

TABOR question to appear on PAWSD ballot, four vie for three board seats

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

During a special meeting for the Pagosa Area Waters and Sanitation District (PAWSD) held on March 4, the board of directors voted to authorize an election on the question of reinstating TABOR (the Taxpayer Bill of Rights).

Board member Blake Brueckner chaired the meeting, with board members Mike Church and Glen Walsh attending via a conference call. Board members Paul Hansen and Gordon McIver were absent.

Before voting on whether or not to put a question about reinstating TABOR on the ballot, the board made it clear that the district would be holding an election regardless in order to elect board members.

TABOR limits the property tax revenue increase that a district or government can keep. Many governments choose to exempt themselves from this through a

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State-bound: 23-0



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team poses after defeating the Colorado Springs Christian Lions Saturday in the Sweet 16 round of the state playoffs. The No. 1 Lady Pirates are now in Denver with an eye on repeating as the 3A state champions. For more, see page A11.

Cell tower hearing continued to May

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

At a special meeting held March 8, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted to continue a land use regulation hearing for an application for a cell tower in the Pagosa Lakes area.

According to agenda documentation used at the meeting, "Black & Veatch, representing Verizon Wireless, has applied to Rezone a parcel in the PUD zone to establish a Development Plan for property owned by the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association. On February 24, 2016, the Planning Commission recommended denial (3-1).

"Applicant is now requesting the Board of County Commissioners open this noticed public hearing and continue consideration to May 10, 2016 at 5:00 p.m."

The Archuleta County Planning Commission originally recommended denying the application on the grounds that not enough research had gone into alternative sites.

Consequently, the proponents of the cell tower requested a con-

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Colorado caucuses lead to calls for reform

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

Last week, 353 registered Republicans attended precinct caucuses in Archuleta County, but unlike their counterparts attending Democrat caucuses, had no formal opportunity to express a preference for a presidential candidate. The same disparity existed throughout Colorado.

The lack of any presidential preference poll at the Republican caucuses during this contentious campaign season provoked some concern. An explanation was provided to The SUN on March 8 by Jim Huffman, chairman of the local Republican Party.

According to Huffman, the lack of a preference poll this year was the product of a decision of the Republican National Committee last year. The committee decided to limit presidential polling at Republican caucuses across the nation to binding polls for the election of committed delegates to attend the party's national nominating convention.

Faced with the national party mandate, the Colorado Republican Committee decided last summer to abandon the practice of conducting a preference poll. It apparently

felt it was impractical to undertake the logistical and financial task of assembling the new machinery needed for binding polls in time for the March 1 caucuses this year. Thus, unlike earlier years, including 2008 and 2012, preference polls were not allowed on the Republican side in Colorado during this election season.

Republican State Party Chairman Steve House posted an explanation on the party's Facebook page, Colorado GOP, Feb. 27. House observed that a binding vote such as is required by the national party to select committed delegates at caucuses is an election. In contrast to a preference poll, he contended a binding poll requires associated formalities.

House queried, "So what's wrong with an election?" He answered, "Nothing if you are actually going to run it with all the precautions and security measures of an actual election. In our case we have over 2000 precincts in 64 counties where there is no uniformity of ballots, no uniform credentialing training process, no clarity on who actually counts ballots, no clear answer to who controls the tally sheets and no uniform transparent

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Photo courtesy Greg Sloan

An eagle lands on a stick in the Pagosa Lakes area recently. The national bird uses its talons to hunt and fish, as well as often scavenging and stealing the kills of other animals.

BoCC obtains different legal counsel for lawsuit

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) will bring on new legal services for the purpose of defending the board and the county attorney against a complaint filed by a local resident.

The BoCC held a special meeting on Friday, March 4, and approved the motion to bring on additional legal services after going into executive session.

"So I reconvened this special meeting of the BoCC a couple of minutes ago," said BoCC Chairman Michael Whiting. "We came out of executive session in which we discussed pending legal matters. I will take a motion."

Commissioner Clifford Lucero then made a motion, saying "I move to authorize the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to sign an agreement with Recht and Kornfeld at a rate of \$400 an hour to defend the Board of County Commissioners and the County Attorney in the Greg Giehl claim before the ethics commission."

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Tribe begins analysis of shale oil and gas development

By Janet Wolf
Special to The SUN

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund will be hosting a tribal member meeting on March 15 and a public meeting on March 22 to answer questions and hear comments and suggestions about the proposed environmental analysis for long-term development of shale oil and gas on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The meetings will be held in the Bonnie Kent room at the Sky Ute Casino in Ignacio beginning at 6 p.m.

The Growth Fund will begin each meeting with

a brief presentation about the proposed development and explain the environmental process. The meetings will be a great opportunity for the community to hear about the long-term plans that are being considered and to speak directly to representatives from the Growth Fund, Southern Ute Indian Tribe Department of Energy, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) about any concerns or issues they may have.

A supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) will be written with tribal member and community concerns and issues in mind.

The SEIS will be a supplement to the analysis in the Final Environmental Impact Statement Oil and Gas Development on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, which was completed in 2002. The SEIS also incorporates by reference the information from the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for 80-Acre Infill Oil and Gas Development on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, completed in 2009, and the North Carracas Plan of Development Environmental Assessment, completed in 2013. None of these documents

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Let the sun shine in

Next week, people across the nation will observe Sunshine Week — a national initiative to promote dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information.

Here in Pagosa Springs, Sunshine Week will be marked by a public work session on the projected Springs development set for March 17.

The public meeting is being held by the town council at the urging of community members to shed light on possible construction of a 5th Street bridge and related road project.

In concert with these significant public concerns, we bring you important reminders for public meetings penned by Brian Hunhoff of the Yankton County Observer in South Dakota. Hunhoff's editorials about open government won the 2015 Freedom of Information award:

"I think heroic deeds were all conceived in the open air." This quote is from Walt Whitman's "Song of the Open Road" — an 1856 tribute to freedom.

Hopefully, Whitman would have approved use of his prose to promote open, well-aided government. It's unlikely the great poet favored government secrecy and closed-door meetings. He also wrote, "Out of the dark confinement, out from behind the screen!"

For today's purposes, Whitman's "screen" represents the executive session — a term for a classic oxymoron: closed public meeting.

Too many elected boards seek every opportunity to meet out of sight of the public they serve. Some schedule executive sessions as a regular agenda item. Some have executive sessions that last longer than the open portion of their meeting.

In most cases, executive sessions do not violate open meeting laws. Closed-door discussions are often suggested or encouraged by an elected board's legal counsel. Legality and necessity are two different things.

Consider the following advice to county commissioners, town councils and public boards everywhere on executive sessions and government openness. Citizens should hold their elected officials to these standards.

- Do not gather as a quorum outside of regular meetings.
- Do not habitually add last-minute items to the agenda, and do not act on anything not listed on the posted agenda.
- Do not abuse the litigation excuse for executive sessions to speculate about possible or imagined lawsuits.
- Do not stretch the personnel excuse for executive sessions to discuss policy issues. Example: Creating a new position or changing a department's job descriptions are policy decisions and not appropriate topics for a closed meeting.
- Do not dial up the "negotiations" excuse to suddenly exclude the public from discussion of controversial issues.
- Do not allow executive session conversations to stray to other topics.
- Do not violate the spirit of the open meeting law with phone, email or text dialogues with other members. Reach consensus at the meeting.
- Be as transparent as possible. Do not hold executive sessions simply because counsel advised it is "legal" to do so. Ask yourself: "Is it absolutely critical we discuss this privately?" That should be the test because legality and necessity are two different things.

We appreciate our local council members, commissioners and board members. They make tough decisions. Their dedication is admirable.

We simply ask elected officials to think twice before kicking the public out of public meetings.

Strive for fewer. Less is more. A closed meeting should be a rare occasion, not a habit.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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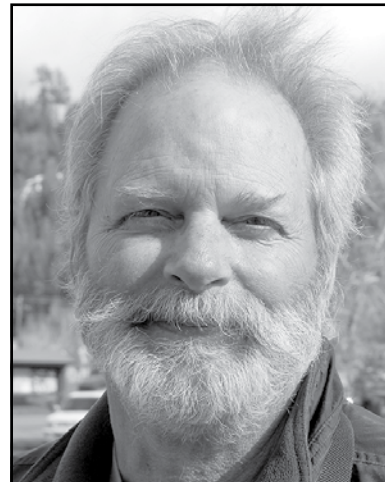
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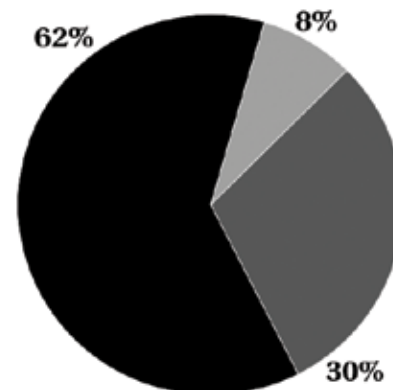
John Egan
"Yeah, and I loved it. It's the biggest Democratic caucus we have seen — ever."



Roger Dyer
"I did not."



Gary Sandhoff
"I'm an independent."



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LOOKING BACK



From the Feb. 2, 1967, Pagosa Springs SUN. CHEERLEADERS — Cheerleaders for Pagosa do much to keep the morale of the team and crowd high. This SUN photo shows the group at a recent basketball game with a small helper, Rhonda Jo, Loretta Lynch, Marla DeVore and Pat Campbell.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 12, 1926

G.S. Hatcher this week entered into a contract with I.H. Jones for the drilling of a hot water well on the rear of the Hatcher Hdw. Co. property. Mr. Jones is now getting his equipment on the ground and expects to start drilling the first of the week. The natural hot water will be used to heat the Hatcher Hdw. Co. building, which is already equipped for same, but which has been getting its supply of artesian water from the Arlington hotel well.

Geo. Crouse recently purchased 120 acres of land from Harry Sharp a mile west of Pagosa Springs, and is now building a blacksmith shop and residence thereon. He and his family will occupy the property some time next month.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 14, 1941

With the dismissal of the case of the State against Floyd Andrews and Don Sprague on a charge of "conspiracy to violate the state game laws," by the District Court of Archuleta County here several weeks ago, one of the most sensational cases brought into the local courts for several years past, was brought to an end. The case was allegedly based on charges of illegal trapping and sale of beaver hides by the defendants in Archuleta county. The defendants were arrested at a public dance being held near Pagosa Springs on New Year's Eve 1939, amid a flourish of guns and spectacular searching of cars of those attending the dance by a bevy of State Game Wardens and Deputies. The matter was dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 10, 1966

The next big event in this neck of the woods will be the Fireman's Ball March 19. It will be held in the High School Gym and is always one of the big enjoyment events of the year. The firemen have hired a very good orchestra to provide the music and those attending will have a fine time. The tickets for the dance may be purchased now from any member of the Volunteer Fire Department or at the door the night of the dance. The profit from this event is used by the firemen to purchase small items of equipment, for training sessions and aids and various other things that will make the outfit a more efficient one. The firemen are all volunteer, they get paid nothing for their time at fires, clothes ruined, gas used, or their time at meetings, training sessions, and various field day events.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 14, 1991

Information received from an unnamed source helped deputy Earl Gibbs arrange a lunchtime surprise Wednesday for a small group of high school students. Advised that local students were gathering in the locale, and reportedly using and exchanging drugs, Gibbs staked out a shielded area between two downtown buildings on Pagosa Street during the high school lunch break on Wednesday. After watching some students enter the area, Gibbs confronted a group of six juveniles. He was assisted by undersheriff Russell Hebert, patrol captain Otis May, and Pagosa Springs Police Chief Don Volger. While searching and inspecting the area and the suspects, the officers discovered and confiscated some drug paraphernalia and what was thought to be a small amount of marijuana.

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OPINION IN A PINCH



Letters

Caucus view

Dear Editor:
Although I have spent considerable parts of my life in the USA, I had never been able to witness in person an electoral process. On Tuesday, March 1, this became possible.

As a foreigner, I have seen electoral dates in four other countries and therefore the opportunity was welcomed.

Venezuelan electoral days are sad events. And it is not only now that it happens; much is said about the strange politics of the current government, but elections have always been, to say the least, tense.

To begin with, the country goes under a process of militarization a week before the election. Schools are taken over by the National Guard, since they are usually the only places large enough to host the incoming crowd. This makes elections quite popular with kids, who get several days off.

A second obsession is that sales of alcohol are forbidden starting a few days before Sunday (the usual day for elections), as voting is something that must be done stone-cold sober (us Venezuelans have a lackadaisical attitude toward drinking and driving, but VUI's are to be frowned upon. Which means

we start buying alcohol early on Thursday).

A peculiar twist is that, during the actual act of voting, people stand in line for hours and have mercy on anyone who dares talk politics while they wait. Any National Guard can pull you out of the queue if you talk about your choice, as it is considered an act of proselytism.

So, with that in mind, what did I find at the Pagosa Springs Democrat Caucus?

To begin with, the entire room where it was held had the same sobriety and formality of a game of Parcheesi with your grandmother. I was cordially invited in and asked if I had registered, to which I explained about my foreigner status. Everybody was fine with that and I was able to observe the whole process. So, I could see the small quirks unfold.

The first one I noticed was that nobody was asked to prove she was whom she claimed to be. In other countries, anything short of a biometric ID will not get you the right to vote.

My second surprise was that, due to the turnout, the caucus ran out of voter cards. Solution? To tell everybody just to tear theirs in two and hand one piece to anybody without one. In other countries, where you get your pinky stained with dye that will only fade away weeks after the elected takes office, this sense of informality would be unacceptable.

Later, I spotted a lady with a handbag with the name of one candidate on it, an absolute no-no back home ("political propaganda").

The crowd intoned the Pledge of Allegiance, a brief reminder that this was indeed a serious and solemn matter. The caucus rolled along with all kinds of civilized oddities. One precinct, discussing the candidates, decided that for a person to have the right of word they needed to hold a blue flask (an object chosen at random). The flask was passed around, until the owner needed it, after which it was successfully supplanted by ... a coat hanger.

People took turns talking about their candidate of choice and there was both humor and poetry in the process. The general conversation was polite to a fault.

The votes were taken, tallied and recorded. Paper and pencils were used, and a certain civility from the 18th century could be felt. These were people not getting involved in politics but rather performing it, it was politics jumping all the way back to a purer, simpler time: the '90s. The 1790s.

Politics has become, unfortunately, a sport played in a cesspool.

But for one night, the residents of Pagosa Springs made it look, to these foreign eyes, as something that Washington, Madison, Jefferson and Franklin would nod in polite agreement.

Pablo Alvarez

Bad taste

Dear Editor:
I wonder if anyone else thought Dave Blake's letter to the editor in last week's paper was in bad taste?

When a man dies, be he friend or foe, someone I disagree with, or perhaps even have a strong personal revulsion for, a proper response should be respectful to the deceased and consolatory to those who loved him. We should even commend his soul to God's mercy that he may rest in peace.

Or have we become so callous, self-righteous and politically bestial that we can so easily forego simple human decency without a word to the contrary?

Mark Bergon

Can't fix stupid

Dear Editor:
Are you as surprised and embarrassed as I am about Donald Trump potentially being president of the U.S.?

Trump starts off saying Mexicans are drug dealers and rapists. Then progresses to calling women pigs, dogs, etc. and brags about his flings. He really likes to use curse words in his public speeches.

He has vowed to send the U.S. military to kill the families of suspected terrorists, likes the idea of torture and is a toss up on abortion; and yet, the Evangelical's have proven unequivocally their total hypocrisy by flocking to him. And I thought the "end-of-times" leader was to have a birthmark on his face?

Other countries are considering banning him from ever touching their shores. Mitt and McCain have thoroughly called him out on every level.

Think geopolitically ... Russia's Putin is hysterical with laughter about how Trump is proving the weakness of our democracy; while Xi Jinping is quaking in his boots over how his country will survive Trump.

Most of Trump's businesses have failed ... Trump Mortgage, Air, Vodka, Financial, all failed. He brags that he's funding his own campaign ... wrong, one of his companies is lending the cost to his presidential campaign company and when the loan will not be paid back it's a tax deduction for Trump's original company. When a business loss is deducted the general taxpayer (you and me) pays the bill. Guess what happened to all the people who went to work for him, yes they

would have had better odds at one of his casinos.

Trump is the logical conclusion of the SCOTUS "United Citizen's" decision to allow unlimited funds to be used in seeking election. But really ... who, why and how does one explain the degree of support he's receiving? Are the white Boomers really that categorically angry and destructive? Oh, I forgot, it seems the "boys in the NASCAR pits say he's 'da man" and Palin's enthralled ... well that explains the whole thing ... you just can't fix stupid.

Dave Blake

Public money

Dear Editor:
If the town has found an extra \$7 million for a bridge to one privately owned undeveloped property, it begs the question — what else could the town do with \$7 million of public money?

How about a rec center — perhaps not as large as one proposed a few years ago, maybe something smaller that could be expanded in the future?

How about setting aside a land purchase and some utility infrastructure for a public and private development of workforce housing?

How about allocating some of that \$7 million of public money to help alleviate the two-year waiting list for quality early childhood care and development?

How about funding high speed Internet broadband connectivity for the town, giving fast and reliable Internet access for residents and visitors?

How about providing increased funding for programs for our seniors?

How about completing the town San Juan Riverwalk trail system to link up with Pagosa Lakes?

How about enhancements to the existing downtown business district?

How about helping Pagosa schools with their technology and building needs?

I realize this is a dreamer's list, but for \$7 million, let's all dream some more. I am sure we can dream up better uses for \$7 mil-

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Letters

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lion of public money other than a bridge directly benefiting one developer.

Mike Heraty

Dark Act

Dear Editor:
Within the next few days or weeks a major decision will be made in the United States Senate that will hugely impact the lives and health of every person in this country.

The Senate will be voting on what is known as the Dark Act. The meaning is that, if passed, it will keep us "in the dark" about most of the food we put into our bodies.

Look at this list: 88 percent of corn, 93 percent of soy, 94 percent of cottonseed (used in vegetable oils, margarine and shortening used for frying foods such as potato chips), 90 percent of the canola crop, 90 percent of sugar beets grown in the U.S. are genetically modified. Corn includes not only the sweet corn we eat, but the high fructose corn syrup added to innumerable processed foods and more importantly the corn that is a staple of animal feed for beef and dairy cows, pigs, chickens, fish, etc. etc. Just writing this list makes me feel doomed and sick.

We are not eating the same food our ancestors did. It may look the same, but it is not the same. The genes, the genetic makeup, the very essence of our food have been changed.

Many people think: what's the problem, that's progress, our government is taking care of us, it can't be bad.

That is why The Earth Community is inviting you to an open house on Tuesday, March 15, 2-6 p.m., at the Visitor Center conference room on Hot Springs Boulevard to munch on healthy snacks as you peruse the research studies and information that is driving our concern for American food. Most of Europe and even Russia has banned GMOs. Are they over-reacting? Are we being smarter?

Thanks

Loaves and Fishes

The board of directors of Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County wishes to thank the Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado and Bank of the San Juans for their generous donation to our organization. Last year, Loaves and Fishes served over 15,000 hot meals and provided a place for our community to come and socialize together. Loaves and Fishes depends on these gifts to fulfill our mission and make a difference in this community. We are very grateful for the support of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado.

Could our politicians be bought off to support GMOs when 90 percent of Americans want simple labeling, so we can decide? How can we be the land of the free, if the Senate does not allow us the freedom to know what we are putting into our bodies?

We oppose the Dark Act and encourage you to contact Sen. Cory Gardner-R at (202) 224-5941, Sen. Michael Bennet-D at (202) 224-5852 and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell-R at (888) 502-0757.

If you want more information or want to disagree, please come to The Earth Community open house.

Joan Mieritz and The Pagosa Earth Community

Clinton's watch

Dear Editor:
Donald Trump has stated "9/11 happened on Bush's watch."

What he did not say: 199 — Osama Bin Laden's attack against American Marines in Yemen. 1993 — The first bombing of the World Trade Center. 1996 — The Khobar Towers incident. 1998 — The bombing of American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. 2000 — The attack on the USS Cole. These all happened on Bill Clinton's watch.

The liberal media is also too happy to report damaging news on Republicans and ignoring the same with Democrats.

John Meyer

Bridge secrecy

Dear Editor:
What troubles me regarding this bridge, which seems to be the greatest idea the town council has had in recent memory is why all the secrecy?

I've heard about secret meetings with the developers and have asked to see working drawings (blueprints) regarding this project and they are not available. Why?

Town council seems to think this bridge and related infrastructure will cost \$7 million. I don't believe it for one minute. I've heard that \$7 was an engineer's estimate.

Ask a contractor to build something and not exceed an engineer's estimate, and he will more than likely smile and say "no thanks."

In fairness to the developers, I have seen a sketch showing the property with a bunch of buildings, but this hardly constitutes a comprehensive plan.

Where's the money coming from? Where are the studies that are associated with a project of this size? I can think of a lot of needy organizations that could use some of this money.

