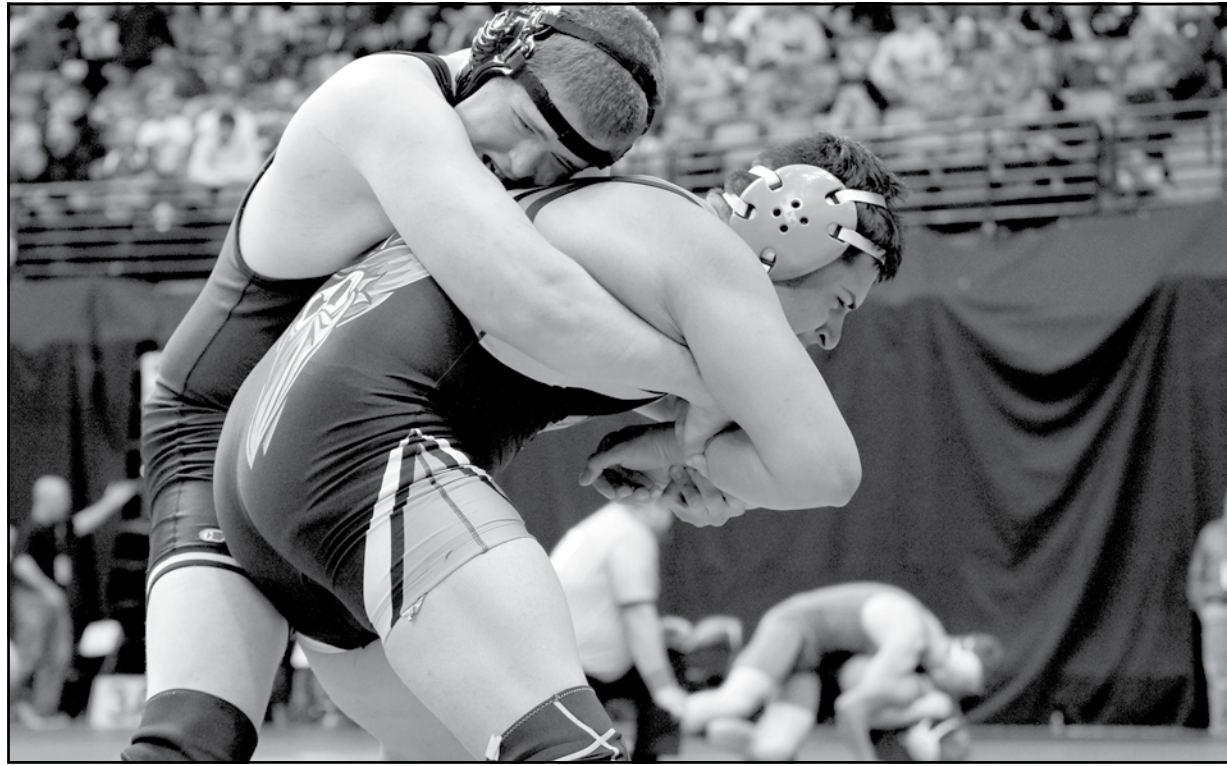


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Jaden Hinger grapples with his opponent during the state wrestling tournament. Wrestling at 195 pounds, Hinger won two of his three consolation rounds and ended the season with a record of 19-12.



Photo courtesy Allison Wylie

Dalton Lucero contemplates which way is up during his match against Alamosa's Reis Martinez. Lucero wrestled in the 152-pound division and finished his season with a record of 24-12.



Photo courtesy Allison Wylie

Trevor Bryant contends with his opponent during the state tournament last weekend. Bryant wrestled in the 132-pound division and finished his season with a record of 23-16.

BASKETBALL

No. 1 Lady Pirates look to claim district championship

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

With a perfect, 19-0 regular season in the books, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates basketball team headed into this week's district playoffs as the No. 1 seed, and will be looking to advance to regional and state action in the same manner.

The Lady Pirates capped off their unblemished regular season Feb. 19 in Alamosa, trampling the Mean Moose 45-14 in a low-scoring affair.

"We played well," coach Wes Lewis said, admitting, "We left some points on the floor."

Pagosa was strong out of the gate, however, scoring 25 in the first half while limiting their hosts to two points.

"Our defense was locked in," Lewis noted, adding that the team didn't press during the game.

The third quarter, however, saw a resurgence by Alamosa and a slow down by the Pirates, with

each team putting eight on the scoreboard.

"We left some points out there and they hit some shots," Lewis explained.

In the game's final quarter, the Lady Pirates again bested their hosts, this time 12-4, making for a 45-14 final tally.

"Forty-five's not a lot of points for us," Lewis said. "We missed some bunnies. We didn't shoot well from the field."

Too, the Lady Pirates were without a key starter, Madi Lewis, who suffered a sprain during the Pirates' Feb. 16 victory over Bayfield.

In the game, Taylor Lee-Hammer led the Pirates with 18 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Morgan Lewis followed closely behind with 16 points, while Mariah Snarr logged seven, and Keena Murphy and Devin Wilson each added two points.

The team was successful nine of 13 times from the free-throw line for a 69-percent success rate.

The team pulled down 30 total

rebounds in the game, evenly split between offense and defense. Alamosa logged 23 rebounds.

The Pirates turned the ball over 11 times compared to Alamosa's 14 turnovers, and each team stole the ball six times.

Now, the Pirates will look to repeat that feat at the district tournament at Centauri High School in La Jara.

District tournament

As the No. 1 seed in the Inter-mountain League, the Lady Pirates received a bye in the first round of district action on Feb. 23, as did the tournament host, No. 2 Centauri.

On Tuesday, No. 4 Alamosa faced off against No. 5 Montezuma-Cortez, with the Mean Moose defeating the Panthers 34-21, meaning the Mean Moose will again face the Lady Pirates Friday evening at 6 p.m.

The Mean Moose will enter the contest with an 8-12 overall record. During the regular season, Alamosa

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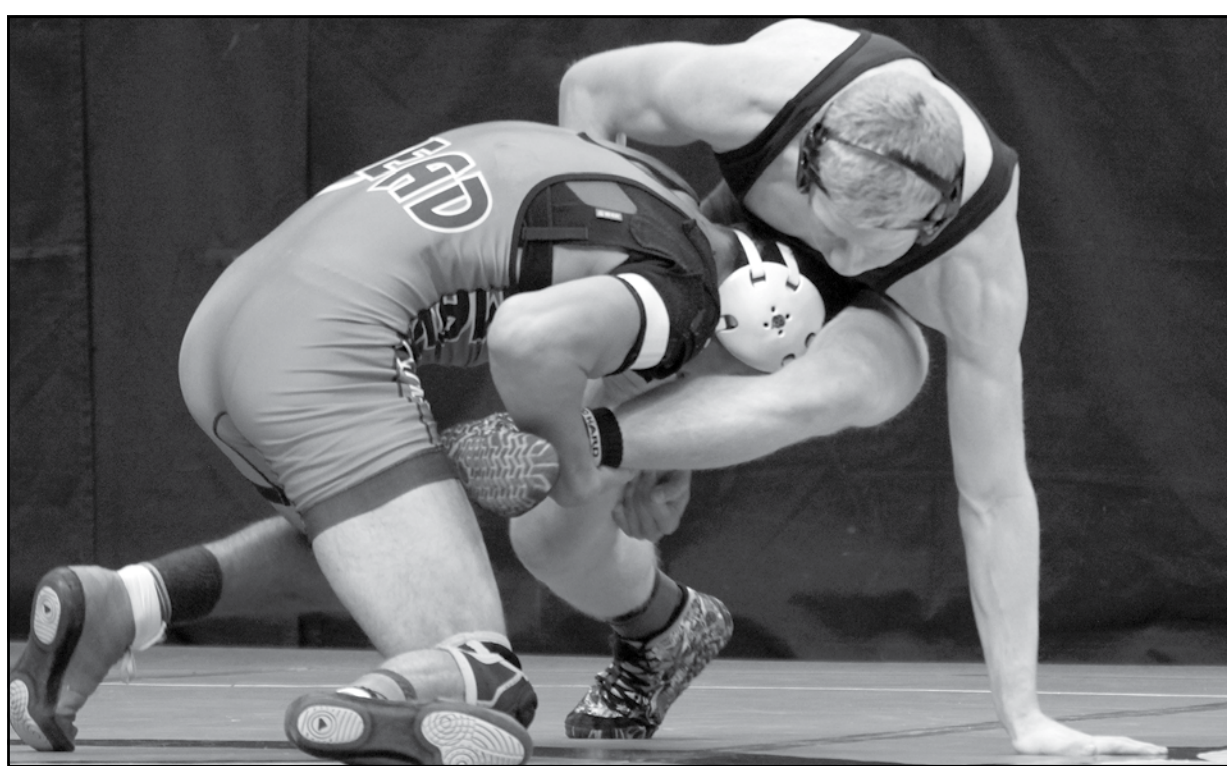


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Tyler Cowan wrestles with his opponent, Mead's Caleb Mendez. Cowan wrestled in the 145-pound division and finished his season with a record of 22-16.

BASKETBALL

Pirates ready for Bayfield rematch

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Tomorrow's night's face-off between the Pagosa Springs Pirates and the Bayfield Wolverines will not only determine who will advance to the district finals, but will also determine who will win the season series between the rivals.

Pagosa defeated Bayfield 52-40 in Bayfield Jan. 29, but fell to the Wolverines by a single point in overtime in Pagosa Springs on Feb. 16, 49-48.

Now, with the Pirates entering the district tournament as the No. 2 seed and Bayfield taking the No. 3 seed, the teams will face off at 6 p.m. tonight at Centauri High School in La Jara.

"We need to have a good week of practice and fix things fast or it is gonna be a short post season for us," coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN. "We feel like we can play our best basketball of the year now and hopefully advance in the post season but we need to keep working hard and having great preparation."

The Pirates dropped their final regular-season game in Alamosa, falling 48-40 to the Mean Moose, giving the Pirates a 12-7 overall record and 5-3 league mark heading into the post-season.

"In the Alamosa game Friday night we basically struggled with the same things that have all year,"

Sorenson wrote. "We struggled scoring the basketball only scoring 13 points in the first half and 17 after three quarters."

The Pirates were behind 9-8 at the end of the first quarter but, by halftime, faced a seven-point deficit. After scoring only four points in the third quarter while allowing 12, that deficit increased to 15.

"The reason for this is we turned the ball over 22 times and we did not make open shots. We have got to start taking care of the basketball and making open shots," Sorenson noted.

The Pirates attempted a comeback in the game's final quarter, scoring 23 points while allowing Alamosa 16. However, it was too little too late.

Briar Erskine led the charge for the Pirates, scoring 14. Isaiah Griego followed with 10 points, including two 3-pointers.

Ethan Brown scored eight for the Pirates and Ty Kimsey scored five, including a 3-pointer. Rounding out the Pirate scorers, Keaton Laverty notched two and Craig Tamburelli put up one free throw.

Collectively, the Pirates were successful 50 percent of the time from the charity stripe in the game.

"Again we only got to the free throw line 10 times making 5 while Alamosa went to the line 32 times making 17," the coach stated.

The coach noted that the Pirates'

opponents are seeing more time at the free-throw line than the Pirates because "we turn it over too much and we are not aggressive offensively."

Pagosa pulled down 28 rebounds in the game, compared to Alamosa's 21, and each team stole the ball seven times.

District tournament

Now, the Pirates will look to end their two-game losing streak and extend their post season at the district tournament.

At the same time, the Pirates will be looking to put an end to the Wolverines' three-game win streak.

Bayfield is 10-9 on the season.

Alamosa, which now owns a 15-4 record, is entering the tournament as the No. 1 seed and will take on the No. 4 Monte Vista Pirates.

Monte Vista defeated Centauri 63-57 in Tuesday evening's play-in game. Monte Vista is now 7-13 on the season.

The winners of the Pagosa/Bayfield and Alamosa/Monte Vista games will face off in the tournament championship at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, while the losers of the two games will vie for third place at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Town, county discuss joint operation of parks and recreation programs

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council and Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners joint work session at the Archuleta County administrative offices on Feb. 23 featured an exchange of ideas for greater cooperation in future operation and funding of local parks and public recreation programs.

The town currently has an active Parks and Recreation Department that operates several parks with facilities like ball fields for organized activities, and also sponsors recreation programs in the Ross Aragon Community Center and other venues.

According to figures provided at the joint work session, the town budgets about \$700,000 annually for its parks and the recreational programs.

