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Road work ahead

U.S. 160 intersection improvements begin Monday

By Lisa Schwantes
Special to The SUN

On Monday, March 2, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will begin work on updating traffic signals along U.S. 160 at Pinon Causeway, Lewis Street and Hot Springs Boulevard.

Crews will be removing and replacing outdated equipment, installing new traffic signals, vehicle detection systems and pedestrian movement systems. This project was contracted for \$1.5 million.

Based on increased traffic volumes and the intersections being located in the busy business cor-

■ See Intersections A8

Sales tax revenues \$1.7 million higher in 2019 than in 2018

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Sales tax revenues for 2019 were about \$1.7 million higher than in 2018.

The cumulative 2019 sales tax revenue for January through December was 16.8 percent higher than the cumulative sales tax revenue for all of 2018, amounting to an additional \$1,717,024 in revenue, according to a report sent to The SUN by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

The December 2019 sales tax report shows a 25 percent revenue increase compared to December of 2018.

The 25 percent increase amounts to an additional \$237,004 in sales tax revenue compared to December 2018.

The gross amount of the December sales tax revenue is \$1,181,971.15. The town's share is \$590,419.56 and the county's share is \$591,551.59.

The town and county split sales tax revenue evenly; the difference between the two amounts is a transfer made for aviation taxes.

Comparing sales tax data from 2019 versus 2018, the following categories increased revenue in 2019:

■ See Sales A8



Photo courtesy Allison Wylie

Cameron Lucero smiles big after winning his second straight 3A state wrestling title. Lucero won in the 152-pound weight class on Saturday and took the title in the 145-pound weight class last year. Lucero was 36-1 this season.

The tale of no trail: Town talks McCabe Creek culvert project

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

In conjunction with the planned McCabe Creek culvert replacement project, the Pagosa Springs Town Council addressed the possibility of including a multipurpose trail along with the project at a meeting on Feb. 20.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the project is moving forward and, additionally, that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has had the culvert on its list of "worst culverts to replace around the state for many years."

The focus of the culvert project is to improve the drainage and protect the asset and make sure there are no disruptions on the highway, she explained.

CDOT found funding for the project, \$5.7 million, and the project will begin in August, she noted, adding that the project will last until May of 2021.

■ See Trail A8



Photo courtesy Laura Foster

Jack Foster, a member of the Boy Scout Troop No. 807, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank that the Boy Scouts offers, this past Saturday. Only 3 to 4 percent of Boy Scout members ever attain this prestigious honor.

Foster achieved a total of 28 merit badges, including the 21 required to receive the Eagle Scout award. His Eagle Scout project focused on the collection of surplus fruit from trees in the Four Corners region for distribution to families in need through the Methodist Food Pantry.

Scouts BSA is a year-round program open to boys and girls 11-17 years old that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge and responsibility to help them become the best version of themselves. Troop 807 meets on Monday evenings. For more information, visit beascout.scouting.org.

Town, county officials talk about limiting vacation rental permits

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

At a joint work session on Tuesday, town and county officials discussed possibly limiting vacation rental permits.

The two groups hadn't met since August, after the county commissioners tweaked the county's allocation to the Road and Bridge Department, which caused the town to lose about \$100,000 in revenue.

The meeting was held in the side room at Boss Hogg's Restaurant and dozens of members of the public packed the room.

Vacation rentals were third on the agenda for the meeting, but Archuleta County Commissioner Ron Maez moved it to the top, as most of the audience was there for that.

Maez said no public comment would be taken at the work session, and asked audience members to "give us the respect we need to have the discussions that are necessary for us to move forward with progress."

In a follow-up email, Pagosa Springs Town Manager Andrea Phillips offered clarity about when public comment is required or not at work sessions or public meetings.

"Per the Colorado open meetings laws, the public body (in this case the County and the Town) has the right to establish rules of conduct (including whether to take public comment or not) at a public meeting. There is no requirement that public bodies take public comment unless there is a public hearing on an item. Most governmental entities do have

public comment periods on their agendas for regular meetings, especially because there is the presumption that decisions can and will be made during a regular meeting," she wrote.

At the meeting, Phillips gave an overview of the town's vacation rental permit process.

Permits are required for homeowners who rent their homes out for 30 days or less at a time in both the town and county.

"I think at some point we're gonna want to put — I'm gonna want to be in favor of some type of limit. I don't know what it is yet, we need to know — we need to get our hands around it first. I also want to make sure the realtors have plenty of notice so we don't ruin any closings that are imminent and people have notice. But we also need to maintain a sense of community here ..."

Archuleta County Commissioner
Steve Wadley

"The town began issuing vacation rental licenses back in, I think it was 2018 when we changed our municipal code to require that any rentals within town come in and get a conditional use permit," Phillips began, adding, "The conditional use permit runs with the property owner, so if that sells or transfers ownership then they need to come in and get a new one, but that's a onetime land use approval and then they also need to get an annual vacation rental license. We go in and do a life and safety — health and safety inspection through our Building Department, make sure they have fire extinguishers, proper egress and all that good stuff. It's an annual renewal — it's \$400 for the first year. Half of that goes into a fund for affordable-housing-type initiatives and then the other half goes into our General Fund to cover our costs ... On annual renewal it's

\$200. Half of that goes into that fund I mentioned earlier and the other half goes into the General Fund."

Phillips noted the town uses a firm called STR Helper to scrub websites like Airbnb and Vrbo to track down

■ See Vacation A8

Democratic Party plans caucuses, assembly

By John Porco
Special to The SUN

In accordance with Colorado state law, the Archuleta County Democratic Party will hold its caucuses at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 7.

Precincts 1-3 and 5-8 will caucus at the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Precinct 4 will caucus at the TARA Community Center, 333 Milton Lane in Arboles. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the caucuses start promptly at 2 p.m.

If you plan to attend your caucus, it is worth-

while to ascertain what election precinct you live in. You can find out by going to govotecolorado.com and click on Find My Registration. Enter the requested information on name and birthdate and click on Search. Finally, click on the County and District Information tabs to find your precinct.

Everyone is welcome to come to the caucuses, but only those who meet certain criteria will be allowed to vote. If you live in Archuleta County and were registered as a Democrat on or before Feb. 14, you are eligible. Anyone who turns 18 or

became a naturalized citizen after Feb. 14 may participate, if they are a registered member of the Democratic party. Note that if you are registered as unaffiliated, you are not eligible to vote in the caucuses, but you will be able to vote in the March presidential primary and the June general primary election.

You will first check in at the registration table; here, your having obtained your precinct number ahead of time will facilitate the whole registration

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Opinion

GUEST EDITORIAL

SNAP: A winning program for Colorado residents

As local providers of public health and human services, we believe all Coloradans deserve equal opportunity to eat enough food to stay healthy and to prosper.

The Colorado Health Institute reports that 11 percent of Colorado residents are food insecure, meaning they lacked consistent access to a reliable food source over the past year. That amounts to over a half a million Coloradans. Residents in rural Colorado counties experience higher percentages of food insecurity often combined with other challenges such as low incomes, difficulty affording housing, social isolation, health problems and medical costs. Our neighbors to the west, Montezuma and Dolores counties, have some of the highest food insecurity rates in the state with 14-15 percent of their residents experiencing food insecurity.

In striving to protect the health of people and their communities, public health has historically emphasized the upstream prevention inherent in promoting food security for everyone. Broken down to basics, making sure that people have enough healthy food to eat will help to keep them out of the doctor's office and ensure better health outcomes over a lifetime. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, can be considered nothing other than hugely successful in achieving its main goal of reducing food insecurity and hunger; a major win for public health.

SNAP, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, helps close to 40 million people afford food in an average month. Nearly 90 percent of recipients are in families with children, older adults or people with disabilities.

Evidence based on numerous studies demonstrates the wide-ranging success of SNAP; from its frontline defense against hunger for poor families to its positive impact on local economies.

The Center on Budget and Policies Priorities (CBPP), a nonpartisan research institute with deep expertise in analyzing federal programs and policies, highlights the extraordinary success of SNAP, calling it "the nation's most important anti-hunger program." The CBPP has compiled extensive research on factors contributing to SNAP's success and highlights a number of unique qualities of the program:

- Research points to improved health outcomes of SNAP participants including fewer sick days and fewer doctor visits. SNAP participants report that they are less likely to cut back on prescribed medications due to cost than nonparticipants.
- Long-term research has shown that children receiving food stamps in the '60s and '70s had better health and educational outcomes as adults than similar children who did not have access to food stamps.
- While SNAP benefits average only around \$1.40 per person, per meal, the positive economic impacts are significant.
- SNAP lifts around 7.3 million people out of poverty, including 3.3 million children. (The CBPP found that in certain years, SNAP plays more of a role in lifting children out of poverty than any other government assistance program.)
- The program reduces overall health care expenditures, saving money for all taxpayers. A national study found that low-income adults participating in SNAP incurred \$1,400 less in medical costs per year than nonparticipants.

• SNAP is a very efficient program with 92 percent of federal spending going to benefits to pay for food.

• SNAP serves very poor families with over 80 percent of SNAP households at or below the federal poverty line; this amounts to \$21,330 for a family of three or \$12,490 for a single person.

• Most adult SNAP participants work, although many are low-wage workers with very low pay and unstable positions. Many SNAP participants use the program temporarily, while in between jobs or when work hours are reduced.

Colorado has seen progress in reducing hunger throughout the state. Over the last two years, the percent of Coloradans being food insecure has dropped. Currently, Colorado is lower than the national average (13 percent) for food insecure residents. Additionally, the state has committed to a multiyear plan called The Blueprint to End Hunger, aiming to increase enrollment in successful food programs like SNAP. Colorado also participates in a public-private partnership called Double Up Food Bucks, which doubles the value of SNAP benefits spent at participating farmers markets and food retail stores.

Evidence clearly demonstrates the huge success of SNAP — an efficient and effective federal food program that impacts people who really need it. SNAP is this country's first line of defense against hunger.

As local public health and human service providers, we jointly endorse the continuation of SNAP — a truly effective program that reduces hunger for many people in the communities we serve.

Liane Jollon, executive director, San Juan Basin Public Health

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 27, 1920

Handsome memorial certificates, the gift of France and signed by President Poincare, have been received in remembrance of Lester W. Mullins and William P. Gould, two of the boys from this county who made the supreme sacrifice in service.

The barn roof on the Jersey Todd ranch fell in Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mullins on Wednesday received the personal effects of their son, Lester, who killed in France in June, 1918.

The "flu" has about run its course in this vicinity, and if it never comes back — will be soon enough.

After being closed for two weeks on account of the epidemic, the Pagosa schools reopened Monday with a good attendance.

Hugh Kyle and Tom Darnall were outgoing passengers to Montrose Wednesday, where they go to purchase a carload of heavy work horses for this section.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 2, 1945

Tex Roberts and his partner in crime, Leonard Ottaway are remodeling the old commissary building located across from the old depot building, this week. If these two "birds" leave enough building for Ole Olson to rewire for "220 juice," and Emil Johnson gets the interior re-finished, The Sun will move its plant and office into what's left. It will probably take several months to do the "Houdini" but we think you will all like the change. Several pieces of new equipment are already on the ground and more are "on order." When "zero hour" is announced, we believe it will be in keeping with Pagosa Springs' Post War Program and The Sun will continue to give its readers what they ask for in the way of NEWS entertainment.

Clee Woods has donated one of his latest books, "Rebels' Rendezvous" to the Pagosa Springs Library. The book, written under a pen name, "Lee Forest," is an exciting tale of the west. Mr. and Mrs. Woods, now in Tyrone, N.M., will be home next month to take up their summer abode at the Double Quill Ranch on the San Juan River eight miles northeast of town.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 26, 1970

This is the last week in February and if this area is to have any appreciable precipitation during February something better get to precipitating. It may be a long, dry summer if more snow is not received very soon. Snow that falls later in the spring does not contribute much to the snowpack. On the other hand it could rain all summer, as it did last year. Maybe the cloud seeders should have been working this winter instead of last.

Skiing at Wolf Creek Pass is attracting more people this year because of the fine snow there. In the areas to the south and to the west of Pagosa Springs and Wolf Creek, though, continues to be excellent and is generally good in the areas north of here.

The Pagosa Pirates today play their first game in the 1970 San Juan Basin A league tournament. The team goes into the tournament as an underdog but they go with the best wishes of the entire community.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 2, 1995

Fifty-five Pagosa Springs Future Business Leaders of America students placed in the top 10 in their event at the FBLA District Competition Feb. 14. Top-five finishers in individual events and the top-two winners in team events qualified for the FBLA State Competition.

If there is sufficient enrollment, School District 50 Joint will add an innovative elementary level program to its list of offerings next school year. The "School Within a School" will begin a two-year stint as a pilot program at the elementary school in September, if a minimum 16 students in grades three to six enroll this spring. The program was approved at the February school board meeting. The idea for the special program evolved from a parent-based move during the past year to create a charter school in the community, with the work on the school-within-a-school idea undertaken by a committee of parents from the charter school steering committee and school administrators.