Organizations whose mission is to improve the lives of others. What about unfinished projects?

At the end of the day, the developers are the ones who stand to benefit the most from this bridge. What happens if the town builds a bridge and the property doesn't get developed?

Maybe, just maybe this is a grand plan to get a bridge to this

property which will certainly enhance its value regardless if it is developed or not. This bridge should be the developer's responsibility and not the town's. My guess is that a deal has already been made to sell this property, if it has a bridge.

I would request the town council consider this project very, very carefully. This is not a good plan.

John Thompson

Astray

Dear Editor:
National debt, one the campaign issues today. Those who make this an issue are the very ones who would scream and holler against "increasing my taxes" while contributing heavily to political campaigns without complaint.

Hmmm, is there something wrong with this picture? Again, we must find a way to allow folks to run for office without requiring so much money to do so — many well-qualified folks don't consider running because of the "money." Too bad. Is that what our democracy has come to?

Is there courage to "comb out" the political waste such as special task force committees appointed by the Senate leadership? It was recently reported that about two years ago, the Senate majority leader appointed one of these special task force committees with a budget of \$100,000 per year to cover expenses, but the committee has rarely met and there is no report of any activity. I suppose the purpose was to make it appear that "work" is being done since elected officials must commit their time to raising money for the next election.

Yes, wasteful bureaucratic spending and money-focused elections. This is not the America we knew some years ago. Where did we go astray?

Patty Tillerson

Official raises

Dear Editor:
The article in March 3's paper about Senate Bill 15-288 and its implementation in Archuleta County was an eyebrow-raiser.

Commissioner Whiting made a good case for a 10-percent raise in his letter to elected county employees. However, because The SUN reports Commissioner Wadley recused himself, that means Whiting was half of the votes. So how did we get to a 20-percent raise? Does this mean Commissioner Lucero made the case for 30 percent and the men met in the middle? Or did Whiting not really mean what he said, as it passed unanimously?

How will our community fund this unfunded mandate? Does the additional sales tax revenue cover this year after year? What about the big projects county officials keep talking about, like roads? Do we take money from those projects? Does the county lay off an employee to make sure the elected officials get more money when this takes effect?

When will the hardworking

sheriff's deputies get a raise and CoLA? What about other county employees? They are not elected, so this raise does not apply to them — only their bosses, come election time.

A zero-percent raise was an option. This is yet another demonstration of the continued lack of value placed on the worker bees in our community, in all careers. Those who speak for our community prefer to keep the people at the top, at the top.

The old adage is crystal clear in Archuleta County: The rich are getting richer. Everyone else will be priced out of calling Pagosa Country home. Maybe now is a good time for me to get into an elected position.

Monica Wamsley

Whiting vote

Dear Editor:
It was reported in The SUN last Thursday that the BoCC "passed unanimously" a resolution for a 20-percent pay increase for all future elected county officials. What was not made clear was why I had to vote in favor of this slap in the face to our employees and the taxpayers.

My original resolution proposed a modest, appropriate, and fair increase of 10 percent, matching or slightly exceeding pay increases seen by county employees, federal employees, and Social Security recipients since 2007. As we all know, private sector wages dropped or stayed flat for that same period.

My resolution had weeks of strong support, then an unexpected late change of heart from Commissioner Clifford Lucero (D), and from the get-go, absolutely no support from Commissioner Steve Wadley (R).

At the Tuesday BoCC meeting Commissioner Wadley chose to "recuse" himself from this very important decision. The fact is that the law that allowed the BoCC to vote on this issue was written to specifically relieve all sitting commissioners from direct conflict. No excuses. Mr. Wadley had no conflict. He simply chose not to vote.

Had Mr. Wadley voted on his own often-stated principles, my resolution would have passed. But because of his absence, I was forced to vote for the 20-percent raise option put on the table, in order to avoid a (1-1) tie vote that would have allowed an irresponsible, automatic 30-percent raise.

To the county taxpayers, workers and employers, I want to apologize. I simply had no conservative support on the BoCC for the 10-percent raise option I was proposing.

Michael E. Whiting

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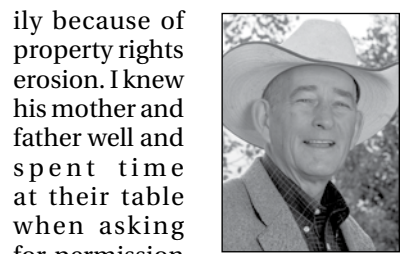
LEGISLATURE

Isgar, Hoppe did their part, we must do ours

It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of the former state senator of the 6th District, Jim Isgar. He was not only one of the great politicians of our time, but he was also a very successful rancher, businessman and friend. I want to publicly convey to his wife, his children, his siblings and his multitude of friends my sadness for our great loss.

Although Jim was a devout Democrat, in his eyes there were no Democrat or Republican issues when it came to agriculture, natural resources, property rights and especially water issues. I was told by one of the lobbyists in Denver that he could go to the microphone in a committee or on the Senate floor and change the entire debate with one sentence.

He even endorsed me when I ran for county commissioner, primar-



Rep. Brown's Report

ily because of property rights erosion. I knew his mother and father well and spent time at their table when asking for permission to move the sheep across a portion of their property. Jim was truly an agricultural icon and will be missed greatly.

We also lost another agriculture and water expert recently, former state Rep. Diane Hoppe. Hoppe was from the northeast corner — opposite part of the state from Isgar. Diane was a Republican, but she and Jim worked on many agricultural issues to-

gether. I met Diane when I served on the Colorado Farm Bureau Board of Directors. She also will be sorely missed.

It is ironic that we have lost these two legislators immediately before the hearing of House Bill 16-1256, my South Platte water storage bill, in the House Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources Committee. Both Isgar and Hoppe were serious proponents of water storage, and I want to give them the credit for this bill.

Last year, it is estimated that 2 million acre feet of water escaped Colorado in the South Platte River, water that was above the compact requirements of Nebraska and water that could have been stored and used in Colorado. At the same time, more water is being demanded from the Western Slope for Front Range growth. Lake Powell, the

water bank for the Western Slope, is at an all-time low, and agricultural land is being dried up as water is bought and transferred to municipal use.

HB 1256 asks the Colorado Water Conservation Board and the state water engineer to report on how much water has left the state that could have been stored and put to use in the last 20 years. The bill also requires that proposed water storage reservoirs, underground storage and possible dredging of existing reservoirs in the South Platte drainage be studied as to the cost-benefit ratio. By doing this study, we can begin to have the information needed to make good decisions for water storage.

Water policy icons like Isgar and Hoppe have done their part. It is up to us to do ours.

Former Colorado state Sen. Jim Isgar dies at 64

By Ann Butler
Durango Herald staff writer

Standing on his deep roots in La Plata County, former state Sen. Jim Isgar may have made his largest mark on the state's agricultural community. Two months shy of his 65th birthday, he died in Denver on Friday after a 4 1/2-year battle against a rare form of leukemia.

Isgar had a background in water before he was appointed to the Senate in 2001 to finish the term of former Sen. Jim Dyer, who resigned to take a position with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. As a farmer and rancher in the Breen area, Isgar served on numerous water boards, including La Plata and Animas-La Plata conservancy districts, HH Ditch Co., including 25 years as president, and the Southwestern Water Conservation District.

Isgar would subsequently be re-elected twice to the Senate, head-



Sen. Jim Isgar

ing the Senate Agricultural Committee, before President Barack Obama appointed him director of Rural Development for Colorado under the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2009.

"Jim was a true Coloradan and a strong supporter of agriculture and water issues in the state," said Bruce Whitehead, executive director of the Southwestern Water Conservation District. "Senator Isgar was well-known for his influence over state water law and policy, and many bills had to be 'Isgarized' prior to passing out of his committee."

Ann Brown, Isgar's former campaign manager, still has a box marked "Isgar campaigns" in her garage.

"Jim fought in the state Legislature for the common-sense use of available water," she said. "Not only was Jim a champion for water use, he was a champion for education. He lobbied hard for Fort Lewis College."

In 1988, Gov. Roy Romer appointed Isgar to the Colorado Board of Agriculture, then the governing board for his alma mater, FLC, Colorado State University and University of Southern Colorado.

The emphasis on education was a legacy from his parents, Arthur and Anne Isgar, Brown said. They encouraged rousing games of Scrabble, games Isgar often won.

He paid attention to every detail, Brown said.

"He was meticulous in his work whether in figuring out an irrigation system or working on a budget," Brown said.

Isgar's accomplishments should not outweigh who he was as a man, Whitehead said.

"Most of all, Jim will be remembered as a great friend, with a quick sense of humor," he said. "This is a sad day for Colorado, but Jim's legacy (and his black hat) will live on."

Memorial service

A memorial service for James Isgar is tentatively scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at First United Methodist Church of Durango, 2917 Aspen Drive.

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Memorials

Earle Beasley

A celebration of life memorial service will be held for Earle Beasley on Saturday, March 12, at 11 a.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Burial will follow on March 14 at 11:15 a.m. at The National

Cemetery in Santa Fe, N.M. All are welcome to join us.

Jimmye Day

There will be a memorial service for Jimmye Day on Thursday, March 17, at 2 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

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Business

CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber, CDC welcome community involvement

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

For those who went to the economic forum hosted by the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) on Friday, March 4, there was some thought-provoking information released and a lot of thought-provoking discussion that ensued.

The theme of this forum was the Real Estate Market and Second Home Study Review. Mike Heraty, managing broker of the Pagosa Source Real Estate Advisors, gave an overview of the real estate market statewide and, in particular, locally. How do the economic times in other sectors of the country such as Texas and New Mexico affect second-home buying in our community? What are second-home buyers looking for and what are the trends that are on the horizon for the next five to 10 years?

Donna Graves, Small Business Development Center business advisor, gave an overview of the recent second-home study conducted by the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado, the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.

Some age-old idioms that come up: the chicken or the egg, the cart before the horse, put your head in the sand — can be used when our community tries to decide about how to proceed about infrastructure issues such as available child care, affordable housing, health care, economic vitality. Do we plan on increased infrastructure now to accommodate economic growth

and attracting potential residents? Or do we look at what we have now, which are challenges with affordable housing and long waiting lists for child care and just wait? How do we handle these issues?

Currently, there are several groups that are addressing these issues in Archuleta County. Identified in 2014 during Rural Philanthropy Days as regional issues, southwest Colorado communities started addressing how to create more early child care slots, improve early childhood education and how to create a more affordable pool of housing. Both the county and the town have committed to working on these issues. Two separate task forces have been convened to try and address the issues and come up with some solutions and alternatives.

What can you do? A) Sit back and complain about the situations; B) Wait to see what happens; C) Speak to someone on one of the committees and give your ideas; D) Join one of the committees and get involved; Answer: C or D. As an individual or business, these issues affect you, your employees, the workplace and our community. As individuals and businesses, we must begin to think outside the box and come up with alternatives and solutions for these issues.

Did you know that if you were interested in opening a small day care out of your home that there are assistance funds to help you with the infrastructure and resources to provide day care?

As a developer, did you know that there are Colorado assistance funds to help developers with creating af-

fordable housing projects? It must be a public/private partnership and housing units, but has anyone thought about renovating existing space that could be used as housing?

As a business, can you partner with another business to try and establish day care for your employees? Oh, yes, I know, that is not part of your job as a business. You provide the jobs, the rest is up to the employee. I like this idiom: "It takes a village."

Did you know that there will be homeownership classes to help you with owning a home and potential funding options? Even the smallest idea could be the seed for an improvement plan.

If you are interested in sharing an idea, would like more information or would like to join one of the task forces, please contact me at the Chamber. I would be happy to listen to your idea, get you the information you need or sign you up for one of the committees.

There are also other committees in town that you can partner up with: downtown improvement, economic development and then, of course, the slew of nonprofit agencies that address our community's most pressing needs. Because all of these issues concern our community and our business environment, the Chamber of Commerce and the CDC are involved. Addressing these issues and helping to solve them is what is called advocacy — and that is an aspect of your Chamber benefits. We look forward to receiving ideas.

Mark your calendars
Social Media in the Business

World — Part II: Lindsay Nyquist, social media and video coordinator for Fort Lewis College, will be the facilitator for this March 22 social media class. The seminar will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and lunch will be provided. The price will be \$15 for Chamber members and \$20 for nonmembers.

To reserve your space in the class, call 264-2360 or email us at info@pagosachamber.com.

Business After Hours

This month's Business After Hours will be held at The Hub Bike Shop on Wednesday, March 23, from 5 to 7 p.m., and Chamber members and invited guests are welcome.

Renewing businesses

We have a plethora of renewing businesses to welcome back to the Chamber this week. Our "storefront" businesses renewing include: Pagosa Mountain Sports, Precision Granite, Refurnish Pagosa, Village Interiors Carpet One, Scott Strategic Investments and LaWana DeWees with Team Murphy Realty. Our nonprofit agencies renewing include Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program — winner of the 2015 Nonprofit of the Year, the Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado, the Western Heritage Event Center and the Republican Party of Archuleta County. The out-of-community renewal is Bayfield Gardens.

If you have an upcoming business closure due to renovation, vacation or other reason, please contact the Chamber of Commerce so that we can have the correct information and are able to disseminate that information to the public correctly.

LPEA to host 'Lunch and Lights' workshop in Pagosa Springs

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

Continuing its free information series designed to help co-op members understand the new lighting technology and save energy, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) will host an updated "Lunch and Lights" workshop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, at

First Southwest Bank, 249 Navajo Trail Drive.

All those interested in learning more about LED (light-emitting diode) lamps and more are invited to attend. Lunch will be served.

"LEDs are even more exciting, with so many new options," said Ray Pierotti, project specialist who oversees lighting programs for LPEA. "At Lunch and Lights, we will

share the latest information and help members know how to identify the appropriate LED bulb for each application."

Pierotti will offer examples of the energy and dollars members can save when changing bulbs out to LEDs, as well as review LPEA's lighting rebates for both residents and businesses, which help make lighting change-out more cost-effective. Local retailers also hope to be in attendance to discuss the LED

availability in Archuleta County.

"The price for LEDs continues to drop, but the cost still remains higher than other lighting sources, so it's an investment — but a good one," said Pierotti. "I always want our members to do their homework before making an investment in new lighting technology."

Because lunch will be served, those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to rpierotti@lpea.coop or 382-7770.

LPEA's reduced time-of-use 'off peak' rates in effect

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

Members of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) on the time-of-use (TOU) rate will enjoy a lower cost when using electricity in "off-peak" periods.

The "off-peak" rate for those signed up for the TOU program is 5.9 cents per kWh, a 7.7-percent reduction from the previous 6.5 cent per kWh. "Off-peak" hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., plus all day Sunday, and Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The "on-peak" rate of 16.8 cents per kWh remains the same, as does the base charge of \$21.50 per month to cover LPEA's fixed costs.

"With a reduced 'off-peak' time-of-use rate, we hope to add an

incentive for members to shift their electricity usage to those lower cost time periods," said Dan Harms, manager of rates, technology and energy policy. "One of the goals we have in managing electricity distribution is to level off usage and not experience 'spikes' in demand for power. Through the time-of-use program, our members can help us and we want to financially reward our members for shifting energy use to 'off-peak' periods."

Current TOU participants should begin to see lower bills in April, reflecting electricity consumption in March. Members not on time-of-use who are interested in evaluating the benefits of the program unique to their usage are encouraged to call LPEA's energy management advisors at 247-5786.

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Education



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Archuleta County Sheriff Richard Valdez and Sgt. Brandon Bishop pose with kids from Our Savior Lutheran School after Sheriff's Office representatives read to the students recently. Reading to local youth is an outreach effort by the Sheriff's Office.

Our Savior Lutheran School: growing and changing

By Alicia Brodner
Special to The PREVIEW

Our Savior Lutheran School (OSLS) has served the families of Pagosa Springs for over 25 years and currently offers preschool, kindergarten and first-grade classes. With over 55 children enrolled and a waiting list, the school will

be expanding classes in the fall of 2016 to add second grade.

And, we're not just growing, we're changing our educational offering.

In 2015, we implemented the Memoria Press Classical Curriculum, which has proven extremely successful. Our children are thriving in a faith-based, classical curriculum

that focuses on the study of history, literature and art, and on teaching students to be critical thinkers and lifelong learners. To learn more about this exciting curriculum, you can check out this website — www.memoriapress.com/articles/what-classical-education.

In addition, Our Savior Lutheran School has been awarded

a technology grant and we are in the process of purchasing appropriate technology that will further support this exciting, instructor-led curriculum and enhance both the teaching and learning experience.

If you are interested in more information about our school or the curriculum, please contact us at 731-4668 or look at our website at www.oslcpagosa.org and click on the "School" tab.

On Saturday, March 19, we are holding the school's annual fundraiser and hope you will consider joining us for a great evening of music with The High Rollers, fun and food. Tickets are only available in advance and can be purchased at the school office at 56 Meadows Drive.

April 1 deadline for student leadership scholarships

By Roberta Tolan
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club seeks nominations for the Rotary

Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Scholarships.

RYLA is a program that provides professional leadership training for high school sophomores and

juniors. The four-day leadership retreat will be held June 10-13 in Glenwood Springs.

The RYLA retreat weekend provides a series of professionally developed presentations and activities that take participants through a process of assessing their personal leadership characteristics and understanding the ethics of leadership and setting personal goals.

Community members may nominate students whom they feel are showing early signs of leadership or leadership potential in the community. Information and nomination forms can be found on website www.RYLA5470.org or by contacting the local Rotary Club before April 1. Students will be interviewed by the club and scholarship recipients selected in April.

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

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



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Pagosa Springs Elementary School's Golden Apple Award winner for third quarter is fourth-grade teacher Peggy Shipman. School staff has the opportunity to nominate another staff member for this honor if they see them "doing whatever it takes" in the school.

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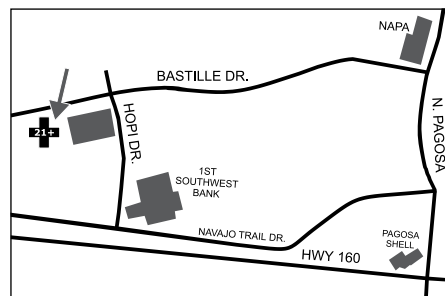
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Caucuses

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process with integrity in the event there needs to be a recount."

House concluded that an effort to graft a binding, committed delegate election on the existing preference poll machinery that was utilized by Colorado Republicans in past years would be an "unacceptable gamble given the stakes of this presidential election."

Huffman pointed out to The SUN that Colorado Republicans might still have had the opportunity to vote their choice in a primary election, but for the state's decision in 2004 against holding primary elections in the state due to their cost.

However, that decision from 12 years ago may soon be reexamined.

An article from The Denver Post on March 4, "Colorado considering change to presidential primary after 2016 caucus uproar," described widespread unhappiness in the state with the present system. According to The Post, "Colorado's caucus upset people of all political persuasions and produced a rare moment of partisan unity: 'Caucusing in Colorado is awful,' said Ellen Lawson, a Longmont Democrat, echoing a message from many Republicans."

The Post article suggests change is in the works and the prevailing sentiment is to return to a primary system.

"Colorado's Democratic and Republican party leaders began working to create a presidential

primary a year ago, but the 2016 caucus uproar is adding urgency," it reported.

A separate report on Feb. 25 by Denver TV channel 4 (CBS) confirms the bipartisan support for returning to a primary in Colorado, for at least presidential elections.

House told the station, "We advocate that a presidential primary is a good idea."

And Rick Palacio, chairman of the state Democrat Party, confirmed that, "This is an idea both my Republican counterpart and I agree on."

According to the Post article, leaders of the two parties "are drafting legislation for introduction this legislative session that would create a presidential primary in 2020,

while still maintaining the caucus system to select delegates and qualify state and local candidates for the ballot."

But an independent group, Let Colorado Vote, spawned by the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, wants a broadly revised primary system.

The Post reported that the group

"is preparing to put a citizen-initiative on the November ballot to open political primaries to unaffiliated voters, a move the parties oppose."

On its website, the Denver Metro group cites the increase in unaffiliated voters as a principal factor supporting open primaries. It says that 35 percent of Colorado voters

are registered without party affiliation, compared to 33 percent registered Republican and 31 percent Democrat.

Accordingly, it says, "more than 1 million active Colorado voters — those 'unaffiliated' with a party — are excluded from taxpayer-financed primary elections."

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Oil and gas excavation: BLM lease sale information presented to BoCC

By Marshall Dunham

Staff Writer

On Tuesday, March 8, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a presentation on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) lease sale scheduled for May.

Walt Brown, a geologist for the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), was the main speaker, though two other USFS employees were present.

Brown explained to the BoCC that, on May 12, five land parcel leases will be put up for auction, with the parcels being used for oil and gas drilling.

In the San Juan National Forest, 200 lease parcel nominations have been pending since 2001, read Brown's presentation.

Brown explained that, due to the large quantity of parcel nominations, the USFS created an "orderly leasing strategy" that assesses parcels in two phases: prioritization and assessment.