In contrast, Archuleta County lacks any specific department or agency with comparable responsibilities and operates only Cloman Park, an open-space park.

The county currently contributes \$30,000 annually to recreation programs with money from its Conservation Trust Fund, which is fed by state lottery proceeds and to be used for specific, recreation-related purposes. And it sponsors the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) advisory task force. PROST assists the BoCC in a consultative capacity.

As pointed out by town councilman Tracy Bunning during the session, available data is that about 80 percent of the users of town programs and facilities reside outside the town.

Council members in attendance at the session stressed that this is a positive and that the volume of users enhances the success of the sponsored activities. But, they expressed the view that the two governments should undertake to work more together in order to continue to provide attractive recreational facilities and opportunities for members of the community.

As stated by Bunning, the town doesn't want to pay 90 percent of the cost for 20 percent of the use.

During the session, County com-

missioners Michael Whiting, Clifford Lucero and Steve Wadley collectively affirmed the county's preference not to create any new county administrative unit with responsibility for parks and recreation.

They indicated they feel the county's broad, existing responsibilities preclude such an expansion of its operations. But, they agreed the town's program is a significant community asset deserving of county support.

Lucero commented that the county wanted to assist the town's efforts, but needs to be sure of a sound funding mechanism.

Mayor Don Volger suggested that an idea to consider to provide the sort of sound mechanism desired could be similar to the current joint town/county approach to promoting tourism.

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board is a joint body which advises the local governments on effective activities and appropriate expenditures to achieve their mutual goal of bringing tourists to the area.

A consensus was reached during the session that further discussions are needed. Whiting suggested that the PROST and the town's parks and recreation commission should get together to formulate recommendations for additional consideration.

Volger agreed that a plan was needed to move from philosophical agreement to mutual action. His suggestion that the town and county administrative staffs should confer initially to determine a way forward as a focus for additional discussion met general agreement.

No date was determined for resumption of the discussion.

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went 4-6 in the IML.

"They played a box-and-one on Taylor Lee, so we're expecting the same," Lewis said, adding that he anticipates the Pirates could also see a triangle-and-two played on Morgan Lewis and Lee-Hammer in the game.

With Madi Lewis slated to be back in action, the coach said it should be harder for Alamosa to play junk defense against the Pirates.

"I think we've just got to be prepared for anything," the coach said.

Centauri, who went 7-3 in the

league during the regular season and owns a 16-3 overall record, will play Monte Vista Friday at 7:30 p.m., with Monte Vista having defeated Bayfield Tuesday evening.

The score of that game was not available by presstime Wednesday.

The Monte Vista Lady Pirates also went 7-3 in league play and currently sport a 14-5 record, having won their last three games.

The winners of Friday's games will face off Saturday to determine the district champion, while the losers of those two games will battle for third place.

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Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Madi Lewis
Basketball



Year in school: Senior
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Comments from coach Wes Lewis: "Madi has been a tremendous player for our program since her freshman year. I could go on and on about her but to sum it up there are three things that make her a cut above the rest. 1st it's her dedication. She is extremely committed to our program and our success. 2nd is that she is extremely coachable, always doing what is asked when she is asked and with a great attitude. 3rd is her work ethic. She demonstrates how to work hard in practice and not take plays, or practices off. Our younger kids look up to her and she is a tremendous leader for us."

RECREATION NEWS

Open gym basketball Saturday, volleyball registration deadline Monday

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

Youth volleyball registration runs through Monday, Feb. 29.

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

Community Center

The Ross Aragon Community Center will be open Saturday, Feb. 27 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 the

Community Center at 264-4151, ext. 231.

Recreation registration

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

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

Reservoir Hill open

The thinning project on Reservoir Hill is complete.

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

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

Ice skating pond

Due to the warm weather, the skating pond at the River Center is no longer being maintained 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.

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.townofpagosaspings.com.

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

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Solarize Archuleta encourages solar power

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

Solarize Archuleta is intent on finding 15 local homeowners who want to save money by helping the environment. The group will host a public meeting between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 29, at Riff Raff Brewing to explain how residents can reap this win-win bonanza.

Gary Frederick, Solarize Archuleta steering committee chairman, said the program follows a model previously used by Solarize La Plata, which recruited 101 homes in our neighboring county to go solar during 2014. Solarize Archuleta has already obtained participation by 15 county residents and has a goal of reaching a total of 30 by the end of next month, March 31.

Both Solarize organizations were spawned by the Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4Core), a Durango nonprofit dedicated to advancing the use of solar power to generate electricity in southwestern Colorado. According to 4Core's website, the group "serves Southwest Colorado as the leading resource for the effective and efficient use of energy to promote and sustain vibrant local communities."

Frederick advised that Solarize Archuleta has recruited four local contractors to do solar panel installations for county residents participating in its program at a fixed rate of \$3.65 per watt of generating capacity for an average-size installation. He said that rate represents a discount of approximately 25

percent from normal commercial installation charges. Homes in the Solarize Archuleta program remain "on the grid," or connected to electric utility power lines.

The size of an installation generally depends on the history of electric power demand for a specific residence. Frederick said that a small house occupied by a couple may need a system with about three kilowatts of capacity, and an average-size house, about four kilowatts of capacity. According to a brochure distributed by Solarize Archuleta, the gross price of installation of a four-kilowatt system would typically be \$14,600.

Frederick pointed out that homeowners who install solar panels are entitled to a federal tax credit of 30 percent of the cost, which may be spread out over a period of five years. Homeowners in Archuleta County also currently receive a rebate from the local electric power utility, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), of \$100 per kilowatt of capacity. The Solarize Archuleta brochure suggests that the average cost of installation after adjusting for the tax credit and rebate is approximately \$9,400.

Solarize Archuleta has received agreements from local banks to provide low-cost financing for solar panel installation to credit-worthy participating homeowners, typically for a term of 10 years. Frederick predicted that most who have panels installed will recover the cost in about 10-12 years.

Other features of the program are that participating contractors have committed to designing an

installation that will properly correspond to the homeowner's level of demand and maximize efficiency by optimal panel positioning.

Frederick said that only "top tier" solar panels guaranteed for 25 years are used. But he pointed out that solar panels were originally created by NASA in the U.S. space program and have been known to produce power effectively much longer than the period of the guarantee.

Another aspect of the program stressed by Frederick is the cooperative relationship that has been maintained with LPEA. LPEA approves all installations to ensure that the contractor's design matches the needs of the individual residence.

Frederick pointed out that LPEA is not seeking to use home solar panel installation as a means to expand electric power generation, but instead wants to equalize electric production by those who "go solar" with their actual need. Nevertheless, the company does "buy" excess electricity produced by a home's solar panels, such as might occur during periods of travel.

Frederick noted that panels are usually installed on roofs, but suitability of that may depend on the home's orientation in relation to the path of the sun, the exposure of usable roof area to sunlight and the presence of shade. Also, it is advisable to be sure the roof is in good condition at the time of installation. Ground-mount installation may be preferable for some homes, although the cost may be greater.

For roof installation, Frederick

said that solar panels are mounted on sturdy brackets a couple of inches above the roof surface. In case of heavy winter snow, he said the panels may need a couple of days of sunshine to clear and operate normally.

Frederick pointed out that, at a homeowner's request, Solarize Archuleta will arrange for an evaluation of the feasibility of solar panel installation at a particular property. Interested residents should contact 4Core's Durango office at 259-1916 and ask for Solarize Archuleta.

Frederick praised the 4Core organization for its commitment to give back to the southwestern Colorado community and change the direction of environmental and climate trends.

He commented, "People who are into solar have a passion for helping Mother Earth" and observed how blessed we are to live in a community with 300 days of sunshine a year.

Frederick also expressed appreciation for a \$2,500 grant provided to Solarize Archuleta by the Town of Pagosa Springs last year to help get its program started.

Town Manager Greg Schulte said the grant reflected that Pagosa Springs "is supportive of renewable energy." As another example, he cited its support also of geothermal energy exploration.

Frederick urged members of the community to join Solarize Archuleta to learn more at its meeting at Riff Raff on Feb. 29. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Tuesday, March 1

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

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

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

Thursday, March 3

Archuleta School District public meeting for input regarding budget needs and priorities 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

Tuesday, March 8

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., Junction Restaurant. Opportunity to ask questions of deputies and learn more about the Sheriff's Office.

Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special land use hearing. 5 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

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

Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Re-

view Board. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Wednesday, March 9

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation public meeting. 5:30-7 p.m. Pagosa Lodge, 3505 E. U.S. 160.

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

Monday, March 14

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, March 15

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, March 16

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

Thursday, March 17

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

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

Suspect in custody after multicounty pursuit

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

A multicounty pursuit occurred last Thursday, Feb. 18, involving a Santa Fe woman and several law enforcement agencies.

In an interview with SUN staff, Capt. Adrian Driscoll of the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) explained the woman was identified as 40-year-old Sabrina Bullock, who is now in custody at the La Plata County Jail on the charge of eluding.

The pursuit began in Rio Grande County when an officer attempted to pull Bullock over in Del Norte for driving 60 mph in an area where the

speed limit was 30 mph.

The officer continued the pursuit until getting to the town of South Fork, where the South Fork Police Department (SFPD) pursued Bullock to the tunnel on Wolf Creek Pass near mile marker 175, Driscoll explained.

Bullock pulled over temporarily in the tunnel before attempting to hit an officer with her 2010 BMW SUV, explained Driscoll.

In an interview with SUN staff, Archuleta County Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton explained that when a member of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) approached Bullock's stopped ve-

hicle, she was noncompliant and refused to exit the vehicle.

Hamilton said that an officer then broke her window and Bullock responded by accelerating and honking her horn.

Driscoll reported that a roadblock was set up at mile marker 148, which Bullock was able to get through by ramming an ACSO vehicle.

When the vehicle was rammed, the ACSO terminated pursuit, Hamilton stated.

As Bullock approached Pagosa Springs, it was decided to terminate the pursuit in an effort to avoid Bullock speeding through the town

at even more dangerous speeds, said Driscoll.

As Bullock continued along U.S. 160, La Plata County Sheriff's Office personnel attempted to meet her at the line between Archuleta and La Plata counties.

Authorities managed to puncture all four tires with a spike strip near mile marker 107, where they proceeded to apprehend Bullock and take her into custody.

Bullock could face additional charges including felony eluding, first-degree assault on a peace officer and reckless driving.

Driscoll reported that Bullock had a clear criminal history and stated that she was due to be transferred to a mental health facility sometime this week.

No drugs or alcohol were involved in the pursuit.

Driscoll explained that no one was injured during the pursuit and that there were two dogs with Bullock in her BMW, both of which are fine.

The CSP, SFPD and ACSO were all involved in this pursuit.

Hamilton said that the vehicle that was rammed hasn't been evaluated by an appraiser, but that the vehicle is out of service.

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The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Feb. 15 — Drove vehicle when license revoked as habitual offender-misdemeanor, U.S. 84.

Feb. 15 — Information only, Prospect Boulevard.

Feb. 16 — Theft, found property, County Road 551.

Feb. 16 — Identity theft/uses identity, Holiday Avenue.

Feb. 16 — Animals/nuisance, Bauer Place.

Feb. 16 — Information only, Holiday Avenue.

Feb. 17 — Information only, San Juan Street.

Feb. 17 — Unlawful ownership of vicious dog, Simmons Drive.

Feb. 17 — Information only, Buttercup Drive.

Feb. 18 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Feb. 19 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Feb. 19 — Information only, Fire-side Street.

Feb. 19 — Theft/from building, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Feb. 19 — Criminal mischief, County Road 973.

Feb. 19 — Drove vehicle when license canceled, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, failed to drive in a single lane, San Juan Street.

Feb. 19 — Harassment/stalking-misdemeanor, domestic violence, criminal mischief, Cactus Drive.

Feb. 20 — Owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, expired license plates, Navajo Trail Drive.

Feb. 20 — Drove vehicle when license was suspended, Back Swing Drive.

Feb. 21 — Information only, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Feb. 21 — Expired license plates, drove vehicle when license revoked as habitual offender-misdemeanor, Pinon Causeway.

Feb. 21 — Warrant arrest, Pinon Causeway.

Feb. 22 — Identity theft/intent, San Juan Street.

Feb. 22 — Menacing-felony/aggravated/weapon, third-degree assault/simple assault, domestic violence, harassment public place obscene language or gesture, Aspenglow Boulevard.

Feb. 22 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, false imprisonment, Circle Drive.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Feb. 16 — Information only, Caballo Place.