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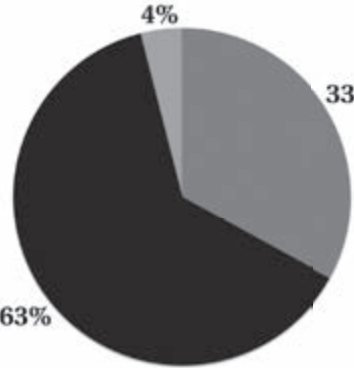
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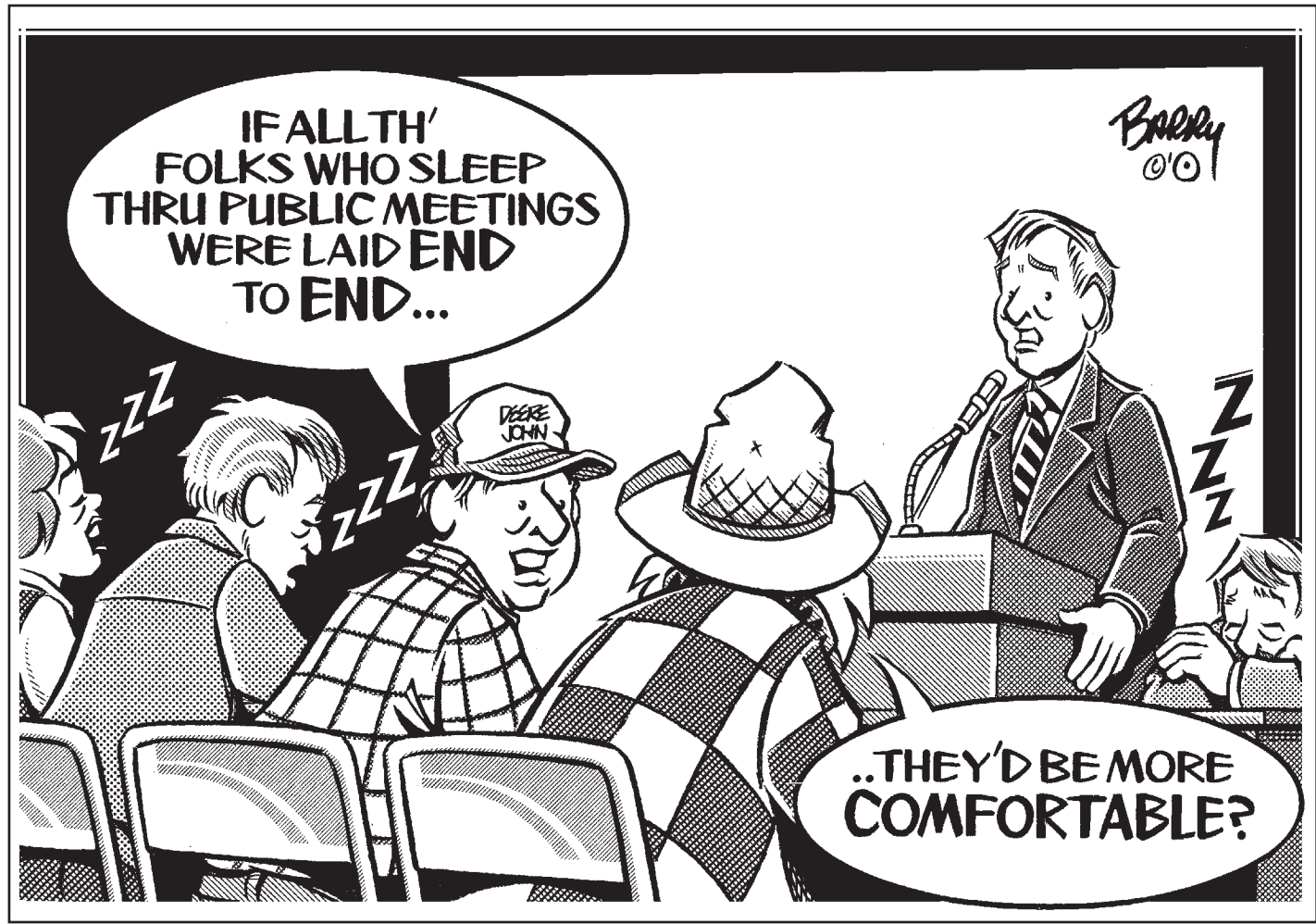
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LOOKING BACK



From the March 3, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN. **BUS RIDERS OF THE MONTH** — Left to right, Ricky Perez, Sheila Burns, Helen Moore, Valerie Ann Walker, Gary Scoggins and Jean Taylor are all smiles about a new awards system by the school. Each month, the drivers and principals choose riders of the month for their respective buses and schools. Ricky, Sheila, Valerie Ann and Joe Fletcher will each receive free tickets to the Liberty Theatre as a result of their good citizenship.



Letters



Letters to the Editor are printed as received and are not edited for grammar or punctuation, but may have been edited for content or style.

Being civilized

Dear Editor:
Why are there segments of society that prefer to find irrational fault in a person, or their supporters, by ignoring the plainly seen truths of success?

I have spent most of my professional life trying to help people see, act and think without unbridled rage, profound insecurity or unbalanced hormonal drives. My worst encounters were predators — child molesters, rapists and spousal abusers in particular — that had thinking and actions that defied societal norms and clear biblical standards.

When it comes to presidential politics, there are some good people out there with a heart for the nation as they see it. I see their passion and belief that they can bring America together, improve our standard of living and leadership image in the world.

Yet, I can take serious issue with some things they propose without seeking to lie about them; frothing at the mouth when their name and supporters are mentioned. It's called being civilized.

While dining at a local restaurant, and seeing someone eating at a nearby table while wearing some apparel supporting a person that I don't particularly admire, I remain glad that this country of ours protects the freedom of expression of all. But, please, be balanced in your reasoning without resorting to annoying behavior.

Just what are better examples of bullying that were willfully ignored by Muth? How about a couple trying to verbally shame a woman on a plane with her small children seated beside her? Or, harassing couples quietly dining at a quaint eatery? How about standing outside a private residence while shrieking despicable charges of shame while threatening them with violence? And, don't forget the politician trying to rally people to surround and verbally accost someone at a gas station or while shopping at a department store?

All of this was overlooked in order to cast shame on presidential supporters by quoting a newspaper well-noted for its reporting bias from unnamed "sources".

The enemy of all peoples throughout the world are willful mistruths loudly spoken about a person or persons that you disagree with. It matters not if it is religion or politics. Equating Trump support-

ers with disgusting Nazis, or being anti-Semitic or racist, is an insult to people that think differently than yourself. I am not a socialist but I won't spit or throw food in the faces of those who are. Yes, Bernie can have an honored seat at my dinner table in spite of my differences with him.

The President is flawed, and I take umbrage with a policy here and there, but he has accomplished so many good things: a renewed respect of veterans, police, firefighters, first responders, a rebuilt military, unemployment wonderfully low — not seen in decades — for all strata of Americans.

Regardless of color, ethnicity, religion, education levels, sexual inclinations or criminal background, the President wants all to be gainfully employed and respected. Yet, like Obama, the demonization is demoralizing to thinking Americans.

Be well, Pagosa.

Stan F. Counsell

Opera music

Dear Editor:

While on vacation in Texas, I visited a rest home, and noticed a piano in the dining room. I played a few tunes at random, but the one they wanted to hear again and again was "Take Me Out to the Ball Game". One old lady insisted, "Don't play opera."

I said, "OK, no opera." But she insisted, "No opera." Again and again. Something in her past must have turned her into an opera hater. How sad. If she had been in my Humanities Class, I could have turned her into an opera lover with Carmen or Lucia di Lammermoor or Aida. All beautiful, but tragic love stories.

John Penter

Road trashed

Dear Editor:

For those who live on or around County Road 335, travel has become difficult and unsafe.

Except for about four times per year after scraping, the road is never good. Most agree this winter is the worst it has ever been. It is full of deep ruts. Our taxes have gone up quite a bit for various reasons in the last two years, but no efforts have been made to improve the

road.

We are now down to 5-10 miles per hour to traverse much of CR335 or risk major damage to cars and trucks.

I have personally re-balanced tires once and am now planning a second visit to the garage. This is not to mention shocks and suspension.

Our road is a mudslide. There is no gravel, not even in the worst areas. Residents of the county roads which branch off of CR335 are left to gather together and spend considerable amounts of money to maintain these county roads since the county will not. Yet, for our taxes, we do not rate expenditures to improve CR335.

One wonders if the county commissioners have visited the road recently. I am sure that there are other roads in equally atrocious conditions.

It is time for the county to make roads a priority expenditure. The natives are restless.

Grace Tazewell

Bristlecone

Dear Editor:

The decision over the 1300 feet of Bristlecone Drive seems fairly obvious to me. I own 1300 feet of Lake Forest Circle for which there was no easement prior to my giving one 4 years ago. Did I think I could move Lake Forest Circle? Or close it off? Before that I gave an easement to PLPOA for the walkway along Lake Forest Circle which is of no benefit to me. I gave an easement for a large power wire across my property twice before though the contractors failed to follow the route or repair damages. I gave an easement for a 10 inch sewer line across my property. Prior to my property purchase the county expropriated part of Lake Forest dam. Did anyone think they were going to move the dam? Sometimes public interests exceed personal desires. Heavy vehicles as traffic are a problem which begs the question why a bypass is not planned around Pagosa Springs. I once heard a Pagosan say I wish the speed limit was 10 mph so people would get frustrated and stop and buy something. Should the local business owners' interests exceed the needs of the public?

Jim Turk

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Feb. 27

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

Monday, March 2

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

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

Tuesday, March 3

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Wednesday, March 4

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board Water Works design visioning exercise. 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Thursday, March 5

Dispatch Executive Management board meeting. 9:30 a.m., Pagosa

Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Monday, March 9

Archuleta County Extension Advisory Board meeting. 11:30 a.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84.

Tuesday, March 10

Archuleta School District Board of Education middle school visit. 8 a.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St.

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

Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting. Noon, Boss Hogg's, 157 Navajo Trail Drive.

Archuleta School District Board of Education Pagosa Family School visit. 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St.

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

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

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.



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Schools lose millions in a decade of funding cuts

More than ever, I am hearing about the struggles with Colorado's school funding formula. Educators want a livable wage, administrators want more safety precautions and students want smaller classes with more personal connections.

During the week, I listened to a large group of Colorado Youth Conference students who spent their day discussing public school funding, options and concerns; their questions were intelligent and on point. I also spoke at length with a gifted student from Air Academy High in Colorado Springs who shadowed me during Gifted and Talented Day at the Capitol.

Last week, I met with southwest Colorado educators who shared their stories with me of low pay coupled with high expectations. I didn't just listen, I heard.

Finally, I had breakfast with members of the Aspen Institute's Education and Society's Senior Congressional Education Program, an education think tank representing the U.S. House and Senate Education Committees, Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Colorado Legislature and Gov. Jared Polis' office.

I have received many passionate emails, most boiling down to "do something." Coloradans are concerned we're not putting enough resources into our classrooms to give every student the opportunity to succeed and prosper.

One thing we all agreed on:

There is no one single answer to the question about equitable school finance in Colorado.

The system is complicated. Funding from local, state and federal sources is awarded to schools based on the number of students at each school during a certain week of October every year. More funding is allocated for special needs and at-risk children, rural districts, multi-district online and extended high school funding.

For the past three years, a bipartisan interim committee has met to figure out how to change the state's funding formula to make sure every student has opportunity, teachers are paid and equity is maintained.

Though committee members came closer than ever this year to figuring out what can be done, we are not there yet. We created a framework that puts students first, but lawmakers will have to iron out the details before moving forward.

Here are some of the challenges making it difficult to invest more in our schools:

- The Colorado constitution says we must have a balanced budget. We cannot spend more on education if the money isn't there.
- Our state's unique budget laws



Rep. McLachlan's Report

mean the Legislature is further limited in what we can do to put more funding into K-12 education. As a local control state, the Legislature can budget money for education, but school boards decide how it will be spent.

• During the last budget crisis, Colorado implemented the Negative Factor, renamed the Budget Stabilization Factor. The state essentially borrowed money from education to pay the bills for the rest of the state. The Legislature now decides how much it can spend on school finance, then adjusts the Negative Factor to meet that funding target.

• Colorado borrowed about \$822 million in 2010-2011. The Legislature pays some of it off every year, and is prohibited by law from letting it grow again. We currently owe public schools \$572.4 million.

• The factors have left Colorado 42nd in the nation in school funding, and teacher pay ranks last in the country for competitive wages, about \$2,700 below the national average.

• What does this mean for District 59? After a decade of the K-12

funding cuts between 2009-2019, these districts have lost millions of dollars in revenue: Archuleta, \$13,136,344; Bayfield, \$11,974,882; Durango, \$42,989,755; Gunnison, \$16,049,490; Ignacio, \$7,709,879; Lake City, \$1,616,978; Ouray, \$3,012,402; Ridgway, \$4,043,159; and Silverton, \$1,269,458.

It's easy to understand the anger and frustration of our educators and students. Solutions are not simple. If we add more to the education budget, or other critical priorities such as transportation, where do we find it? Cuts to health care, such as stripping Coloradans off Medicaid, aren't acceptable.

At the Legislature, we are looking closely at every dollar, trying to find as much as we can to pay off the Budget Stabilization Factor, one of the most effective and equitable means of putting more dollars directly into classrooms.

In 2019, the Legislature passed my bipartisan bill to buy down the Stabilization Factor by \$100 million. This was a significant step forward, but we're not there yet. I'm hopeful we can continue the progress we've made.

Volunteering: Engage with the community

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The SUN

Summer is typically when we think of volunteering because so many events are taking place. However, many nonprofit organizations have events in the winter. We just finished WinterFest with the Penguin Plunge, Sledz on Rez, Skijoring and more. There are also events such as murder mysteries, flying to the moon, and musical and theatrical performances, all of which take volunteers to produce a fabulous event.

Running a nonprofit agency is running a business, just with a different tax status. It takes time, effort, hard work and creativity — no different than running a for-profit business. Just like a business, it is a year-round commitment. There is planning, board recruitment, grant writing, staffing and volunteer recruitment. That's where the Pagosa public comes in.

Where do you fit in the nonprofit world: as a board member, a year-round volunteer, an event volunteer or a financial supporter? What is your passion: arts, music, history, archeology, animals, social services, community development, environmental, veterans, seniors, children or something else? Whatever your preference, there's a chance that there is a Pagosa nonprofit to fit your passion.

You don't have to make a year-round commitment. All of the organizations need help, even just during their event: planning, decorating, delivering posters, marketing, doing the heavy lifting. However, if you feel you can commit the time, sitting on a board can be a very rewarding experience. You get to help develop the

organization, set plans in motion, engage and assist the greater public and accomplish the mission of the organization.

How can you help? First, consider what is it that you really want to do. Oftentimes there is time to participate for multiple organizations. You don't have to sit on several boards; you can sit on one board and just help out at other events. Assess your time and give accordingly. If you sit on a board, find out what the time commitment is so that you can fulfill that commitment well. What are the other requirements besides just attending meetings: volunteering at events, recruiting other board members or volunteers, financial expectations? If you are only in Pagosa part-time or you have a full work schedule, can you help out just at events? There is always work to do and the organizations would appreciate even a few hours of your time — "Many hands make light work."

You can contact the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce to find out the various organizations that are in the community. There is also the Archuleta Nonprofit Coalition that meets monthly to support each other and move forward community issues.

First off, decide to commit and get engaged — no matter the level. All of our nonprofits would appreciate your involvement — even the Chamber at one of our events. Take this time during the slower season to assess your time and commit, even a little, to one of Pagosa's great agencies. You'll feel great and our community as a whole will benefit.

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Obituaries

Lisa Carol (Baca) Faucette

Lisa Carol (Baca) Faucette, formerly of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away on Friday, Feb. 21, in Albemarle, N.C., after a long battle with breast cancer. She was 57.



Born on May 1, 1962, to Durwood and Berniece (Trudeau) Faucette in Sanford, N.C., she loved God, being in nature, collecting rocks along rivers, and hiking in the mountains of Colorado and New Mexico. She was a beautiful person who touched the

lives of all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

She is preceded in death by her sister, Loretta "Lori" (Morgan) Faucette and father Durwood Faucette. Lisa is survived by three children: a son, Dustin Beaver, and his wife, Christa, and their three children, of Durango, Colo.; daughter Kaitlin Baca, of Durango, Colo.; and a son, Jake Baca, of Albemarle, N.C. She is also survived by her mother, Berniece Trudeau, of Concord, N.C.; three sisters: Michelle Eford, of Albemarle, N.C.; Amanda Comer, of Concord, N.C.; and Amelia Johnson, of Concord, N.C.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Chris Alan Truax

Chris Alan Truax, age 67, passed away Monday, Feb. 17, in Aurora, Colo. He passed away in the presence of his son and close friends. Chris was born Aug. 13, 1952, in Wichita, Kan., to William Truax and Lillian Powell.