The following information was provided in the presentation.

The prioritization phase focuses new leases in areas adjacent to oil and gas infrastructure and production, areas already modified by other development activities and areas nominated by the BLM for fluid mineral management.

The assessment phase then asks how much resources would be impacted from development and whether leases should be conditioned or deferred.

Four of the five parcels are adjacent to each other and are located primarily in La Plata County.

The last parcel is north of Chromo in Archuleta County and, according to the presentation, is "to be issued non-competitively because it was offered through

a previous lease sale process and rental paid."

Each parcel has roughly 20 stipulations, including no surface occupancy (NSO), controlled service use (CSU) and timing limitation (TL) stipulations.

An example of a NSO stipulation would be not allowing development on parts of the parcel that is home to certain species, such as the Mexican spotted owl.

An example of a CSU stipulation would be not allowing development that interferes with groundwater resources.

An example of a TL stipulation would be not allowing development in areas where big game spends the winter. The parcels primarily in La Plata County range between 219 acres and 2,560 acres.

The parcel in Archuleta County being offered as a noncompetitive lease is 1,760 acres, Brown explained.

On Feb. 12, the BLM noticed the lease sale, meaning a "90-day public notification period and 30 day protest period begins."

On Monday, March 14, the protest period will end and the BLM will use the next 60 days to review and resolve the protests.

Then, on May 12, the BLM will hold the lease sale, where the "Winning bid is highest verbal bid equal to or greater than \$2/acre."

The lease will be awarded to the highest bidder within 60 days of the sale.

Following the presentation, the commissioners thanked Brown and the other members of the USFS for the information and presentation.

"We appreciate the relationship that we have with you guys, that we can talk things out and everything else," Commissioner Steve Wadley said. "It is important to us."

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Tribe

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considered development of shale formations. The SEIS would consider a reasonable range of alternatives, including the no-action alternative.

The proposed action consists of the proposed shale development, which would include drilling 1,534 wells on 352 well pads; completion and production of those wells; construction of associated gathering system pipelines, access roads and other infrastructure (i.e., compressor stations, injection wells, etc.); and interim and final reclamation.

The proposed action falls within BIA and BLM authority under the Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982 (25 USC 2101 et seq., 25 CFR Part 225). The BIA administers lease activity, while the BLM is responsible for subsurface operation administra-

tion of such leases under the authority of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 USC 1701, 43 CFR Part 3160). The BIA, BLM and Southern Ute Indian Tribe are the lead agencies.

Programmatic environmental documents are written to analyze impacts on a broad scale; the exact locations of wells and other facilities associated with the proposed development are not currently known. Impacts resulting from the proposed development will be assessed quantitatively when methodologies and data are available and qualitatively when they are not. Future Applications for Permit to Drill and right of ways will be subject to site-specific environmental analysis, tiered to the SEIS when required.

Scoping comments will be ac-

cepted from March 15 until April 14. Comments related to the proposed shale formation oil and gas development on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation can be submitted by attending a tribal members meeting or a public meeting; via the project website at <http://www.sugf.com>; email: blm_co_suit_seis@blm.gov; fax: (970) 882-6841; or mailed directly to BLM Tres Rios Field Office, Attn: SUIT SEIS Shale Formation Plan Comment Manager, 29211 Highway 184, Dolores, CO 81323.

The Growth Fund welcomes all interested parties to attend the meetings. To find out more, please visit <http://www.sugf.com>.

Contact Justin Abernathy, BLM assistant field manager, at blm_co_suit_seis@blm.gov or 882-6861.

Hospital board cancels election, considers expansion contract details

By Leah Ballard

Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) called a special meeting on Monday, March 7, to cancel the election of new board members.

Three candidates nominated themselves to fill three empty positions and, since there were no contests for the seats on the board, the nominees were welcomed to the board.

Members Dr. Jim Pruitt and citizens Matt Mees and Kate Alfred (returning for another term) will begin their four-year commitment on May 3, the proposed election date.

Additional discussion during the meeting involved changes to the design and build contract for the next phase of work on the Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) expansion project: construction.

The details reviewed included the maximum spending budget, set at a total amount of nearly \$10.6 million. The outstanding building costs are expected to be \$9,787,778 after subtracting the \$801,231 already paid for design to architects Boulder & Associates.

The budget does not include costs expected for medical equipment or furniture for the new clinic and lobby space, permit fees, utility costs during construction, nor the conversion of two small office spaces into specialty clinic space. The additional cost expected for these aspects of the new clinic amount to \$1,128,000.

Additional changes pertain to the workers' compensation and insurance coverage for the construction phase of the project with general contractor GE Johnson.

Current construction insurance costs included in the budget amount to \$15,984. The board is considering coverage costs through PSMC's insurer.

The contract change also extends the "correction of work" contract to two years instead of one year from substantial completion.

Also on the topic of the expansion, during the board's last regular meeting on Feb. 23, board members negotiated the parameters of the principle amount and the percentage of interest UMB Bank will market to independent investors through the end of March.

The board approved a ceiling of 6.5 percent interest. Treasurer Karl Irons and board member Jerry Baker sought more conservative parameters of a 6-percent interest ceiling, and reducing the principle amount from \$11 million to \$10 million. However, the resolution passed with a 5-1 vote, with Irons voting nay.

After marketing of the bonds is complete at the end of March, board chair Dr. Malcom Rodger will be "presented with a purchase agreement for bonds based that falls within the parameters approved by the Board in its February 23rd resolution," stated PSMC Executive Coordinator Jodi Scarpa.

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tinuance of the land use regulation hearing in order to do more research on alternative sites.

Commissioner Steve Wadley made the motion to continue

the hearing, with Commissioner Clifford Lucero seconding the motion.

All three commissioners unanimously voted in favor of the continuance.

The hearing will be continued at 5 p.m. on May 10 and will be held at the Emergency Operations Center at 777 County Road 600 (Piedra Road).

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PAWSD

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vote of the public.

Brueckner then made a motion. "I move that we adopt a resolution authorizing an election on the question of repealing the ballot issue approved by the district voters on May 2, 2000," he said.

Church seconded the motion and Walsh voted in favor, allowing

the motion to pass unanimously.

Board members Church, Walsh and Brueckner have terms that expire in May of this year, therefore opening three seats on the board of directors.

Through a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request, SUN staff obtained the self-nomination and acceptance forms identifying the

four individuals vying for the three seats.

Church and Brueckner are running for re-election.

Two other individuals will also be on the ballot, with one being James "Jim" Smith and the other being Steven Schmiesing.

A mail-ballot election will be held on Tuesday, May 3.

Counsel

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Commissioner Steve Wadley seconded the motion.

"Normally in any motion we would have discussion right now but I'm going to make the only public statement regarding our position on this," said Whiting. "The county currently believes that

the contract that we engaged with Todd Starr, or Rose Walker, was in the public interest and legal in every respect."

The reason that the BoCC needed to seek additional legal services is because the county attorney, Todd Starr, is involved in the complaint, and therefore

can't defend the county against said complaint.

The next regular BoCC meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room of the county administration building located at 398 Lewis St.

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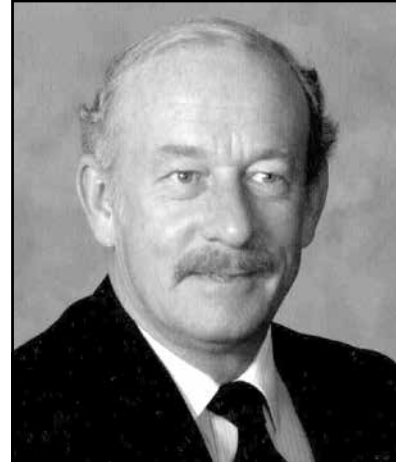
Obituary

Patterson (Pat) Curtis

Patterson (Pat) Curtis passed away surrounded by family at his home on March 6, 2016. He was born Feb. 20, 1933, in Joliet, Ill., to Louise and Willard Curtis.

Pat graduated in 1951 from Joliet Township High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954-1956, at which time he was honorably discharged. In 1958, Pat and Judith Ross were married. Two children were born to this union: Kent and Kyle. Pat graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1960, where he earned a bachelor's degree in economics and lettered in swimming.

Pat started a career in banking for himself in Dixon, Ill. He and his family moved to Durango in 1978, where he served as executive vice president at Bank of Durango and, later, president of the newly chartered Durango National Bank.

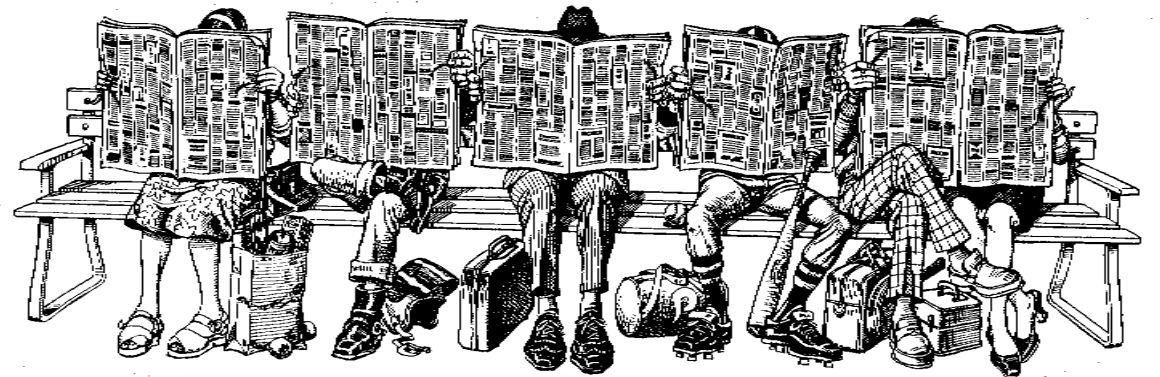


Airport Authority board, PLPOA board and Fred Harman Art Museum board. He was active in the Upper San Juan Search and Rescue and received an award for over 25 years of service to this organization from the Sheriff's Office. Pat enjoyed ham radio and obtained his license in August of 1964.

Pat was preceded in death by his wife, Judith, who passed in 1995. He married Georganna L. Macklin in May 1999. Pat is survived by wife Georganna; brothers Willard and Randolph; sons Kent Curtis, of Durango, and Kyle Curtis, of Chandler, Ariz.; grandsons Ben and Ryan; granddaughters Sara and Katelyn; and one great-grandchild.

A private memorial service will be held by family at a later date. Pat and Georganna were volunteers at the Pagosa Thrift Shop for the benefit of the Humane Society. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Pat's name to: Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Box 2230, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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LIBRARY NEWS

What the stats say about your library

By Carole Howard
SUN Columnist, and the library staff

Annually, at this time of year, Jackie Welch, library director, prepares a report for the library's board of trustees summarizing the highlights of the past year. Here is a condensed version of that report on 2015 operations:

- Major objectives achieved: Completed culvert replacement project, resurfaced old parking lot, increased bandwidth in the library to 30 mbps, installed print management station for public computers and explored ways to maximize the existing space in the library.

- Resource sharing: AspenCat allows patrons access not only to the 28,200 items in our collection, but also more than 1 million items in the other 101 AspenCat libraries.

- In 2015, we borrowed 8,098 items — up 23.8 percent over 2014 — and loaned 2,170. By taking advantage of the purchasing power of the State Library and Colorado Library Consortium, we subscribed to multiple educational databases, and purchased downloadable audio books, e-books and magazines.

- Collection development: In 2015, we added 4,037 items, including 674 from donations, and deleted 5,519 worn or outdated items.

- Usage stats: More than 91,000 patrons walked through our doors last year, up 3.2 percent from 2014.

We checked out 103,578 items, up 8.8 percent. Computer usage increased 8 percent to 20,893 sessions, not counting patrons who used their own devices in the library or accessed our wireless service after hours.

- Programming: From early literacy to adult education, 4,990 people attended one or more of our 465 programs.

- Donations, grants and volunteers: We received \$6,914 in donations and \$6,481 in grants. Our volunteers contributed 1,079 hours, a little more than one-half of a full-time position.

- Continuing education: To continue to provide our community with the best possible service, several of our staff attended a variety of educational and networking opportunities.

Change of day for some tech sessions

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

Most of the more formal sessions requiring advance registration will now be held on Fridays. The next one is tomorrow, Friday, March 11: iPad Basics from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You must provide your own registered iPad.

Then, on Monday, March 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. is MS Word Basics.

Teen advisory board

Next Thursday, March 17, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. We hope you will bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs you will enjoy.

Baby and toddler storytimes

Stories, songs and fingerplays with Miss Leah for you and your little ones on Saturdays.

Note the split sessions: Baby time for zero to 12 months is from 9:05 to 9:25 a.m.

Toddler storytime, 12-36 months, is from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

If you have multiple little ones, please come to whatever storytime is most convenient for you and your family.

New free downloadable films

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Free 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 bestsellers. The four youth e-readers contain books for children, juniors and young adults.

Nonfiction

"The Case for Jesus" by Grant Pitre offers the biblical and historical evidence for Christ. "Kids Supernaturally Natural" by missionary Virginia Humphreys offers scriptural principles to help both adults and children hear God's voice. "Downton Abbey A Celebration" by Jessica Fellowes is the official companion to all six seasons of this popular PBS series that ended last Sunday.

"The Movie Book" is a history of moving pictures from the silent era and early talkies to the technological achievements of today's films. "Smart Fat" by Dr. Steven Masley and Jonny Bowden, a nutritionist, offers a 30-day meal plan to eat more good fat to lose and keep off fat. "Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy" by Sue Klebold is a memoir by the mother of one of the Columbine High School killers.

"Too Dumb to Fail" by Matt K. Lewis explores the author's belief that the Republicans have betrayed the Reagan Revolution and discusses how the GOP must reclaim and reinvigorate its conservative roots. "Gratitude" by Oliver Sacks is a collection of four essays capturing the medical and human drama of illness during the last few months of the author's life. "When Hitler Took Cocaine and Lenin Lost His Brain" by Giles Milton is the first installment of his new "History's Unknown Chapters" series. "The Right Kind of Crazy" by Adam Steltzner with William Patrick is a true story of teamwork, leadership and innovation involved in landing the Curiosity rover on Mars. "Bone Deep Broth" offers 50 nourishing recipes to make using bone broth.

Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

"Death of a Nurse" by M.C. Beaton is a Sgt. Hamish Macbeth mystery. "Traveling Alone" by Samuel Bjork is a thriller set in Norway. "She's Not Here" by Joy Fielding follows a mother after her daughter disappears.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, March 10

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting. 3 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Downtown Task Force regular meeting. 5:15 p.m., Community Center West Conference Room.

In Memoriam

Gary Leon Lucas

In memoriam of Gary Leon Lucas, died March 12, 2015.

In loving memory of Gary Lucas, our devoted husband, father, grandfather, etc., who volunteered countless hours to benefit others within our community, giving of himself to organizations in our beloved town of Pagosa Springs.

His dedication has forever left an imprint in our hearts.

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The Lucas family

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Gallegos Rosales

I would like to thank the Lord Jesus Christ for the riches he stowed upon me with my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, my family and many friends that sustained me through the time of my sorrow. The prayers, food, religious gifts, the Guadalupanas, the father and his staff, to Colleen and Jeffery for all the endless paperwork and the many phone calls, too many to mention all by name; would be quite a task. To Hood Mortuary and their beautiful staff, which made all this possible. Also Mr. and Mrs. Terry Carter.

Sincerely,

Viola Gallegos Rosales

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.

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

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

St. Patrick's Day DUI enforcement

Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) is participating in the 2016 Law Enforcement Driving While Impaired Educational and Enforcement Campaign for the month of March.

Additionally, officers will participate in the High Visibility Enforcement Campaign during the St. Patrick's Day enforcement period March 11-18.

Officers will increase patrols and designated officers will focus pri-

marily on impaired driving-related offenses for the upcoming events.

National traffic studies confirm that increased patrols provide a "risk of apprehension," thereby reducing the number of impaired driving traffic crashes.

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Home-heating help available during Colorado's snowiest month

By Kathryn Robinson
Special to The SUN

If history repeats itself, Coloradans will see lots of snow this month, which means home heating will continue to be crucial. The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) offers help to those who are having trouble affording their home heating bills.

LEAP is a program of the Colorado Department of Human Services that helps eligible Coloradans from November through April with cash assistance for their home-heating bills.

As of mid-February, LEAP had approved nearly 63,940 benefits and the average benefit was \$389.

"Even though we're looking forward to spring, we're not yet finished with the cold weather this winter," LEAP Manager Aggie Berens said. "We want to make sure that every Coloradan stays warm this month. LEAP benefits are still available."

People interested in applying can call (866) HEAT-HELP [(866) 432-8435] to order a mailed application. Alternatively, applications are available at every county department of social or human services; most

utility companies; and many community agencies, like Catholic Charities. Applications also can be downloaded from www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap.

LEAP applicants must be Colorado residents and U.S. citizens or legal aliens. They also need to provide a copy of a valid identification and a completed affidavit to comply with regulations found at 9 CCR 2503-7.

Applicants also must be responsible for paying heating costs, either directly to a utility company or to a landlord as part of rent. Applicants' income cannot exceed 165 percent of the federal poverty index.

People eligible for LEAP may also qualify for other benefits, like the Crisis Intervention Program, which helps repair or replace the home's primary heating system; or the Weatherization Assistance Program, which improves energy efficiency in homes. Colorado also offers a rebate of property tax, rent and heat expenses to low-income seniors and disabled persons.

Please visit the Colorado Department of Revenue's website at www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/104PTC.pdf for more information and the rebate application booklet.



Local Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program celebrates new grant funding

By Claire Ninde
Special to The SUN

National Nutrition Month is a great time to celebrate the successes achieved by the San Juan Basin Health Department (SJBHD) WIC program and high-light additional regional funding received to address client's nutritional needs.

Since 2002, SJBHD has housed the WIC program serving clients in Durango, Ignacio and Pagosa Springs. Funded through federal grants and administered by Colorado agencies, regional WIC educators provide vouchers for nutritious foods, health care referrals, and nutrition and breastfeeding education for low-income mothers.

Mothers are eligible to participate in the WIC program if they are pregnant, breastfeeding, and/or if they have a child under the age of 5. Fathers and other caregivers are also encouraged to participate in the program.

SJBHD was one of 15 health agencies nationwide recently awarded the Community Partnerships for Healthy Mothers and Children Grant from the National WIC Association and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The new funding will allow SJBHD to collaborate with strategic partners to identify community needs regarding healthy food access for low-income and WIC-eligible families, and develop an evidence-based plan of action with input from selected clients.

WIC focuses on healthy nutrition during pregnancy, as well as the importance of breastfeeding for new mothers. Young children with nutritional deficits are at risk for lifelong nutrition-related health problems, including overweight, obesity and Type 2 diabetes. Colorado overweight and obesity rates for WIC children ages 2 through 4 years have decreased each year since 2013. Reduction of childhood obesity helps prevent chronic diseases and sets the foundation for a lean and healthy life.

Studies show that contact with WIC educators is effective in reducing premature births, low birth-weight babies, fetal and infant deaths, incidence of low-iron anemia and improving diet quality.

About 950 mothers and children in this region are currently participating in WIC and the new funding will allow SJBHD to serve additional families. WIC appointments cover topics such as benefits

of breastfeeding, limiting screen time, healthy weight gain for pregnancy and other messages from the early childhood obesity prevention campaign created by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Recently, a Spanish-speaking client and her newborn came to a WIC appointment feeling unsure about breastfeeding, confused about how to get on Medicaid and not able to communicate with her doctor's office to set up her post-partum checkup. Her bi-lingual WIC educator was able to address each of her concerns and she left her appointment with vouchers to buy healthy food. Additionally, she was more confident in breastfeeding her infant, was connected with help to enroll in Medicaid and an appointment with her doctor was made by her WIC educator.

With the recent funding award, SJBHD is excited to expand the impact of the WIC program by reaching more clients and improving healthy food access and nutrition education.

For more information and to determine WIC eligibility, go to www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wic-eligibility or call SJBHD at (970) 335-2018.

Fish Fry

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The Knights of Columbus' Lenten Fish Fries have been a community tradition since 1996. The Lenten Fish Fry fundraiser takes place from 5-7 p.m. on Fridays through March 18 at the Parish Hall on Lewis Street.



WIC shopping to better serve our nation's low-income mothers and children

Special to The SUN

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced a major step to make it easier for participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to access nutritious foods.

The WIC Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Final Rule will improve the shopping experience for WIC participants by requiring states to transition from paper benefits to EBT systems by Oct. 1, 2020, as required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

Vilsack made this announcement during a speech at the 2016 National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference, hosted by the Food Research and Action Center and Feeding America, in Washington, D.C. The secretary was joined at the conference by Dorothy McAuliffe, first lady of Virginia and a champion of child nutrition programs. Virginia is one of 12 states and four tribal nations that have already competed the transition to EBT for distributing WIC benefits.