Feb. 16 — Suspended license/expired plates/insurance, Pines apartments.

Feb. 18 — Assault/criminal mischief, North 7th Street.

Feb. 19 — Animal/barking dog, Majestic Drive.

Feb. 19 — Child abuse, North 8th Street.

Feb. 21 — Found property, Aspen Village Drive.

Feb. 21 — Arrest/local warrant, U.S. 160.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William J. Anderson

Jan. 27 — Christopher Rivas, illegal possession/consumption of alcohol by underage person, six months probation, costs — \$160.

Jan. 27 — Edward Soto Jr., two counts of contempt/failure to appear, one day jail.

Jan. 27 — Lance Ulery, marijuana prohibited, 12 months supervised probation, 24 hours community service, costs — \$295.

Jan. 27 — Lance Ulery, possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana accessories, fine — \$125.

Jan. 27 — Lance Ulery, two counts contempt/failure to appear, six days jail, costs — \$330.

Jan. 27 — Juvenile, marijuana prohibited, 12 months probation, 200 hours community service (50 hours suspended), 1,500-word essay, costs — \$270.

Feb. 10 — Juvenile, marijuana prohibited, 12 months probation, 200 hours community service (50 hours suspended), 1,500-word essay, costs — \$370 (\$150 suspended).

Feb. 11 — Austin Courtney, marijuana prohibited, possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana accessories, 12 months probation, 30 days

jail (15 days suspended), costs — \$1,770 (\$825 suspended).

Feb. 11 — Jeremiah Hawkins, marijuana prohibited, 12 months probation, 24 hours community service, costs — \$295.

Feb. 11 — Jeremiah Hawkins, possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana accessories, costs — \$160.

Feb. 11 — Juvenile, marijuana prohibited, 12 months probation, 200 hours community service (50 hours suspended), 1,500-word essay, costs — \$370 (\$50).

Feb. 11 — Juvenile, marijuana prohibited, possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana accessories, 12 months probation, 200 hours community service (50 hours suspended), 1,500-word essay, costs — \$370 (\$150 suspended).

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Archuleta County Court: Judge Samuel H. Cassidy

No report.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Greg Lyman

No report.

Thanks

Woodruff

Thank you to Sean O'Donnell, Chris Hinger, Terri House, Tosha Smith, all those who liked, and all those who shared and posted the invitation to create a short video for Butch Madrid.

A special thank you to the almost 80 people that were able to come on such short notice with their signs and well wishes.

Butch was able to see the video and Rich read him the cards and the signs surrounded him in his room.

I believe, as he passed, he heard us, the hometown crowd, cheering and hoopin' and hollerin', as it echoed through the school gym ...
Natalie Woodruff

Walmart lighting appeal set for March 1

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The long-running dispute over the lights in the Walmart parking lot is scheduled to reach the Pagosa Springs Town Council at its next regular meeting on March 1.

Walmart's appeal to council of the planning director's finding that certain of the lights are in violation of Land Use and Development Code regulations is on the agenda for the March 1 meeting.

The finding was previously ap-

pealed and upheld by the Board of Adjustments last year, based on testimony that glare from some lights shines onto adjacent properties.

However, Town Planning Director James Dickhoff advised the SUN on Feb. 23 that it appears likely Walmart will ask for an extension of the appeal hearing date.

Dickhoff advised, "They are working on design modifications [to the lights] that will hopefully resolve the issue."

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SENIOR NEWS

Attorney to provide services at Senior Center March 2

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN Columnist

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging provides legal services for seniors through the program attorney, Michael F. Green, P.C.

Green will be spending the day at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center on Wednesday, March 2. During that time, persons may be able to get free simple wills, a durable financial power of attorney, medical power of attorney or living will completed on-site.

In order to make this process more convenient for everyone, people can call Green's office at (970) 565-6362 to provide needed information to Green or Julie, his legal assistant, for the advanced preparation of your documents. Advanced preparation of the documents can significantly shorten wait time at the Senior Center.

You may also contact Green via email at mikegreenattorney@gmail.com.

Individual appointments are available at Green's office, located at 230 West North St. in Cortez. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1466, Cortez, CO 81321.

Home help programs

The Senior Center offers two programs to help seniors safely remain in their homes — the chore program and a program to help with home monitoring.

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.

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.

VITA tax preparation

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

The next planned date is 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.

Medicare Mondays

Are you turning 65? Are you confused about Medicare? We have openings every Monday at the Senior Center to help you with your Medicare enrollment questions.

Here are some quick tips: If you are collecting Social Security, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare parts A and B. We can help you pick a Part D prescription drug plan. If you don't enroll in a Part D plan, you could face penalties.

If you are new to Medicare, you have an eight-month Special Enrollment Period to sign up for parts A, B and D around your 65th birthday. Medicare starts after your employment ends or the group health insurance plan based on your current employment ends, whichever happens first. You do not pay late penalties if you enroll within the eight-month Special Enrollment Period. COBRA and retiree health plans are not considered coverage based on current employment.

Important dates: General enrollment runs from Jan. 1 through March 31 each year and coverage starts July 1. Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 is open (or annual) enrollment for switching plans for Part D and a Medicare Cost Plan; coverage starts Jan. 1.

If you would like to talk to a Medicare counselor, please contact the Area Agency on Aging to make an appointment. Please call 264-0501, ext. 2. We will put you in touch with one of our talented and

experienced Medicare counselors.

Memberships

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

Menu

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

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

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

Thursday, Feb. 25 — Chicken cacciatore, penne pasta, Italian vegetables, focaccia bread, salad bar and berries with fruit.

Friday, Feb. 26 — Pineapple shrimp, steamed brown rice, Asian vegetables and salad bar.

Monday, Feb. 29 — Ham and cheese or spinach quiche, salad bar, asparagus and fruit salad with bananas.

Tuesday, March 1 — Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli with cauliflower and carrots, whole wheat roll, salad bar and brownie.

Wednesday, March 2 — Pork with green chili stew, whole wheat tortilla, asparagus, salad bar and blueberry cobbler.

Thursday, March 3 — Chicken breast, broccoli, whole wheat roll, baked potato, salad bar and fresh fruit salad with banana.

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

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always attend. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days.



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Public Notices

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
UPPER SAN JUAN HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT
§1-13.5-501, 1-13.5-1102(3), 32-1-905(2), C.R.S.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Upper San Juan Health Service District of Archuleta, Hinsdale, and Mineral Counties, Colorado. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 3rd day of May, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms. Eligible electors of the Upper San Juan Regional Health Service District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):
Jodi Scarpa
95 South Pagosa Boulevard
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
970-731-3700
The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is 5:00 p.m. on February 26, 2016. If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the deadline.
Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by 5 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2016. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016.
By: Designated Election Official
Published February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response. You are required to file your Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action to judicial foreclosure to:
Unit Number 7318, Building Number 2, Unit Week Number 39, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase One as Reception No. 161539 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 13th day of January, 2016.
/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
D. Brett Van Winkle
The Pagosa Springs SUN.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
BRUCE BLANKENSHIP and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com Atty. Reg. #: 41195
Case Number: 15CV030214
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
BRUCE BLANKENSHIP and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
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Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com Atty. Reg. #: 41195
Case Number: 15CV030218
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response. You are required to file your Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action to judicial foreclosure to:
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/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
D. Brett Van Winkle
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See Public Notices A16

Celebrations



Bryan and Sue Meekins, of Pagosa Springs, along with Mike and Bonnie Greenleaf, of Aztec, N.M., are pleased to announce the engagement of their kids, Casey Meekins and Onis Greenleaf. An August 2016 wedding is planned and the couple plans to reside in Grand Junction.

Health insurance deadline nears for Colorado HealthOp customers

By Claire Ninde
Special to The SUN

San Juan Basin Health Department (SJBHD) reminds the public that most former customers of Colorado HealthOp can still enroll in new health insurance with a different company through Feb. 29.

The enrollment process can take as little as 30 minutes and financial assistance may still be available. Tax penalties for 2016 filing may be avoided if enrollment is prior to Feb. 29.

The Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment period ended Jan. 31, but for those who lost Colorado HealthOp, the dead-

line has been extended.

For more information, contact SJBHD at 335-2021 or call any local health insurance broker certified by Connect for Health Colorado. Information is also available on the Connect for Health website at www.ConnectforHealthCO.com.

EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Put that tax refund to work for you

By Roberta Tolan
SUN Columnist

For those of you who don't procrastinate, you may have already submitted your tax forms and are anticipating your federal and state tax refund any day.

If you haven't already allocated the refund for paying off debt, buying a new television or going on vacation this spring break, you might want to think about how you can put that money to work for you in the future.

Opening an individual retirement account (IRA) is one of the best ways to save for your future. Some of us have IRA options available to us through our employer, but for those who do not, the myRA option could be a good one. The following information was provided by Laurel Kubin, CSU Extension director in Larimer County.

Do you have a child or partner who does not yet have a retirement savings plan? Accumulating enough in a savings account in order to even open a mutual fund account can be a long process, especially with current low interest rates. The myRA was created as a vehicle to help people build a pool of dollars to invest in other types of retirement funds later.

myRA is a retirement savings account developed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury that helps make saving easy. myRA could be a good option for your family member if they don't have access to a retirement savings plan at work, but want

to start saving for their future. It costs nothing to open, there are no fees, and they choose how much they want to save — whatever fits their budget. myRA is simple, safe, and affordable.

Annual and lifetime contribution limits and annual earned income limits apply, as do conditions for tax-free withdrawal of interest. To learn about key features of a Roth IRA and for other requirements and details, visit the myRA website at www.myRA.gov.

myRA is essentially a Roth IRA, funded with after-tax dollars. Contributions are invested in a new U.S. Treasury Savings bond that earns interest at the same rate as investments in Government Securities Funds available to federal employees. These investments earned 2.31 percent in 2014 and an average annual return of 3.19 percent over the 10-year period ending December 2014.

The myRA saver can save up to \$15,000 in this fund before transferring it to a private sector Roth IRA. It is simple to set up automatic contributions into a myRA. This can be done online. If a person changes jobs, the account stays with the saver — it's portable. Contributions can be made from a saver's paycheck, their checking or savings account, or from their federal tax refund. The money that is invested must be from earned income.

The money is safe because it is backed by the U.S. Treasury. The account safely earns interest. There is no minimum account balance and

no minimum amount required to get started in a myRA. The myRA is affordable because there is no cost to open the account and there are no fees. Savers contribute an amount they choose every payday — whatever fits their budget, even if it's just \$5, \$25 or \$100. They can contribute up to \$5,500 per year (or \$6,500 per year if age 50 and over).

Savers enjoy the tax advantages this type of investment brings. myRA can fit into the bigger picture of financial security for a person.

If you have family members or friends who need to get started on their retirement planning, tell them about myRA. The www.myRA.gov website is easy to use and understand.

CPR and first aid

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

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

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

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

Call the Extension office for information at 264-5931.

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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 Robert W Besecker and Karon S Besecker \$2733.48

Morris Waxler, Linda Waxler, Ryan Waxler and Shawn Waxler \$564.58 Thomas W Lewis and Linda G Lewis and John D McGuire and Ann McGuire \$2491.43 John Frances Maher and Katherine Martha Maher, Trustees of the Maher Family Trust \$2596.20 Gary Lee Chrisman, Jr. \$2074.50 Amount of Judgment Entered on November 9, 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 THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, April 6, 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 hereunder 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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NOTICE OF RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.

A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE PURSUANT TO §38-38-104 C.F.R.S., SHALL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICER AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE FOR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED. IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO §38-38-302 C.F.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE. THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: John D. Alford, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 43104, 924 Adelaide Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901.

Attached hereto as EXHIBIT B are copies of certain Colorado statutes that may vitally affect your property rights in relation to this proceeding. Said proceeding may result in the loss of property in which you have an interest and may create personal debt against you. You may wish to seek the advice of your own private attorney concerning your rights in relation to this foreclosure proceeding.

INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed December 14, 2015. Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado By: Tonya Hamilton

Exhibit A
Detail Listing of Judgment Calculations
As of January 23, 2015
Defendant/Property Matter Amount
Lien Statement for Robert W Besecker and Karon S Besecker filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500472 against the following described Property to wit: Units 7839 and 7840 in Building 20, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, and subject to the Second Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, 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: \$1733.48
Total: \$2733.48
Lien Statement for Morris Waxler, Linda Waxler, Ryan Waxler and Shawn Waxler filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500473 against the following described Property to wit:
Units 7839 and 7840 in Building 20, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, and subject to the Second Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, 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: \$1733.48
Total: \$2733.48
Lien Statement for Morris Waxler, Linda Waxler, Ryan Waxler and Shawn Waxler filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500473 against the following described Property to wit:
Units 7839 and 7840 in Building 20, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, and subject to the Second Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, 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: \$1733.48
Total: \$2733.48

Lien Statement for Thomas W Lewis and Linda G Lewis, John D McGuire and Ann McGuire filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500474 against the following described Property to wit:
Units 7843 and 7844 in Building 22, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, and subject to the Second Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, 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: \$1991.43
Total: \$2491.43
Lien Statement for John Frances Maher and Katherine Martha Maher, Trustees of the Maher Family Trust Dated May 30, 1991 filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500475 against the following described Property to wit:
Units 7843 and 7844 in Building 22, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, and subject to the Second Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, 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: \$1596.20
Total: \$2596.20
Lien Statement for Gary Lee Chrisman Jr. filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500476 against the following described Property to wit:
Units 7843 and 7844 in Building 22, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, and subject to the Second Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, 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: \$1074.50
Total: \$1074.50
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00

Total: \$2074.50
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
DEREK WILCOX and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
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Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com
Atty. Reg. #: 41195
Case Number: 15CV030244

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response. You are required to file your Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action to judicial foreclosure to:

Unit Number 7309, Building Number 02, Unit Week Number 13, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase One as Reception No. 161539 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 27th day of January, 2016.

/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
D. Brett Van Winkle
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.

RICARDO LOPEZ, PAULA S. LOPEZ and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com
Atty. Reg. #: 41195
Case Number: 15CV030216

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response. You are required to file your Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action to judicial foreclosure to:

Unit Number 7309, Building Number 01, Unit Week Number 23, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase Two as Reception No. 177633 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 27th day of January, 2016.

/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
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Plaintiff,
vs.

O & L ASSOCIATES, INC. and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424
Email: vanwinkledb@gmail.com
Atty. Reg. #: 41195
Case Number: 15CV030215

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response. You are required to file your Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action to judicial foreclosure to:

Unit Number 7319, Building Number 002C, Unit Week Number 45, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase One as Reception No. 161539 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 13th day of January, 2016.

/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
D. Brett Van Winkle
Published February 11, 18, 25, March 3 and 10, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of Aspen Springs Metropolitan District of Archuleta County, Colorado,
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 3rd day of May, 2016, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the District Building 216 Metro Dr. This will be conducted as a mail ballot election. At that time, three (3) directors will be elected to serve a four-year term. Eligible electors of Aspen Springs Metropolitan District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO), who may be contacted by mail, telephone or email: Kelly Evans, DEO, PO Box 488, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147, (970) 903-7915, info@aspensprings-metro.org or may be obtained on the district website as follows: www.aspensprings-metro.org.
If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 3:00 p.m. on **Friday, February 26, 2016**. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is 3:00p.m. close of business on Friday, February 26, 2016 (not less than 67 days before the election). Earlier submital is encouraged as the deadline will not permit curing an insufficient form. Affidavit of Intent To Be a Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the DEO by the close of business on **Monday, February 29, 2016** (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, All Colorado registered voters in the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District will receive mail-in ballots. All Colorado Registered voters owning property in the District, but, living outside of the district can submit an application for a mail-in ballot which shall be filed with the DEO no later than the close of business on **Friday, April 29, 2016**, except that, if the applicant wishes to receive the mail-in ballot by mail, the application shall be filed no later than the close of business on **Tuesday, April 26, 2016**.

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT By: Kelly Evans Designated Election Official
Published in: Pagosa Springs SUN
Published February 11, 18, 25, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON March 1

C&J Gravel Products, Inc. of Durango, Colorado, represented by Nathan Barton, Wasteline, Inc., have applied for a Major Sand & 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; NW¼NE¼, S½NE¼ and NE¼SE¼ Sections 10 and N½SW¼ and S½NW¼ Section 11, T33N R2W NMPM at 12500 County Road 500, Pagosa Springs, CO. 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: (970) 264-1390 or to jshepard@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners on March 1, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.
Published February 18 and 25, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Archuleta County, Colorado District Court 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81301

Plaintiff:
JOHN M RITCHEY REVOCABLE TRUST,
v.

Defendants:
JOHN J. MONJAZI, ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE, O & G ROYAL, LLC, a California limited liability company, NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company, PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INVESTMENT RETRIEVERS INC., and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Tracy J. Cross, E. Second Ave., #240 Durango, CO 81301 Tele: (970) 385-0600 tcross@mydurango.net Case Number: 16 CV 30004

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court or the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet the title for real property located in Archuleta County to the Plaintiff. The legal description of the property in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado is:
Lots 88, 89 and 90 in LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, according to the plat thereof recorded April 30, 1979 as Reception No. 94867.
Dated: February 17, 2016.
Published in The Pagosa Sun.
First Publication: February 25, 2016.
Last Publication: March 24, 2016.

/s/ Tracy J. Cross
Tracy J. Cross
Published February 25, March 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON MARCH 1, 2016
Black & Veatch, representing Verizon Wireless, is requesting approval to Rezone a parcel in the PUD zone to establish a Development Plan, for property owned by the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association known as the Lake Forest Open Space, located generally within Sections 18 and 19, T13N R2W NMPM, at 1311 Lake Forest Cir, Pagosa Springs, CO. The Development Plan will provide standards for placement of a Commercial Radio System (CMRS) wireless communication facility north of the lake, including a 70' monopole pole and faux wood equipment shelter, and continued recreation and open space use.
Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, (970) 264-1390 or to jshepard@archuletacounty.org.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners will hold a special public hearing to consider the application, on March 8, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the County Emergency Operations Center, 777 County Road 600 (Piedra Road), Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.
Published February 25 and March 3, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR KREZ-TV
On February 10, 2016, an application was filed seeking FCC consent to the transfer of control of LIN of Colorado, LLC, licensee of KREZ-TV, Durango, CO, from the Shareholders of Media General, Inc. to Nexstar Media Group, Inc.
The officers, directors, and 10% or more shareholders of Media General, Inc. and the entities in its chain of ownership are Diana Cantor, Royal Carson III, H.C. Charles Dia, Dennis Filizsimons, Soohyung Kim, Douglas McCormick, John Muse, Wyndham Robertson, Vincent Sadusky, Thomas Sullivan, James Woodward, Deborah McDermott, Robert Richter, Andrew Carington, Timothy Mulvaney, David Knickel, William Neisell, Linda Thompson, Andrew Rosen, Standard General Communications LLC, Standard General Fund L.P., Standard General GP LLC, Standard General Management LLC, Standard General Holdings LP, Standard General S Corp., Acme Almagamated Holdings LLC, Hicks, Muse Fund III Incorporated, Hicks, Muse, GP Partners, L.P., HMGSP Partners, L.P., and Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Equity Fund III, L.P.
The officers, directors, and 10% or more shareholders of Nexstar Media Group, Inc. and the entities in its ownership chain are Perry Sook, Lisbeth McNabb, Geoff Armstrong, I. Martin Poppadour, Dennis Miller, Thomas McMillan, Jay Grossman, Thomas Carter, Brian Jones, Timothy Busch, Thomas O'Brien, Elizabeth Ryder, Blake Russell, Marc Lisker, John Phelan, Glenn Mandred in the Complaint without further notice.

Position	Amount
4-H Coordinator	31,163.90
4-H Coordinator	272.46
Accountant	46,685.04
Accountant	47,141.46
Accountant	25,474.68
Accounting Clerk III	41,048.30
Administrative Assistant	39,068.32
Administrative Assistant	34,805.92
Administrative Assistant	7,344.20
Administrative Assistant	31,058.27
Administrative Assistant	9,050.77
Administrative Assistant	32,186.33
Adult/Child Prot Casework I	5,875.89
Adult/Child Prot Casework I	37,829.41
Adult/Child Prot Casework II	42,265.08
Adult/Child Prot Casework II	25,403.74
Airport Maintenance Supervisor	35,467.20
Airport Manager	52,971.29
Appraiser I	30,881.25
Appraiser I	15,098.00
Appraiser I	10,897.42
Appraiser III	41,469.55
Appraiser III	34,332.79
Arboles Trans Station Fill in	223.94
Arboles Transfer Station Attcn	9,582.29
Assessor	58,500.00
Assistant in The Pagosa Sun	33,469.43
Bus Driver	17,278.65
Bus Driver	16,616.04
Casework Therapist	25,790.99
Casework Therapist	199.60
Caseworker I	6,346.55
Caseworker I	40,935.59
Caseworker I	9,102.22
Caseworker Supervisor	47,351.56
Chief Building Official	51,946.20
Chief Deputy Clerk	52,886.36
Child Support Legal Tech	27,047.61
Child Support Legal Technician	36,168.43
Child Support Legal Technician	6,880.43
Commissioner	58,500.00
Commissioner	58,500.00
Computer & Network Support Spe	53,665.75
Computer Support Specialist	24,234.99
Cons Emergency Comm Mgr	57,086.38
County Administrator	110,586.98
County Attorney	117,308.42
County Clerk	58,500.00
County Coroner	30,553.92
County Coroner	2,800.78
County Surveyor	119.17
County Surveyor	3,190.26
County Treasurer	58,500.00
Court House Security Officer	41,610.39
Custodian	15,595.91
Custodian	32,952.28
Dentention Lieutenant	26,460.24
Deputy Assessor	42,665.03
Deputy Assessor	42,889.64
Deputy Clerk I	28,876.72
Deputy Clerk III	34,332.71
Deputy Clerk III	33,788.51
Deputy County Attorney	35,507.93
Deputy Dir. Of Emer. Mgt	54,950.35
Deputy Treasurer	35,425.66
Detective	35,425.66
Detective	32,439.81
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Emergency Operations Director	48,980.64
Engineering Tech	33,468.48
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Equipment Operator III	44,030.03
Equipment Operator III	44,665.96
Equipment Operator III	12,616.67
Equipment Operator III	37,472.36
Evidence Tech	6,428.12
Family Advocate	39,936.27
Finance Director	91,521.14
Fleet Shop Supervisor	53,053.97
GIS Analyst	19,139.63
Human Resources Administrator	58,218.19
Human Services Director	87,141.52
Landfill Operator	34,763.34
Lead Landfill Operator	41,395.68
Life Skills Worker	32,128.00
Maintenance Tech	12,348.00
Mechanic	16,656.70
Office Assistant	9,153.42

County Republicans, Democrats to hold precinct caucuses March 1

By Jim Huffman
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Democratic and Republican precinct caucuses are the first official events in a series of events leading to the choice of candidate(s) to be placed on the primary and general election ballots.

Anyone may attend the caucus, but, in order to participate in your precinct caucus, you must have been registered as either a Democratic or Republican by Monday, Jan. 4, and you must be a resident in your precinct not later than Monday, Feb. 1.

However, anyone who turns 18 after Jan. 4 and before March 1 and registers to vote may also participate as long as they have been a resident in their precinct since Feb. 1. If you are unsure of your precinct, you can go to the county website (www.archuletacounty.org), click on "County Departments" and then "Clerk/Recorder's office," click on "Elections" and then on "Election Precincts" to see the maps — you can then enlarge them to get a better look — then find your street and you should be able to identify your precinct.

The caucus starts at 7 p.m. — you should plan to arrive, check in, get your ballots, and see what is going on not later than about 6:30 p.m.

Voters present at each precinct caucus will elect two precinct committee persons to represent them on their respective Democratic or Republican county central committees for the next two years and they will elect delegates to the next event in the caucus process, their county assembly. Absentee ballots and/or proxy votes are not allowed; you must be there to vote and participate in the process. In addition, caucus attendees will hear and vote on resolutions to be forwarded to the county assembly for consideration.

Delegates elected to the two county assemblies at the precinct caucuses, and present at those assemblies, will vote on several things.

First, they will choose the candidates for county office on the primary election ballot (June 28). This year, two county commissioner positions are up, District 2 (vacant since Commissioner Clifford Lucero (D) is term-limited) and District 1 (currently held by Republican Steven Wadley). Again, anyone can attend the assembly or the convention. However, only delegates selected at the caucus can participate and vote.

Next, county assembly delegates will elect delegates to the three state and national political districts that include Archuleta County and are up for election this year: the 3rd

U.S. Congressional District (3rd CD), the 59th State House District (59th HD) and the 6th State Judicial District (6th JD). These offices are currently filled by Rep. Scott Tipton (R), state Rep. J. Paul Brown (R), and District Attorney Todd Risberg (D), respectively. Later, these district delegates will choose the candidate(s) to be put on the primary ballot at their respective district assemblies.