Chris grew up in Wichita before his family moved to Colorado in the mid-1960s. Chris attended Golden High School, where he was an active athlete, playing football, baseball and basketball. After graduating Golden High School in 1970, Chris attended Colorado State University, where he studied business administration.

His career started at the Coors Brewery in Golden, Colo. Later, he became a distributor representative for Adolph Coors Company as well as a sales executive for AT&T, Lucent Technologies and AG Communications Systems that moved Chris around the United States. Chris returned to and settled in Colorado in 1991.

Chris was an advocate for wildlife and the outdoors. A lifelong avid hunter and angler, Chris was committed to the conservation of

the outdoors for wildlife habitat. Through his love of hunting also came a deep passion for firearms. He enjoyed shooting handguns, rifles and shotguns with family and friends.

Chris was a devoted sports fan. His team was any Denver sports team, but especially the Denver Broncos. He would be able to tell stories of games from years prior and remember vivid details as if they were yesterday.

Chris was a stranger to no one with a personality that would light up a room. Wherever he went, he would strike up a conversation with a stranger and make them feel as if they had been friends for years.

Chris is survived in death by his son, Mark Truax, and daughter-in-law Kelsey (Dunigan) Truax, as well as many cousins, aunts and uncles throughout the midwest. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, John Truax.

A celebration of life will take place in the Denver metro area in the spring.

Expressions of love and condolence can be sent to Mark Truax at www.heflebrowerfuneralservices.com/m/obituaries/Chris-Truax or sent personally. If desired, please donate to the American Heart Association with a tribute to Chris through the following website: t.ly/8p3D3.

Celebrations

Kelly Coleman

Kelly Coleman, of Pagosa Springs, graduated from Fort Lewis College in Durango in December 2019. Coleman graduated with a degree in elementary education.

Hunter Keplinger

The University of Wyoming lists Hunter Keplinger, of Pagosa Springs, on the 2019 fall semester academic dean's and dean's freshman honor rolls.

Dean's list

Students named to Fort Lewis College's Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester from Pagosa Springs include Timothy Barnhart, Gabrielle Dennis, Janet Hobbs and McKayla Miller.

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Business

Ford, Schulte appointed to URA commission

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The recently created Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority (URA) commission has two new members on it following a Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting on Feb. 20.

JR Ford will represent the various special districts that levy taxes within the URA's boundaries (which are the same as the town's boundaries), while Mayor Don Volger appointed Greg Schulte as his mayoral appointee.

Town council approved forming the URA via a resolution with a 4-3 vote on Nov. 5, with that resolution outlining that the 11-member URA commission will consist of the seven town council members, an elected member of the school board, one person appointed by the county commissioners, one mayoral appointee and one person to represent the special districts.

The Archuleta School District Board of Education opted to not appoint any of its members to the URA commission, citing concerns about board structure, among other things, at a meeting on Jan. 14.

Following a Nov. 25, 2019, meeting with special district representatives, the town recommended that each district put forward a potential representative from its board.

Those special districts were then asked to vote for their top two choices from all of the special districts representatives, according to Town Manager Andrea Phillips.

Ford earned votes from the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD), Southwestern Water Conservancy District (SWCD) and Pagosa Fire Protection District.

According to agenda documentation, Ford was the first choice for both the SJWCD and SWCD boards.

Schulte was noted as the first, and only choice, for the Upper San Juan Health Service District, according to agenda documentation.

"This is something that we discussed with the districts at that meeting in November is that, sort of, the majority would win," Phillips said during the Feb. 20 meeting. "JR Ford would be the special district rep based on that process."

Phillips explained that she confirmed with Ford regarding his interest in serving on the URA commission, adding that Ford explained that he would be "honored" to serve.

Ford's term would be for two years initially, as the terms are stag-

gered, and then it would be for five years after that, she noted.

A motion to appoint Ford as the representative for the special districts was passed unanimously by town council.

"I think it would be interesting," Ford said in an interview on Monday. "It's a chance for the town to develop the center part that the community has wanted to develop since as long as I've lived here."

Ford noted that he has been doing research on how other communities and developers have handled URAs.

Mayoral appointee

Before ultimately choosing Schulte, Phillips explained to the council that Volger wanted council's feedback on his appointee to help inform his decision.

"You could put someone in there who is a special district representative and I think you've heard from them that they are interested in having more representation than what they were allotted," Phillips said.

Council member Mat deGraaf explained that Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District board member Glenn Walsh would be a great candidate.

"He's part of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, who's going to be a large contributor to the URA, potentially," he said.

The mayor's appointee is not really a representative of a special district, Phillips clarified.

"The statute basically says that the mayoral appointee really can be anyone. It can be an at-large community member. It can be really whoever," Phillips said. "They would really be speaking as an individual."

The mayoral appointee's term is for four years, Phillips explained.

Following more discussion, Volger announced that his appointee would be Schulte.

"Greg Schulte has served as a county manager. He's served as a town manager. He has the big picture for economic development. He understands urban renewal au-

thorities as well as anybody in the community," Volger said. "I think he will serve the Urban Renewal Authority well in providing input, background and guidance as we need it from members."

In an interview on Feb. 21, Schulte explained that he felt honored that Volger considered him to be on the URA commission.

"I believe that I can help out and bring my experience and expertise to the body," he said, citing his experiences with the town and county and his familiarity with the county's taxation through property tax, sales tax and lodgers' tax.

"I'm familiar with both the town and county development process," he said. "Also, I have prior experience with redevelopment projects and tax-increment financing when I was with the city of Sacramento."

Following more discussion from town council, the first meeting for the URA commission was set for April 15 at 5 p.m. with a location to be determined.

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Photo courtesy Anissa Lucero

Archuleta County Housing Authority (ACHA) board of directors and staff present a donation to Aspen House in support of its housing efforts on Feb. 19. Last summer, the ACHA held a small fundraiser. From the \$500 that was collected, half of the proceeds were donated to Aspen House. ACHA will be donating the other half, as well as future funds, to other nonprofit organizations in the community as resources become available. Please visit achousingauthority.org for more information or to donate to support future affordable housing efforts.



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Broadband update highlights registering with utility locator, creating maintenance fund

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

In an update on Monday to The SUN, Archuleta County Broadband Services Communications Manager Jason Cox explained that various broadband projects are still ongoing, including registering for the state's local utility locator and setting up a maintenance reserve fund for any unforeseeable issues.

Cox explained that the Archuleta County Broadband Services Management Office registered broad-

band fiber locates with Colorado 811.

According to Colorado 811's website, it is the "communication link" between utility or facility owners, and excavators and homeowners.

"Our goal is to work with all industry stakeholders to protect underground facilities from damages relating to excavation," the website states.

Registering with Colorado 811 helps ensure that the broadband fibers are not hit with excavation,

Cox explained.

"We need locates. We get them, and now we go out and say, 'There's fiber here,' and before, that wouldn't happen," Cox said. "That's a pretty cool thing."

Another update provided by Cox is, in the event that there are maintenance needs on the network, there are efforts in place to take lease income from the fiber and put it toward a reserve fund.

"That didn't exist before," Cox said. "If something gets broken, before there was no designated fund

for it. Now we're building one."

Cox detailed that the funds that will be put into this new reserve come from Internet service provider leases on installed fibers.

"Now Visionary [Communications] is leasing a couple of fibers and I think CenturyLink has made an inquiry and Fast Track has made an inquiry," he said. "So, the companies that lease from us pay us a fee and then we take that money and put it into a pool for maintenance."

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CDC tables promotional campaign, appoints new board member

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) Board of Directors voted to table consideration of a promotional campaign that would have been partially funded by local resident Mark Weiler.

In recent months, the board had discussed implementing the "Positive About Pagosa" campaign, proposed by Weiler, that would showcase local businesses and demonstrate that there is opportunity for business growth around Pagosa Springs, according to Weiler.

The CDC board also hoped the campaign would bolster membership for the CDC.

Weiler initially offered to fund the project, but later amended that offer to paying for half of it because he wanted the CDC to commit to funding part of the project as well, something that is not in the CDC's 2020 budget.

CDC board member Jim Garrett had been negotiating the specific terms of the campaign with Weiler in the weeks leading up to the board's Feb. 12 meeting, though Garrett noted

nothing had been finalized.

"It could be a good idea, but how quick would we see a return on our investment?" asked board member Ron Maez at the Feb. 12 meeting. "And, you know, bringing something up like this after the budget's already been done, I think it's a little late. I think this project should have probably been proposed for the 2021 budget."

Garrett explained that when he was discussing the campaign with Weiler, Weiler said it would be necessary for the CDC to commit to \$15,000 for the project and he'd pay roughly the same amount, which would pay for almost a year of ads in The Pagosa SUN, plus a promotional video for businesses who participate in the campaign, among other perks.

"I think it's a neat concept and I think its a generous offer of him but I don't see where we're going to come up with \$15,000," said board member Justin Ramsey, adding, "So, I think we need to reach out to Mark and say, 'We really appreciate it, we think it's a great idea, we just can't massage the budget at this point. If you can extend it to next year we'll start working on it.'"

The board ultimately moved to table con-

sideration of the campaign until it could be considered with the CDC's 2021 budget.

In a phone call on Feb. 19, Weiler responded to the CDC's decision: "I certainly understand that they have a budget, but I'm disappointed, and I think the more time we wait the harder it gets and we lose business and opportunities to other communities that are really active in supporting economic development."

New board member

The CDC board also voted to appoint a new board member, Mary Hunt.

Hunt fills the board seat vacated by Mike Heraty.

Board president Jodi Scarpa recommended Hunt, saying, "She's very community engaged," "all about transparency," and will help further the CDC's mission.

While many board members didn't know Hunt personally, some explained that they would vote to appoint her per Scarpa's recommendation.

The board voted unanimously to confirm Hunt to the board.

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Town council discusses legal counsel finalists

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council deliberated further regarding the two legal counsel finalists at its regular meeting on Feb. 20.

In December 2019, council opted to put out a request for proposals (RFP) for general legal services, which it last did about three years ago.

Council's attorney of 28 years, Bob Cole, of Collins Cockrel and Cole Law Firm, did not submit a proposal, leaving the town to find new legal representation.

Following interviews done on Feb. 11 at an all-day work session with the seven interested parties, two finalists were announced for the position.

Southwest Water and Property Law and Clayton Buchner were announced as the two finalists at a special meeting, also on Feb. 11.

In response to the town's original RFP, Southwest Water and Property Law, which is a firm of Kim Perdue and Jeff Kane, who serves as the town's water attorney, proposed an hourly rate structure.

Those hourly rates, according to the firm's proposal include \$245 per hour for Kane and Perdue, \$130 per hour for paralegals and \$185 per hour for special counsel Maya Kane.

The firm, which is based out of Durango, also proposed invoicing mileage at the IRS's standard rate of 58 cents per mile, and printing and copying at cost.

Buchner, who currently serves as the town's municipal court judge, outlined in his proposal a position of 30 hours per week

(more than what was outlined in the RFP) with a salary of \$144,000 per year.

During the Feb. 20 meeting, council discussed further the scope of services for its potential counsel.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the original scope of services was that the legal counsel would attend town council meetings, as well as provide at least eight hours of "dedicated time to the town in the office" to do things such as review contracts and answer questions.

Following the interviews on Feb. 11, Phillips explained that she went and met with each department head at the town to determine their legal needs.

"Some are very minimal," she said. "Some obviously have a lot more impact. Administration, we have quite a few things that we reach out to our town attorney for."

Currently, the town has a lot of "big projects" that have been set aside for a town attorney with an availability for more hours, Phillips explained.

Some of those things include reviewing the town's municipal code and a review of the Police Department's police policies and procedures, she explained.

"We budgeted \$115,000 for that in 2020," Phillips said of the town attorney position.

In 2019, the town spent \$165,297 on legal services. In 2018 the town spent \$144,155, and, in 2017, the town spent \$110,681, Phillips explained.

Following more discussion on the budgeted expenses for various legal services the town has had over the years, Phillips explained

that the Employers Council annual subscription is something that staff "felt strongly that we need to continue."

In 2020, \$4,837 has been outlined for that particular legal service, and, according to Phillips, that service deals with human resource issues, employee rules and regulations, and also provides other assistance.

Between the town attorney contract and the sanitation district contract, \$130,000 has been budgeted for 2020 in total, she added.

Currently, the town has a contract with Collins Cockrel and Cole on an as-needed basis, Phillips explained.

Council thoughts

In conversations with Perdue on the town considering a more "full-time presence," Phillips noted that Perdue was interested, but one thing that might be an issue is the requirement of an in-office presence.

"She's in Durango and basically was forthright about the fact that they can take on more hours, but they might not be able to drive over here every day to be in the office to work," Phillips said. "So, can some of that work be done in Durango?"

One of the questions for council is how important is it for its legal counsel to be in Pagosa Springs, whether in Town Hall or in another office in town, she noted.

"We're not considering this town attorney as an employee," she said. "That's not being requested and I don't think that's a good idea at this time because we would have to provide benefits and it would be a whole different ball game."

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Dispatch center floods: Emergency personnel team up to keep 911 in operation

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

On the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 18, the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center partially flooded, temporarily relocating dispatch operations.

The dispatch center answers both 911 and nonemergency calls from the public and dispatches the appropriate emergency services agencies, which include law enforcement, fire and Pagosa Springs Medical Center EMS (emergency medical services).

The flood stemmed from a corroded fitting that broke in a communal bathroom in the shopping center that houses dispatch.

Dispatch operations stayed in service during the entire event.

Dispatcher Leshia Zander had just logged in to her work computer when, "I looked back towards the kitchen and there was water that was kind of flooding in," she said in a phone interview.

Zander was on her shift with two other dispatchers, Shoni Matney and Vanessa Pacheco.

Zander acted fast. She ran to her home just a few minutes away and grabbed a tool that would prove helpful over the next few hours: A Shop-Vac (a vacuum that can suck up both dry and wet contents).

"In the five minutes it took me to run home and back to work the water had literally come 5 to 7 feet further into dispatch," Zander said.

Zander reported the water ultimately went about 10 feet into the dispatch center and was as high as 3 inches in some places.

Matney's husband Jeremy also joined the cleanup effort, racing over from his house with the tool of the evening: another Shop-Vac.

The Matneys and Pacheco worked on vacuuming up the water that was coming into the facility and moving any equipment that was in danger (no equipment was damaged) while Zander called Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) to get someone to come and turn the water off in the building.

"They jumped on the ball," Zander said of PAWSD. "He got there as fast as he could, in there within 10-15 minutes, and he lives clear out in Aspen Springs."

PAWSD employee Joseph Wychesit turned off the water, according to PAWSD manager Justin Ramsey, which also affected neighboring businesses in the shopping center.