"USDA's WIC Program has a longstanding history of improving the health of low-income women, infants and children at nutritional risk," said Vilsack. "EBT is widely recognized as the optimal method of food benefit delivery, allowing WIC participants to shop conveniently and check out confidently. This final rule is one of many ways we continue to collaborate with states and other stakeholders to significantly improve the delivery of WIC benefits and protect the integrity of the program."

WIC EBT is an electronic system that replaces paper food checks or vouchers with a card — similar to an ATM or debit card — that is used for food benefit issuance and redemption at authorized WIC stores.

In fiscal year 2016, Congress appropriated \$220 million to help state agencies fully fund the transition from paper benefits to EBT.

This ensures WIC can continue providing quality nutrition services while improving the effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery. USDA will continue to work closely with state agencies to support them throughout the implementation process.

The transition from paper benefits to EBT systems allows WIC participants to shop for items as needed rather than requiring them to purchase all items in one trip or lose the remaining benefits. Implementing EBT will also reduce checkout times and potential stigma associated with using food benefits. Additionally, WIC participants will no longer need to separate their WIC foods from their other grocery items.

Switching to statewide EBT will also strengthen the management and integrity of the WIC program by providing USDA and state agencies with previously unavailable data on the type, amount and cost of foods purchased with WIC benefits. In addition, this final rule will significantly decrease the time and cost of processing payments for both vendors and the program.

Approximately half of all infants in the U.S. participate in WIC.

The program provides nutritious foods to supplement diets, nutrition education (including breastfeeding promotion and support), and referrals to health and other social services to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5.

Services are made available

through approximately 1,900 local agencies and 10,000 clinic sites. Forty-five thousand authorized stores offer healthy WIC foods to participants. More information about the WIC program can be found at www.fns.usda.gov/WIC.

The WIC EBT announcement is just one way that USDA is helping Americans access healthy foods. USDA has also recently issued a retailer standards proposed rule that will ensure stores that accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits stock a wider array of food choices. In addition, USDA is conducting a pilot to explore home delivery of groceries to homebound elderly and disabled SNAP participants.

The announcement came on the eve of National Nutrition Month. Throughout March, USDA will be highlighting results of its efforts to improve access to safe, healthy food for all Americans and supporting the health of our next generation. For example, since the program revised its food package in 2014, WIC has been providing participants healthier food choices to meet their needs during critical periods of growth and development.

WIC is one of USDA's Food and Nutrition Service's 15 nutrition assistance programs, which also include the National School Lunch Program, Summer Food Service Program and SNAP. Together, these programs comprise America's nutrition safety net.



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Sports

BASKETBALL



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Pirate Devin Wilson goes up against her Colorado Springs Christian counterparts in an attempt to feed a loose ball to teammate Taylor Lee-Hammer. The Pirates defeated the Lions 35-23 in the game, advancing to today's Great 8 competition in Denver. The Lady Pirates are looking repeat as the state's top 3A team.

Lady Pirates look to repeat as state champions

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Starting this morning, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates basketball team is back in action at the 3A state tournament in Denver — familiar territory for the team that took home the championship last year after finishing second the previous season (and losing only one game in the last three seasons).

The Lady Pirates' foe this morning is also familiar — the Centauri Falcons.

The rivals are slated to play in the Great 8 round of the tournament beginning at 11:45 a.m.

"It's kind of deja vu," coach Wes Lewis said of facing the Falcons for a fourth time this season. "It's got its pros and cons. I mean, the pros are I don't have to work on a scouting report for the kids, they know exactly what to do, what's expected, ... how we're going to attack them."

The Pirates handed the Falcons three of their four losses on the season, with the other loss coming from the league's other Pirates (Monte Vista).

"We've just got to take the same approach we've taken all year," Lewis said. "They're a very capable team. ... They're a good basketball team. We're going to have to play well to beat them at a neutral site. ... They're going to be as amped up as they can be. I really think the game's going to come down to who can do a better job of staying out of foul trouble."

The coach stated that, if the Lady Pirates get in foul trouble, the

advantage would go to Centauri, while the opposite would also be true.

"If neither one of us gets into foul trouble, I like our chances, but we'll have to see how it plays out," the coach said.

To get to the Great 8, the No. 9 Falcons upset No. 8 Bennett in the Sweet 16 round by a score of 50-38.

The winner of today's Pagosa-Centauri contest will advance to the Final 4 tomorrow, March 11, and play either Lutheran (20-4 heading into the Great 8), who entered as the No. 5 team, or Moffat County (21-3), who entered as the No. 4 team.

That game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday.

The winner of that game will then advance to the championship game and will play one of four teams: No. 2 Sterling (23-1), No. 10 Faith Christian (19-5), No. 6 Eaton (21-3) or No. 3 Manitou Springs (23-1).

The championship game is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

This week's games are being played at the Denver Coliseum.

The Lady Pirates' games will be aired on KWUF 1400 AM, and some games will be available to watch at NFHSNetwork.com for a fee.

"The nice thing about it is our kids have a ton of experience," Lewis said.

The Lady Pirates' starters have all been to the state tournament every year of their high school careers, while the team's "sixth man," freshman Devin Wilson, is no stranger to the tournament, having been several times as a spectator.

"I like our chances. I like the fact that we've got so much experience," the coach said, noting that the experience gives the team an "immeasurable advantage."

The Lady Pirates advanced to the Great 8 after defeating Buena Vista and Colorado Springs Christian last week at home.

The Lady Pirates first faced No. 32 Buena Vista in the first round of playoff action, defeating the Demons 51-28.

"I just didn't think we played particularly well," Lewis said. "We did what we had to do and jumped up pretty good on them that first quarter — had a nice first quarter — 19-5, and then just kind of fell off a little bit."

After jumping to the 19-5 lead in the first quarter, the Pirates scored 12 in the second while allowing nine. In the third quarter, Pagosa outscored Buena Vista by a single point, 9-8, and bested the Demons 11-6 in the final quarter.

"Part of it was that we were trying to stay pretty ... vanilla and not show anything for the next night," Lewis explained.

Too, the coach noted that the Demons did a "really good job" of beating the Pirates' full-court pressure and put up some shots.

"I think our girls were ... just kind of ready for the next day," Lewis said, adding that the team missed

some shots, turned over the ball and didn't capitalize on some opportunities.

In the game, Madi and Morgan Lewis each put up 17 points, followed by Taylor Lee-Hammer with seven (including a 3-pointer), Megan Farrah and Mariah Snarr with four each and Ada Peshlaki with two.

The team pulled down 25 rebounds in the game, stole the ball 11 times and committed 12 turnovers.

The following afternoon, the Lady Pirates took on the No. 17 Colorado Springs Christian Lions, who had upset the No. 16 Grand Valley Cardinals Friday night by a score of 60-48.

The Pirates tamed the Lions 35-23.

"I was really glad we had a good first half," the coach stated. "I was tickled with being up 16 at halftime and thought our defense was really dialed in. I thought we were doing some pretty good stuff offensively, as well."

To build that 16-point lead, the Lady Pirates held the Lions to

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BASKETBALL

Pirates marooned by No. 1 seed in state playoffs

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team was marooned in its quest for the state tournament last weekend, but not without putting up a fight.

The Pirates entered the playoffs as the No. 16 team in the state, but fell to the state's top 3A team in the Sweet 16 round last weekend.

"The kids played well in both games last weekend," coach Randy Sorenson stated in an email to SUN staff.

The Pirates first faced No. 17 Basalt on Friday, March 4, at Bruce Randolph High School in Denver, with the Pirates defeating the Longhorns 54-52 in overtime.

"Basalt was a solid and well coached team. They had a good big kid that hurt us," Sorenson explained.

That player, junior Michael Glen, put up 24 points for the Longhorns.

"The game was close throughout," Sorenson noted.

The Pirates scored 14 in the first quarter of the game while only allowing the Longhorns nine, but Basalt closed that lead to three by halftime, 29-26 in favor of the Pagosa.

Both teams put up 11 points in the third quarter, allowing the Pirates to retain their lead, but Basalt bested the Pirates in the fourth quarter, forcing a 46-46 tie at the end of regulation play.

"We had chances to win in regulation but they were able to get the game into overtime. The kids held it together though and found a way to win. It was a very good and exciting basketball game," the coach stated. "The fans got their money's worth."

Pagosa scored eight in overtime, but limited Basalt to six points, garnering the right to advance to the Sweet 16 round the following day.

In the game against the Longhorns, senior Briar Erskine and sophomore Isaiah Griego each scored 20 to lead the Pirates, with

Griego hitting four 3-pointers.

Junior Ethan Brown and sophomore Ty Kimsey rounded out the Pirate scoring with seven points each.

The Pirates went to the charity stripe eight times in the game, with six successful shots. The Longhorns shot from the free-throw line 18 times, making 13.

Pagosa pulled down 22 rebounds in the game — the same as Basalt. Erskine led with nine rebounds.

The following afternoon, the Pirates faced their host team, the No. 1 Denver Science and Tech-Stapleton Knights, who had defeated No. 32 Roaring Fork Friday 65-51.

The Pirates challenged the Knights in the game, leading 23-19 at halftime, but were defeated 47-35.

"On Saturday we also played DSST very tough and had a chance to win," the coach stated. "We were able to build an early seven point lead and we were leading by three at half."

That lead came from a first quarter in which the Pirates bested the Knights 12-9 and a second quarter that saw Pagosa put up 11, compared to DSST's 10.

"We started the third quarter strong the first couple of minutes, building a small lead, but their pressure got to us a little bit. They hit some contested shots and we missed a couple," the coach explained. "They outscored us sixteen to six in the third and it was an uphill battle from there."

DSST also outscored Pagosa in the fourth quarter, 12-6, making for a 47-35.

"We were really disappointed to not come away with a win but the kids played hard and they played their best basketball of the year," Sorenson wrote. "All you can ask for is a chance and we had that but unfortunately it was not meant to be."

More Pirates found the net than in the previous game, led by nine points from Griego and eight from Erskine.

Sophomore Ty Kimsey put up six in the game, while senior Craig Tamburelli (with one 3-pointer) and



Photo courtesy Michael Pierce

Senior Craig Tamburelli maneuvers around an opponent in the third quarter of Saturday's Sweet 16 game against No. 1 Denver Science and Tech-Stapleton. The Pirates led through much of the game, but fell to the Knights 47-35.

sophomore Keaton Laverty each added four. Junior Ethan Brown and junior Lane Schaaf each contributed two.

Pagosa went to the free-throw line nine times in the game, making six shots, and pulled down 23 rebounds, 17 of which were defensive.

DSST is now slated to take on a foe familiar to the Pirates — the Alamosa Mean Moose — today at 1:15 p.m.

Alamosa, who entered state action as the No. 8 team, is now 19-4 on the season, while No. 1 DSST is 23-1.

'A very solid season'

The Pirates finished their season with a 14-9 overall record and 5-3 league mark, allowing them to finish second in the league behind the Mean Moose and advance to the playoffs.

"Overall we feel like we had a very solid season," Sorenson stated. "We were in almost every game all year. The kids improved as the year went along and we are proud of them."

The team will lose two seniors off of this year's squad — Erskine and Tamburelli.

"It is always hard to say goodbye to the seniors but they both had good careers and they are great kids," Sorenson wrote. "We wish them the best."

Erskine scored 356 points on the season, with an average of nearly 15.5 points per game.

In his high school career, Erskine scored 703 points for the Pirates.

He also logged 171 rebounds this season, averaging 7.4 rebounds per game.

Erskine stole the ball 27 times this season and is credited with 53 in his high school career. His stats list 27 blocks this season and 70 over his four years.

"Briar was our leading scorer and he has played varsity basketball all four years," Sorenson noted.

Tamburelli spent three years on the varsity squad.

"Craig was really good defensively all year," Sorenson complimented. "He always guarded other team's best player."

This season, Tamburelli scored 91 points, with 110 points in his varsity career. Tamburelli also added 37 assists this season and 50 in varsity action during his high school career.

This season, he pulled down 44 rebounds, with 69 in his three years on varsity.

Tamburelli is credited with 29 steals this season and 38 in his high school career.

With only two seniors leaving the team, Sorenson indicated he looking forward to the team's future.

"We have things to work on before next season so hopefully the kids will work hard between now and next November," the coach wrote. "We are already looking forward to next season as we have several key players returning."

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Pirate senior Briar Erskine goes up for the tipoff during the first round of state action Friday. The Pirates defeated the Basalt Longhorns in overtime to advance to the Sweet 16.

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SOCCER

Lady Pirates prepare for soccer season

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

Aided by recent unseasonably fair weather, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates have been working hard in spirited practices to prepare for the upcoming soccer season.

The official 15-game schedule kicks off with a game at Salida 4 p.m. this Friday.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason is looking forward to a good season.

"The team has a lot of potential, and a lot of commitment," he said.

He cited the team's effort last weekend at scrimmages with several schools conducted at Canon City. The Lady Pirates held their own, and even controlled much of the play, though greatly outnumbered by schools like Pueblo, which brought 70 players.

At one point during the Canon City scrimmages, Kurt-Mason noted, the Pirates found themselves shorthanded when, as a precaution, he removed a player with a minor injury without any available substitutes. Nevertheless, he said the remaining players continued to compete hard despite the disadvantage and never quit.

Kurt-Mason pointed out that Pagosa often has limited numbers early in the season, during

the period of overlap between winter and spring programs. But he noted a large number of freshmen have come out for the team and expects that this year he will ultimately have a strong complement of players, as team members rapidly complete conflicting commitments.

Indeed, The SUN noted approximately 20 players at the fast-paced and enthusiastic Lady Pirates' practice on March 7.

In addition to the players' determination and positive attitude, Kurt-Mason noted as team strengths the players' fitness, on-field communication and togetherness.

He said, "It's a very tight team, and the players support each other."

The team's several strong players are good leaders, he noted, and provide steady encouragement to the beginners.

The coach described the Lady Pirates' playing style as one that emphasizes possession and short passes while probing for openings. He expects the team to advance when a seam opens in the opposing defense, wherever that may arise.

Ideally, the team will seize opportunities to move forward to attack as a unit, while continuing to hold the overall shape of their alignment.

Kurt-Mason noted, however, that smooth

transition from defense to attack is an area where he expects to see improvement as the season progresses and the Lady Pirates gain experience and cohesion.

Kurt-Mason said the leaders of the team include two seniors, Brooke Bowdridge, who plays central defender, and Olivia Reinhardt, a midfielder. Additional leaders are juniors Hannah Marnocha, who plays midfielder and striker, and Hayley Mitchell, a central midfielder.

The coach also expects strong play from sophomores Alyssa Lewis, Delila Pastin and Isabelle Pajak. Among the freshmen, he anticipates contributions from Sarah Ross, but he commented that he hopes for good things from several of the newcomers.

The regular season for the Lady Pirates runs until early May. The final game is at home on May 3, against Montezuma/Cortez. The home game against rival Bayfield is Friday, April 22. Five other home games occur in a 10-day stretch from March 22 through April 1, against (consecutively) Ignacio, Ridgway, Telluride, Center and Alamosa.

Kurt-Mason noted the Lady Pirates in recent years have enjoyed a good following of fans. He said the team plays a "fun to watch" game.

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BASEBALL

Saturday season-opener on tap for baseball team

By Randi Pierce
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The Pagosa Springs High School baseball team is under the helm of a new coach this year, and with the new coach has come a slightly new approach.

Coach Robert Henderson's approach to the season thus far has been to focus on the fundamentals, he said, from grounders and fly balls to correct throwing form.

"Right now, we're just working on basics," the coach said, adding, "We're just taking baby steps."

While new members are being added to the squad as winter sports wrap up, Henderson said there are currently somewhere between 40 and 45 students out for the team.

"Every week we get a new group of kids," he said.

The coach said there are currently five seniors, seven juniors and fairly even numbers of freshmen and sophomores.

"They're a fun group of kids. Everything we ask them to do, they do," he said, adding, "They're really excited about it. They're having a good time."

In addition to those fundamentals, Henderson said the team is working on conditioning through "educational running," such as working on baserunning.

"Everything we do running-wise has a purpose," he explained, adding that he likes teams to run and bunt a lot.

With that basic work under their

belts, the team will hit the diamond for the season-opener this weekend in Salida.

The game will also be the team's first competition of the season since a March 5 scrimmage against Dolores was snowed out.

"We really have no idea what we'll be up against," Henderson said, noting that the coaches will be "teaching as we go."

It's also currently unknown who will take the field for the Pirates first.

"We're just trying to find that right mix for varsity right now," he said, adding that, likely, this weekend will see more playing time for the players who have been there for the entire pre-season.

The roster is likely to change

over the course of the season, too, Henderson indicated, with younger players being brought up to gain varsity experience through things like pinch-running.

The Saturday game is slated to begin at 1 p.m. in Salida.

Following the away game, the team is slated to have a break from action until March 22, when the Pirates will host Montezuma/Cortez at 5 p.m.

A week later, the team will host Durango for a doubleheader, with games at 2 and 4 p.m.

On April 1, the Pirates will head to Alamosa for a league doubleheader at 3 and 5 p.m. before taking a break until April 15, when the team will host Monte Vista for a league doubleheader at 3 and 5 p.m.

On April 19, Pagosa's squad will head to Monte Vista to take on Sargent High School at 5 p.m.

The following Friday, April 22, Centauri will come to Pagosa for a league doubleheader, again with games at 3 and 5 p.m.

On April 26, the team will welcome Ignacio for a doubleheader at 4 and 6 p.m.

On May 3, Dolores will come to town for a doubleheader at 3 and 5 p.m.

The Pirates will wrap up the regular season with a doubleheader in Bayfield on May 5, with games set for 3 and 5 p.m.

The schedule is subject to change.

Henderson said he believes his first year will be "challenging, but fun."

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Champions

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a single point in the first quarter while scoring 10, and limited the Lions to seven in the second while scoring twice that many points.

Unfortunately for the Lady Pirates, that changed in the third quarter.

Lewis noted that the team could have secured the game in the third

quarter by continuing to play like it had in the first half, but instead "let them make it interesting."

Morgan Lewis started the quarter for the Lady Pirates and put up four points before chalking up a fourth foul and heading to the bench — something the coach said "takes a lot of offense out of the game."

Unfortunately, no other Pirate

would score in the final five minutes of the quarter, and the Lions would score 11, cutting the Pirates' lead to nine.

"It just didn't happen that third quarter for us," Lewis said, adding, "It's really surprising for us to have a four-point quarter."

Pagosa held out, however, putting up seven points in the final quarter while holding the Lions to four.

"They did a nice job of making things difficult for us in the second half," Lewis said.

Lee-Hammer led the Pirates with 11 points in the game, followed by 10 from Morgan Lewis. Snarr added five, Madi Lewis notched four, Farrah contributed three and Wilson put two.

The team pulled down 21 rebounds in the game.

The team stole the ball 13 times in the game and turned the ball over 10 times.

Too, Lewis said strong defense limited the points from two key Lions, with one scoring six (versus 33 the night before against Grand Valley) and another to three points (versus 17 the night before).

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21st Annual Dirk and Colt Ross Memorial Basketball Tournament to be held in April

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The 21st annual Dirk and Colt Ross Memorial Basketball Tournament will be held April 7-9 and will feature several different divisions.

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

Anyone 16 years old and older is allowed to participate.

The tournament will feature three divisions:

- An open division.
- A 6-foot-and-under division.
- A 35-and-older division.

A maximum of 10 players will be allowed on a team's roster, and all divisions will be full at a maximum of 36 teams.

For more information, call Troy Ross at 264-5625 and see future issues of The SUN.

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Wolf Creek Ski Area Fun Race results

Special to The SUN

The fifth Fun Race was held at Wolf Creek Ski Area on March 5. The fastest time of the day went to Netana Hotimsky, of Grand Junction, with a time of 28.07 seconds. Following are the locals who placed in the race. In the Boys' 15-17, Nate Houston placed first with a time of 33.33. Ian Roth placed first in the Boys' 18-20 with a time of 28.17. In the Men's 31-35, Robert Bedtke placed first with a time of 31.53. Joe Busch placed second in the Men's 36-40 with a time of 32.57. In the men's 51-60, Brent Johnston placed first with a time of 30.40. In the Men's 61-70, Phil Clum placed first with a time of 36.43. In the Men's 71-plus, Klaus Neubert placed first with a time of 34.02

and Herman Ator placed second with a time of 36.60. In the Girls' 6-8, Eden Connor placed first with a time of 40.29 and Kenli Bush placed second with a time of 46.06. In the Girls' 9-11, Chloe Crabtree placed first with a time of 39.66 and Johanna Beard placed second with a time of 39.96. In the Women's 36-40, Kristi Busch placed first with a time of 31.45. In the Women's 41-50, Susan Beard placed third with a time of 45.36. In the Women's 51-60, Lindsay Vonn Lemon placed first with a time of 35.79. The Fun Race Series continues with the Spring Fling Race scheduled for Saturday, March 12. The race is free and open to skiers and snowboarders of all ages and ability levels.