Delegates at their county assembly will also hear and vote on resolutions to be forwarded to their state convention; on vacancy committees for vacancies on the Central Committee, candidates designated to run for office and in elected office; and they will approve the precinct committee people who were elected at their precinct caucus.

And, last, they will choose from among themselves who will be delegates to their respective state conventions.

Usually, delegates at the state convention choose who will be on the primary ballot for state-wide offices (governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, etc.), but, in this year's cycle, there are no major state offices up for election. Therefore, it is left to the delegates to choose who among them will go as delegates to the Democratic or Republican national conventions and to vote on resolutions to be forwarded to the national conven-

tion for inclusion in their party's national platform.

Archuleta County Republican caucus process schedule

The Archuleta County Republican Precinct Caucus, the first official event leading to the choice of Republican candidate(s) to be placed on the primary and general election ballots, will take place at 7 p.m. on March 1 at eight separate precinct caucus locations.

The Archuleta County Republican 2016 Precinct Caucus locations, precinct committee person (POC) and phone numbers are as follows:

Precinct 1 — Old county commissioners' meeting room, county courthouse, POCs Glenn Walsh, 317-5400, and David Parker, 264-1434;

Precinct 2 — Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St., POCs Mike Church, 759-9214, and Julie Church, 264-4465 or 769-3063;

Precinct 3 — CSU Extension building, 344 U.S. 84, POCs Marlys Nelson, 264-1155 or (580) 370-0208, and Carl Mellberg, 264-0269;

Precinct 4 — St. Peter Catholic Church, Colo. 151/CR975, Arboles, POC Molly Risinger, 946-0240;

Precinct 5 — Pagosa Baptist Church, 10533 W. U.S. 160, POC Mason Carpenter, 731-5839 or 903-1034;

Precinct 6 — Pagosa Lakes Vista Clubhouse, 230A Port Ave, POCs Deborah Van Gundy, (719) 839-0556, and Donald Farr, 731-1184 or (303) 618-7422;

Precinct 7 — Restoration Fellowship Church, Ed Building, 264 Village Drive, POC Roxanne Lattin, 507-0257;

Precinct 8 — Pagosa Lodge, The View, 3505 E. U.S. Hwy. 160, POCs Dick Warring, 731-3971 or 946-6236, and Martha Peacock, 731-0884.

The Republican County Assembly will be held at Pagosa Springs High School on Saturday, March 19, with check-in starting at 8 a.m. and the assembly to start at 9 a.m.

The two Republican state district assemblies, the 59th HD and the 6th JD, will be held on Saturday, April 2, at the Recreation Center in Durango. Check-in for the 59th HD is at 1 p.m., with the assembly to start at 2 p.m. Check-in for the 6th JD to follow the completion of the 59th assembly, approximately 2:30 p.m., with the assembly to start around 3 p.m., as soon as check-in is completed.

The 3rd CD assembly will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 1775 Cheyenne Mountain Blvd. in Colorado Springs, on Friday, April 8. The Republican State Convention is at the Broadmoor World Arena, 3185 Venetucci Blvd. in Colorado Springs, on Saturday, April 9. The schedule for the events in Colorado Springs is yet to be determined.

If you are looking for additional information about local Republican organizations and events, you can go to www.archuleta-republicans.org/news/ and click on whatever links are of interest.

Archuleta County Democratic Caucus process schedule

The Archuleta County Democratic Precinct Caucus, the first official event leading to the choice of Democratic candidate(s) to be placed on the primary and general election ballots, will take place for all precincts at 6:30 p.m. on March 1 in the Community Center, Senior Dining Room, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

In addition to the caucus activities listed above, a Presidential Preference Poll will be conducted and used to help determine the distribution of delegates to the county assembly.

The Democratic County Assembly will be held Saturday, March 12, at the CSU Extension building, 355 U.S. 84, starting at 8:30 a.m.

The two Democratic state district assemblies, the 59th HD and the 6th JD, and the 3rd CD Assembly will be held at the Ranch Events Complex in Loveland on Friday, April 15. The State Democratic Convention will be at the Budweiser Events Center in Loveland on Saturday, April 16. The schedule for the events in Loveland is yet to be determined.

The POC for the Archuleta Democrats is Becky Herman, the county Democratic chair, at 264-2171 or 903-0788. If you are looking for additional information about local Democratic organizations and events, you can go to archuleta-democrats.org and click on whatever links are of interest.

Again, in order to participate in your Democratic or Republican precinct caucus, you must be a resident in your precinct not later than Feb. 1.

If you are uncertain as to which precinct you are in, have moved or are unable to get on the website, call the Archuleta County clerk at 264-8331 to verify your precinct or update your registration if you have moved, since changing your registered residence address could change your precinct.

Beinstein to run against Tipton for congress

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

A Carbondale native will challenge Rep. Scott Tipton to serve as the U.S. representative for the 3rd Congressional District of Colorado.

Alex Beinstein, in an email to SUN staff, stated that he was running "to truly annihilate Islamic terror and to reclaim our Constitutional heritage."

Beinstein wrote that he grew up in Carbondale, a small town near Glenwood Springs.

"I left for college in Chicago and Law School in Maine, but now I'm back, desperate to shake things up

in Washington," he wrote.

"I want to actually honor the Constitution. I don't think it made sense to replace one monstrous central authority in London for another in Washington D.C. And yet this current Congress heeds not the principles of our Founders. Rep. Tipton, amongst others, for example, recently voted for the Every Student Succeeds Act, despite there being nothing in the Constitution granting Congress the right to regulate education," wrote Beinstein. "I take the Tenth Amendment very seriously; those rights not enumerated in the Constitution belong to the States and the people

respectively. We need to reapply that political philosophy to the twenty-first century."

When asked about his goals if elected, Beinstein wrote that he plans to take power from Washington and to give as much power back to states and their communities.

"The people in Pagosa Springs should determine education policy, not Washington bureaucrats that hide from the public," explained Beinstein. "And I also want to tackle Islamic terror head on. It's no accident Islam was born where it is still most powerful and dangerous. We cannot destroy this world cancer

without destroying its heart."

Beinstein cited the biggest challenge that he, or any lawmaker, faces as overcoming large financial interests.

"The lobbyists, the special interests, the donors often compromise the judgment of our public officials," he wrote. "Saudi Arabia is a perfect example of this, their money and lavish use of it is why so many ignore their role in Islamic terror. To succeed, an aggressive, non-stop effort is needed. It is the only to shame other lawmakers into doing the right thing."

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ARTS & LIFE

Friday Lenten Fish Fry

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Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

PREVIEW photo/Terri House
Longtime Knights of Columbus volunteer Pete Dach mans the hush puppy station during last Friday's Lenten Fish Fry. The fries will continue on Fridays through March 18 at the Parish Hall on Lewis Street, beginning at 5 p.m. each Friday.



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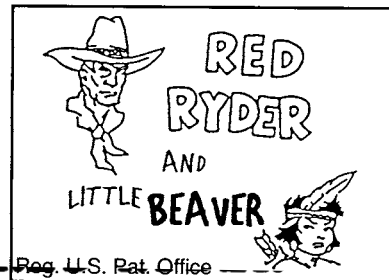
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Live Performers

Friday
 Riff Raff Brewing Co.: Tiffany Christopher, 6 p.m.
 Pagosa Brewing Company: San Juan Mountain Boys, 6 p.m.

Saturday
 Riff Raff Brewing Co.: Gary Gorrence, 6 p.m.

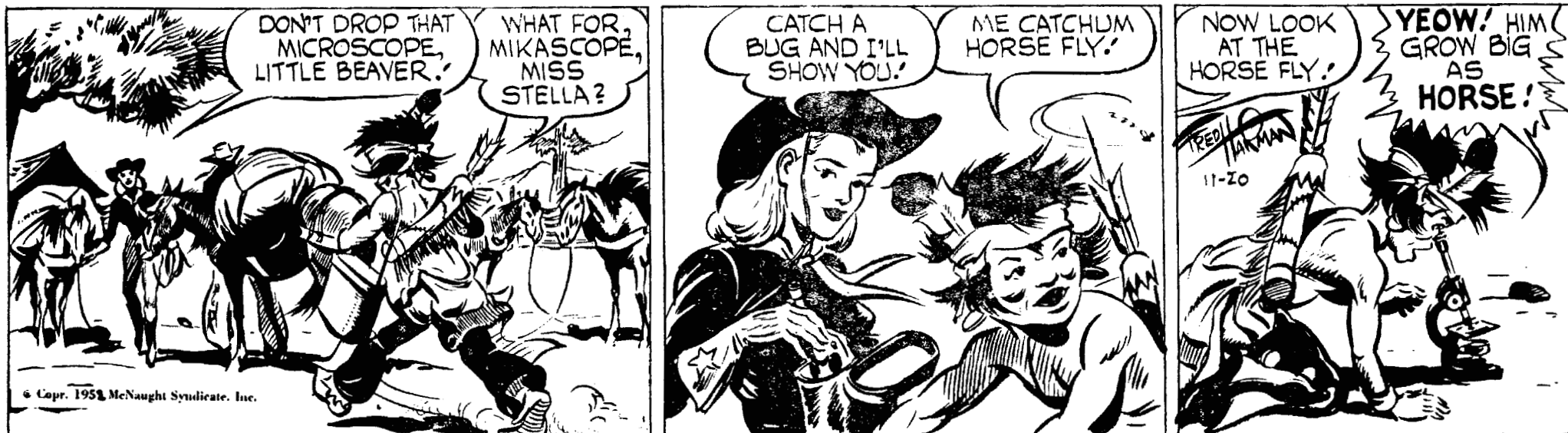
Tuesday
 Pagosa Brewing Company: Indoor Open Mic, 6 p.m.



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

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By Fred Harman





PREVIEW photo/Terri House
Eddie Archuleta, a fixture at the Knights of Columbus' Lenten Fish Fry alongside his family, enjoys a piece of fish last Friday. The Lenten Fish Fry events take place from 5-7 p.m. on Fridays through March 18 at the Parish Hall on Lewis Street.

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Knights of Columbus Lenten fish fries underway

Special to The PREVIEW

The Knights of Columbus is holding its Friday Lenten Fish Fry events through March 18.

The fish fry begins at 5 p.m. each Friday.

The proceeds of the fish fries support community programs such as Seeds of Learning, the food bank, THRIVE (formerly the Pagosa Pregnancy Support Center) and the Special Talents Program at the high school, just to name a few.

The price remains the same as last year, with adult meals being \$11, seniors \$10, children \$6 and under 6 eat free. This price includes the tasty catfish, hand-cut french fries, coleslaw, a nonalcoholic drink and dessert.

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Photo courtesy Audrey Layne Crocker

For one more weekend, the cast of “How to Eat Like a Child” will take audiences back to the orneriest parts of their childhoods. The show is being performed at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts through Feb. 28.

‘How to Eat Like a Child’: A fun look back

By Audrey Layne Crocker
Special to The PREVIEW

Elly Osmera ends the show and stands up in the midst of about five different kinds of food. From carrot sticks in her nose to spaghetti on the floor and the chewed bubble gum hanging off of her music stand, she is fully immersed in her role (and snacks) from “How to Eat Like a Child.” Portraying one of the most gregarious and brave characters, Osmera has a blast reliving her childhood on stage with Thingamajig Theatre Company for one more weekend (closing Feb. 28).

Along with a juggernaut cast of folks that are willing to bravely step onto a stage, perhaps for the first time, Thingamajig is proud to present its annual “locals show,” which features folks from right here in Pagosa Springs as the performers. An audience member can walk in and find a seat, only to see their nurse appear onstage as a troublemaking child, or their club organizer leading the pack with hilarious stories of “torturing her sister.”

Any audience member watching the show, whether from Pagosa or not, will be struck by the flood of memories from their own childhood. Beautifully adapted from Delia Ephron’s novel, this play dances through the subconscious

of a child with adult humor understanding and childlike innocence. The script itself strikes an interesting balance of poking fun and reminding the audience of the joys

of childhood abandon. Thingamajig Theatre Company is proud to present such a story and to do it serving specifically the

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Cumbres and Toltec rail yard, Chama, N.M. This photo will be one of the four discussed by featured presenter Robert Green at the March meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club.

Local photographer to discuss the value of criticism at Photography Club meeting

By Jean Moats
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday evening, March 9, 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-round at 6 p.m. at the Lodge.