Firefighters, Archuleta County sheriff's deputies and other county employees also helped in the effort.

Will Clark, Josh Montoya and Jeremy Taylor responded from the Pagosa Fire Protection District with another Shop-Vac, and all helped clean up water and ensure vital equipment wasn't damaged.

County IT Director Gabe Cersonsky came and helped, as did County Facilities Manager Chris Stacey, who came from his house and brought

his personal sump pump, though he didn't have to use it because the Shop-Vacs worked more efficiently for the task.

Dispatch Executive Board Chair Connie Cook and Emergency Communications Director Kati Harr both responded to the event from their homes. They helped ensure emergency services and 911 were operating continuously throughout the event. Both were on scene until about 2 a.m.

"It was a team effort with everybody," Zander said.

Zander reported that the water began flooding in at about 7:50 p.m. and was under control around 9 p.m.

Relocating dispatch

Through the incident, the dispatch center had to be relocated to the Emergency Communications Center (ECC, which sits within the Emergency Operations Center), which, due to capital facility issues within the county, is located in Sheriff Rich Valdez's office.

"Months ago we set up an emergency location at EOC that they could use," Cersonsky wrote in an email. "It's a good thing we did because we ended up using it."

Harr reported that, on Monday morning, dispatchers were working shoulder to shoulder with Valdez in the small space.

In an email, Harr outlined what takes place when a dispatch facility is forced to move:

- The computers at the ECC must remotely login to the CAD (computer-automated dispatch) located at the dispatch center.

- Dispatch's phone vendor must be contacted to upload an "out of service" message for the non-emergency lines and 911 calls rolled to Durango.

- A CenturyLink support ticket must be created to manually roll-over Archuleta County's 911 lines to Durango. Durango then captures the "Automatic Number/Location Information" and forwards the 911 call to the EOC in Archuleta County.

- Two additional handheld radios are brought into the EOC.

- Regarding moving operations, one dispatcher stays at the center while another dispatcher goes to the EOC to get everything set up. Once the computers are remoted in, the 911 numbers rolled over to Durango, the dispatcher at the EOC will take over operations while the other dispatcher eventually joins them.

On Wednesday, dispatch was moved back to the facility that had flooded a week prior.

"Without dispatch, nothing can really function and I think a lot of people don't understand that," Zander said. "We're kind of the central hub for everything to be able to function the way it needs to be, and I think all of our team did a pretty darn good job of keeping it up and going," Zander said.

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The Blotter

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Calls for service over week: 116.

Feb. 18 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Midiron Avenue.

Feb. 18 — Second-degree burglary, possession of weapons by previous offenders, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, criminal possession of an identification document, complicity, warrant arrest, unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing, sale, possession-heroin sell, County Road 600.

Feb. 18 — Fraud by check-other method, Robin Drive.

Feb. 18 — Second-degree burglary, criminal mischief, Crooked Road.

Feb. 18 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drove vehicle without insurance, failed to display valid registration, U.S. 160/Vista Boulevard.

Feb. 19 — Warrant arrest, Ute Drive.

Feb. 19 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Ute Drive.

Feb. 19 — Warrant arrest, Colo. 151.

Feb. 19 — Open burning in unincorporated Archuleta County, Colo. 151.

Feb. 20 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, first-degree criminal tampering, Colo. 151.

Feb. 20 — Agency assist, Great West Avenue.

Feb. 20 — Domestic violence, criminal mischief, Navajo Court.

Feb. 20 — Menacing-intimidation (Inc stalking, threats), criminal attempt to commit felony, criminal mischief, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, third-degree criminal trespass, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Feb. 21 — Owner operated or permit-

ted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, drove vehicle when license suspended, failed to display registration, U.S. 84.

Feb. 22 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drove vehicle when license suspended, failed to dim lights, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), open container in a motor vehicle, U.S. 160/County Road 139.

Feb. 23 — State warrant, state warrant, state warrant, County Road 600/U.S. 160.

Feb. 23 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, drove vehicle without insurance, County Road 600/U.S. 160.

Pagosa Springs Police Department
Calls for service over week: 115.

Feb. 16 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, North 8th Street.

Feb. 16 — Warrant arrest, 15th Street.

Feb. 18 — Criminal trespass, South 5th Street.

Feb. 19 — Criminal mischief, Talisman Drive.

Feb. 19 — Warrant arrest, South 8th Street.

Feb. 20 — Criminal trespass, identity theft, Lewis Street.

Feb. 21 — Criminal mischief, Country Center Drive.

Feb. 22 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Feb. 19 — Christopher Joseph Weigand, criminal mischief-\$750-\$1,000, two years probation, 100 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$1,503.50.

Feb. 19 — Ethan H. Sage, loaded weapon in vehicle, total fines and costs — \$221.50.

Feb. 19 — Nikolas Otte, speeding 5-9 over limit, total fines and costs — \$127.50.

Feb. 19 — Lacie Angelamae Ream,

license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$120.50.

Feb. 19 — Derek James Hujus, dog at large (first offense no injury), total fines and costs — \$76.

Feb. 19 — William Tyrell Sweitzer, criminal mischief-\$300-\$750, total fines and costs — \$483.50.

Feb. 19 — Michael Owen Brigham Jr., fail obey traffic control device, total fines and costs — \$202.50.

Feb. 19 — Rachael A. Eberhardt, speeding 20-24 over limit, total fines and costs — \$344.50.

Feb. 19 — Timothy Franke, speeding 5-9 over limit, total fines and costs — \$192.50.

Feb. 19 — Tara Richey, speeding 5-9 over limit, total fines and costs — \$192.50.

Feb. 19 — Andrew Slabaugh, speeding 5-9 over limit, total fines and costs — \$192.50.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Clayton Buchner

Feb. 12 — Ryan Foster, unsafe backing, total fines and costs — \$37.

Feb. 12 — Diane Rounds, unsafe backing, total fines and costs — \$72.

Feb. 12 — Juvenile, following too closely, one point off, total fines and costs — \$111.

Feb. 12 — Samantha Hawthorne, exceeded safe speed for conditions, total fines and costs — \$111.

Feb. 12 — Thomas Burke, exceeded safe speed for conditions, three points off, total fines and costs — \$156.

Feb. 12 — Annette Quezada, shoplifting, total fines and costs — \$285.

Feb. 12 — Xavier Caballero, exceeded safe speed for conditions, one point off, total fines and costs — \$121.

Feb. 12 — Kimberly Armendariz, failed to drive in single lane, total fines and costs — \$111.

Feb. 12 — Jeremy Medina, following too closely, one point off, total fines and costs — \$111.

Feb. 12 — Aaron Ewerdt, following too closely, two points off, total fines and costs — \$146.

Feb. 12 — Randy Roeder, disobeyed official traffic device, four points off, total fines and costs — \$111.

Feb. 13 — Amanda Gadomski, parking designated snow route, total fines and costs — \$25.

Feb. 13 — Shelley Roman, parking designated snow route, total fines and costs — \$25.

Feb. 13 — Vincent McPeak, engaged in speed contest, total fines and costs — \$535.

Feb. 13 — Jacob Dickinson, reckless driving, eight points off, total fines and costs — \$1,000.

Feb. 13 — Hannah Archibeque, shoplifting, total fines and costs — \$235.

Feb. 13 — Jacob Kovacs, criminal trespass, total fines and costs — \$132.

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Intersections

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ridor of Pagosa Springs, CDOT recommended replacement of the signals to improve the safety and efficiency for all users. This includes multimodal improvements for motor vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians, including push buttons with pedestrian specific signal phasing.

In addition to improving safety, the upgrades will help improve traffic flow.

Project schedule

Work on U.S. 160 is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 2. Work is expected to be completed by the end of May.

Work will begin at U.S. 160 and Pinon Causeway, with staggering construction start-ups at the intersections of Lewis Street and Hot Springs Boulevard every two to three weeks. Work will occur simultaneously at the intersections through the end of May.

Normal work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Some night work will be performed during this project.

Travel impacts

All pedestrians and motorized vehicles should expect travel impacts throughout the construction project.

Motorists should be aware of lane closures and lane shifts in the intersections.

Motorists are urged to obey speed reductions and watch for

construction personnel and equipment in the work zone.

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Project contact information

Project phone line: (970) 317-2237.

Project email: us160signalspagosaprisings@gmail.com.

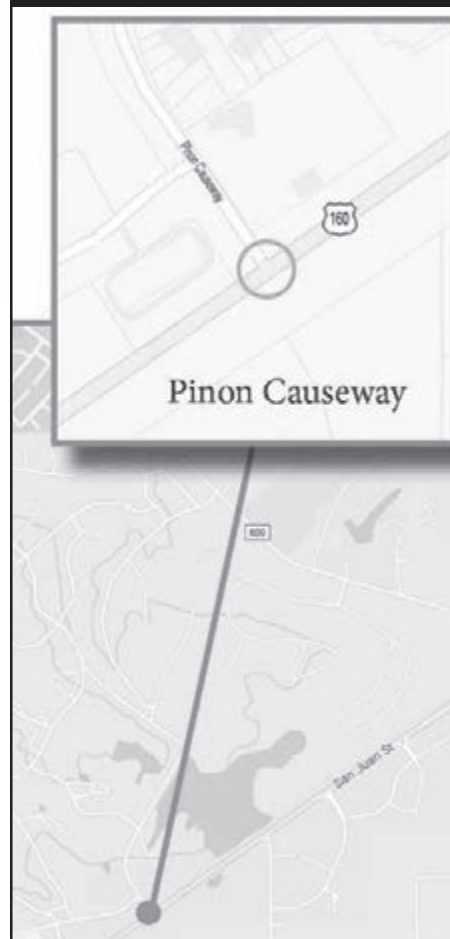
Project website: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/us-160-signal-improvements-in-pagosasprings>.

Remember: Slow for the cone zone

The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones:

- Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits.
- Stay alert. Expect the unexpected.
- Watch for workers. Drive with caution.
- Don't change lanes unnecessarily.
- Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones.
- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.

U.S. 160 Pagosa Springs intersection work



- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so.
- Be patient.

Caucuses

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process. Then you will be directed to the area where you and your precinct neighbors will be meeting.

The caucuses serve several purposes: they allow participants to discuss candidates and issues in an open forum, helping them to make informed choices. The main intent of the caucuses is, however, to help determine which candidates for the U.S. Senate will appear on the Democratic primary ballot. A preference vote determines how many delegates each candidate will receive.

Those delegates will then be asked to come to the county assembly and convention, where the

delegate pool is further whittled down into a group who will attend the state assembly and convention on April 18 in Denver.

Other goals for the caucuses include introducing party candidates for local offices; the selection of precinct chairpersons, election judges and poll watchers; and lively discussions about ideas to be included in the party's platform. Note that although the only preference vote will be for U.S. Senate, information about candidates for other offices will be available. In addition, we have invited the candidates or their representatives to attend the caucuses and speak on their own behalf.

The assembly and convention

will be held on March 21 at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Registration for the assembly and convention begins at 8:30 a.m. and the assembly convenes at 9 a.m.

Only individuals elected as delegates at the caucuses will be permitted to vote at the assembly, although anyone is welcome to attend. At the assembly and convention, delegates to the state assembly and convention and the Congressional District 3 Assembly will be elected, again based on the preferred U.S. Senate candidates.

A light breakfast will be served. For questions, contact the county chair, Becky Herman, at 264-2171.

Sales

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- Retail was up 15 percent, or \$839,679.
- Accommodation/food service was up 9.1 percent, or \$161,418.
- Miscellaneous was up 17.7 percent, or \$265,814.
- Manufacturing was up 37.8 percent, or \$141,875.
- Professional services was up 350.2 percent, or \$84,693.

- Other services was up 47.5 percent, or \$69,721.
 - Real estate/rental was up 10.3 percent, or \$31,385.
 - Construction was up 16.6 percent, or \$31,803.
 - Information services was up 28.3 percent, or \$87,008.
 - Finance/insurance was up 28.3 percent, or \$3,629.
- No sales tax categories were down

or lower in 2019 than in 2018.

Walton's report notes that the state of Colorado flags sales tax being paid from vendors located out of state, like Amazon or other online retailers.

"Of the \$1,181,971.15 in Sales Tax received overall in December, \$73,606 (about 6.2%) was flagged as coming from vendors located out of the State," Walton's report notes.

Trail

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"Tonight I wanted to get some feedback from the town council on whether you want to incorporate a multiuse path into this project," Phillips said.

Looking back at planning documents that date at least eight years, there are some general alignments that show a pedestrian path going underneath U.S. 160 to connect the north side of U.S. 160 to the south side, Phillips described.

"The culverts are about 10 feet tall and 14 feet wide. There's three box culverts that will be set right next to each other. So in theory, you would be able to have enough clearance to go through there," she said.

The challenge is to get pedestrians into the channel from a higher grade (while meeting Americans with Disabilities Act requirements), underneath the road and onto the other side, she explained.

"CDOT is getting very close to finalizing their designs. And I think if we're going to try and move forward with incorporating this, we're going to have work on this like right now," she said. "And I don't know if CDOT is super thrilled, potentially, with adding this in at the 11th hour, frankly."

The town has no money budgeted for this trail project, not even for design and engineering, Phillips explained, noting that some money would have to be pulled from reserves if council chose to move forward with a project.

According to rough cost estimates from Davis Engineering, one method could cost about \$1.3 million, Phillips explained.

"That incorporates a series of switchbacks that would be concrete and we would have handrails and everything," Phillips said, adding that the switchbacks would be on the north and south sides of the box culvert area.

Another option would be to not construct the trail at this time, but to incorporate a bench or some other kind of consideration for a future trail when the town has the money, Phillips explained.

"There's an option to try and work with CDOT and incorporate that bench now. We're thinking that it might be close to \$100,000 to incorporate that. And that doesn't include actually constructing it, just making a consideration for the bench," Phillips said. "Or, we could come in later, and again CDOT might not be thrilled with this, and basically tearing out what they've

put in as part of this project and constructing it later."

Council thoughts

According to council member Madeline Bergon, the process feels "incredibly rushed."

Bergon added that she thought the town could not put the proper thought and preparation needed to pursue the project.

"I just think in terms of the other projects we have on the table right now, I think this is a lower-rated priority level project," she said.

Council member David Schanzbaker explained he was initially "sorry to see" Davis Engineering's designs of the trail project, explaining, "That's not been my perspective on the goal for this trail."

"It wasn't to go from the sidewalk on the south side of 160, under 8th, and then back up to the north side of the sidewalk on 160. It was always seen and always talked about as a connector for the Riverwalk trail and a way to get up into the north neighborhood there, North 6th Street," he said. "That drawing doesn't look good because it's got seven switchbacks to gain that 15 feet right away, and that's never been my conception of why we were talking about it."

Schanzbaker explained that there was a "common frustrating theme" with this project. "What do we do, as the municipality, when there's a potential project on the books that you don't have funding for and we want to try and coordinate with that future, potential project?" he asked. "Should we have designed this trail, underpass, seven years ago and then had a set of drawings on the shelf from seven years ago when you find the funding?"