Photo courtesy Molly Burkesmith/Wolf Creek Ski Area

The Wolf Creek Ski Area Fun Race Series continues with another race scheduled for Saturday, March 12. The race is free and open to skiers and snowboarders of all ages and ability levels.

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Open gym basketball Saturday, CPR/AED certification class

By Traci Bishop
SUN Columnist

Come on down and mix up your Saturday morning with some basketball.

The gym will be open to the public for use from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Because We Care Program

The Community Center Parks and Recreation Department is very excited to announce its new "Because We Care Program." This program is run year-round and offers many opportunities for all ages in our community.

The Because We Care Program has open registrations for Boys to Men class, a monkey boxing class, Chinese yoga class and CPR/AED certification classes.

We would also like to announce the new K.I.D.S. (Kickin' It During Summer) Day Camp.

K.I.D.S. Day Camp

Looking for something fun for your child to do this summer?

K.I.D.S. Day Camp is open to children ages 5-12. Each week, participants will experience a day of science/history, a day of exploring, water days and arts/crafts days.

We are utilizing Archuleta County and all it has to offer by doing weekly field trips to local attractions, using local resources such as the Division of Wildlife, Healing Waters and the Archuleta County Fair.

K.I.D.S. Day Camp will start on June 6 and run through Aug. 19.

It will be offered Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to

5:30 p.m. Activities scheduled for each day will start at 9 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m.

Registration for this program will open on April 1. Program fees are \$85 per child per week, \$25 per child per drop-in and there is a one-time registration fee of \$15 per child registering.

For more information about our K.I.D.S. Day Camp, please call the Community Center at 264-4152 or "like" our Facebook page — Ross Aragon Community Center Parks and Recreation Department.

CPR/AED certification class

Registration for the CPR/AED class for Thursday, March 24, is now open.

Instructors Nicole Lagioia-Lewis and Darren Lewis will be teaching from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

This class will certify you for two years and costs \$50 per student. Space is limited, so hurry to the Community Center to sign up.

For more information, please call us.

Boys to Men Class

This class is designed to promote strength of character, compassion, wisdom and maturity on the boy's journey to manhood.

Using martial arts, stretching, focusing and self-reflection exercises, we will explore the idea of the male's role as protector, provider and source of strength to ourselves, our families and the community.

No previous experience is required. This class is designed for boys 9 years of age and up.

Registrations for the Boys to Men Class are due by April 8. The registration fee is \$35 for the five-week class.

Monkey boxing class

Based on fluidity and speed rather than strength, monkey boxing martial arts stress rhythmic movements balance and proper body mechanics, along with up-close fighting and brutal technique in order to quickly overcome an opponent.

Not designed for sport, this is an effective and fun-to-learn system based on the movements of the monkey and snake. In this class, we will also learn balancing stretching, rootedness, meditation and healing herbs.

All styles and levels are welcome to register for this class. Registrations for the monkey boxing class are due by April 8. The registration fee is \$35 for the five-week class.

Chinese yoga class

Chinese yoga is an ancient self-healing system of gentle exercises designed specifically to circulate and balance the body's energy. Chinese yoga strengthens the nervous system, deepens the breath, calms the mind, tonifies our organs and increases one's awareness.

In this class, we will learn the set of animal frolics based on the movement and spirit of the tiger, monkey, deer, snake and crane. Special attention will be given to creating resiliency and elasticity in the joints and tendons through stretching breathing and visualization.

Registration for the Chinese yoga class are due by April 8. The registration fee is \$35 for the five-week class.

Unquestioned Mind Class

All of our suffering is a result of the unquestioned mind. We believe "life" has to show up in a certain way in order for us to be happy and abundant. We've been taught that people, circumstances and events are responsible for our success and fulfillment or lack thereof.

Due to our unexamined thoughts and belief systems, individually and collectively, we remain locked in a self-imposed prison without realizing we possess the key to freedom with the thoughts we think and life that we, ourselves create. The illusion of lack, fear and separateness are like Pavlov's dogs; conditioned responses not based in reality, but based on programming. The ultimate truth is that we are powerful beyond measure and our capabilities are without limits.

This five-week course is based on the spiritual truth that we are all one and in this workshop we

will explore who you really are. Designed to release unwanted patterns and unhealthy behaviors, this class offers an up-close and personal experience on how to be the best you in a life lived without limits.

Instructor Julie Bacon is a counselor, teacher and student of human evolution in the 21st century.

The workshop is offered at \$35 and includes lecture, meditation, individual, partner and group interaction. This is a five-week class starting on April 15, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Registrations for the Unquestioned Mind are due by April 8.

Free programs

The Community Center offers many free programs throughout the week. Check The PREVIEW calendar and the website, <http://townofpagosasprings.com>, for a current calendar of programs, and "like" us on Facebook: Ross Aragon Community Center Parks and Recreation Department.

Center information

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

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



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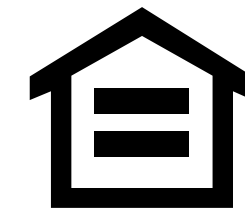
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RECREATION NEWS

T-ball registration begins next week

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The recreation department will begin accepting T-ball registrations Monday, March 14. Registration will end Friday, April 15.

Youth volleyball

The 9-10 volleyball division will be an instructional league held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. continuing Monday, March 14.

The 11-12 division will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for league play. Practices will start the week of March 14.

Community Center

The Community Center will be open Saturday, March 12, 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.

Online registration

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

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

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

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Outdoors



San Juan Gobblers banquet, auction March 19

By Bob Curvey
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Gobblers banquet and auction is set for next Saturday, March 19, at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. for a great evening of fun and games and a great dinner.

We will have great games to play before dinner and raffle for many great items. The live auction will follow dinner, which starts at 5 p.m.

If you have come to one of our banquets or have not, come and have a fun night with family and friends. We are always looking for new committee members to join us and the NWTf team. It's a lot of fun and a very rewarding time.

We deeply appreciate the support of the community, which has helped make our local chapter the top NWTf chapter in Colorado again and, we hope, for a long time to come.

You can get your tickets from

the following committee members: Mike Alley at 749-0260, Steve Lynch at 731-9172, Bob Curvey at 264-2415, Garrett Hammer at 946-9434, Hank Wills at 403-2644 or Ron at Mount-N-Man Taxidermy.

Our early-bird ticket offer will end on March 12, but you can get your regular banquet tickets up to the day of the banquet, March 19.

Your attendance will help support local, state and national wild-life projects.

Conservation Stewardship Program sign-ups open, deadline March 31

By Elisha Smith
Special to The SUN

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recently announced that this year's deadline for producer applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is March 31.

March 31 is also the deadline by which initial applications are needed from farmers with expiring 2012-2016 contracts if they want to renew them for another five years. Some 12 million acres already in the program are eligible for renewal this year.

"CSP is a continuous sign-up program and producers can apply to enroll at any time of the year," said Traci Bruckner, senior policy associate for agriculture and conservation at the Center for Rural Affairs. "NRCS applies a cutoff date for applications to be considered during a particular fiscal year. Once the cutoff date is past, producers may continue to apply, but they will not be considered for entry until the spring of the following year. To enroll in 2016, you must file your application by March 31."

CSP is a voluntary stewardship incentives program administered by NRCS. It rewards farmers, ranchers and foresters for maintaining existing conservation and for adopting additional measures that run beyond the farm or ranch.

CSP pays producers for clean water, better soil management, improved habitat, energy efficiency and other natural resource benefits. Since the program began in 2009, nearly 70 million acres of farm and ranch land have been enrolled in the program.

To sign up, farmers and ranchers should visit their NRCS local service center and submit their basic application form by the March 31 deadline. To find a local service center, visit <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/>

app?agency=nrns.

"Once a farmer or rancher's initial application is accepted by NRCS, they are then scored based on current and planned future conservation activities," added Bruckner. "If applicants meet acceptable conservation levels, they become eligible to compete in a ranking process that determines who will receive contracts. NRCS works down through the list of eligible applicants until acreage allocated to the state for that particular year runs out."

2012 contract renewal

March 31 is also the deadline for CSP contract holders who enrolled in 2012 to renew. CSP contracts last for five years and can be renewed for an additional five years, extending and building upon their previous conservation efforts and current level of stewardship.

Existing CSP contracts enrolled in 2012 will expire later this year if they are not renewed by March 31. Producers should act now to ensure a seamless transition into another five-year contract and avoid any lapse in payments.

Approximately 12 million acres and 8,000 contracts are up for renewal this year. To see the number of contracts and acres set to expire in each state, go to <http://goo.gl/y1NZwW>.

In 2014 and 2015, approximately 75 percent of expiring CSP acres were renewed in the program, and we join our colleagues at the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition in hoping to see renewal rates that meet or exceed the first two re-enrollment periods.

Producers should be receiving a letter from their local NRCS office very soon about the opportunity to renew their contract for another five-year period. Renewal applications must also be received by March 31 to ensure a seamless transition into their next contract

without a lapse in payments.

Program improvements

"We are pleased to report that two key improvements we have been advocating for along with the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition will be part of the program moving forward," Bruckner said. "These include more funding and a higher and expanded application of the minimum payment for small acreage farms and ranches."

NRCS will be able to enroll nearly all 10 million acres as authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which is 2.3 million more acres than last year's sign-up due to the annual appropriations not placing any funding limits on the CSP. This will help ensure NRCS can better meet program demands and enroll more farmers. In Nebraska, for example, in 2015 NRCS was only able to enroll 30 percent of eligible program applicants, Bruckner added.

"The increase in the minimum payment to improve access for small-acreage farms and ranches will be set at \$1,500. Previously, this minimum payment was set at \$1,000 and was only available to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers," Bruckner concluded. "This change opens up the minimum payment level to all participating small acreage farms and ranches."

Additional resources

To learn more about the program, please see the CSP Information Alert for 2016 sign-up (<http://sustainableagriculture.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2016-CSP-Information-Alert-Final.pdf>). There is also a detailed program guide called the "Farmers' Guide to the Conservation Stewardship Program" (<http://sustainableagriculture.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/CSP-Farmers-Guide-2015-final.pdf>).

For additional information, contact Bruckner via email at tracib@cfra.org or (402) 687-2100, ext. 1016. Or, visit the Center for Rural Affairs website at <http://www.cfra.org/news/160212/conservation-stewardship-program-sign-ups-open>.



Photo courtesy Colorado Environmental Film Festival

The Best Feature Film award at the 2016 Colorado Environmental Film Festival went to "A Quest for Meaning." Pagosa's Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership will screen this film at 9 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. this Saturday, March 12, at the Liberty Theatre. Proceeds go to the construction of the education greenhouse. Tickets are \$10 and available at the Chamber, Exit Realty, online at Pagosagreen.org or at the door.

Award-winning environmental films to benefit Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's construction

By Sally High
Special to The SUN

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's (GGP) construction on the San Juan River began in August 2015 with the site preparation for three greenhouses. The nonprofit GGP brings the Colorado Environmental Film Festival Caravan to Pagosa Springs this Saturday, March 12. Proceeds will build the first greenhouse.

Take a walk on our downtown Riverwalk and you can't miss the

GGP park. The stem wall for the education greenhouse is already in place and construction will continue this spring.

Tickets to Saturday's mini film fest are \$10 and the stub of each ticket is placed into a drawing for over \$1,300 in gift certificates donated by downtown retailers and restaurants.

Films will be screened from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Liberty Theatre and a catered gala celebration will follow at Pagosa Baking Company from 6 to 8 p.m. Pagosa's Best of Fest will be

announced and the winning ticket stub will be drawn at the gala.

A special film or two not seen at the Liberty will be shown and guests will enjoy the classical guitar of Stephany Bouchier.

Buy your tickets at the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Exit Realty, online at Pagosagreen.org or at the door.

You'll be a part of the park's construction. And you'll enjoy Saturday's environmental films and gala gathering. See you there.

San Juan National Forest seeking nominees for San Juan Resource Advisory Committee

By Ann Bond
Special to The SUN

The San Juan National Forest is seeking nominees from southwestern Colorado communities to fill vacancies on the San Juan Resource Advisory Committee (RAC).

The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and provide recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

RAC membership will be fairly balanced in terms of the following categories:

- Organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups.
- Developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users or commercial recreation activities.

- Energy and mineral development, or commercial or recreational fishing groups.
- Commercial timber industry.
- Federal grazing permit, other land use permit holders or non-industrial private forest land owners within the area for which the committee is organized.

- Nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations.
- Regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations.
- Dispersed recreational activities.
- Archaeology and history.
- Nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interests, wildlife hunting organizations or watershed associations.
- Hold a local, county or state elected office.
- American Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the committee is organized.
- Area school officials or teachers.

- Affected public at large.

RAC terms will be for four years. To be considered, a nominee must be a resident of Colorado, identify what interest group they represent and how they are qualified to represent that group, state why they want to serve on the RAC and what they can contribute, show past experience in working successfully as part of a working group on forest management activities, and complete and submit an Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information Form.

RAC nominations will be vetted and approved by the secretary of agriculture. Equal opportunity practices, in line with the USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the RACs.

For more information, please contact Ann Bond, San Juan RAC coordinator, at 385-1210 or abond@fs.fed.us.

Backcountry first aid topic of meeting

By Kathy Sherer
Special to The SUN

The Four Corners Back Country Horsemen will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. Nonmembers are always welcome to attend.

Members of La Plata County Search and Rescue will give a pre-

sentation on back country first aid. Your life could depend on attending this one.

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

Internship program to help shape Colorado's innovative industries

Special to The SUN

A new internship program designed to encourage employers to provide paid on-the-job training to students interested in pursuing careers in Colorado's innovative industries is currently recruiting businesses and students.

Innovative Industries Internship Program funding is available to businesses providing paid internships in eight industries critical to Colorado's economic future including: advanced manufacturing, aerospace, bioscience, construction, electronics, engineering and energy and natural resources, and information technology.

The Innovative Industries Internship Program was established in May 2015 with the governor's signature on House Bill 15-1230. The legislation provides the Colorado

Department of Labor and Employment funding for 90 internships annually for five years, to distribute matching grants up to \$5,000 per intern for on-the-job training at participating companies.

A business may be reimbursed for up to five interns per location. Internships require a minimum of 130 on-the-job training hours and must be completed in less than six months.

The program is jointly administered by the Colorado Workforce Development Council and the Department of Labor and Employment's Workforce Development Programs.

To learn more about the program or to apply, go to www.colorado.gov/cdle/innovativeindustries or contact the Innovative Industries Internship coordinator at (303) 318-8828 or cdle_iii@state.co.us.

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VETERAN'S CORNER

Veterans exposed to Agent Orange, herbicides may be eligible for benefits

By Raymond Taylor
SUN Columnist

Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service may be eligible for a variety of benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), including disability compensation for diseases associated with exposure. Your dependents and survivors also may be eligible for benefits.

Agent Orange refers to a blend of tactical herbicides the U.S. military sprayed in the jungles of Vietnam and around the Korean demilitarized zone to remove trees and dense tropical foliage that provided enemy cover. Herbicides were also used by the U.S. military to defoliate military facilities in the U.S. and in other countries as far back as the 1950s.

In addition, VA has determined there is evidence of exposure to Agent Orange for Air Force and Air Force Reserve members who served during the period 1969 through 1986 and regularly and repeatedly operated, maintained or served on-board C-123 aircraft (known to have been used to spray an herbicide agent during the Vietnam era).

VA and federal law presumes that certain diseases are a result of exposure to these herbicides. This "presumptive policy" simplifies the process for receiving compensation for these diseases since VA foregoes the normal requirements of proving that an illness began during or was worsened by your military service.

A veteran who believes he or she has a disease caused by Agent Orange exposure that is not one of the conditions listed must show an actual connection between the disease and herbicide exposure during military service.

Eligibility: Service in Vietnam or Korea

VA presumes that veterans were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides if they served:

- In Vietnam anytime between Jan. 9, 1962, and Aug. 7, 1975, including brief visits ashore or service aboard a ship that operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam.

- In or near the Korean demilitarized zone anytime between April 1, 1968, and Aug. 31, 1971.

If you fall into either category listed above, you do not have to show that you were exposed to Agent Orange to be eligible for disability compensation for diseases

the VA presumes are associated with it.

Check the list of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships that operated in Vietnam to confirm whether your service aboard a ship allows VA to concede you were exposed to Agent Orange.

Eligibility: Service outside Vietnam or Korea

Even if you did not serve in Vietnam or the Korean demilitarized zone during the specified time periods, you can still apply for disability compensation if you were exposed to an herbicide while in the military and believe it led to the onset of a disease. This includes:

- Veterans who served on or near the perimeters of military bases in Thailand during the Vietnam Era.
- Veterans who served where herbicides were tested and stored outside of Vietnam.
- Veterans who were crew members on C-123 planes flown after the Vietnam War.
- Veterans associated with Department of Defense projects to test, dispose of or store herbicides in the U.S.

If eligible, you must prove that you were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides during your military service to be eligible for service-connection for a disease the VA presumes are related to Agent Orange exposure.

Exception: Blue Water Veterans with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma may be granted service-connection without showing inland waterway service or that they set foot in Vietnam. This is because VA also recognizes non-Hodgkin's lymphoma as related to service in Vietnam or the waters offshore of Vietnam during the Vietnam Era.

Diseases associated with Agent Orange

The VA currently presumes that some diseases resulted from exposure to herbicides like Agent Orange.

The Veterans Health Administration's Public Health website lists these diseases VA presumes are associated with exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service.

Evidence needed

If you are seeking service connection for one of the diseases the VA presumes is associated with exposure to herbicides during service, the VA requires the following:

- A medical diagnosis of a dis-

ease which the VA recognizes as being associated with Agent Orange.

- Competent evidence of service in Vietnam or at or near the Korean demilitarized zone during the dates shown above, or

- Exposure to herbicides in a location other than the Vietnam or the Korean demilitarized zone.

- Competent medical evidence that the disease began within the deadline (if any). See 38 CFR 3.307(a)(6)(ii) for more information on deadlines.

If you believe that you have a disease caused by herbicide exposure, but that disease is not on the list of diseases associated with Agent Orange, you may still apply for service-connection. In these cases, the VA requires all of the following:

- Competent medical evidence of a current disability;
- Competent medical evidence of an actual connection between herbicide exposure and the current disability; and
- Competent evidence of:
 - Service in Vietnam or at or near the Korean demilitarized zone during the dates shown above, or
 - Exposure to herbicides in a location other than Vietnam or the Korean demilitarized zone.

For more information about service qualifications and other eligibility criteria, visit the VA's Agent Orange C-123 Web page.

For more information

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

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

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service

Office, located at the Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

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

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

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

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

Veterans' groups

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

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

Important numbers

- 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.
- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.
- Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.
- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.
- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M., emergency notification: (800) 465-8262, ext. 5739.
- The Veterans Crisis Line offers free, confidential support to veterans in crisis, as well as their family and friends 24/7/365. Call (800) 273-8255, chat online or text 838255.

Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address:
449 San Juan St.
PO Box 148
Pagosa Springs CO 81147
Case Number: 2015CV30037
PLAINTIFF:
PERERINE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.
v.
DEFENDANT(S):
Elien Maslow Revocable Trust Dated 2/6/2004 et al.
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Property Owner's Association, Inc., recorded the 2nd day of August, 1990 under Reception No. 173556, as recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Archuleta County, Colorado, at Book 303, Page 104, et al.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered November 9, 2015, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof (Owner's): Elien Maslow Revocable Trust Dated 2/6/2004-Doc #20401618, William K Pebbles, Cindy S Pebbles, Jack L Temple, Lois B Temple, Joseph Selleck, Laura A Larkin, Harriet A Nowotny, William W Nowotny, Paul W Murphy, Maria N Murphy, Poy Developers LLC a Delaware LLC, Merle I Park and Dorothy M Park, Trustees or Their Successors in M & DP Living Trust Dated 4/12/2004, Poy Developers LLC a Delaware LLC, Colleen C Mantyla Trust UAD March 20, 1988, Colleen C Mantyla, Trustee, Kevin M Oberlin, Debra J Oberlin, Elliott's World LLC a Delaware LLC, Robert J Brod, Dena G Theavaas Estate, Donald M Hall Jr., Karen E Hall, Brian Davis, Jennifer Davis, Frances D Perrin, Stephanie Leisure, Rebecca W Bakken, Bill E Loos, Luis A Mercado, Shantel R Mercado, Gary R Spencer, Rose A Spencer, Lawrence Davis, and Colleen R Callahan

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Property Owner's Association, recorded the 2nd day of August, 1990 under Reception No. 173556 as recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, at Book 202, Page 104, Et al.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Peregrine Property Owner's Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations there-in 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

Elien Maslow Revocable Trust Dated 2/6/2004 \$2867.38

William K Pebbles and Cindy S Pebbles \$2394.12

Jack L Temple and Lois B Temple \$5885.18

Joseph Selleck \$2369.15

Laura A Larkin \$4576.42

Harriet A Nowotny and William W Nowotny \$1773.85

Paul W Murphy and Maria N Murphy \$2859.68

Poy Developers LLC \$1935.41

Merle I Park and Dorothy M Park \$4051.84

Poy Developers LLC \$4955.95

Colleen C Mantyla Trust UAD March 20, 1988, Colleen C Mantyla Trustee \$1942.90

Kevin M Oberlin and Debra J Oberlin \$2550.97

Elliott's World LLC \$4148.19

Robert J Brod \$3097.34

Dena G Theavaas Estate \$4833.47

Donald M Hall Jr. and Karen E Hall \$3954.87

Brian Davis and Jennifer Davis \$3300.09

Frances D Perrin \$4955.95

Stephanie Leisure \$3372.48

Rebecca W Bakken and Bill E Loos \$3491.65

Luis A Mercado and Shantel R Mercado \$5649.95

Gary R Spencer and Rose A Spencer \$3331.35

Lawrence Davis \$2794.81

Colleen R Callahan \$3488.92

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

WHEREFORE, 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 thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: February 11, 2016
Last Publication: March 10, 2016
Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.