For the March program, local photographer Robert Green will discuss how to critique photographs.

Four photos will be examined using critiques by professional

photographers. The original photos (as shot) will be shown along with the processed (i.e., edited) versions. Some approaches for avoiding or correcting common problems will be discussed and the resulting final images presented. Some conclusions about the value of seeking criticism of your photos will be suggested.

Members are encouraged to
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Fun

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audience of Pagosa Springs.

For only one more weekend, audiences in Pagosa can watch the incredible bravery of six local actors taking a chance and teaching the world “How to Eat Like a Child.” Directed by Laura Moore, this show is full of surprises and moments that somehow hearken back to everyone’s youth when the

most exciting thing was recess. A break from the hum-drum of February is in order, and this is just the place to do it.

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Tim Sullivan

Tim Sullivan will be the featured entertainer for the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir's annual "Over the Rainbow" fundraiser this year. The fundraiser is scheduled for March 11 at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Tim Sullivan to headline Pagosa Springs Girls Choir fundraiser

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

"It takes a village." That's a phrase that is often used when

describing the raising of a child. While parents and teachers play a key role in the education of a child, the community and environment of a child play just as significant

a role. Such is the case with the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC).

Tim Sullivan, who is no stranger to the Pagosa community, has graciously agreed to provide the music for PSGC's annual fundraiser, "Over the Rainbow."

The event is slated for Friday, March 11, at the Ross Aragon Community Center. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the event will include a catered dinner, a beer and wine cash bar, a performance by the PSGC, a silent auction and an evening of dancing to the music of Tim Sullivan. Tickets are \$30/single, \$50/couple and are on sale

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Photography

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bring 15-20 photographs of recent photo opportunities on a flash drive or CD for review and discussion 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 or Susanne Russell at 946-6454.



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Pecking order in the henhouse

Louie the toaster calls us his girls. Mabel is sitting on her nest knitting a dishcloth. Sophie is penning her memoirs and clucking Greek to Mabel.

Mabel is pushing out long Greek words, bigger than an ostrich's eggs. Sophie hasn't produced her quota of eggs for some time. Once in a while, Sophie squeezes out a thought or two, but about the size of a sparrow's egg.

Sophie isn't as wise as what her name means, but she's not giving up. Mabel coils at chicken jokes, which the professor loves to tell. Sophie thinks they're funny and laughs a lot. She thinks she's keeping the professor happy. Mabel has made herself a comfortable nest and has settled down to business. She even comes early. Sophie sees it as her social time and wants to have fun. It's an interesting dynamic.

Louie, the Greek professor, says the verb trumps the participle. Why is that important? Not sure, but I know it's important if you're learning Greek. It's like the pecking order in the henhouse. Mabel knows more than Sophie, but thinks Sophie is the professor's favorite. She isn't and Louie has to keep them both happy just to get a dozen of eggs out of them.

We have hit the two-year mark. We thought we were ready for the third year of Greek and a new book. Louie said he wants us to go back and review the first book for the next six months. He is starting a new class and he wants us to invite new students to join us.

We balked. We liked all the attention the cock-a-doodle-do gives us in the henhouse. We like the dynamic.

"New students?" Sophie puffed up like a stuffed frog. "My friends don't want to learn Greek. In fact, when I started studying Greek, I

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



lost friends."

Mabel puckered up her beak, "We like the class the way it is."

"Well, you need to make your circle bigger. I want you two to become my assistant instructors."

Mabel's feathers ruffled like a goose down pillow in the dryer. "I don't want to teach. I don't know about all of this."

Mabel knows a lot more than Sophie does. She says she doesn't, but she does. She has spent double time with her homework. She's got the verb tenses and endings down pat. Sophie is still looking at the charts Mabel made for them two years before. But, somehow, Sophie thinks she can teach Greek. There's a fool born every minute and she is one.

I said with great joy, "We are now in our third year of Greek."

Mabel said, "No we're not. We're going back to the first year of Greek. We're in our first year again."

"I don't care, I'm telling everyone I'm in my third year. It gives more credibility."

So we're staring all over again for anyone who wants to learn Greek. The class will start March 7. The last time, we lost the whole class except for Mabel, myself and the professor. It takes commitment, but the rewards are beyond satisfying.

So what's with the pecking order in the henhouse? The one who knows Greek doesn't want to teach. She goes into her happy place. She stares out into the room and

smiles. No one knows what's going on behind that happy face. She's not clucking and telling anyone.

I, who doesn't know that much, think I can teach Greek. I can't even pronounce the Greek words. I barely know the alphabet. I'm not smart enough to keep my mouth

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Sullivan

■ continued from previous page at The Buck Stops Here and at Peak Deli. Reserved tables for eight are also available.

Sullivan hails from a family of musicians and he credits his mother and his school music programs for the development of his musical abilities. A gifted vocalist, Sullivan entertains packed audiences regularly in both Pagosa and the Durango communities, providing boot-scootin' music that thrills and delights his many fans. Although he was classically trained, Sullivan is able to put his own personal touch on the music he performs, making it uniquely his. In addition, he has performed in Carnegie Hall and appeared on stage with country stars such as Alan Jackson, Willie Nelson, Vince Gill, Glen Campbell and Tammy

Wynette.

"I am so thrilled to have Sullivan provide our music this year," said PSGC Director Linda Parker. "Tim has been a great supporter of our organization, providing scholarships for some of our girls through the Jim and Elizabeth Sullivan Foundation for the Arts, the foundation he created in 2013 to honor his parents.

"He is such a role model for young musicians. I'm excited that the girls will get to meet him and see him work. He is a top-notch performer, and you will never find a more modest person," Parker added.

With Tim Sullivan's music, this year's "Over the Rainbow" fundraiser is sure to be a sell-out. Get your tickets early. We'll be looking for you.

New Thought expands, includes classes

By Carla Ryan
Special to The PREVIEW

GLOBAL Interfaith Community (GIC) and New Thought minister the Rev. Carla Ryan will present a spiritually based service on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 10:30 a.m. in the north room of the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

The topic for this service will be “Love Melting into Joy.” As we learn to recognize the eternal and divine love within, our lives have the opportunity to fill with joy. Other unexpected rewards may also begin showing up. How much good are you willing to receive? Join us Sunday to find out.

GIC will also begin offering Science of Mind (SOM) classes this

Sunday afternoon, Feb. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m., starting with “SOM Fundamentals 101,” which runs for 10 weeks. Another course, Principles of Prosperity, will start on March 2 and meet evenings for six weeks. Both courses are geared for the beginning New Thought student and have no prerequisites.

If you are interested in these courses, please contact Ryan before Sunday for more information about times, tuition and location, and so materials can be prepared for you in advance.

GIC is an authorized teaching center of Emerson Theological Institute and classes are accredited through that association toward various degrees in religious studies. Whether a student is interested in

pursuing a degree program, becoming a licensed practitioner or simply wanting to go deeper into their own spiritual studies, the classes and workshops are an excellent way to achieve those desires.

GIC offers New Thought services at the PLPOA Clubhouse on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. March services will be March 13 and 27 (Easter). Each service includes a spiritual message, music and meditation. Everyone is welcome.

For more information about SOM classes or New Thought in general, email Ryan at GLOBAL.Interfaith1@gmail.com, visit the Facebook/GlobalInterfaith page or attend Sunday’s services for more details.

Lane

■ continued from previous page shut. But I am happy to be called an assistant to the professor.

When the new students come in, I think I’ll sit quietly on my nest and pretend I’m going into a smart place and look intelligent. I’ll strain once in a while so they’ll think I’m hatching a big one. I’ll have a big question mark on my face. It’ll be a puzzle to everyone.

Final brushstroke: I warn you,

you’ll start seeing things in the Bible that you’ve never seen before. It’s like going from black-and-white television to seeing exciting colors. You’ll lose friends and you’ll become a bore. Everyone will leave the room when you start talking Greek. But, oh, my goodness, the knowledge you will learn and the closeness you will have with the Lord will boggle your mind.

Mable and I will move over and

give you a place in the henhouse. But don’t mess with our professor. He’s all we got.

Readers’ comments

For those who want to be a part of the Greek class, email me at betty@bettyslade.com or contact Louis Day at servant_ministry@yahoo.com or call him at 759-8099. The class will begin March 7 at Centerpoint Church.

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Photo courtesy Los Alamos High School

Schola Cantorum, Los Alamos High School's award-winning concert choir, will perform a concert at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church this Sunday, Feb. 28, at 3 p.m.

Guest choir to present concert at St. Patrick's Sunday afternoon

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

If you love beautiful choral music carefully prepared and sung with great musical sensitivity, you do not want to miss the oppor-

tunity to hear Schola Cantorum from Los Alamos High School this Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. You will be amazed as this 36-voice choir presents music that is most often sung by professional or college-

level choirs.

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'Fuzzy Questions, Fuzzy Answers' Feb. 21 UU topic

By Joan Ward
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) invites you to attend a program titled "Fuzzy Questions, Fuzzy Answers" with Joan Ward this Sunday, Feb. 21, for its regular service.

You may have heard Garrison Keillor's Thanksgiving story of a Lake Wobegon family visiting rela-

tives back east who are Unitarians. "A lot of folks say that Unitarians have no beliefs. That is not true. Unitarians have very strong beliefs. It is just that what those beliefs are depends upon what book they last read," he said.

Unitarian Universalists are often criticized this way. When it comes to religious belief, it's hard to pin members down. Unitarian Universalism isn't centered around

a common religious belief system. Instead, it has a fairly uniform religious value system, as seen in the seven principles. Therefore, in a discussion of beliefs, the conversation is bound to be a fuzzy one, different from person to person and over time. Unitarian Universalist values are the same, but beliefs may change. This fuzziness is a strength, not a weakness.

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Choir

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its musical maturity and beautiful sound. The choir topped off 2015 with a tour of central Europe, singing in churches in Austria and Germany.

"You can certainly feel the ghosts of the great composers in those magnificent churches; particularly in Leipzig, Germany, where we sang in St. Thomas Kirche, the home of J.S. Bach," said Rutledge. "We were awestruck."

The choir has also performed in New York City's Lincoln Center and is scheduled to perform in Carnegie Hall next year.

"There is no greater education than firsthand experience," said Rutledge. "To work hard towards a goal of artistic excellence and to then take our performances to

some of the world's most famous venues provides experiences these young people will never forget."

Of course, expenses preclude the group from taking big trips every year. So, this year, instead of going on an extensive trip, their winter tour includes the beauty of Pagosa Springs.

"I have sung at St. Patrick's on several occasions. It is an acoustically great venue and I am sure the choir will really enjoy performing there. They are also looking forward to doing some skiing and sitting in the hot springs. Nothing like the steam of the hot springs to get the vocal chords in top shape," Rutledge said with a smile.

Some may remember Rutledge's performance with Curtains Up

Pagosa last year at St. Patrick's in "Phantom and Friends," in which he performed the music of the Phantom from "Phantom of the Opera." His beautiful lyric tenor voice combined with the talents of local artists provided a fabulous evening of music.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church has become known for showcasing the performing arts in Pagosa Springs. Its yearly concert series allows members of the community to hear a variety of top-quality concerts in a beautiful and acoustically excellent venue.

The 3 p.m. choir concert will be performed in the church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. This concert is free of charge, though your donations will be appreciated.

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Watch out for the leprechauns. You may spot one or two at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church's Irish Festival, scheduled for Saturday, March 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church parking lot.

St. Patrick's Irish Festival promises fun for the whole family

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

Once upon a time in Pagosa Springs, there was a large annual St. Patrick's Day parade, led by St. Patrick himself on a float provided by St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. People dressed up in their most outrageous St. Patty's Day attire and crowded the streets of downtown Pagosa to enjoy the fun. Sadly, the parade is a thing of the past. Weather in March is not terribly predictable and organizing a parade of such magnitude could be daunting.

But old St. Patrick was not going to simply ride off into the sunset. The good people of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church came to the rescue. What is St. Patrick's Day without a parade, after all?

On Saturday, March 12, for the fourth year, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will be holding its Irish Festival, complete with the world's shortest St. Patrick's Day parade.

Included in the parade is, of course, St. Patrick (represented by Fr. Doug Neel) on his own grandly decorated float, bagpipers, a fire truck and some beautiful antique cars. People will line the parking lot to watch the great procession that lasts maybe five minutes.

The Irish Festival, beginning at 11 a.m. and lasting until 3 p.m., is free of charge and open to the public. Free hot dogs and soft drinks will be served by volunteers from the church and local breweries will have beer available for the adults.