CDOT Traffic and Safety Program Engineer Julie Constan, who was at the meeting, explained that if the town wanted to put a bench in place it would require higher retaining walls. "Because that is a very steeped side slope that we're carrying through that open channel," she said. "And since CDOT isn't necessarily needing them for our project and the drainage side of it, then we're going to want the town to basically come up with the design and funding piece of that."

Mike Davis of Davis Engineering explained that the process feels super rushed at this point. "We're cut off by private property on both ends. And now we're going to show this multimillion-dollar

project going through the middle of people's houses. Because that's what it's going to take," Davis said.

Even if the bench or trail does not get built now, that's not to say it can't happen in the future, Constan said, adding that CDOT would work with the town.

"It can happen in the future, down the road is the long and short of it," she said. "If the town needs time to build up the resources to make it happen, if the town needs time to work with the private property owners that are along the channels to make that come together and happen, CDOT would definitely work with the town down the road to make this a viable project in the future."

The opportunity is there when the town gets the plans, Davis explained, adding that it's going to be expensive regardless of what the town does.

"It's going to require additional acquisition of the property," he said. "There's definitely challenges there, and unfortunately, that tends to equate to dollar signs in the end."

The options for the town on the north end of the proposed trail are "limited," Davis added later, because of special constraints.

"I think that having a pedestrian underpass under our highway is important," council member Mat deGraaf said. "The box culverts are going to be there and we can tie into those at some other point."

The town does not need that trail right now, deGraaf explained, adding that the long-term vision of the project involves private property acquisition and the town to think beyond what it currently has.

If a bench were put into place, Constan explained that would signal that is where a future trail would go.

"It may take away some options for you in the future as you're looking at ways to put this together," she said.

Following more discussion, Mayor Don Volger explained that he had thought about this project for a while and loves the concept.

Volger added that he did not think about the complexities of the project.

"There's really nothing we can do right now, especially at this late date, to try and mitigate costs," Volger said. "So, my thought is that it's best to wait."

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homeowners who are renting out their homes as vacation rentals without a permit.

Phillips noted the town has issued 91 permits, 81 of which have been renewed for 2020, and 10 are under review or need renewal.

No one from the county had specific numbers of how many permits the county has issued. Maez guessed 800, though noted he was probably wrong.

Archuleta County Development Director Brad Callendar, who oversees the department that manages vacation rentals for the county, was not present at the meeting, with Maez citing Callendar was "too busy" to attend.

In an email Wednesday morning, Callendar noted he doesn't know the total number of permits issued by the county, though wrote that the county issued roughly 420 permits last year.

"Right now, [the permits] are all in a holding pattern pending the start of our new online permitting and enforcement program through LodgingRevs," Callendar wrote.

County Administrator Scott Wall and all three county commissioners touted the LODGINGRevs software, which Wall explained will be live on the county's website later this week or early next week.

The software streamlines the permitting process and offers an online portal where citizens can easily submit complaints about vacation rentals.

The software will also track which homes are operating as vacation rentals without a permit.

Phillips reported that the town has received some complaints about vacation rentals, and county staff and officials stated they receive a lot, mainly for people parking on county roads.

Maez noted that the county's Model Traffic Code, which will take effect this Sunday, March 1, will make it much easier for the county to enforce parking violations like that.

"I just want to talk about what my position is on this," Commissioner Steve Wadley said. "I think at some point we're gonna want to put—I'm gonna want to be in favor of some type of limit. I don't know what it is yet, we need to know—we need to get our hands around it first. I also want to make sure the realtors have plenty of notice so we don't ruin any closings that are imminent and people have notice. But we also need

to maintain a sense of community here, and the old saying, 'Nobody washes a rental car,' if it gets to the point that all these blocks are just full of vacation rentals and there's not people that care about their neighbors or anything else, then those of us who live here are kinda trapped by it. Yet, on the flip side, I believe in private property rights and people have a right to rent their home if they want to do that. This is a very tough issue, and where you sit is where you stand. If you've got an annoying neighbor you're against it, if you're a realtor you're all for it. We also are hurting our chances of bringing in a large property with convention space or anything else that will ultimately help this tourist community. And remember, the only thing we have to sell here is the view. This is a tourist community and we can't kill the golden goose. It's a tough one and anything that government does is gonna make half the people mad and the other half real mad."

Pagosa Springs Planning Director James Dickhoff explained that hotels are "hesitant" to locate here because of the lack of vacation rental regulations.

Dickhoff explained it's not an even playing field for hotels in that commercial properties are charged at a 29 percent tax rate, while residential homes operating as vacation rentals are charged the residential rate, which is 7.2 percent.

Maez mentioned there is a bill working its way through the state legislature that could tax vacation rental properties at the 29 percent commercial rate.

Tourism Director Jennie Green noted it is "highly unlikely" the bill will pass, noting there is no co-sponsor.

Town council member Nicole DeMarco expressed she wants to "get a baseline of where we're at" with vacation rentals and explained she was under the impression that the county's conditional use permits (CUPs) ran with the property rather than the owner.

"One of the things that is substantively very different is the — your CUPs run with property rather than with ours, it has to be each owner comes forward and asks for that conditional use permit. And so that I think you guys are hamstringing yourself for changing in the future by having it run with the property instead of with the property owner."

"What do you mean run with the property?" Maez asked. "Each permit

doesn't transfer with the property sale."

"Oh, that was my understanding," DeMarco said.

"No. It does not transfer," Maez said, adding, "If you had a piece of property and you're running a short-term rental on it, and I wanna buy it from you, I'll have to reapply for a permit."

Dickhoff explained the county's previous planning manager told the town that, but Maez noted that was inaccurate.

Wadley apologized to the group for the lack of enforcement about vacation rentals operating without a permit.

"It seems that we're offering a lot of excuses when we should be offering results," Wadley said. "And we also need to quit rattling our sabers and start issuing fines for people that are violators, because that'll bring everybody else into compliance. If you just say you're gonna do it, it's not the same as doin' it, and right now all we've done is talk about it."

County Attorney Todd Weaver stated he didn't know the dollar amounts of the fines for operating a vacation rental without a permit, but estimated it to be between \$50 and \$100 per day.

DeMarco asked if the county is considering limiting the number of vacation rentals by neighborhood or by limiting the total number county-wide.

"We've talked about both of 'em. I think that caps in neighborhoods would be very difficult for us," Wadley said, explaining the county vacation rental dynamic is different than the town's.

DeMarco and council member Mat deGraaf noted they were in agreement with Wadley that any limits on vacation rentals should require giving ample notice to realtors and the community.

Commissioner Alvin Schaa indicated he wants to give the county's new software three to six months to work before he would be in favor of making any decisions about capping vacation rental permits or not.

The town and county set another joint work session for March 31.

"This is all a struggle," Wadley said. "Not only to figure out the right thing, but to figure out how to fairly implement it, and we don't want to lose a sense of community and that's my concern. That we're starting to lose a sense of community and everything's a rental property." john@pagosasun.com

Envisioning the future: Water Works vision process continues

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs and the town's Historic Preservation Board continue to seek input on what should be done with the town's only public historic landmark, the Water Works site near U.S. 160 and 1st Street.

To help determine the future use or uses of the site, the town's Historic Preservation Board is hosting a series of three design vision exercises to help garner ideas, with one remaining. That gathering is set for 5 to 7 p.m. on March 4 in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The design vision exercises are the next step in a planning and repurposing process for the site that dates back to 2016.

The previous design vision gatherings have focused on ideas of what should be at that site in the future to make it a place for the community, as well as different values and components that should be taken into account in planning the future adaptive reuse of the site.

Those values discussed on Feb. 19 were:

- Protection of site/structure.
- Protection of the investment (fiscal).
- Protection and public safety.
- Serving broad public interests.
- Serving many diverse interests.
- Accessibility of the public site — compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
- Making the site open and available to the public.

Types of elements and features discussed for the site at the meetings, as well as in earlier discussions about the site, include interpretive signage, a water wheel replica, a garden, public restrooms, a live performance venue and more.

Types of forms discussed include adding a second story, protecting the site from the elements with a roof, creating a structure within the holding tanks, creating a structure around the tanks, keeping the site as it is and others.

Types of uses that have been discussed are an expanded museum, youth education site, recreation site, a cultural center, a gathering and event center and more.

Senior Planner Cindy Schultz indicated the March 4 meeting will continue to discuss the values, elements and features, forms and uses the public would like to see at the

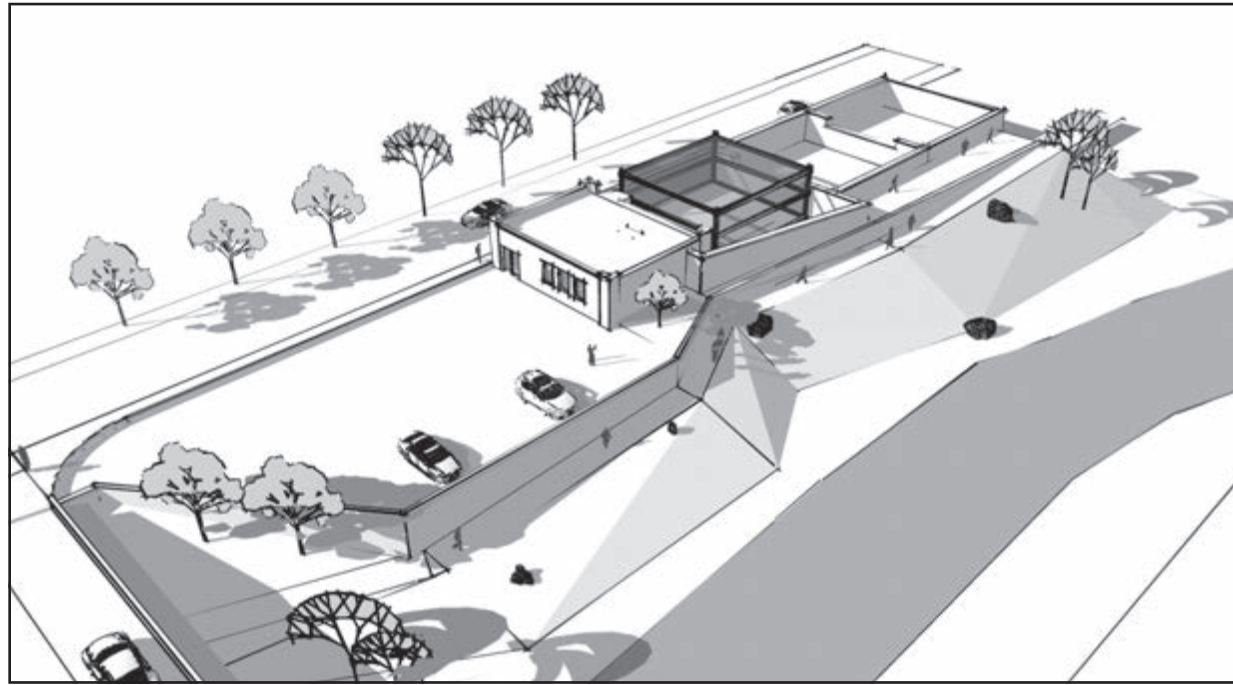


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The Feb. 19 gathering concerning the historic Water Works structure featured several ideas and renderings for how the site could be adapted and used in the future, with Senior Planner Cindy Schultz moderating the event. The design vision process for the site will continue on March 4.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

site to help narrow down the vision. "We hope you will attend and take part in creating this vision for this place that you will feel connected to and cherish into the future. Make history now," a January press release states.

About the site

The site includes the historic Water Works building and tanks, as well as an older stone arch bridge known as the Rumbaugh Creek bridge, which have all seen restoration work in recent years thanks to grant funding received by the town.

"The Water Plant in Pagosa

Spring, Colorado, was built in 1938 as one of the projects built under the auspices of the federal New Deal's Works Progress Administration," a historic assessment of the site notes. "The rustic stone building and its three associated water-settling tanks, which cost \$4,630.00, provided domestic water to the residents of the town from the San Juan River."

The assessment further explains that water flowed into the first settling tank, where dirt settled on the floor and clear water flowed over the gaps in the tops of the walls to the second and third tanks.

It continues to explain the water

was pumped from the third tank through the Water Works building, to a pipeline to a water tower on the west side of town, where it was gravity-fed through pipes into homes and businesses.

It is unknown when the building stopped being used to treat water, though it is believed it was used until the 1960s, Schultz previously told The SUN.

The site is also slated to eventually host the Riverwalk trail connection from Cotton Hole to the River Center area east of the river, which is anticipated to include a pedestrian bridge.

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PAWSD and BootJack Ranch discuss opposition of diligence claims

By Chris Mannara
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In a joint meeting on Feb. 12 between the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and BootJack Ranch representatives, discussions were held regarding both entities' various opposition to each other's cases pending in water court, according to a joint press release from both parties issued Monday.

After the meeting, both sides came to a "better understanding" of each parties' motivations in the existing cases and also found a pathway forward to resolve their differences, the press release notes.

During a Jan. 16 meeting of the PAWSD Board of Directors, District Manager Justin Ramsey explained that BootJack Ranch had started opposing PAWSD's diligence on its water rights in 2018.

"PAWSD confirmed that the parties currently enjoy an open and productive relationship con-

cerning water rights matters within the San Juan River drainage," the press release notes. "BootJack and PAWSD are working closely to not only wind down their existing cases, but to put in place understandings to assure that they discuss future water rights application early in the process and attempt to resolve any differences as quickly and efficiently as possible."

The press release notes that, David Smith, manager of BootJack Ranch, describes BootJack Ranch as "being a good neighbor, and a valuable part of the Pagosa Springs community."

Additionally, BootJack Ranch has not and would not try and gain an advantage by forcing any water provider like PAWSD to spend money unnecessarily against challenges to give up their water rights, the press release indicates.

"We oppose water rights applications when our water counsel and water resource consultants advise us that we should take a

closer look at a particular application," Smith is cited as saying in the press release. "It seldom means we intend to take an aggressive position. Rather, we want to make sure we understand the potential impact on the Ranch's water rights, and if there are adverse impacts, to propose protective terms for the applicant to consider."

Following the meeting between the two entities, the press release notes that PAWSD confirmed that it has a strong and friendly relationship with BootJack Ranch.

Additionally, the press release states that PAWSD does not believe that BootJack Ranch has any ill will or reason to harm PAWSD.

"Likewise, BootJack similarly believes PAWSD is a good neighbor and provides important services to the Pagosa Springs community. Both parties intend to continue to work productively together so that water within the upper San Juan River basin is used prudently for the benefit of all

area residents and visitors," the press release reads.

The press release notes that BootJack Ranch confirmed that both it and PAWSD are close to resolving their differences and that the recent meeting went a long way toward "clearing the air" and allowing both parties to resume their collaborative and productive relationship.