A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE PURSUANT TO §§38-38-104 C.R.S., SHALL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICER AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO §§38-30-302 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

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

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 Elien Maslow Revocable Trust Dated 2/6/2004 filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500441 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7813, 7814, 7815, and 7816 in Buildings 7 and 8, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$1550.97
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2550.97

Lien Statement for Elliott's World LLC a Delaware LLC filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500453 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7817, 7818, 7819, and 7820 in Buildings 9 and 10, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$3148.19
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$4148.19

Lien Statement for Robert J Brod filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500454 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7817, 7818, 7819, and 7820 in Buildings 9 and 10, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$3148.19
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$4148.19

Lien Statement for Robert J Brod filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500454 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7817, 7818, 7819, and 7820 in Buildings 9 and 10, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$1867.38
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2867.38

Lien Statement for William K Pebbles and Cindy S Pebbles filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500442 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7813, 7814, 7815, and 7816 in Buildings 7 and 8, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$1394.12
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2394.12

Lien Statement for Jack L Temple and Lois B Temple filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500443 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7813, 7814, 7815, and 7816 in Buildings 7 and 8, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$4885.18
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$5885.18

Lien Statement for Joseph Selleck filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500444 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7813, 7814, 7815, and 7816 in Buildings 7 and 8, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$2954.87
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$3954.87

Lien Statement for Brian Davis and Jennifer Davis filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500458 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7817, 7818, 7819, and 7820 in Buildings 9 and 10, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$2300.09
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$3300.09

Lien Statement for Frances D Perrin filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500459 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7817, 7818, 7819, and 7820 in Buildings 9 and 10, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$2300.09
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$3300.09

Lien Statement for Rebecca W Bakken and Bill E Loos filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500461 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7817, 7818, 7819, and 7820 in Buildings 9 and 10, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$4649.95
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$5649.95

Lien Statement for Lawrence Davis filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500464 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7817, 7818, 7819, and 7820 in Buildings 9 and 10, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$2321.48
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$3321.48

Lien Statement for Rebecca W Bakken and Bill E Loos filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500462 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7817, 7818, 7819, and 7820 in Buildings 9 and 10, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$2491.65
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$3491.65

Lien Statement Luis A Mercado and Shantel R Mercado filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500462 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7817, 7818, 7819, and 7820 in Buildings 9 and 10, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$4649.95
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$5649.95

Lien Statement for Lawrence Davis filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500464 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7817, 7818, 7819, and 7820 in Buildings 9 and 10, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555 Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556,

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for Archuleta County, Colorado.
 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
 Marie Boling and Christopher Boling \$5961.89
 Nixon Family Trust LLC \$6694.05
 W Louis McDonald \$2008.70
 Charles Banyard \$5412.98
 Ed J Bengfort and Ruth Bengfort \$3467.64
 June I Nauyoks \$1645.76
 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 thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 First Publication: February 11, 2016
 Last Publication: March 10, 2016
 Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

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 A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE PURSUANT TO §38-38-104 C.R.S., SHALL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICER AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
 A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO §38-38-302 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
 The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
 John D. Alford, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 43104, 924 Adelaide Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901.
 Attached hereto as EXHIBIT B are copies of certain Colorado statutes that may vitally affect your property rights in relation to this proceeding. Said proceeding may result in the loss of property in which you have an interest and may create personal debt against you. You may wish to seek the advice of your own private attorney concerning your rights in relation to this foreclosure proceeding.
 INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND 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 Marie Boling and Christopher Boling filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500446 against the following described Property to wit:
 Units 7821, and 7822 in Building 15, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 98002629, and subject to the First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, 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: \$4961.89
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$5961.89
 Lien Statement for Nixon Family Trust LLC, a New Mexico LLC filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500467 against the following described Property to wit:
 Units 7823, and 7824 in Building 12, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 98002629, and subject to the First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, 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: \$6694.05
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$7694.05
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 Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$2008.70
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$3008.70
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 Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$5412.98
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$6412.98
 Lien Statement for Ed J Bengfort and Ruth Bengfort filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500470 against the following described Property to wit:
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 Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$3467.64
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$4467.64
 Lien Statement for June I Nauyoks filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500471 against the following described Property to wit:

Units 7833, and 7834 in Building 17, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 98002629, and subject to the First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, 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: \$645.76
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$1645.76
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 449 San Juan St. PO Box 148 Pagosa Springs CO 81147
Case Number: 2015CV30039
PLAINTIFF:
PEREGRINE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.
v.
DEFENDANT(S):
Robert W Beseker et al.
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEM
 This Notice of Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Property Owner's Association, Inc., recorded the 2nd day of August, 1990 under Reception No. 173556, as recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Archuleta County, Colorado, at Book and Page 104, et al.
 Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 2, 2015, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s): Robert W Beseker and Karon S Beseker, Morris Waxler, Linda Waxler, Ryan Waxler and Shawn Waxler, Thomas W Lewis, Lydia G Lewis, John D McGuire, Ann McGuire, John Frances Maher and Katherine Martha Maher, Trustees of the Maher Family Trust Dated May 30, 1991 and Gary Lee Chrisman, Jr. Evidence of Debt: Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Property Owner's Association, recorded the 2nd day of August, 1990 under Reception No. 99006556 as recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
 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 Beseker and Karon S Beseker \$2733.48
 Morris Waxler, Linda Waxler, Ryan Waxler and Shawn Waxler \$5644.58
 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 thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 First Publication: February 11, 2016
 Last Publication: March 10, 2016
 Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
 YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.
 A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE PURSUANT TO §38-38-104 C.R.S., SHALL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICER AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
 A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO §38-38-302 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
 The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
 John D. Alford, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 43104, 924 Adelaide Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901.
 Attached hereto as EXHIBIT B are copies of certain Colorado statutes that may vitally affect your property rights in relation to this proceeding. Said proceeding may result in the loss of property in which you have an interest and may create personal debt against you. You may wish to seek the advice of your own private attorney concerning your rights in relation to this foreclosure proceeding.
 INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND 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 Marie Boling and Christopher Boling filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500446 against the following described Property to wit:
 Units 7821, and 7822 in Building 15, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 98002629, and subject to the First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, 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: \$4961.89
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$5961.89
 Lien Statement for Nixon Family Trust LLC, a New Mexico LLC filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500467 against the following described Property to wit:
 Units 7823, and 7824 in Building 12, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 98002629, and subject to the First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, 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: \$6694.05
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$7694.05
 Lien Statement for W Louis McDonald filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500468 against the following described Property to wit:
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 Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$2008.70
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$3008.70
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 Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$5412.98
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$6412.98
 Lien Statement for Ed J Bengfort and Ruth Bengfort filed 1/23/2015 as Doc. No. 21500470 against the following described Property to wit:

any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado
 Unpaid Assessments & Costs: \$4454.58
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$5454.58
 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: \$1491.43
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2491.43
 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: \$1596.20
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
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
Attorneys Fees: \$1000.00
Total: \$2074.50
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
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MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
Plaintiff,
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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
 Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504 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.
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 Dated this 27th day of January, 2016.
 /s/ D. Brett Van Winkle
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Preventing refund fraud a priority for Colorado income tax returns

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Department of Revenue (CDOR) wants taxpayers to know that it continues to ensure income tax filing information is secure and that taxpayers can expect enhanced measures to detect refund fraud this year.

Criminals have access to an incredible amount of personal data from business and financial sources. They may contact you by telephone and email with scams to get you to provide personal information.

While we are all vulnerable to identity theft year-round, it is especially important to be vigilant during income tax filing season. Be aware that if someone already has your personal information, they could use it to file a fraudulent income tax return to steal state tax dollars.

What is CDOR doing for you to detect and prevent refund fraud?

- CDOR is partnering with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the private-sector tax industry this year to create new safeguards for 2016.

- CDOR will request driver's license or ID number information on the Colorado individual income tax return. This as a result of established national electronic filing standards. The department may also use the driver's license or ID information for detection and prevention of potential refund fraud. However, if a taxpayer does not provide the

information, that will not stop Colorado income tax return and refund processing because providing the information is optional.

- At CDOR, we have employed the "two-factor" authentication industry standard when taxpayers sign up to access their tax accounts in Revenue Online as a means to prevent the personal and tax information the department has from getting into the wrong hands.

What can you do to prevent refund fraud?

- File your Colorado income tax return as soon as you can. Of course, be sure you have all the documents you need to prove the tax credits and subtractions you are taking so that any refund is not delayed because you need to send documents later. But don't put off filing until later in the season once you have all your tax documents.

- If the IRS (federal income tax) contacts you because it suspects a federal income tax return has been filed in your name by someone else, or if the tax software you use indicates a federal return has already been filed with your information, contact CDOR to alert us. A fraudulent Colorado income tax return filing may also be attempted. See the Criminal Tax Investigations Web page: www.colorado.gov/pacific/tax/criminal-investigations.

- CDOR may contact you by postal mail or by telephone to confirm

your identity and your intent to file a return if it is determined a potentially suspicious Colorado tax return has been filed with your information. Respond to these CDOR inquiries in a timely manner. This will help speed the process of getting the refund to which you are entitled.

- If you are uncomfortable providing information to CDOR by mail or telephone, you may contact us to verify that we are making the request or ask the person who is calling you for a name and the name of the office at CDOR where they work. You can then visit the Colorado Taxation website, www.TaxColorado.com, look for the office under the Contact Us link for each tax type, then call the office to verify the inquiry.

Taxpayer security awareness and reporting identity theft

For tips on how you can avoid identity theft and what to do when you believe you may be a victim of identity theft, visit CDOR's Taxpayer Security Awareness and Reporting Identity Theft Web page, www.colorado.gov/pacific/tax/taxpayer-security-awareness-and-reporting-identity-theft.

CDOR is committed to providing security and customer service to assist taxpayers in voluntary compliance with state tax laws.

Colorado attorney general warns consumers about scams

By Roger Hudson
Special to The SUN

Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman is alerting Colorado consumers about an increase in scams involving unsolicited phone calls or pop-up computer messages warning that their computer has been infected by a virus.

In these swindles, consumers can be charged thousands of dollars to have their computers "diagnosed" and an imaginary virus removed.

Legitimate computer or software

businesses — including companies that provide valid security and anti-virus software — will never contact consumers directly and attempt to sell diagnostic or computer repair services in this manner. Coloradans are encouraged to hang up on these phony telemarketers or to immediately delete any pop-up messages touting these services.

Consumers should never allow strangers to gain remote access to their computer. A scammer could do untold damage and steal personal or financial information to commit even more fraud. Some other tips:

- If a computer problem is suspected, contact the help number that comes from the manufacturer or contact a local computer repair company.

- Keep all security software installed, up to date and turned on.

- Make sure firewalls and pop-up blockers are working on all devices to prevent malicious pop-up messages.

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'Over the Rainbow'

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Photo courtesy Linda Parker

Friday's 'Over the Rainbow' to benefit Girls Choir

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

The wine has arrived, the table decorations are ready and the baskets have been wrapped in preparation for the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir's (PSGC) annual fundraiser, "Over the Rainbow," which will be held tomorrow night beginning at 5 p.m.

If you are looking for a great night out with great food, a shared love of music and an opportunity to dance to the music of one of the best musicians around, then two-step over and join in the fun at the Ross Aragon Community Center. The event will benefit the choir's educational programs.

"We are looking forward to having the community and even visitors from out of town join us for our annual gala fundraiser that promises something for everyone, including a treasure-filled silent auction, a catered dinner by The Buck Stops Here, a performance by the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir and a dance with live music provided by Tim Sullivan," Linda Parker, director of the PSGC, stated.

It is not too late to purchase "Over the Rainbow" tickets, which are \$30 for individuals or \$50 per couple and available for purchase from The Buck Stops Here and Peak Deli. Table reservations are available by calling Parker at 264-1434.

In addition, for the convenience of eventgoers, we will be selling tickets at the door, as well as accepting

most major credit cards.

"Be sure to bring your shopping lists for the silent auction and think about gifts for a housewarming, a new baby, summer guests and special friends, as well as anniversaries and birthdays. Community businesses in both Pagosa and Durango have outdone themselves this year in their donations to our auction. Ski tickets, lodging, dining, entertainment, jewelry, family outing activities and much, much more will be available," Parker stated.

She said eventgoers should plan to get there when the doors for "Over the Rainbow" open at the Ross Aragon Community Center at 5 p.m. The silent auction runs from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. A cash beer and wine bar will be available. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.

Then, under the direction of Parker and accompanied by Kathleen B. Isberg, the choir will present a short choral performance. Music and dancing follow from 7 until 10 p.m. For more information, call 264-1434.

Parker sees "Over the Rainbow" as a wonderful opportunity for supporters of the choir, as well as new friends eager to help the choir and its members, to enjoy a delightful evening together. Parker invites one and all come "Over the Rainbow" and share in the joy of music and the opportunities it affords.

"Please come and support these girls as they continue their journey toward musical excellence," she said. "We hope to see you there."

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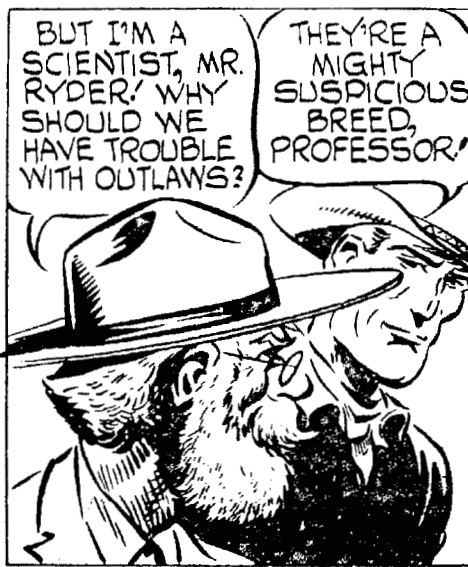
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The Austin Piazzolla Quintet, a nuevo tango ensemble, will perform at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church this evening at 7 p.m. This talented group of musicians from Austin, Texas, is touring Colorado and is once again including Pagosa Springs on its schedule after having received enthusiastic reviews from their concert last year. Pictured are Tony Rogers (cello), Mike Maddux (accordion, bandoneon), James Anderson (violin), Jonathan Geer (piano) and Pat Harris (bass).

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The Austin Piazzolla Quintet returns to Pagosa tonight

By Sally Neel
 Special to The PREVIEW

The Austin Piazzolla Quintet, the nuevo tango ensemble from Austin, Texas, that mesmerized its audience at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church last year, will return to give an encore performance tonight, Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. The quintet will be bringing back the musical magic that held us entranced, music that brought us to our feet in spontaneous applause.

This group of outstanding professional musicians once again has included Pagosa Springs on its Colorado tour and will provide our community with a unique opportunity to hear the music of Argentine tango composer Astor Piazzolla, as well as other delightful nuevo tango compositions by members of the group.

The concert will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$15 each.

Founded by James Anderson (violin), the Austin Piazzolla Quintet has been performing to captivated audiences since 2009. With Jonathan Geer (piano), Mike Maddux (accordion, bandoneon), Tony Rogers (cello) and Pat Harris (bass), all from diverse musical backgrounds, the ensemble continues the tradition of nuevo

tango through intense live shows that feature unique arrangements of Piazzolla's compositions, innovative original works and fiery improvisation.

Nuevo tango, a revolutionary style of tango developed by Piazzolla (1921-1992), incorporates elements of jazz and classical music into the traditional tango style.

Piazzolla was an accomplished bandoneon player, an instrument that is essential to tango music. The bandoneon is a type of concertina and is played by holding it between both hands while using pushing and pulling motions to force air through its bellows. The air is routed through reeds by pressing its buttons.

Piazzolla's classical training, along with his fascination with jazz and other experimental musical forms, were incorporated into his nuevo tango (or new tango) compositions. These tangos were not always popular among the traditional Argentinean tango aficionados in his own country, but became wildly popular in the United States and other western countries, especially among classical and jazz audiences.

In 1992, American music critic Stephen Holden described Piazzolla as "the world's foremost composer of tango music."

The Austin Piazzolla Quintet ■ See Quintet on next page

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Hosted by Thingamajig Theatre Company, The Keshet Dance Company will put on a series of three events at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts March 12 and 13, including a dance performance and educational programs.

Keshet Dance Company to appear March 12 and 13 at Center for the Arts

By Audrey Layne Crocker
Special to The PREVIEW

This month, Thingamajig Theatre Company is proud to host one of the most philanthropic dance companies in the southwest region.

Keshet Dance Company, based in Albuquerque, N.M., goes on a regional tour every year and this year, its tour, "Seeds Along the

Roadside," is making a stop at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

With a community dance class as well as a performance, Keshet will roll into town for a two-day stint March 12 and 13 to share its philosophy of art and a world-class visual presentation of dance. In an effort to make the performance and education available to all, tickets for each event are merely \$5.

■ See Dance on next page

Quintet

■ continued from previous page released its first album, "Liber-tango" (2010), to rave reviews and sold-out performances in Texas, including a spot on the main stage at the Houston International Festival. The following album, "Lo Que Vendra" (2013), allowed them the opportunity to begin touring and performing in some of the finest listening rooms, jazz clubs and performance halls in the nation.

The group has graciously offered to play for Americana students at Pagosa Springs High School Thursday morning, as well as Dan Burch's guitar class. They group is generous with its efforts to

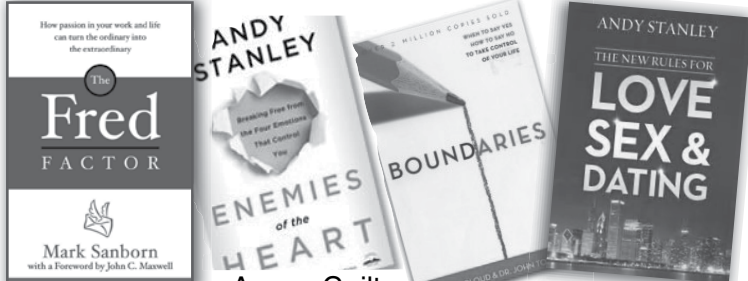
work with young people and help teach them about this unique style of music and inspire them in the performing arts.

"We are very excited to have this group return to Pagosa Springs and are honored that they once again have chosen to perform at St. Patrick's," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "It is our pleasure and privilege to continue to bring first class musical listening opportunities to the community. We hope to have a full house at this concert, so make your plans to come and arrive a little early to secure a seat. I can promise you, you will not hear many concerts this year that will top this."

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Father-daughter dance set for March 18

By Jason Rose
Special to The PREVIEW

Dads, mark your calendars for 6 p.m. on Friday, March 18, for a night of fun memories with your daughters at the first annual community-wide “Bloom Where You’re Planted” father-daughter dance.

The cost is just \$10 per dad and daughters are free.

Proceeds go towards supporting a great cause, “the Parker Family Mission to Haiti.” Jane and Cam-

eron Parker and their family have been leading a charge of teaching and doing agriculture, water and livestock work at an orphanage in Haiti for the past four years. Cameron Parker has plans to return again this year.

The event will be held at 264 Village Drive in Restoration Fellowship’s main building. It will be a fun evening of dancing, snacks, desserts, free professional photos and memories for a lifetime. You and your daughter won’t want to miss it.

There is a lot to be said about the need for fathers in today’s society and their importance throughout a daughter’s life.

So, dads, mark your calendars. Plan to join us at 6 p.m. on March 18, for a night of twirling your daughters around on the dance floor and making cherished memories with her for a lifetime.

This event is open to all fathers with daughters in our community. And, remember, the cost is just \$10 per dad and daughters are free.

Dance

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Not only does the Keshet Company have an incredible professional dance program, but its members teach up to 80 dance classes each week in Albuquerque. The classes range in style from what most would consider “normal” classes to after-school programs focusing on homeless, incarcerated or disabled youth.

A large mission of Keshet Dance Company is to make the art of dance accessible to all people, regardless of their background or physical limitations.

Each student of Keshet Dance Company is trained to believe they have “unlimited possibilities” and for the past 20 years, the company has been providing folks with the

tools to attain just that. From folks in wheelchairs to people who have never danced before in their lives, this is a place that welcomes all people with open arms.