Dogs are welcome, though they must be on a leash.

Children are invited to ride on the float with St. Patrick (no leash required).

Free booth spaces are available for nonprofits and for those independent artists wanting to sell their wares. Just call the church at 731-5801 to reserve a space. Vendors must supply their own tents, tables and chairs.

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Joan Ward, a member of the fellowship since 2008, will present a sermon on the above topic by Dr. Bruce Clear of All Souls Unitarian Church in Indianapolis, Ind. Ward has served in several positions, including treasurer of the steering committee.

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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.

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After a lifetime of living, what's important?

By Gregg Heid
Special to The PREVIEW

I've lived for more than six decades and have discovered the most important things in life are not what I have acquired or what I have done; it's the people I've encountered along the way. How I treat others is what matters in the long run.

A hundred years from now, most of what I've accomplished will be remembered by very few, if any. The work I've done, houses I've owned, cars I've driven or places I've been will have little or no value. My net worth will be all I've done that money cannot buy and death cannot take away. It boils down to my interactions and relationships with others. Granted, some art, writings and other material things people do will last for centuries. They are the work of our Creator who works through us and gives them lasting value.

After writing these thoughts, I made a list of all the people who have come into my life in an influential way over the years. I looked back into the major eras of my life: high school, college, Peace Corps and grad school. I became a youth minister, wilderness ranger and a teacher. Now I enjoy retirement with new friends and adventures.

A Matter of Faith

I wrote how certain people in each stage of my life influenced or touched me in a memorable way. The list was exhausting but enjoyable. I recommend this for anyone to do at any stage of their life. The memories conjured up were meaningful and entertaining. Some brought smiles, others tears.

I thought of all the places I traveled with others, all the hiking, biking and skiing days I spent with friends. There were dinners, picnics and holidays conversing with loved ones. I enjoyed long days working with teammates and players I taught in middle and high school. And the years of traveling, camping and playing with my family are fond memories.

After a lifetime of living, it hit me like the words of an alcoholic did many years ago. I asked him how he became an alcoholic. He said, "At first, we always took a six-pack with us to fish, golf or hunt. After

years of taking the six-pack, the hunting, fishing and golfing became secondary and the six-pack became the priority. Without the six-pack, nothing would happen. Until finally, nothing mattered except the six-pack.

That's how it is with our friends and family. We do all of these things together over the years. At the time, the events seem preeminent. When we look back, it is the people who become the priority. The events fade into the background of life. I remember digging a fish pond with a Paraguayan boy named Daniel in the '70s and hiking miles on Forest Service trails, cutting out fallen trees with two wilderness rangers, Roger and George. Daniel, Roger and George have eternal souls. They are what really matter now. The things we did together are fond memories. The friendships we made will last forever.

The realization, the big ah-ha, for me is that most of the people I encountered along my journey of life will continue to spend eternity with me in a realm that is unseen and unknown to me now. We will have new, immortal, spiritual bodies that are buried in weakness and corruption and raised in power and glory (1 Corinthians 15:42-44, NAS). We will exist in God's eternal Kingdom with new heavens and earth to explore together and grow deeper in our relationships.

Readers' comments

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Celebrate World Day of Prayer with Cuba on March 4

By Michelle Huck
Special to The PREVIEW

Women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer March 4.

This year, the women of the WDP Committee of Cuba call us into worship considering the words, "Receive children, receive me." With these words as backdrop, we are invited to learn about Cuba's history and rich cultural diversity.

The women of Cuba will share their stories of tradition, intergenerational wisdom and experiences of God's profound love and acceptance. Through the worship service, we will learn of Jesus' profound teaching of acceptance as he states, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" (Mark 10:14-15). As we listen to the women of Cuba throughout the worship service, we are invited to wholly receive others as Jesus calls us into the kingdom of God.

This year's service will be held on March 4 at John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. The Catholic Church is handicap accessible. Call 264-5508 if you would like to have child care. Please bring a salad to share after the service.

Invite your friends, family and

communities of faith to join the women of Cuba in prayer and song to support ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace, healing and wholeness. The annual offering supports to work of World Day of Prayer USA and helps meet the needs of families in Cuba and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence and injustice.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. World Day of Prayer was founded on the idea that prayer and action are inseparable in the service of God's realm. Services begin at sunrise in the Pacific and follow the sun across the globe on the day of celebration. Each year, a different country's committee serves as writers of the World Day of Prayer worship service.

For more information, contact Robin Ball at 946-1581 or nanas91@yahoo.com, or the World Day of Prayer USA office at (212) 870-2466.

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

Thursday, Feb. 25

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.

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.

Earth Community. 1:30-6:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center. Discussion will be on GMOs. There will be books, magazines and copies of studies to take home. Snacks and beverages provided.

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

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

Rose at 507-1259 or email lyn-nrose323bc@gmail.com.

Relay for Life Event Kick-Off Social. 6-8 p.m., Coyote Moon Bar and Grill, 120 Piedra Road. Join us for the kickoff to the Relay season. Everyone from survivors, caregivers, team captains, relay teammates and all sponsors are invited to attend. Contact Paul Lehmann at 507-0345 for more information.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Speaker Susan Dussell will present "An African Safari." Light refreshments will be at 6:30 p.m., with the program at 7 p.m. Guests welcome. Website: www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org.

San Juan Stargazers. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center. This will be an educational meeting. Patrick Hasenbuhler will be leading the program and showing the three different types of telescopes. After the overview, we will break into groups and look at the telescopes people have brought. Coffee will be served. For more information, call 335-8286 or email sjstargazers@gmail.com.

Thingamajig Theater Company Presents "How to Eat Like a Child." 7 p.m., Pagosa Center for the Arts. This comedic romp through the joys and sorrows of being a child is hilarious. Lessons are given in such subjects as 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. The pace is fast, the tone subversive and the recognition instant. For ticket information, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Friday, Feb. 26

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.

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

Movie. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for a movie about Dracula trying to keep his grandchild from leaving his hotel to go off exploring the human world. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Course in Miracles Study Group. 7-8:30 p.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universal Fellowship, Suite 15-B, 70 Greenbriar Drive. Call 264-0111 for more information.

Saturday, Feb. 27

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.

Science Madness. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. This month for Science Madness, we will have fun making snow candles while learning about what makes candles burn. For kids in the 1st-5th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Sunday, Feb. 28

Earth Community Pagosa. 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.

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Uke Jam. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All levels welcome.

Los Alamos High School Schola Cantorum. 3 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. You will be amazed as this 36-voice choir presents music that is most often sung by professional or college-level choirs.

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. 29

Scholastic Book Fair. 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Feelin' Groovy Book Fair — Peace, Love, BOOKS! Call 264-2730 for more information.

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.

Caregiver Support Group. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association. For more information, call 731-1033 or 259-0122.

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

Tuesday, March 1

Scholastic Book Fair. 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Feelin' Groovy Book Fair — Peace, Love, BOOKS! Call 264-2730 for more information.

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.

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

Teen Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

Wednesday, March 2

Scholastic Book Fair. 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Feelin' Groovy Book Fair — Peace, Love, BOOKS! Call 264-2730 for more information.

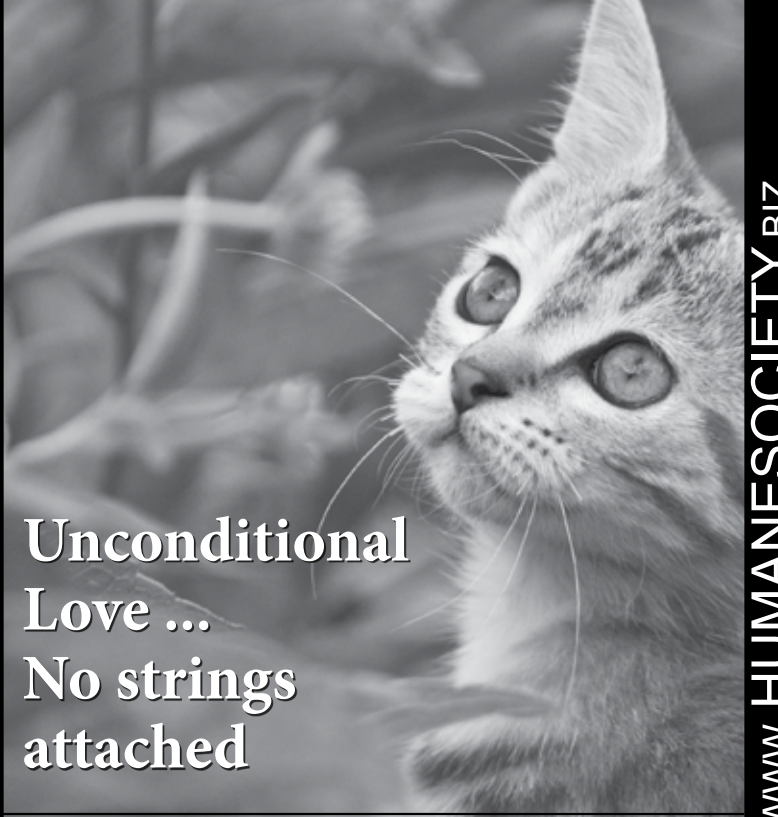
Preschool Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Recommended for 3- to 5-year-olds. Preschoolers and their families are invited for an hour of stories, music and a craft. Develop early literacy skills while having fun. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

HELP (Healthy Eating Lifestyle Plan). Noon-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Weigh-in, support and more. Everyone is welcome. Call Nancy Strait at 731-3427 for more information.

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

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After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

ESL Conversation Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or e-mail lynnrose323bc@gmail.com.

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

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

Thursday, March 3

Scholastic Book Fair. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Feelin' Groovy Book Fair — Peace, Love, BOOKS! Call 264-2730 for more information.

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

Earth Community. 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center. Action committee meeting.

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

Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Meet in the teen area. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Earth Community. 5 p.m., Sisson Library. Screening of "Farmageddon."

ESL Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynnrose323bc@gmail.com.

Pagosa Valor Academy. 6 p.m., Liberty Theatre. An invitation for you and your family to a fundraising movie event. We will start off with door prizes and finish up with "War Room."

Friday, March 4

World Day of Prayer 2016. John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. For more information, contact Robin Ball at 946-1581 or nanas91@yahoo.com.

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. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

Gaming For All Ages. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and X-box 360 Kinect with all your friends and family. 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 information.

Terrific Tuesdays. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

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Learn to dance. We will be learning Argentine tango. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

Saturday, March 5

Hunter Education Class. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Internet conclusion class. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

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.

Sunday, March 6

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

Monday, March 7

Scholastic Book Fair. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Feelin' Groovy Book Fair — Peace, Love, BOOKS! Call 264-2730 for more information.

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.

Hunter Education Class. 6-9 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Youth class. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

Tuesday, March 8

Scholastic Book Fair. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Feelin' Groovy Book Fair — Peace, Love, BOOKS! Call 264-2730 for more information.

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. We will host a panel of high school seniors who will discuss their educational experience in the local school system. Everyone is invited to attend. The meeting starts at noon. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be offered for

\$12. For questions, email acrw-pagosa@gmail.com.

Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Join the book club for adults. We will discuss "The Worst Hard Time" by Timothy Egan. Copies are available. Call 264-2209 for more information.

American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary. 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

Teen Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

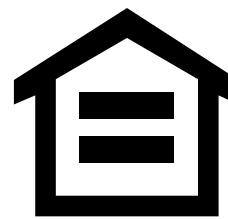
ESL Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

Wednesday, March 9

Scholastic Book Fair. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Feelin' Groovy Book Fair — Peace, Love, BOOKS! Call 264-2730 for more information.

Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.

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The Chapson family lived on the West Fork of the San Juan River when Wolf Creek Pass was built. They provided horses and guiding service for choosing the route.

Elwood Pass or Wolf Creek Pass? Surveys test the trails

By John M. Motter
PREVIEW Columnist

We've been writing about how Wolf Creek Pass came to replace Elwood Pass as the main entryway across the San Juan Mountains into Pagosa Springs and the Four Corners area. Picking up from last week's column:

"Mr. Herr, who was a member of the State Highway Advisory Board at that time, was a resident of Durango, and he and Senator West and the others were active in urging the rebuilding of the connection between the San Juan Basin to the San Luis Valley.

"The first state highway designated by the Highway Advisory Board followed the line of the East Fork of the San Juan River to the top of Elwood Pass, thence down the Alamosa River to a connection with Road 15, thence on to Alamosa. This was afterwards changed so as to read — the West Fork of the San Juan River to Wolf Creek Pass, thence up Wolf Creek Pass to the top of the Divide down to meet the Alamosa-Creede Road at South Fork, which is the present location.