In a follow-up interview, Smith did not provide any additional comments.

Ramsey described the meeting as being "very productive" in an interview on Monday.

PAWSD Board President Jim Smith said in an interview on Monday that he thought the meeting was good.

"We went through some things to make things better between PAWSD and BootJack, and I think we're there," he said. "Both of us had been spending too much money on attorneys."

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Sports

WRESTLING



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Erik Wyman lifts his opponent during last week's state action. Wyman took third at the event and was 45-6 this season.

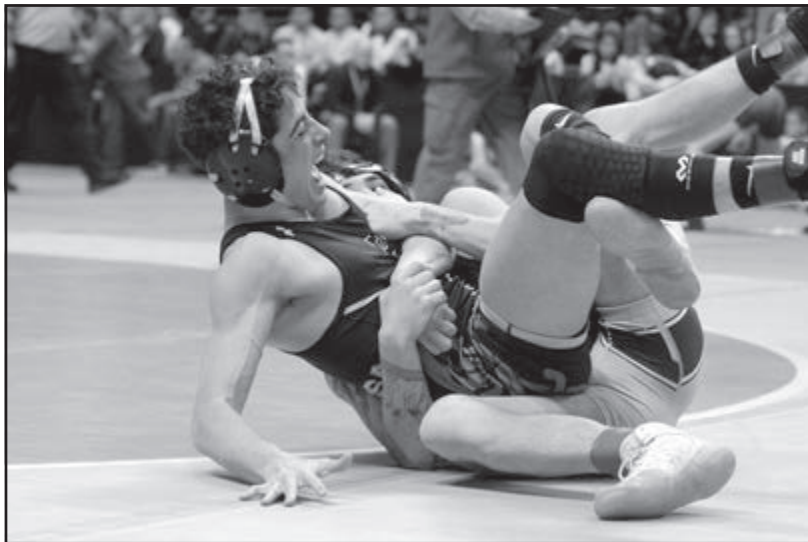


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Dylan Tressler demonstrates his full competitive spirit at the state wrestling tournament. Tressler took third at the tournament and went 36-4 this season.



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Pirate Brae Bergdolt jockeys for position during the state tournament in Denver last week. Bergdolt took third at the tournament and went 45-3 this season.

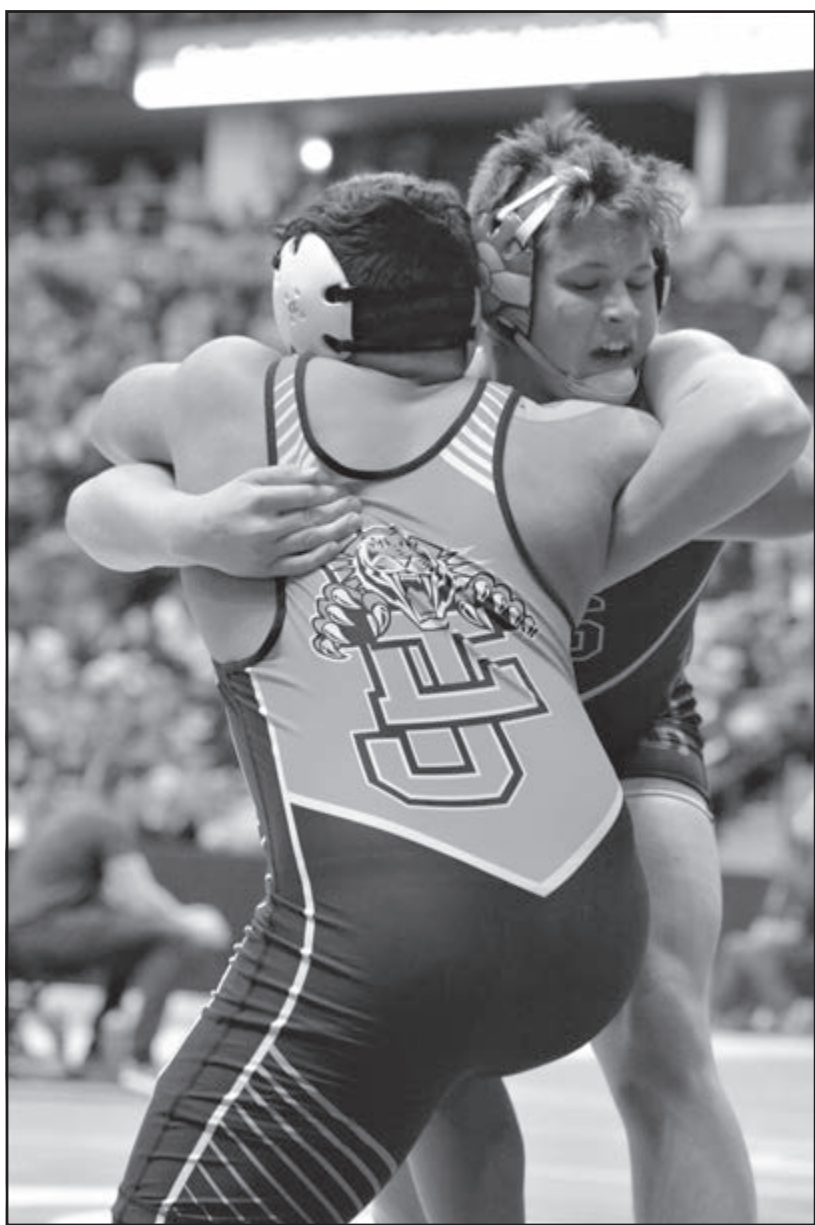


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Skyler Hill, full of concentration, angles for best positioning during a match at the state last week. Hill placed sixth at the event and went 36-10 this season.

Lucero claims second state title, Pirates take fourth

By John Finero
Staff Writer

Cameron Lucero, Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) junior, has claimed his second straight state wrestling title.

As a team, the PSHS Pirates took fourth in the 3A division at the event.

On Saturday night, Lucero defeated Jefferson High School's Nick Gallegos by decision 2-0 to claim the title in the 152-pound weight class.

Last year, Lucero won the state championship in the 145-pound weight class.

Lucero came in second at the state tournament in 2018, his freshman year.

"Cameron was not holding back, he was just firing," said coach Dan Janowsky of Lucero's championship match. "I thought one of the coolest things of all was just the way Cameron just pushed himself to wrestle hard, to wrestle at a high pace, even when he got tired. It's hard to do this in any sport, it's really hard to do this in wrestling, to just keep pushing the pace ... He was so tired when that match was over."

In the offseason, Lucero had surgery on his knee and sat out a few weeks at the beginning of the season. Lucero went 36-1 in matches this year, with his lone loss coming in the first weeks he was back on the mat after the injury.

Janowsky explained the last back-to-back state champion the Pirates had was in 2002, when Michael Martinez took the title two years in a row.

He noted Lucero is only the second Pirate to make it to the state finals three times (there was one wrestler in the 1970s that did it, too) and that Lucero could make history by becoming the first three-time champion in PSHS history if he wins next year, though notes

nothing comes easy.

"We've never had a three-time state champion, and he's in a position to do it," Janowsky said. "He knows nothing is given, nothing is promised. We're gonna have to go earn it next year just like we did this year."

Janowsky commented on the strength of this year's wrestling team and how hard the athletes wrestled at the state tournament.

"It's hard to explain to you how unbelievably well our kids wrestled," Janowsky said. "I left with an unbelievably positive glow, thinking about how our kids got better, really wrestled well at the regional tournament, too. Nobody folded, nobody choked."

Erik Wyman (120) placed third at state.

Wyman won his first two matches and then lost to La Junta High School's Isaiah Gamez in the fifth minute.

Wyman then battled back to win his next two matches to secure third place.

Brae Bergdolt (145) also earned third place at the tournament in a similar fashion.

Bergdolt pinned his first opponent in less than a minute, then lost his quarterfinal round to Eaton's Ryan Dirksen.

Bergdolt then won four consecutive matches to earn third place.

Dylan Tressler (138) also took third.

Tressler handily beat his first two opponents and then fell to Valley High School's Isaiah Rios in the semifinal round.

Like Wyman and Bergdolt, Tressler battled back to earn third place, winning his last two matches to secure the spot.

"Erik and Dylan and Brae, I can't explain how hard it is to bounce back and get third," Janowsky said. "They just rose to the occasion like pros."

Skyler Hill (220) placed sixth. Hill beat his first two opponents,

in the first round and the quarterfinal, and then lost a heartbreaker to Eagle Valley's Cody Ponce in the semifinal round.

Hill's match with Ponce went into the third overtime round, commonly known as the "ultimate tiebreaker."

With the score tied 2-2, Hill was called for intentionally pushing Ponce out of bounds, which made the score 3-2 and Ponce ultimately won the match.

Hill then lost to La Junta's Benny Austin Gonzales and Sterling's Drew Book to earn sixth at the tournament.

Pirates Trevor Torrez (113), E.J. Monterroso (132), Dustin Clark (160), and Wil Aucoin (170) also wrestled at state for the Pirates.

"I'm proud of our kids. I'm proud of the way they fought," Janowsky said. "They just wrestled so tough, they rallied, as a team."

The team scores at the state tournament were as follows:

1. Eaton, 105.5 points.
2. Valley, 105.5 points.
3. Jefferson, 101 points
4. Pagosa Springs, 99.5 points.
5. Alamosa, 91 points.

Pagosa had never previously placed ahead of Alamosa in the state tournament, to the best of Janowsky's knowledge.

Janowsky has been the PSHS wrestling coach for 29 years.

Janowsky explained the Pirates wrestled with "grit and determination" and he's already looking forward to next year.

"Wrestling's a difficult — it's just a different sport. It's a fighting sport and I think the kids that are drawn to the sport of wrestling, they want to know, they want to test themselves. It's really about getting respect, and if you can respect yourself and your effort, you know your opponents will respect you, and I feel like we accomplished that. We've got everyone's respect," he said.

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Cameron Lucero spars during a match at the state wrestling tournament, where he earned his second straight state championship. Lucero went 36-1 this season.

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BASKETBALL

Pirates pick up pair of wins heading into postseason

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The No. 25 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team closed out its regular season and opened the Intermountain League (IML) tournament with wins on Feb. 20 and Feb. 25, defeating the No. 53 Bayfield Wolverines and No. 45 Monte Vista Pirates, respectively.

Bayfield

To close out the regular season, Pagosa was able to take the season series from the Wolverines, defeating them 45-36 on Feb. 20.

It was a close first half between the two IML foes as Bayfield held a 22-21 lead at the break.

Pagosa outscored Bayfield 24-14 in the second half to seal the comeback win.

Two Pirates finished with double-digit scoring totals against Bayfield, with Mitch Lewis leading the team with 15 points.

Lewis also added four rebounds and three assists.

Mason Snarr finished with 13 points and a team-high 10 rebounds.

Ryan Lewis and Aidan O'Donnell contributed six points each.

O'Donnell added three rebounds, two assists and a block.

Ryan Lewis finished with two rebounds, two assists, a steal and a team-high two blocks.

Gunner Dozier added three points for the Pirates and Kyler Hammer had two points.

Hammer also added three rebounds for Pagosa.

Pagosa shot 47 percent at the free-throw line against Bayfield, making seven of 15 attempts.

The Pirates finished with 21 turnovers against Bayfield, tied for the second-highest mark of the regular season.

In an email to The SUN, coach Randy Sorenson explained that the third quarter was the difference between the two teams.

"Bayfield is much improved and they played well. Our kids did a lot of good things. Turnovers hurt us again. It was a good to finish the regular season with a win," he wrote.

Monte Vista

To kick off tournament play, Pagosa, seeded fourth in the tournament, and Monte Vista, seeded fifth, met for the third time this season in the play-in game for the IML tournament on Feb. 25 at home.

Pagosa got off to a hot start in the first quarter, outscoring Monte Vista 20-7.

In the second quarter, Pagosa once again held an advantage, this time outscoring Monte Vista 19-12. At halftime, Pagosa held a 39-19 lead over Monte Vista.

However, in the third quarter, Monte Vista outscored Pagosa 10-4, looking to complete the comeback in the final quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Monte Vista outscored Pagosa 24-15, but could not secure the comeback win as Pagosa earned the win 58-53.

Four Pirates finished with double-digit scoring totals against Monte Vista, with O'Donnell leading the team with 17 points.

O'Donnell added two rebounds and three steals.

Mitch Lewis finished with 11 points, three rebounds, two steals and a block.

Hammer and Snarr contributed

10 points each for Pagosa.

Snarr finished with three rebounds, a block and a team-high five steals.

Ryan Lewis added eight points, a team-high eight rebounds, a team-high five assists and a steal.

Wyatt Schuchart finished with two points and three assists.

Pagosa converted on 27 of 35 free-throw attempts, good enough for a 77 percent success rate.

Pagosa also turned over the ball 15 times against Monte Vista.

Sorenson noted in his email that Pagosa talked at halftime, after building a 20-point lead, that it needed to extend the lead because Monte Vista can score quickly.

"For whatever reason we came out flat in the third only scoring four points," he wrote. "In the fourth quarter Monte dialed up the pressure and we did not handle it well. They cut the lead to two late but we made some pressure free throws down the stretch and we were able to get the win. We are excited to advance to the IML tournament this weekend."

Pagosa's overall record now sits at 10-10 overall, which includes a 4-6 record against IML foes; Pagosa also finished in fourth place in the IML standings.

Pagosa has also moved up in the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) standings from last week, going from No. 28 to No. 25 this week.

The RPI standings help determine postseason seeding.

More tournament action

Next up for Pagosa will be a matchup against the No. 1 Alamosa Mean Moose (No. 7 in RPI) tomorrow night at 6 p.m. in Monte Vista.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirates Noah Blackbird, left, and Mason Snarr, right, block a Bayfield Wolverine shot attempt during the regular season finale between Pagosa and Bayfield on Feb. 20. Pagosa defeated Bayfield 45-36 to complete the season sweep and end the regular season on a win. Pagosa will now take on Alamosa tomorrow night at 6 p.m. in Monte Vista in the second round of the Intermountain League tournament.

Alamosa took both of the regular season matchups against Pagosa by the same score, 57-49.

The Mean Moose ended the regular season on a 10-game win streak.

The winner of this matchup will

go on to face the winner of the No. 2-seeded Centauri Falcons and No. 6-seeded Bayfield Wolverines on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Monte Vista for the IML championship.

The third-place game will take place on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

"The two Alamosa games that we have played have ended up being eight point games. It will be a tough task but if we can learn from some of our mistakes we feel like we can compete with them," Sorenson wrote.

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Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate senior Miah Shoffner looks for the best play during Pagosa's final regular season home game on Feb. 20. The Lady Pirates ended the regular season with a 47-26 win over the Bayfield Wolverines and will face the Wolverines again Friday as part of the Intermountain League tournament.



Lady Pirates head into postseason with 15-4 record

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team went 1-1 over the last week to end the regular season with a 15-4 record.