The community dance class will be held on Saturday, March 12, from 11 a.m. to noon and company members will provide a lesson in dance.

A performance by the Company will take place on Saturday, March 12, at 6 p.m.

With an integrative look at touring and teaching, Keshet not only wants to come and perform for the community of Pagosa, but also to offer learning in dance skills and about its ambition as a company.

A workshop for movement-based curriculum will take place on Sunday, March 13, at 1 p.m.

Register for the class or buy tickets for the show at pagosacenter.org or by phone at 731-SHOW. All events are priced at \$5 for accessibility to all patrons.

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Chimney Rock National Monument volunteer open house March 18

By Nadia Werby
Special to The PREVIEW

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

As CRIA gears up for the 2016 season, priorities shift toward the most important preparations for the season — volunteer recruitment. Since CRIA is primarily staffed by volunteers, it is essential to the program's success that the volunteer corps remain strong in skills and numbers. Without the volunteers' skills and valuable time, it would be impossible to keep this local, nonprofit, interpretive program viable and the gates to Chimney Rock open.

There will be a host of CRIA volunteers on hand at the open house who are eager to introduce guests to

the variety of roles that support this unique program and the flexibility in level of commitment. Some of the volunteer positions include: visitor cabin host, mesa host, tour guide and maintenance crew.

For more information about the monument, calendar of events and volunteer opportunities, please stop by the Chimney Rock Open House and enjoy desserts with our enthusiastic volunteers. Beverages will be available for purchase at The Phoenix Lounge.

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. We are very excited for the upcoming season starting May 15 and want to encourage the community to join us.

Rock art lecture

The community is also invited to join CRIA for its upcoming

lecture series on Thursday, March 10. CRIA is proud to host a special presentation given by author Rick Stinchfield on rock art of Utah and the Fremont culture.

Stinchfield will be speaking about the difference between the Fremont culture and the Ancestral Puebloans and he will give an overview of the rock art at both Barrier Canyon and Fremont, which are located near Capitol Reef.

The lecture is free of charge and will take place at 7 p.m., following CRIA's monthly potluck at 6 p.m. at the EcoLuxe.

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

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

NightSong Trio to perform at Sunday Night Unplugged

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

This Sunday, March 13, at 5 p.m., Sunday Night Unplugged will feature The NightSong Trio, who will serenade us with the lilting melodies of Celtic music.

Sunday Night Unplugged, a service of music and meditation, is offered by St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., on the second Sunday evening of each month.

The service does not ask anything from those who attend. Rather, the evening is a gift that offers the opportunity to spend an hour feeding your soul with lovely contemplative music, meditational readings and prayer, punctuated throughout with extended periods of silence.

This month, The NightSong Trio will be the featured musicians. This talented trio of local artists — consisting of Jessica Peterson on flute, Heidi Tanner on violin and Sally Neel at the piano — have been playing together for about five years, providing concerts for the public and offering their proceeds to assist local nonprofit groups. Last year, they were able to contribute over \$700 to the Loaves and Fishes food ministry.

This Sunday, in honor of St. Pat-

rick, the patron saint of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, the trio will offer some lovely Celtic tunes to highlight Celtic spiritual readings and prayers.

"Celtic melodies have a kind of earthy, uniquely human quality that seem to reach straight to the heart," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "NightSong Trio, with their eclectic repertoire of music

and beautiful blend of instruments, often includes soulful Irish melodies in their programming. It is always a special treat to have them come and play for us. I can't think of a better way to honor St. Patrick."

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Square dance jubilee set for April 13

By Carla Roberts
 Special to The PREVIEW

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

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

The following week, Four Corners-based square dance caller Carla Roberts is putting the call out for new dancers to begin a free eight-week introduction to square

dance.

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

The eight-week introduction to square dance will be from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday evenings from April 20 through June 8 at the PLPOA Clubhouse.

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'Legally Blonde' cast prepares for March 29 opening

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Evenings at Pagosa Springs High School are filled with the intense sounds of singing, dancing and acting as the cast of "Legally Blonde: The Musical" prepares for a March 29 opening of the contemporary popular show.

The musical is currently No. 1 in performances across the country and in Colorado, besides Pagosa, is delighting audiences in Aspen, Telluride and Durango. Our Pagosa production is full of spirit and song, and a must-see for theatergoers in the area.

Our high school musicals are supported in the pit with live musicians and "Blonde" is no exception. Dan Burch, Venita Burch and Sally Neel have been preparing our actors vocally, and Dale Johnson is our director and choreographer. We have also been excited and fortunate to partner with Ryan Hazelbaker, who has been working with our cast as guest choreographer, assisted by Samuel Damare and Taylor Marrs.

Our cast of 35 will be performing five shows March 29 through April 2, with evening performances at

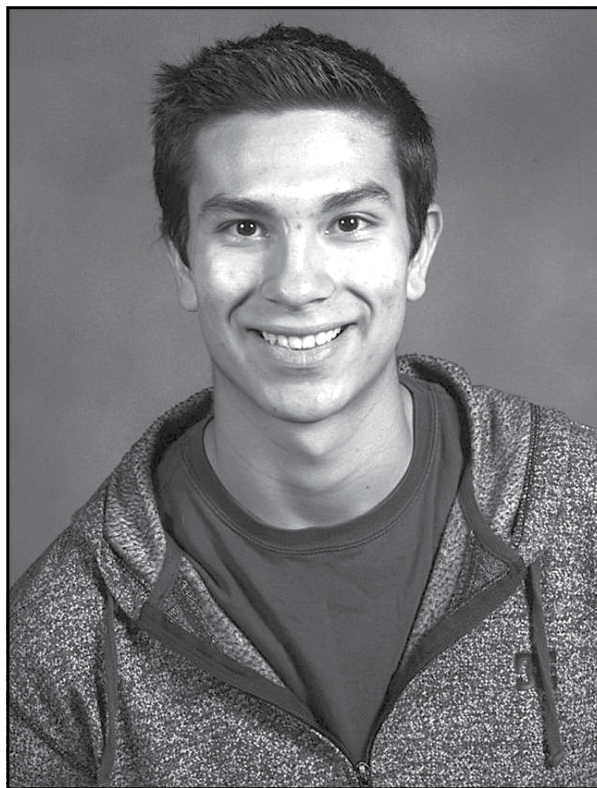


Photo courtesy Dale Johnson

Pagosa Springs High School's Gus Palma will appear as Emmett Forrest in the school's spring production, "Legally Blonde: The Musical." Performances are set for 7 p.m. from March 29 through April 2.

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Join the volunteer team at Chimney Rock National Monument

By Pat Hasenbuhler
Special to The PREVIEW

Having a background in archaeology, I was pleased to be introduced to the archaeological site at Chimney Rock over 12 years ago.

The tours I have had over the past 12 years have always impressed me. Each of the guides were volunteers, yet were always so knowledgeable.

When we moved to Pagosa Springs full-time, our friends, John and Barb Harris, asked us if we were interested in becoming volunteers at Chimney Rock. Holly and I both thought that would be a great opportunity and, with our first training, we met some of the volunteers who have been at it for as long as 30 years. Many have been Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) volunteers for over 20 years.

The CRIA lecture series speakers are impressive with their vast array of topics. Topics range from presentations on the archaeology of Chimney Rock, the Peregrine Falcons Project started in the 1970s, the Native Americans' perspective on Chimney Rock and the archaeoastronomy of Chimney Rock.

At our first training, we met several people who had become CRIA volunteers without having any prior experience with Chimney Rock or archaeology. Others had prior training and knew a lot about the Ancient Puebloans (Anasazi), the archaeoastronomy of the area and the entire Chacoan phenomenon. The training was very well planned to help with each of the prospective volunteers become confident volunteers. With the mentor program, volunteers work with someone who really knows the ropes of being a tour guide, a cabin host, a mesa host or maintenance crew member.

Two of the several special programs offered at Chimney Rock

National Monument are the Night Sky and the Full Moon programs. Being on the mesa for the full moon experience, or at the upper parking lot for the night sky viewing and looking at the universe with the telescopes, is magical to me. Chimney Rock also offers a summer solstice program early in the morning to view the sun coming up on the longest day of the year. This, too, is very impressive to observe.

Chimney Rock is truly a very special experience for all who come to view it and to wonder about the past and what went on at Chimney Rock some 900 years ago. There is something for everyone who comes to volunteer. My wife, Holly, and I feel privileged to be volunteers for such a fascinating place as Chimney Rock National Monument.

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

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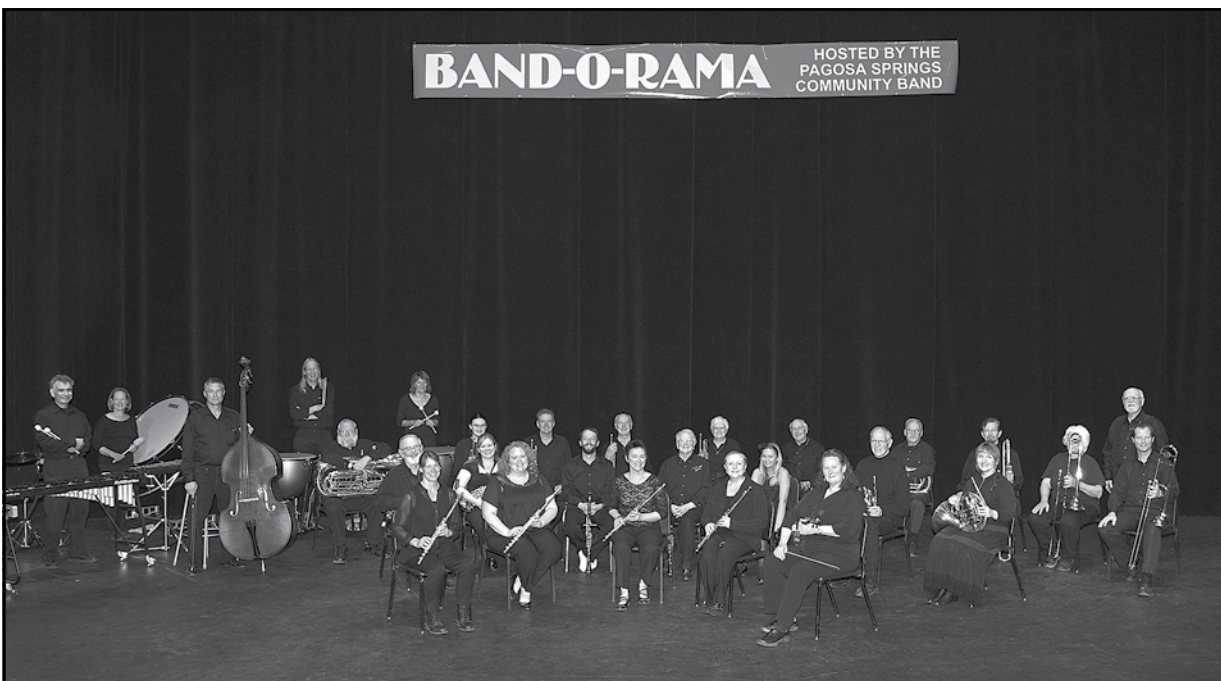
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BAND-O-RAMA HOSTED BY THE PAGOSA SPRINGS COMMUNITY BAND

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The 2014 iteration of the Pagosa Springs Community Band poses for a photo during Band-O-Rama. The band is looking for new members for this year's Band-O-Rama, set for May 7.

Community Band begins rehearsals for Band-O-Rama

By Larry Baisdon
Special to The PREVIEW

I guess I may have been in the seventh or eighth grade when I decided I wanted to be a band director when I grew up. Well, I did become a band director, but I'm not sure I ever actually grew up.

After college, my first teaching job was in south Texas on the Rio Grande. Not only did I not know any Spanish (music majors were urged to take German, French or Italian), I realized I knew very little about being a band director, but it was still what I really wanted to do.

Thus began my real education. After attending my 30-year high school reunion, I was amazed to hear that so many of my classmates considered being in the band their fondest memories. It was a reminder of what an important experience being in the band can be for a high school student. When I got back to work on Monday, I had a fresh

vision of my job. From then on, I strived to make the band all about the kids and what they would bring away from the experience.

When the Pagosa Springs Community Band came into existence, I was quite thrilled to have a new opportunity to conduct a musical group and, as it turned out, to play my trumpet again. Sure, most of our "kids" are a bit older, and some of us have gray hair or no hair, but we make some pretty good music. Fortunately, we also have some high school musicians among us and they are excellent players.

OK. I know this has been about me (at first, anyway), but this is really about the Community Band.

I know that there are many of you reading this article that also created some of your best memories of high school by being in the band. You've moved on with education and/or your career and band is just a fond memory.

Well, guess what? You can again

play your instrument with a group of fine musicians. We have three directors: two old codgers and a smart, pretty young director. I share the conducting duties with Larry Elginer, another retired band director, and Malinda Burnett, director of music at our local middle school.

We do have a few retired music teachers among us, but most of our players are folks who used to be in the band and welcomed a chance

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Boxed in someone's smallness

There are times when an article flies out of my head and it's done. Other times, I struggle with an idea because it's something I want to say without stepping on anyone's toes. I've had my toes stepped on many times and I know how it feels. It hurts.

My Sweet Al says, "If you don't go to the dance, you won't get your toes stepped on."

Maybe I should heed his advice and stay home on this one. But I'm going to write it anyway and hopefully dance with it right into the arms of a friendly reader.

It happens all the time, being boxed in someone else's smallness. There's a phrase in the scripture and a song that continues to stir

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



in my mind. "His banner over me is love." What does that mean and what does it look like?

My Sweet Al and I were talking about someone we both know. I said to him, "When she was in Albuquerque, she worked for a company who squelched her. She was working under a dark spirit. She went home from work, pulled her curtains shut, sat in a chair in a

dark room until she'd went to work the next day."

We both recognized the oppression, but we couldn't do anything about it. It was her choice to make. She was under a horrible employer who didn't see her value because of his smallness. Today, she is thriving. She's fun, energetic and full of life. It takes courage to leave the dance floor.

When my friend said to me, "The true covering is love," I had to think about it.

There are times we operate in our own smallness. God is love, and part of love is to feel loved. Love helps us understand how we are put together and how God has

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to be able to play again. Most of them have not played for a number of years, but we are glad to have everyone and you will get better as we progress on our program.

Here's the bottom line: We are starting rehearsals for our next concert. We have had our first rehearsal, but don't worry, you can come in on the second rehearsal and you'll be just fine.

Our rehearsals are Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. in the high school band room. We will not meet on Easter Sunday.

The concert is Band-O-Rama, which also includes our middle school and high school bands. The Community Band will play after the school groups and the concert will end with a combined piece with all the bands.

Band-O-Rama is a very important concert for us. In this program, we are able to spotlight the bands in our local schools and also allow them the opportunity to perform with the Community Band members. One of our goals is to promote instrumental music among young people of the Pagosa community.

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2016 Relay for Life season now underway

By Paul Lehmann
Special to The PREVIEW

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The 2016 Relay season is off and running thanks to the fundraisers by the Relay Team from Bank

of San Juans. Currently and until they sell out, the team is offering daffodils. Come on in and get a touch of spring and help support the BJS team and our Relay for Life community.

If you want to join or start a team, go to relayforlife.org/archuleta-county-co to sign up or, if you know someone that could use the support from ACS, call the 24/7 helpline at 1 (800) 227-2345.

Lane

■ continued from previous page made us to operate in our world of influence. If we don't see our worth and have respect for ourselves, we are actually sinning against ourselves. We squelch our value and existence and say it doesn't hurt. We lie to ourselves because it does hurt.

In the past, we have believed in certain things because we didn't know any better. It was part of our establishment, the time we lived in. It was who we were and how we were raised. We didn't know we had a right to challenge anyone. We were willing to put ourselves under someone else's rule.

When someone said to me that I was under the "curse of the woman," I didn't buy it. Jesus became a curse for me and took that curse to the cross. It's his banner over me that gives me the freedom to be who I'm supposed to be. Call me rebellious. I call it living under grace. I refuse to go under a man's yoke when I have a loving husband at home who gives me the freedom to dance.

As Christ is over the church, so is the husband over the wife. It's that banner of love we should be operating under. I understand the covering of love because of my Sweet Al. He has always encouraged my talent, honored me as a

person and rallied around me. He's always encouraged me and has shown me true love and respect.

Over the years, there have been things that I excelled in and even passed him by. He was asked once how it felt to be in the background. He said, "When I was young, I made my mark. I know how it feels to fly to the top. I've flown with the eagles and I'm not threatened now. It's Betty's time to fly with the eagles."

Several years ago, I went to Bart Burnett, my pastor at the time, and asked him if I could teach a Sunday school class for men and women. He thought for a moment. He struggled with how he was brought up, also.

He said to me, "I'd be amiss if I didn't encourage your gift. It's not who you are teaching, but it's about you using your gift. I recognize how God has made you and he's made you with certain dynamics. I need to encourage you in the gift that God has given you. If I don't, I'm sinning against you."

He validated my worth and I excelled in that environment. Not only did I excel, but the congregation excelled. It was a church that loved beyond themselves.

When we talk to some of them today about those years when we served the Lord together, they still

talk about the love they had for each other.

As I think about "His banner over me is love," I know it was how the pastor viewed his congregation. He loved unconditionally. He wanted the best for each of us. He had a handle on the true church. He was a leader of love.

When we love someone, we will see that person as who he or she is and how they're made. We need to honor their existence. This is the banner of love, which we should be under and give that same love to others.

Final brushstroke: Our precious Lord has created us to be unique; he's given us certain gifts to help us dance the dance he's invited us into. He has made room for us on the dance floor. I'm not waiting until I cross the threshold into heaven, I'm dancing in His arms now.

We might have to kick the sides out of the box in order to be in the dance we were designed to dance. I love you for allowing me to be who I am in this place called "Artist's Lane." I've excelled far beyond what I thought I could do. Thank you.

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God shows up when life stinks

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

"I can't do this anymore! It's not worth it! Life stinks!"

We've all been there. We want to throw up our hands and walk away from the problem.

We tried to make it work. We wanted it to work. The simple truth — it didn't. The harder we tried, the worse it became. We realized we couldn't do it alone. We needed help. We needed His help.

I've been there. I've lost focus on what's important. Overwhelmed with life, the simple things became too much to handle. I allowed distractions to consume my day. I lost track of my goals and they were put on the back burner. Like Scarlett in "Gone with the Wind," I said, "I'll worry about that tomorrow."

Tomorrow came with its own problems. It's then I realized life stunk.

I turned to God, "I can't do

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this anymore. Something has to change. I don't like who I am and what my life has become."

God nodded, "It's about time. I wondered how long it would take before you asked for help. I've been waiting."

Years ago, there was a song and the lyrics went something like this: "Lord, I've got a problem I can't solve. I've got a prayer that needs an answer."

This is where God wants us. We recognize the need for Him in our lives. He never intended for us to do life alone. He says, "Cast all your cares upon me, because I care for you."

We come to Him in prayer: "God, here's the problem. I've tried and I can't fix it. I'm tired and I'm ready to give up."

"I love you and there is no problem too big or too small we can't fix together. Let me help you. We can do this," God responds.

"Show me what to do, and I'll do it. Give me the strength to go on. Don't let me quit."

God smiles, "That's the spirit. You ask the questions; I'll supply the answers. Follow my lead."

Life may smell like a compost pile, but God will turn it into a sweet scent of praise to him. He raises us up above the stench. He removes our sackcloth and clothes us with his joy. He gives us hope.

"Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, 'Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days,'" John 11:39 (NKJV).

Mary and Martha had given up. Lazarus was dead. Jesus was too late. There was nothing He could do. Or was there? Jesus has a way of showing up and showing out. He will do the impossible if we believe in the impossible. He will raise us up and give us a life with purpose.

Because of Jesus, life doesn't have to stink. I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

Readers' comments

Exciting things are happening with the Wolf Creek Christian Writers Group. Join us on Mondays at 9 a.m. at CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Email betty@bettyslade.com for details.


'Spring Forward into Spirit' Sunday with GIC

By Carla Ryan
Special to The PREVIEW

On Sunday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m. (following the time change the night before), GLOBAL Interfaith Community (GIC) will host a spiritually based service in the north room of the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The topic, "Spring For-

ward into Spirit," will be presented by the New Thought minister, the Rev. Carla Ryan.

We can save ourselves a lot of unhappiness in life by setting our sights with spirit in mind and living from that divine center. We can choose right now to be consciously aware — of our thinking patterns ■ See GIC on next page




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UU Fellowship to consider ‘Passionate Detachment’

By Debra Quayle
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) invites you to attend a program titled “Passionate Detachment” with Debra Quayle this Sunday, March 13, for its regular service.

This talk will explore some of the pitfalls we may encounter as

we seek to live a life that is not governed by reactivity and greed. Are we gaining in equanimity or are we just getting tired? Are we really letting go of attachments — or becoming numb and complacent? How do we age gracefully on our spiritual path and still engage fully with open hearts and calm minds? These are some of the issues the presentation will take a look at

through the lens of “passionate detachment.”