"Surveys were started by a man from Alamosa who was unfortunately killed while surveying the East Fork of the San Juan River.

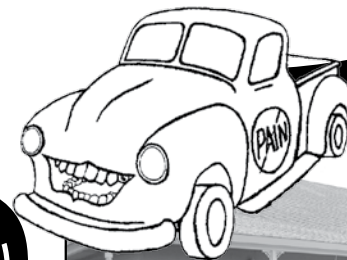
"In March of 1913, the State Highway Advisory Board organized a Construction Committee consisting of Messrs. Fred Catchpole,

County Commissioner of Archuleta County; Liege Morse, County Commissioner of Alamosa County; and R. Chisholm, County Commissioner of Rio Grande County.

"This committee was in charge of the work, getting surveys completed, and construction work started on the Elwood Pass Road. These men were assisted by W. W. Reilly, Civil Engineer of Monte Vista, and his assistants. In connection with this construction committee and their engineers, we made trips over all of the proposed routes from Alamosa to Elwood Pass, down to Timber Hill and skirting around Silver Creek to get distance enough to build a grade down on the East Fork of the San Juan River; also along the crest of the Divide from Elwood Pass to Bonita Pass to the base of Silver Pass, around Treasure Mountain to the top of Windy Gap, thence on to the base of Windy Gap Hill to the road along the West Fork of the San Juan River; and from the top of the Divide, East, down the fork on the Rio Grande River to South Fork, connecting with the Alamosa-Creede road at that point."

The decision on rebuilding the Elwood Pass route continued undecided through the rest of 1913 with much talk and on-the-grounds review of the entire mountain region. Early in 1914, it seemed the old Elwood Pass route

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New automatic self-checkout station coming soon

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff



A new automatic self-checkout station soon will be available at your library to provide faster service and more convenience for you. We hope to have it installed by mid-March.

This new high-tech station will be especially advantageous for DVD checkouts that have been cumbersome because security issues forced us to keep the cases separate from the discs, thus requiring extra staff time to put them together once patrons had made your choices. Sadly, the DVDs tended to “walk” when left on the shelf in their cases, so such labor-intensive actions were necessary to preserve our collection. Now the most popular DVDs will be stored inside the system so they can be dispensed to patrons quickly.

Called a LAT-Cube, the station provides self-checkout for any items you want check out, not just DVDs. It provides “one-stop shopping” for you because all materials can be processed and checked out at this station.

This system has the added advantage of total privacy for patrons checking out books or other materials on sensitive topics such as divorce, substance abuse, violence and various diseases.

The station is wireless so it can be put anywhere in the library. The plan now is to put it near the public telephone, which is across from the large-print collection. This placement will allow privacy and also be close to the front circulation desk in case patrons need help to use it. We hope you like it.

Sunday closure effective March 1

As we detailed in the Feb. 4

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would win out. In July of 1914, in still yet another survey, Engineer Maloney describes his actions which led to the construction of Wolf Creek Pass.

“Upon arriving at the head of Wolf Creek Pass, I asked Mr. Chapson the name of the creek and if there was a trail down we could follow with horses. He said there was not; that if we wanted to take the horses down we would have to go another way.”

Maloney persisted and, after much debate, the Wolf Creek route was chosen because it was lower and better served the communities of South Fork, Del Norte and Monte Vista.

Next week, we'll talk about the construction of Wolf Creek Pass.

“Library News” column, effective March 1 your library will be closed on Sundays.

Although our 2014 patron survey showed an apparent desire for the library to be open on Sundays, the response has been lukewarm at best. 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.

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.

Science Madness

This month's Science Madness takes place Saturday, Feb. 27, from 1-2 p.m., when first- through fifth-graders will have fun making snow candles while learning about what makes candles burn.

Downloadable films

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

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

Programmed Nooks

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

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Summarize
- 6 Jemima, e.g.
- 10 Kind of race
- 14 Publicist's concern
- 15 Falling flakes
- 16 Part of G.M.T.
- 17 Half a sawbuck
- 18 Radial, e.g.
- 19 ___ carotene
- 20 Spellbind
- 22 Shutter slat
- 24 Active one
- 25 Malevolent look
- 26 Cruise stop
- 29 Villain in "The Lion King"
- 30 Furthermore
- 31 Predict, as from omens
- 33 Mound
- 37 Show appreciation
- 39 Jeopardy
- 41 Kind of diagram
- 42 Study fellow
- 44 Half-and-half half
- 46 Gray, in a way
- 47 Rawboned
- 49 Sitting room
- 51 1975 Beatty-Hawn film
- 54 Dehydrated
- 55 A, B or C
- 56 Jamaica pepper
- 60 Aroma
- 61 ___ or less
- 63 Ado
- 64 Eye rakishly
- 65 Penny, perhaps
- 66 Late bloomer
- 67 Soccer legend
- 68 "___ we forget..."
- 69 Pick up

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- 2 Eastern ruler
- 3 Vena ___: heart vessel

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- 4 "To do" list
- 5 ___ non grata
- 6 Buzzing
- 7 Multi-user OS
- 8 Easter lead-in
- 9 Highest roll in craps
- 10 Able to walk
- 11 "The Canterbury Tales" pilgrim
- 12 Pirate's pal
- 13 Booby trap
- 21 Disgusted
- 23 Barnyard call
- 25 High nest: Var.
- 26 Allergic reaction
- 27 Exclusive
- 28 Farm soil
- 29 "Faster!"
- 32 British-accented spokesperson
- 34 Kind of surgery
- 35 Building block
- 36 Goatish glance
- 38 Florida sight
- 40 Mike holder
- 43 Scruff
- 45 Matt Dillon, e.g.
- 48 Run-of-the-mill
- 50 Tranquillity
- 51 Fore-and-aft-rigged vessel
- 52 Ambiguous statement
- 53 Reef ring
- 54 Cold shower?
- 56 ___ and sciences
- 57 Infinitesimal amount
- 58 "Silkwood" star
- 59 Make, as money
- 62 Start for step or stop

Answer to Last Week's Crossword:

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GOODBYE POLIO. THANK YOU, ROTARY.

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Nonfiction

“The Age of Acquiescence” by Steve Fraser looks at the history and current status of the American resistance to organized wealth and power. “Never Enough” by Michael D’Antonio is a biography of Donald Trump. “Before I Forget” by restaurateur B. Smith and Dan Gasby

documents how the couple is dealing with her Alzheimer’s. “Downsizing the Family Home” by Marni Jameson shows you how to accomplish this difficult task quickly, respectfully and rewardingly. “City of Thorns” by Ben Rawlence tells of nine lives of people living in the world’s largest refugee camp. “Let Food Be Your Medicine” by Dr. Don Colbert is a guide to dietary changes to prevent or reverse disease.

Large print

“The Art of War” by Stephen Coonts is about a Chinese sleeper cell in the U.S. “The Chocolate Falcon Fraud” by JoAnna Carl is a Chocoholic mystery.

Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

“Runaway” by Peter May begins in Glasgow when five friends run away to London to pursue musical stardom. “Find Her” by Lisa Gardner centers on a kidnapping victim after she returns from her ordeal. “The Wolves” by Alex Berenson is a John Wells espionage story. “The Forgotten Room” by Karen White, Beatriz Williams and Lauren Willick is a collaboration novel about

a multigenerational mystery connected by a single room in a Gilded Age mansion. “Violent Crimes” by Phillip Margolin is an Amanda Jaffe thriller.

Novels

“The Life of Elves” by Muriel Barbery, a fable about two 12-year-old girls, was originally written in French. “Black Rabbit Hall” by Eve Chase takes place over three decades on an English country estate. “Star Wars The Force Awakens” is the latest in the Star Wars epic series. “Morning Star” by Pierce Brown is the final book in the Red Rising sci-fi trilogy. “The Things We Keep” by Sally Hepworth follows a loving relationship between two Alzheimer’s patients.

Story CDs

“The Forgotten Soldier” by Brad Taylor is a Pike Logan thriller. “Friday Night Lights” by H.G. Bissinger is the 25th anniversary edition of this bestselling football story. “Forty Thieves” by Thomas Perry features husband-and-wife detective and assassin teams. “The Lady’s Command” by Stephanie Laurens is book one of a new Adventurers

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Quotable quote

“Don’t sell yourself short by being so afraid of failure that you don’t dare to make any mistakes. Make your mistakes and learn from them. And remember: No matter how many mistakes you make, your mother always loves you!” — Maria Shriver, journalist, author and former first lady of California.

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Save the date for the Pagosa Springs 9Health Fair

By Caroline Brown
Special to The PREVIEW

It’s time to mark your calendars for the 2016 Pagosa Springs 9Health Fair. This year’s 9Health Fair will be held from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, at Pagosa Springs High School.

Online preregistration is available at www.9healthfair.org/FindaFair. There is information and specific instructions on the website as to how to preregister online for the blood screenings and colorectal kits offered at the Pagosa Springs 9Health Fair. You may also register and pay the day of the fair.

As in past years, there are four basic blood screenings available to all participants: blood chemistry, \$35; vitamin D, \$45; blood cell count, \$20; and hemoglobin a1c, \$30. In addition, a PSA blood screening for \$30 is offered for men only.

You may also purchase the take-home colorectal kit for \$25 which screens for colon cancer. Look for detailed information regarding the low-cost screenings in future articles in The Pagosa Springs SUN, as well as updates about the other free screenings and education that will be offered at the Pagosa Springs 9Health Fair.

If you have questions, please call Caroline Brown at 731-4248.

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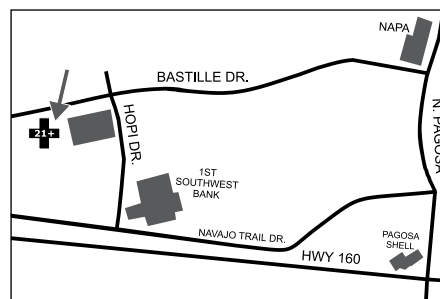
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Earth Community calls all skeptics to attend pair of events

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

Today, Feb. 25, from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., Earth Community members will be in the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center conference room to offer evidence for the concerns and issues we are working on.

There will be snacks to munch on as you peruse research studies, books and articles. This came about when a friend commented that GMOs cannot be dangerous because our government would not allow us to have them.

Unfortunately, that is not the case. The governments of many other countries, including most

of Europe and even Russia have banned GMOs. You will find out why there is such a difference. It is so important that you have access to this information that we are staying available into the evening so that people with day jobs can swing by on their way home. We will be doing this program again on March 15. We hope to see you for this valuable opportunity.

We also have documentary films being shown at the library. At 2 p.m. on Feb. 28, we will be showing the film "Fresh," telling about ways to improve our food situation. This will include a Leap Year Party with refreshments.

The film will be shown again on

Monday, March 7, at 2:30 p.m. at the Chamber. The film producers have waived the usual \$100 showing charge, but we were asked to request a donation. This film is valuable for anyone concerned about healthy food for their family.

Later in March, we will start a new Book Discussion Group on "Omnivore's Dilemma," whose author, Michael Pollen, is in the film.

At 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 3,

at the library, there will be a screening of "Farmageddon." You have to see this movie to believe what has happened to small farmers in several states.

At 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, at the Visitor Center and at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 18, at the library, there will be action committee meetings to plan for our Earth Day events at Town Park.

If you would like to take part in

this event, please come and present your suggestion. We have many ideas, but are always open to new possibilities. We want this to be for everyone. Other groups are already taking part and we are inviting you or your group to join us. Free trees will be given away and most activities are free. There will be food available and some items for sale. It will be a huge celebration for our Earth and all its inhabitants.

What's Cookin'

Colorado Caprese Salad

Recipe courtesy: Colorado Department of Agriculture and Chef Bob Holloway

Servings: 2-4

2 large Colorado tomatoes, sliced 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick and cut in half

1 fresh mozzarella cheese ball sliced 1/4 inch thick and cut into quarters

6 large black olives, quartered
1/4 cup artichoke hearts, drained and quartered

2 tablespoons Colorado red onion, sliced thin or minced

2 tablespoons roasted red pepper, chopped

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Sea salt and coarse black pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients and marinate for at least 15 minutes before serving. Eat alone, with bread, or atop Colorado baby lettuces.

Can be made a day ahead of time, but allow to come to room temperature to ensure the fullest flavor when serving (15-20 minutes).

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