The Lady Pirates are now focused on the first postseason tournament this week in Monte Vista.

The Lady Pirates are the top-seeded Intermountain League (IML) team for the district tournament, which means they will face No. 4 Bayfield Friday at 6 p.m.

Bayfield defeated No. 5 Montezuma-Cortez 41-33 Tuesday evening in the tournament play-in game to advance to Friday's game.

"They're a familiar opponent. They know us well, we know them well. We know it's going to be a battle," coach Wes Lewis said.

Lewis explained the Lady Pirates are anticipating something different from Bayfield on Friday.

"It's a game that we will need to get contributions across the board," he said, adding, "We need to play well and we need to do the little things in

order to be successful."

No. 2 Centauri will take on No. 3 Alamosa Friday at 7:30 p.m., with Alamosa having defeated No. 6 Monte Vista 54-5 in a Tuesday play-in game.

The winners of Friday's games will face off Saturday at 6 p.m., with the remaining two teams vying for third place at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The Lady Pirates ended the season with a 9-1 league mark. They sit as the No. 8 team in 3A basketball in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), which helps determine postseason seeding.

Centauri finished second in the IML with an 8-2 league mark (17-2 overall) and is the No. 2 team in RPI. Alamosa followed with a 7-3 league record (16-4 overall) and is the No. 9 team in the RPI standings.

Bayfield finished fourth with a 3-7 IML record (9-11 overall) and are the No. 36 team in the RPI standings.

Pagosa's final league win of the regular season came at home on Feb. 20 over Bayfield.

The Lady Pirates jumped to a 17-4 lead by the end of the first quarter, helped by a long-distance buzzer

shot from Adelyn Dozier.

The Pirates increased that lead by one with a 12-11 second quarter to hold a 29-15 lead at halftime.

Pagosa continued its winning ways in the third quarter, outscoring the Wolverines 11-7, and bested their visitors 7-4 in the final quarter to secure the 47-26 win.

"I thought our defense was really good," coach Wes Lewis said, adding, "For the most part, we got contributions from a lot of different kids across the board, which was nice."

The Lady Pirates turned the ball over 15 times.

The coach noted the Lady Pirates handled Bayfield's Macee Schulz well, with Elsa Lindner and Molly Graham guarding Schulz much of the night.

Dozier, who landed four 3-pointers, led the team with 16 points. She also had a pair of rebounds and three steals.

"Adelyn obviously shot the ball really well in the first half," Lewis said.

Lindner followed with 12 points and six rebounds.

"Elsa had a really good game to-

night," Lewis said.

Taylor Lewis had eight points, five rebounds, three assists and a steal.

Graham logged six points, three rebounds, an assist, two steals and two blocks.

Hailey Griego and Miah Shoffner each had two points in the game.

Griego also had four rebounds, an assist and a pair of blocks. Shoffner had three rebounds and a steal.

Teagan Stretton tallied a point, three rebounds, three assists and a steal.

The team was 71 percent on free throws in the game, making 15 of 21 attempts.

Then, on Friday, the Lady Pirates hit the road for Ignacio to take on the 2A Ignacio Bobcats.

Ignacio jumped out to a 14-5 lead over the Lady Pirates by the end of the first quarter, though Pagosa was able to cut into that deficit by outscoring the Bobcats 11-9 in the second quarter. That left Pagosa trailing 23-16 at halftime.

"Ignacio shot the ball pretty well, particularly in the first half," Wes Lewis said. ■ See Ladies A12



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Snow water equivalency down 5 percent from last week

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

This week, snow water equivalency (SWE) is 80.5 percent of median, down from last week's total of 85.5 percent of median, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

SWE is currently at 20.2 inches. Last week, it was 19.5 inches.

The SWE median has also in-

creased, going from 22.8 inches to 25.1 inches.

Precipitation data has also seen an increase, going from 20.1 inches last week to 20.8 inches this week.

In an interview on Tuesday, Ramsey explained that the SWE data "worried" him as the weather gets warmer.

"Because the sooner all the snow melts off, the sooner they turn off our water to Hatcher, and Hatcher starts to drop," he said.

The earliest the water to Hatcher has been turned off was on April 12, 2018, and the latest it's ever been turned off was in July of 2019, Ramsey explained.

"Somewhere in between there, I assume that's where it's going to be," Ramsey said, estimating a time when the water to Hatcher would be turned off this year.

Additionally, the precipitation average has increased from 25.2 inches to 26.7 inches this week.

This week, precipitation is 77.9 percent of median, when last week, it was 79.8 percent of median.

Of the five local lakes, Ramsey's press release notes that three have seen a change in their levels.

Hatcher Lake is currently 4 inches from full, or 98.77 percent full. Last week, it was 5 inches from full.

This week, Stevens Lake is 9 inches from full, or 97.32 percent full. Last week, it was 12 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa and Village Lake have both remained full since last week.

Lake Forest has gone from being 3 inches from full to being 2 inches from full, or 98.48 percent full, this week.

Total diversion flows remain at 4.5 cubic feet per second (cfs). The West Fork diversion is still adding 3 cfs and the Four Mile diversion is still adding 1.5 cfs.

From Feb. 14 through Feb. 20 of this year, total water production was listed at 10.82 million gallons.

The Snowball water treatment plant produced 3.41 million gallons and the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 7.41 million gallons to contribute to that overall total.

Last year, in that same time frame, water production was listed at 10.16 million gallons.

From Feb. 7 through Feb. 13 of this year, total water production was listed at 10.64 million gallons.

Pagosa's Chantelle Jordan posts fastest time in Wolf Creek's Mardi Gras Fun Race

By Melanie Allen
Special to The SUN

Wolf Creek Ski Area held its eighth Fun Race of the season on Sunday, Feb. 23, Mardi Gras weekend. There was a turnout of 18 racers to test their skills on the downhill. The fastest time of the day was 31.03 seconds, set by Pagosa Springs local Chantelle Jordan.

Rafe Halterman placed first in the Boys 3-5 with a time of 1:10.13. In the Boys 9-11, Van Halterman placed first with a time of 41.68.

Jared Halterman placed first in

the Men 36-40 with a time of 37.18.

In the Men 51-60, Joseph Jordan placed first with a time of 31.39.

Merick Halterman placed first in the Girls 6-8 with a time of 1:11.00.

In the Women 41-50, Chantelle Jordan placed first with a time of 31.03.

The next race at Wolf Creek is the Leap Day Fun Race, set for Feb. 29. The race is open to all ages and abilities levels, and is free with the purchase of a lift ticket. Racers can sign up at the Raven's Nest building between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. The race will be held between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the Charisma run.

Snowpack sees slight decrease since last week

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

This week, local basins have seen a 4 percent decrease in snowpack levels, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins are currently 92 percent of median. Last week, they were 96 percent of median.

The Upper San Juan site went from 83 percent of median to 78 percent of median this week.

The Wolf Creek summit saw a 1 percent increase from last week, going from 89 percent of median to 90 percent of median.

Snowpack levels could see a decrease as the National Weather Ser-

vice (NWS) has no snow projected through Sunday for Pagosa Springs.

The NWS indicates that there is a 40 percent chance of snow on Sunday for Wolf Creek Pass.

Other snowpack reports

The Upper Rio Grande Basin has dropped 3 percent since last week. This week, it is 99 percent of median; last week, it was 102 percent of median.

Another 3 percent decrease was listed for the Arkansas River Basin. Snowpack totals this week are 113 percent of median. Last week, they were 116 percent of median.

At the Yampa and White River basins, a 3 percent decrease was reported. This week, snowpack totals are 118 percent of median.

Last week, they were 121 percent of median.

This week, the Laramie and North Platte River basins are 118 percent of median. Last week, they were 120 percent of median.

Last week, the South Platte River Basin was 131 percent of median. This week, it is 129 percent of median.

The Upper Colorado River Basin is 118 percent of median this week. Last week, it was 121 percent of median.

A 3 percent decrease was recorded for the Gunnison River Basin as snowpack totals dropped from 98 percent of median to 95 percent of median this week.

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Legal

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phone call," he said. "So, I think that maybe someone in house is important."

Council member Madeline Bergon explained she thinks the town should stick with its original RFP and ease into the relationship with the new counsel.

"I think that we have a candidate who interviewed extremely well," Mayor Don Volger said. "I think he interviewed as well as just about anybody."

Volger added that the issue with the number of hours could be worked out with the potential candidate.

"Now that I've seen the possibilities, I'm really excited," he said. "I think we'll get a lot more for the money than we would get with the other alternatives that we've had."

Volger explained that his personal recommendation would be to start negotiating a contract with that candidate.

Following negotiations, po-

tential evaluations could be held in order to gauge what the town's priorities are in terms of legal services and apply those priorities to the legal counsel.

Bergon explained that one applicant outlined in their proposal that this role would be fulfilled to their liking or they would not leave the position that they are in.

"In my mind, it's either an all or nothing with this person," she said. "Whereas the second finalist, Kim, I think we could have a little bit more flexibility in what our desires are."

In regard to Southwest Water and Property Law, Volger explained that the firm's rate for travel time is expensive.

"I think we can make it very clear to our contract employee that the contract depends on what they produce," he said. "Certain limitations, if you will, certain parameters."

There would be a possibility of reducing the number of hours for one of the candidates, but Phillips noted that the individual would not

be interested in eight hours.

"I do think there's probably room to negotiate that down a little bit," she said.

Following more discussion, council member Nicole DeMarco suggested bringing a revised proposal to Perdue.

"... I also have a pretty big concern about the drive time. That's almost \$300 every meeting ... just spent driving," she said.

DeMarco explained that Buchner presented the town with a very interesting alternative even though it does not fit the town's strategic direction.

"My opinion is, what is the lowest amount of hours we could commit to him and he would still take this job?" DeMarco asked. "And that, put that back to Kim and see if at all she would be interested in revising her proposal with that number and then maybe relay our concerns about the cost of drive time."

Following more discussion, Volger explained he agreed with De-

Marco's suggestion on going back to both finalists, clarifying some of the finer points of each proposal, and then making a decision on how to move forward.

"Hopefully that decision would be to go ahead and enter negotiations with one of the two," Volger said.

Later in the meeting, Phillips clarified that council's direction is for Phillips to talk to each candidate individually.

For Buchner, Phillips will discuss with him a reduced number of hours and to come up with that number.

"And to offer to Kim Perdue and Jeff Kane the opportunity to bid, essentially, on that same scope of work," she said. "And also to convey our concern about the cost for drive time and see if there's some negotiation there and to bring that information back to you all for direction on entering into negotiations."

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San Juan Outdoor Club monthly meeting set

By Wendy McAllister
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Outdoor Club monthly meeting will be Thursday, March 5, at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Speakers will be Jeb Baxter, a licensed professional geologist and professor emeritus of physical science/geology at Harrisburg Area Community College. He was

educated in geology at Lehigh University and The Pennsylvania State University and is retired from a 35-year career in environmental consulting and higher education. He currently lives with his wife in Pagosa Springs.

This talk is the sequel to last November's talk, which explained how aliens visiting the Earth in the future will know of human existence. The processes shaping the Earth will be

explored and how they will affect the traces of humanity that will remain in the geologic record 100 million years from now. Based on the premise that future aliens visiting the Earth will know we were here, this talk will seek to answer the question: "What will the aliens find?"

Light refreshments will be at 6 p.m. with the presentation beginning at 6:45 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Loma Linda Metro District seeking directors

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Loma Linda Metro District is looking for four directors to serve four-year terms, according to a press release.

A regular election will be held on May 5 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Self-Nomination and Accept-

ance (SNA) forms are available from the district's designated election official (DEO), Glenn Unrath, at 781 Loma Linda Drive, 507-0226.

The district's DEO can also be reached at gaunrath@gmail.com or at lomalandmetrodistsps.ec@gmail.com.

SNA forms must be filed with the

DEO for the district at the above address by March 6.

Applications for absentee ballots may be filed with the DEO of the district at the above address between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. until the close of business on the Tuesday immediately preceding the election, April 28.

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Ladies

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Lewis said.

The Lady Pirates bested their host 13-3 in the third quarter to make the score 29-26 in their favor, but the Bobcats roared back with a 10-6 final quarter to notch the one-point win.

The Bobcats are now No. 13 in the 2A RPI standings.

The coach noted that while the Lady Pirates were able to take the lead and held the lead with 15 seconds to go, the team "couldn't overcome some tough calls, couldn't overcome some ... timely scoring for them."

He added, "Ignacio was physical and aggressive and they shot the ball ... pretty well in the early going."

Griego led the Lady Pirates in scoring with 19 points, 11 of which came in 14 attempts from the free-throw line.

Griego also had nine rebounds, two assists and three steals.

Taylor Lewis followed with 10 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, six rebounds, three assists, two steals and a block.

Kori Lucero, Dozier and Graham each had two points. Lucero also had a rebound, and Graham had three rebounds.

Lindner pulled down 10 rebounds for the team, as well as logging an assist and a block.

Stretton added a rebound, an assist and four steals.

"Well I don't want to say the girls overlooked Ignacio, I don't think they did, but I think it really highlights the fact that you better take everybody on your schedule serious, especially from here on out ... You've gotta be ready to go and you've gotta be ready to overcome some tough situations," the coach noted.

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SENIOR NEWS

Make a good luck St. Patty's wreath

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN Columnist

A free art class at the Senior Center will be held Tuesday, March 10, at 1 p.m.

Celebrate spring and join us to make shamrock grape vine wreaths. The shamrock symbolizes the rebirth of spring and the hard part is done: shamrocks are precut and the wreath is made. So, have fun sticking the shamrocks on the wreath and celebrate St. Patrick's Day, a tradition over 1,000 years old. All supplies are provided for you and there is no cost or registration required for the class. Just show up and join us for the fun.

Your instructor will be Denise Fisk, former art teacher in Iowa.

A Matter of Balance

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center is pleased to announce our fifth Matter of Balance program.

A Matter of Balance is an award-winning falls-prevention program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falls. The classes help participants to:

- View falls and fear of falling as controllable.
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• You are age 60 or older, ambulatory and able to problem solve.

The Matter of Balance program lasts eight weeks. Classes are on Wednesdays, beginning on March 25. Each class is from 9 to 11 a.m. Snacks will be provided. Class size is limited. Please call 264-2167 for more information or to register. Classes are free.

AARP Smart Driver

The AARP Smart Driver course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's first and largest refresher course designed specifically for drivers age 50 and older. For more than 35 years, the course has taught 16 million drivers proven safety strategies so they can continue driving safely for as long as possible.

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AARP membership is not required to take the course.

The classroom course costs only \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers.

To register, visit aarp.org/find-course. The Senior Center staff will be glad to help you register.

Due to popular demand, the Senior Center is hosting another class on March 27 from 1 to 5 p.m. For reservations, call (970) 462-9613.

Euchre

Euchre is a card game invented around 1860 played in partnerships with a deck of 24, 28 or sometimes 32 standard playing cards. It is the game responsible for introducing the joker into modern card packs.