Quayle is one of lama Tsultrim Allione’s authorized teachers and has taught numerous meditation classes and retreats throughout the United States. She was introduced to the dharma in 1982 and has had the great fortune of meeting and learning from a wide variety of inspiring and skillful Buddhist teachers on her spiri-

tual path. Quayle now resides in beautiful Durango, where she is a psychotherapist.

This presentation honors the Unitarian Universalist principles of “Justice, equity and compassion in human relations” and “A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.”

PUUF welcomes people of all spiritual belief systems, ethnicity and sexual orientation and invites

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

For further information, call 731-7900.

Grief support meetings to start April 2

By Beverly Arrendell
Special to The PREVIEW

GriefShare meetings are scheduled at the Community United Methodist Church beginning April 2 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The meetings will be held in the fellowship hall. All sessions are free and are open to the public. Free child care will be provided at the church.

GriefShare is a national, non-denominational program. Their website is www.griefshare.org.

The purpose of the sessions is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member (child, parent, spouse, sibling) or

of a special friend.

Thirteen weekly meetings are scheduled for Saturday mornings over three consecutive months. Each session is self-contained, so a person does not have to attend in sequence. A person may attend one, several or all of the meetings.

Topics will vary, so there is no progression of subjects. A one-time donation (\$10 or \$15) is suggested to cover some costs, but scholarship funds are available.

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

GIC

■ continued from previous page and the decisions we make.

Spring is nearly here. What a great time to grow into higher consciousness and new beginnings. Let’s prepare our mental garden, pull the weeds of judgment and limitation, and plant new seeds for living a joyous and abundant life.

New Thought services are presented at the PLPOA Clubhouse on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. March services will be the March 13 and March 27 (Easter). Each service includes a spiritual message, music and meditation. Everyone is welcome. Join us this Sunday.

GIC now offers Science of Mind (SOM) classes throughout the year. Class schedules and brochures are available at the Sunday services or by contacting Ryan. Send an email to her and information will be returned to you.

GIC is an authorized teaching center of Emerson Theological

Institute and classes are accredited through that association toward various degrees in religious studies.

For more information about SOM classes or New Thought in general, email Ryan at GLOBAL.Interfaith1@gmail.com, visit the Facebook/GlobalInterfaith page or attend Sunday’s services.



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A smelly situation

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

One thing I love about working at the university is the young people I have the opportunity to associate with.

We recently had two young ladies spend a lot of time in our home. One of them, Laura, was in my math class. The other, Kathy, was one of my wife's elementary music methods students. They happened to be roommates and were both city girls, unaccustomed to country life. I liked to take advantage of their naivety and tease them.

One night they came for dinner and stayed late, visiting and playing games with my daughters. It was after dark by the time they were leaving, and I said, "Drive carefully. This time of year there are a lot of animals on the road out here in the country."

They laughed. "We are used to cats and dogs crossing the road," Kathy said.

"I'm not talking about cats and dogs," I replied. "I'm talking about moose and skunks, deer and raccoons."

They smiled, and I could tell by the look on their faces that they didn't believe me. "Moose and skunks?" they asked sarcastically.

"Here is something to remember," I told them. "If you come across both a moose and a skunk at the same time, avoid the moose and hit the skunk. The skunk will only make your car smelly, but hitting a moose is deadly."

"Are you serious?" Kathy asked. "A moose and a skunk together?"

"You never know," I replied. "I've heard that moose and skunks sometimes run together in herds to protect each other."

I watched them look at each other and roll their eyes. They obviously didn't believe me.

The next day, as I was driving my children to school, we came across a huge, dead skunk in the middle of the road. We could smell

it for nearly a mile before we saw it and continued smelling it for many miles after we had passed by. Obviously, someone had hit it only the night before. As I recalled my conversation with the two girls, I laughed and said to my daughters, "Laura and Kathy must have come across a moose and a skunk last night."

I, of course, was joking, because the chance of them being the ones to hit it was very small, and the chance of a moose and a skunk being together was almost zero. But, later that day, I received an interesting call from Laura.

"Hi, Professor Howard," she said. "Can I possibly park my car at your house for a few days?"

"Why?" I asked.

"Do you remember how you told us to be careful as we were driving home last night because we might see moose and skunks?"

"Yes," I replied.

"Well, we thought you were joking. But when we were on our way home, we suddenly saw a skunk ahead, so I swerved into the other lane to avoid hitting it."

"That was smart," I answered.

"But just then a moose ran into the road in front of us, and I remembered what you told us about avoiding hitting the moose at all costs, even if it meant running over the skunk. So I swerved back into my lane to miss it like you said I should, and I hit the skunk dead on."

"With the emphasis on dead?" I asked.

"Yes," she replied. "And my car smells so bad that our apartment manager asked if I could find another place to park it until the smell goes away."

Even though I had only been teasing them, I was suddenly grateful I had mentioned what I had. If they had hit the moose, it probably would have killed them.

"I've learned my lesson," Laura continued. "And I have warned everyone I know to be careful driving because moose and skunks run together in herds."

State Street Ballet to perform 'Carmen' March 19 in Durango

By Indiana Reed
Special to The PREVIEW

The Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College welcomes the return of State Street Ballet of Santa Barbara on Saturday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m., with a full-length production of the ballet "Carmen."

State Street Ballet is popular in Durango for its annual production of "Nutcracker" and summer intensive ballet camp.

Inspired by Georges Bizet's

popular score, State Street Ballet's "Carmen" is a riveting drama of love, jealousy and the hands of fate. "Carmen" is the story of Don Jose, a young military officer, who is drawn to the earthly charms and magnetic beauty of Carmen, the fabled temptress of Seville.

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United Way seeking talent, sponsors for CD

By **Bill Hudgins**
Special to The PREVIEW

Local musicians wanted. Showcase your talents for free. United Way is seeking local talent to be featured on a CD, "Play for the Way," to be released in May, with all proceeds going to Archuleta County nonprofit organizations.

This CD will be promoted throughout the county, providing free publicity to those selected. Selections will be made by an unbiased "blind" panel of five residents. To be considered for inclusion, submit one song only, which must be an original, no covers, in CD format of reproducible quality and received by March 31.

To assure anonymity during the selection process, write the name of the song only, not the artist, on your CD. You may mail your CD to George Clous, P.O. Box 5467, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or to Bill Hudgins, 2605 Meadows Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or it may also be dropped off at the Hodge Podge upstairs above the Malt Shoppe in the River Center. Call or email Clous, 398-0507, clous1945@gmail.com; or Bill, 946-1624, billh@unitedway-swco.org.

We are also seeking sponsors for this project with logos and telephone numbers or email addresses to be featured in the six- to eight-page brochure included in the CD case.

These sponsorships are available for \$100, and a "master" sponsorship with the business name printed on the CD itself and also prominently displayed in the brochure is available for \$1,000. As the initial production order will be 1,000 copies, this presents a great and economical way to advertise your business.

Please contact Hudgins if interested.

The United Way golf tourna-

ment is back and will be held on June 24, so mark your calendars.

This is always a fun event and will feature contests and prizes for hole in one, closest to the flag, longest drive and others.

This is a shotgun start scramble event and the entry fee will be \$80 and will include cart, range balls and lunch, so start putting together your team of four. We will be providing updates as the date approaches.

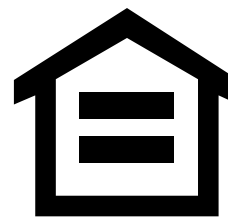
United Way dining certificates are still available. With St. Patrick's Day on March 17 and Easter on March 27, what a great way to enjoy dining out at any of our 20 participating restaurants.

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Work crews constructing Wolf Creek Pass camped near the work site. Much of the work during 1915-16 was manual with hand tools. Rock had to be loosened with dynamite, then the resulting fragments were moved.

Preparing to cross Wolf Creek Pass

Wolf Creek Pass officially opened Aug. 21, 1916. A Pagosa Springs resident crossed the new pass that first summer. Here, in the words of Myrtle Hersch, is the story of that first crossing.

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Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter


to Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the town was snowed in at that time

of the year. There, our family, consisting of my husband David, our thirteen-year-old son Joseph, and small daughter Marguerite and I began a leisurely tour of 6,000 miles through warmer and lower altitude states. We planned our homecoming over the new pass, later in the summer, from the east side.

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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, March 10

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

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.

Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie on Video. 9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230

Port Ave. Just bring your love of movement. For information, call Renee at 731-0303.

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

Overeaters Anonymous. 11 a.m., Centerpoint Church library. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call Leslie at 799-0775.

Mountain View Homemakers. 11:30 a.m., CSU Extension Building. Speaker will be Susan Bates, a retired Navy nurse who will talk about her military ex-

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Past

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"At that time there were none of the luxury motels as of today, so we carried a complete camping equipment with us for comfortable living either inside or out in the wide open spaces. We did little real camping — like the hotels better. Tent setting we found difficult for soft hands, so took the easier way, and kept our overnight bags easily within reach.

"On our return, we spent some time in Denver, where we bought a new seven-passenger Cadillac V-8 car while the Chalmers was being painted and reconditioned. Joseph went into the Cadillac garage and worked and became quite an expert at placing cars, tire changing, greasing, and what-have-you. At that time there were not the rules and regulations for drivers that we have now.

"The report came that the pass would be opened shortly, so we started on our way home — David and Marguerite in the Chalmers and Joseph and I in the Cadillac following. When we reached Decker Creek work camp, high up on the mountainside above the present Decker Creek bridge, we found my sister, and her two teen aged sons, Eugene and George Hatcher already camped. They were re-

turning from a trip through the Ozarks, and were also waiting to cross the pass. The highway engineer informed us it would be a few more days, as heavy rock work had delayed their progress. What were a few more days, with the semi-permanent camp, good fishing, best of cold mountain water, and big spruce trees about? Besides, it gave us a chance really to try out our equipment.

"On July 26th, a messenger came to tell us the engineer would come at ten o'clock the next morning to line us up for the trip over. By this time two more cars had joined us. We were to break camp and put our car tops down, because of protruding rocks over the road. There were no hard topped cars then. During the night we had a regular downpour of rain. A very difficult task packing up in the mud. Clouds hung heavy over the mountains, but we were all ready to roll on time. The engineer started Mr. and Mrs. Vandenburg in front in a Ford roadster, then Mr. and Mrs. Goodnight of Monte Vista in a Buick, the Hatcher's in a Velie, third in line, the Chalmers and the Cadillac last, as the heavier cars might mess up the road for the other cars — to use his words."

More next week on this early crossing of Wolf Creek Pass.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Bottom line
- 5 Petty malice
- 10 Aquarium growth
- 14 School founded in 1701
- 15 Knight's "suit"
- 16 Frost lines
- 17 Organ knob
- 18 W.C. Fields persona
- 19 French door part
- 20 Churchill's "___ Finest Hour"
- 22 Get into
- 23 Like days of yore
- 24 Alluring
- 27 Whistle blower?
- 30 Roped by all fours
- 31 Venomous snake
- 34 With intensity
- 36 Layered
- 38 Prepare to fire again
- 39 Faze
- 40 Type of bypass surgery
- 42 Long letter
- 43 Wallet bill
- 44 Leak stopper
- 46 Bamboozle
- 47 Sign of things to come
- 49 Girder material
- 52 "___, humbug!"
- 53 Pass-the-baton race
- 57 Word sung on 12/31
- 58 Shish ___
- 60 Brawny competitor
- 61 Catch
- 62 Nome home
- 63 Exploitative type
- 64 All there
- 65 Disadvantaged
- 66 Make, as money

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- 1 Dermatologist's concern
- 2 Solemn vow
- 3 ___ gin fizz
- 4 Not so hot
- 5 Calendar abbr.
- 6 Early online service
- 7 Bring in
- 8 Hammer slantingly
- 9 "To ___ is human ..."
- 10 Big name in computers
- 11 Amount of work
- 12 Characteristic carrier
- 13 Call from the flock
- 21 Warm-up at the Belasco
- 23 Raphael or Rembrandt
- 25 Platoon member
- 26 Demeanor
- 27 What a hold holds

- 28 Neptune's domain
- 29 Beat
- 31 Bit of high jinks
- 32 Artillery burst
- 33 Spruce up
- 35 Youngster
- 37 "___ alive!"
- 41 Sauerkraut, essentially
- 42 Virility
- 45 Apt

- 47 Ambiguous statement
- 48 Musical show
- 49 Get smart
- 50 Yellowfin, e.g.
- 51 Exuberance
- 54 Mona ___
- 55 Allege
- 56 Ball material
- 58 Connections
- 59 Part of EGBDF

Answer to Last Week's Crossword:

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Women's Support Group. Noon-1 p.m. Topics about healthy relationships, self-care and self-esteem. Call 264-9075 for location.

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

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

ESL Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

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

Austin Piazzolla Quintet. 7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The nuevo tango ensemble from Austin, Texas, returns to Pagosa. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$15.

Terrific Tuesdays. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. 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>.

Friday, March 11

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Please wear flat-soled shoes.

iPad Basics. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. This class is designed for absolute beginners who have little to no experience using their iPad. Students must provide their own registered iPad. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

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

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

Movie For All Ages. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. A live-action remake on the classic Disney movie "Cinderella."

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m., Parish Hall.

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir 'Over the Rainbow' Fundraiser. 5-10 p.m., Community Center. This year's festivities include a silent auction, catered dinner, live musical performances and a dance. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from The Buck Stops Here, the Peak Deli and from any member of the choir.

Hunter Education Class. 6-9 p.m., Community Center. Youth class. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

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

Saturday, March 12

Hunter Education Class. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Youth class. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

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Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Come start your morning out with open gym basketball.

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's Environmental Film Festival. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Liberty Theatre. Tickets are \$10 and available at the Chamber of Commerce, Exit Realty, at the door or at pagosagreen.org. A gala celebration follows at Pagosa Baking Company from 6-8 p.m.

Baby Storytime. 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. For babies 0-12 months. Twenty minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills into everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Toddler Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For toddlers 12-36 months. A half hour of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills into everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Meditation and Dharma Talk. 10 a.m., Pagosah Unitarian Universal Fellowship, Suite 15-B, 70 Greenbriar Drive. Debra Quayle offers monthly dharma talks and meditation guidance. All are welcome.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilting Guild. 10 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave. This meeting will include a demo on making a perfect log cabin block, simple applique technique, as well as "Q-tips"

from members and the usual show and tell with fun and refreshments as the dividend. Come see what it's all about. All interested quilters and non-quilters welcome.

Zumba. 10:15-11:15 a.m., Community Center. Come enjoy this one-of-a-kind cardio class open to all ages.

LEGO Club. 10:30-11:15 a.m., Sisson Library. For youth ages 6-13 years. Join us to build wonderful creations with LEGOs.

St. Patrick's Irish Festival. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The event includes the world's shortest St. Patrick's Day parade, music, dancing, food and vendor booths.

Keshet Dance Company. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Thingamajig Theatre Company is proud to host one of the most philanthropic dance companies in the southwest region. For more information or to buy tickets, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Sunday, March 13
EMF Sensitivity Info and Support Group. 2 p.m., 143 Pebble Circle, Hatcher Lake. Learn about the causes and simple things you can do to improve physical and mental health. For more information, call Sally Yates at 731-3300.

Sunday Night Unplugged. 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Featuring The NightSong Trio offering Celtic sounds. For more information, call 731-5801.

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 14

Pickleball. 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 2 to make an appointment.

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

MS Word basics. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Come and learn how to use this word-processing software program; how to start a new document and how to

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

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Come enjoy this one-of-a-kind cardio class open to all ages.

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

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

Tuesday, March 15

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

Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie on Video. 9:30-10:30 a.m.,

PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Just bring your love of movement. For information, call Renee at 731-0303.

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

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

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop-in technology help with Meg. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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

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

Teen Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

ESL Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

Pajama Time Storytime. 6-6:30 p.m., Sisson library. For young-

sters ages 0-7 years. Please join us for a storytime. Little ones can come dressed in their pajamas and bring their favorite snuggly toy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Wednesday, March 16

Pickleball. 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Mountain High Gardeners. 10 a.m., CSU Extension Building. The topic is a roundtable discussion led by Ron Chacey on tips for successful gardening in Pagosa's challenging climate. For more information, call Alice Keil at 731-0044.

Preschool Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For 3- to 5-year-olds. Preschoolers and their families are invited to join us for an hour of stories, music and a craft. Call 264-2209 for more

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Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Please wear flat-soled shoes.

HELP (Healthy Eating Lifestyle Plan). Noon-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Weigh-in, support and more. Everyone is welcome. Call Nancy Strait at 731-3427 for more information.

Republican Central Committee. Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Monthly meeting. For further information, call 731-4277.

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

Coed Volleyball. 1-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Friendly, non-competitive games open to all ages.

Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

ESL Conversation Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or e-mail lynnrose323bc@gmail.com.

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Come enjoy this one-of-a-kind cardio class open to all ages.

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.

Thursday, March 17

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

Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie on Video. 9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Just bring your love of move-

ment. For information, call Renee at 731-0303.

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

Overeaters Anonymous. 11 a.m., Centerpoint Church library. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call Leslie at 799-0775.

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

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

Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

ESL Class. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynnrose323bc@gmail.com.

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

Friday, March 18

Pickleball. 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Please wear flat-soled shoes.


Earth Community. 2 p.m., Sisson Library. Action committee meeting.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m., Parish Hall.

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Chimney Rock Open House. 6-8 p.m., The Springs Resort, EcoLuxe building, 165 Hot Springs Blvd. There will be a host of volunteers on hand to introduce guests to a variety of roles that support the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association and the flexibility in level of commitment. For more information, call 731-7133 or go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

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METHODIST THRIFT SHOP: FULL-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE. 433 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Must be able to lift 50 pounds. Pick up an application and job description from Michele at the Community United Methodist Church (across the street from the Thrift Shop). Accepting applications beginning March 2; last day to apply is March 11. Interviews begin March 8. **Positive working environment!**

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM: Looking for a summer job in Pagosa Springs? The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire full- and part-time staff for its 2016 Summer Youth Program that will run for 11 weeks beginning in June. Staff will work collaboratively to implement the program and create a positive learning experience for youth in Pagosa through the exploration of Pagosa's outdoors, arts and crafts, and other recreational activities. For more information on the positions open and to apply, please go to www.townofpagosasprings.co.gov or pick up an application at the Town Hall located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and pass the qualifying screening. The town is an equal opportunity employer.

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

UNITED MINI STORAGE, 399 A US Hwy. 84, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Sunetha Property Management, (970)731-4344, ext. 3. Notice of auction or disposal of contents: #A-12, tenant Missy Lee; #B-19, tenant David Brandt. Contents: household and auto. Date of auction or disposal: March 18th, 2016.

AL-ANON meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Saturday, 10:30a.m., 234 N. 2nd Street (CR200/ Snowball Road). www.al-anon-co.org.

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Programs offer home help for seniors

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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.

Medical alert systems

Medical Alert monitoring systems 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.

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 employ-



ment ends or the group health insurance plan based on your current employment ends, whichever happens first. You do not pay late penalties if you enroll within the eight-month Special Enrollment Period. COBRA and retiree health plans are not considered coverage based on current employment.

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

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

Memberships

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

Menu

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

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

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

Thursday, March 10 — Chicken-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, California vegetables, whole

wheat roll, fruit with yogurt, salad bar and chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, March 11 — Crunchy baked catfish, beets, oven-browned potatoes, red bell peppers, whole wheat roll and salad bar.

Monday, March 14 — Pork stir-fry with brown rice, Asian vegetables, pineapple with mandarin oranges, salad bar and fortune cookie.

Tuesday, March 15 — Beef teriyaki, brown rice, Asian vegetables,

spinach salad with mandarin oranges, salad bar and fortune cookie.

Wednesday, March 16 — Chicken cordon bleu, whole wheat penne pasta, asparagus, broccoli salad, breadstick, salad bar and melon medley.

Thursday, March 17 — Happy St. Patrick's Day: Corned beef with cabbage, potatoes and carrots, salad bar and apples with bananas.

Reservations and cancellations

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

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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Community chili cook-off at Mt. Allison Grange Hall March 19

By Larry Corman
Special to The PREVIEW

La Plata Pomona Grange is hosting a community chili cookoff at the Mt. Allison Grange Hall on March 19 at 5:30 p.m.

There will be red, green and miscellaneous divisions. Each entrant is to provide one gallon of ready-to-serve chili.

After filling your tummies with some great chili, stick around to play some bingo.

Questions? Contact Yvonne at 799-3064.

Further details can be found at facebook.com/mtallisongrange/.

Easter supper

Mt. Allison Grange is hosting its annual Easter supper on Saturday, March 26, from 5 until 7 p.m.

The menu is the usual delicious menu of ham, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, tossed salad, homemade pie, coffee and punch.

Tickets are \$10.50 for adults, \$4 for children and under 6 are free. Contact Shirley at 883-2483 if you have any questions or need directions to the Mt. Allison Grange Hall.

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