The group will meet on Fridays at 1 p.m. The next game is Friday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m.

VITA tax preparation

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be returning to prepare federal and state income tax returns at no charge. The next 2020 date is March 14, by appointment only. The gross income limit this tax season is \$54,000. Please call 264-2167 for more information or to make an appointment.

Memberships

Senior Discount Club Memberships are now 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 \$8.50 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

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

Thursday, Feb. 27 — Pork carnitas, squash calabacitas, charro beans, milk, salad bar and flan.

Friday, Feb. 28 — Sliced turkey with gravy, baked sweet potato, milk, broccoli with butter, salad bar and cranberry salad.

Monday, March 2 — Green eggs and ham, red potatoes with green beans, buttermilk biscuit with butter, milk and salad bar.

Tuesday, March 3 — Beef stroganoff, roasted cauliflower snowflakes, glazed carrots, milk, salad bar and strawberry pie.

Wednesday, March 4 — Turkey a la king with buttered noodles, spaghetti squash with spinach and Parmesan, broccoli with butter, milk, salad bar and pumpkin muffin.

Thursday, March 5 — Teriyaki salmon, green bean casserole, corn chowder, milk, salad bar and banana pudding.

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

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Let it snow: Scientists take first cloud seeding measurements

By Daniel Strain
Special to The SUN

For the first time, researchers have used radar and other tools to accurately measure the volume of snow produced through cloud seeding.

The research took place in western Idaho's Payette Basin in January 2017 and was led by Katja Friedrich, an atmospheric scientist at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Cloud seeding, which mixes tiny particles into the air to generate snowfall, has become an increasingly popular tool in water-strapped states like Idaho and Colorado. It's also notoriously difficult to measure.

But that's just what Friedrich's team did, monitoring three attempts at cloud seeding from start to finish. Collaborators on the project included researchers from the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, University of Wyoming and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"We tracked the seeding plume from the time we put it into the cloud until it generated snow that actually fell onto the ground," said Friedrich, an associate professor in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences.

In all, the three cloud seeding events produced a total of about 282 Olympic-sized swimming pools worth of water. The group reported its findings recently in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Friedrich added that the research is an important first step toward better understanding just how efficient cloud seeding can be at creating those winter wonderlands.

"Everyone you talk to will say even if you can generate a little bit more snow, that helps us in the long run," she said.

In the new study, that little bit of additional snow kicked off with an airplane. The vehicle used a series of flares to inject particles of silver iodide into a natural cloud formation that was passing overhead.

The idea behind such cloud seeding is to turn lightweight water vapor into heavy droplets.

"If everything goes according to plan, the water droplets will begin to freeze around the aerosols, forming snow," Friedrich said.

But, she added, it's also tricky to get a good sense of just how effective that transition really is, which is why most cloud seeding statistics lead to inconclusive results. Estimates range anywhere from zero to 50 percent additional snowfall, Friedrich said.

She and her colleagues, however, had a plan: During those January flurries, they used a radar dish to peer into the clouds as the water inside thickened and eventually succumbed to gravity.

The first attempt at cloud seeding, for example, dusted roughly 900 square miles of land in about a 10th of a millimeter of snow.

"If we hadn't seeded these clouds, they would not have produced any precipitation," Friedrich said.

Some in Colorado have high hopes for that process, too.

In 2019, the state entered into a partnership with six others that border the Colorado River to step up its efforts at cloud seeding — an attempt to increase the supply of water to that valuable waterway.

Friedrich added that, for now, she can't say how useful cloud seeding might be for such efforts moving forward — every winter storm is different and interacts with aerosols in different ways. But the group's findings could get scientists closer to being able to make those cost-benefit calculations.

"We can now finally put a number on how much water we can produce through cloud seeding," Friedrich said.

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership awarded grant for solar project

By Hillary Knox
Special to The SUN

The La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors voted at its meeting last week to award the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) \$13,000 from its Renewable Generation Funds Grant program to support a solar installation to generate electricity for the GGP site in Centennial Park.

Projects were selected based on visibility to the local community,

level of innovation, and the potential to blend renewable technologies with educational elements and community engagement.

Grant monies are sourced from LPEA's Local Renewable Generation Fund — an opt-in fund to which LPEA members can contribute to support the development of renewable energy generation projects in the service territory.

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Eagle's Loft Property Owner's Association, Inc. Plaintiff

v. MARK MCCARTHY
Case No.: 2019CV30096
Attorney for Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley, Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814 Email: chris@hjclgal.com Atty, Reg. No.: 51651

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): MARK MCCARTHY
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Eagle's Loft Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Eagle's Loft Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.
Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.
Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: Exhibit A

Phase III of Eagle's Loft
Matter Amount
Property Owner: MARK MCCARTHY
Building Number: 14
Lot (Unit) Number: 17
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 17
Lien Amount: \$5,827.59
In Phase III of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 130203 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on May 30, 1984, under Reception No. 123459, as amended by that First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 13, 1984, Reception No. 124494, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").
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Unpaid Asmts: \$2,499.15
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$2,504.04
Phase IV of Eagle's Loft
Matter Amount
Property Owner: MARGARET E. JAMES, TRUSTEE of the JAMES LIVING TRUST under Trust Agreement dated April 14, 1994
Building Number: 46
Lot (Unit) Number: 46
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 16
In Phase IV of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
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ARCHULETA COUNTY JANUARY 2020 PAYABLES

VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
AAA PROPANE, INC.	ARBOLLES SHOP-PROPANE	174.00
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	FLEET-PARTS & SUPPLIES	445.95
AFLAC	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	1,991.64
ALL-PRO FORMS, INC.	TREASURER-TAX NOTICE SUPPLIES	2,901.90
ALPINE PORTABLE TOILETS	CLOAM PART PORTA TOILET	118.20
ALSCO	UNIFORMS-FLEET/B&G	401.85
ANGELA M. GALLEGOS-ALUALU	DHS CW CLIENT NEEDS-REMB.	495.41
ANTHONY LICCIARDELLO	PERMITS ADJUSTMENT REFUND	293.25
APEX SOFTWARE	ASSESSOR-SOFTWARE RENEWAL	1,230.00
ARCHULETA COUNTY SOLID WASTE	COUNTY DISPOSAL	359.00
ARCHULETA COUNTY TREASURER	TO APPLICATIONS (2)	800.00
ARCHULETA COUNTY VICTIM	DHS 12/19 CONTRACT SVCS	1,667.00
ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT	DHS EL POMAR GRANT	2,021.44
ASPIRE MEDICAL SERVICES	DHS TANF 4 MEN'S CLASSES DEC	416.66
AT YOUR DISPOSAL	COUNTY DISPOSAL JANUARY	514.00
AT&T MOBILITY	DHS DATA SVC PLAN DEC	418.63

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JUMBLEGS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): KARL STAUFFER

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Phase I of Eagle's Loft
Matter Amount
Property Owner: Karl Stauffer And Fabiana Stauffer
Building Number: 1
Lot (Unit) Number: 1
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 50
Unpaid Asmts: \$4,245.69
Interest: \$1,557.10
Late Fees: \$100.00
Total: \$5,902.79
Property Owner: Kenneth Sallee And Mary E Sallee
Building Number: 1
Lot (Unit) Number: 1
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 42
In Phase I of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 117699 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and as further described in that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").
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Unpaid Asmts: \$2,567.42
Interest: \$398.36
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$2,990.78
Phase II of Eagle's Loft
Property Owner: Charles E Rousenberg Jr
Building Number: 10
Lot (Unit) Number: 10
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 50
In Phase II of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 119118 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that First Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on October 7, 1983, in Book 203, Page 564, Reception No. 119119, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").
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Unpaid Asmts: \$2,635.69
Interest: \$420.02
Late Fees: \$25.00
Total: \$3,080.71
Phase III of Eagle's Loft
Matter Amount
Property Owner: Walter Edward Randolph Scott And Latoya Miele Buffman
Building Number: 28
Lot (Unit) Number: 28
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 51
In Phase III of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 130203 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on May 30, 1984, under Reception No. 123459, as amended by that First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 13, 1984, Reception No. 124494, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").
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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, Meg Wempe, library director, prepares an annual report for the library's board of trustees summarizing the highlights of the past year. The information also is used when your library applies for grants and it is required to be shared with state, county and town governments to keep them informed.

Here is a summary of that long report on 2019 operations. You can pick up a shorter infographic version of this report at your library for your own use.

- Major objectives achieved: This year we hired a full-time early literacy librarian, started item inventory for our complete collection, conducted inventory of library assets for an asset schedule and updated the trustee policy manual with the library board.

- Resource sharing: AspenCat allows our patrons access not only to the 29,053 items in our collection, but also more than 1.4 million items in the other 115 AspenCat libraries. The Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC) courier service provides daily delivery to subscribing libraries throughout the state.

In 2019, we borrowed 9,843 items and loaned 3,271 items. By taking advantage of the purchasing power of the State Library and CLiC, we subscribed to multiple educational databases including EBSCOHost, Learning Express and the Encyclopedia Britannica at substantial savings and subscribed to ShoutBomb for text messaging to our patrons about holds and overdues. Downloadable audio books, e-books and magazines were also purchased through CLiC. In 2019 our patrons downloaded 4,631 items and logged 1,026 sessions on our electronic databases. (Though the total usage remains approximately the same, it is interesting to note the difference in usage of the various databases from year to year.)

- Collection development: Providing our patrons with materials that are current and relevant to the diverse interests of the community is one of our principal goals. We have 29,053 total items in our collection. In 2019, we added 2,963, including 335 from donations, and deleted 4,121 worn or outdated items. Our materials budget for 2020 is \$66,300 or 11.6 percent of our total expenses.

- Usage stats: 76,550 patrons walked through our doors last year. We checked out 100,278 items, an increase of 6.7 percent from 2018. We have 13,408 library cards issued, 1,336 of them new in 2019.

- Programming: Providing programs for all ages is a very high priority. From early literacy to adult education and lifelong learning, 3,744 people attended one or more of our 476 programs. Our programming budget for 2020 is just under 1 percent of our total expenses.

- Donations, grants and volunteers: We are very fortunate to have the ongoing support of the community. In 2019, we received \$15,256 in donations and \$11,000

in grants, 5 percent of our total revenue. Our volunteers contributed 1,430 hours, about three quarters of a full-time position.

- Technology: This year, we had 24,312 website visitors, 4,631 e-book and audio book downloads, 422 Facebook likes and 279 Tech Time consults over 82 Tech Time sessions. Public usage of our computers in the library continues to decrease because so many people are accessing our wireless service using their own devices in the library, on the benches outside our front door and in the parking lot not only during library hours, but 24/7.

- 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 last year. We are very fortunate that many of these training sessions and webinars have no registration fees, costing us only travel. In 2020, staff education is 1 percent of our total budget.

Tax and census help

Tax forms and instructions are available at your library. Visit pagosalibrary.org/taxinformation for more details and useful links. As well, library computers and staff are available to help you access the online census questionnaire. Households will begin receiving an invitation to respond to the 2020 Census in mid-March.

To familiarize yourself with the questions that will be asked on the census, your library has a sample copy of the print census questionnaire in English and Spanish. Please visit pagosalibrary.org/census-2020 to view a video that demonstrates how to fill out the census online. We also have a sample copy of the print invitation to respond to the census that most households will receive. Brad and Josie are your census experts at the library, but all library staff are happy to answer questions related to the Census. As well, your library has various census-related prizes to give away while supplies last, including coffee mugs, bags, thumb drives, blankets and more.

After-school club tomorrow

The after-school club for first-through fifth-graders takes place tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 28, from 1:45 to 3:30 p.m. Participants will engage in literature-based science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) learning activities and work up to an exhibition on the first Friday following each three-week session. Registration is required by calling us at 264-2209 or dropping by the library.

Home-school social hour

Stop by Tuesday, March 3, from 1 to 2 p.m. for a chance to visit with fellow home-school families, discuss curriculum and learning opportunities, and look through resources while the kids participate in crafts and other activities. Josie, your early literacy librarian,

is eager to collect ideas on how to serve home-school families in our community.

Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens on Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the sixth through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Teen advisory board

Next Thursday, March 5, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Sixth- through 12th-graders are invited to bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

ESL classes twice a week

Free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes take place on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. The classes are led by two highly experienced teachers — Joyce Holdread for the intermediate/advanced group and Ellynn Ragone for beginners. No registration is required.

Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) accelerated GED course takes place Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 2 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help from Mark with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Free tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Family storytimes

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Saturday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts, and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

Both storytimes are open to babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to make it easier for parents to attend with their children depending on their busy schedules rather than the age of their little ones. These free sessions are an excellent way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

On March 4, local artists Janet Ford and Julie Noland will lead the group in a special creative session.

Academy Award films on DVD

We have three movies on DVD that were winners in this year's Academy Awards: "Parasite" won best picture, best director and two other awards, and had two more nominations. "Joker" won two Oscars, including best actor for Joaquin Phoenix. "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" won two Oscars, including best supporting actor for Brad Pitt.

Books on CD

"Treason" by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington mystery. "The Vanishing" by Jayne Ann Krentz is

book one in a new romantic suspense fantasy trilogy. "The River Murders" by James Patterson and James O. Born contains three thrillers. "Lethal Passage: The Story of a Gun" by Erik Larson examines America's gun culture and offers solutions to our national epidemic of death by firearm. "Moral Compass" by Danielle Steel begins with a drunken night at an elite private school. "The First Mountain Man: Preacher's Frenzy" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a western. "Bullet Creek" by Ralph Compton features a gunslinger forced out of retirement. "Big Lies in a Small Town" by Diane Chamberlain features two artists working more than 30 years apart. "Hunter Killer" by Brad Taylor is a Pike Logan adventure.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"The Deep Blue Crush" by Clint Hollingsworth is book three in the thriller series featuring bounty hunter Mac Crow. "Crooked River" by Preston and Child is a Pendergast mystery. "One Minute Out" by Mark Greaney is a Gray Man adventure. "The Holdout" by Graham Moore unveils the secrets a jury has been keeping after its verdict to acquit. "The Sun Down Motel" by Simone St. James explores mysteries at the motel 35 years apart.

Large print

"American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummings features a middle-class Mexican woman who ends up a migrant heading to the U.S. with her young daughter. "When You See Me" by Lisa Gardner is a thriller about a deceased serial killer. "Country Strong" by Linda Lael Miller is book one in the new Painted Pony Creek western romance trilogy.

Programmed Nooks

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

Thanks to our donors

For their generous donations, we are grateful to Ronald Stanke and Veronica Johnson. For books and materials this week, we thank our anonymous donors.

Quotable quote

"I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it." — Harry S. Truman (1884-1972), 33rd president of the U.S., succeeding upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt after serving as vice president.

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Wetlands Riverwalk Preservation Group to present program to town council

By Bob LeCour
Special to The SUN

Today, Feb. 27, the Wetlands Riverwalk Preservation Group will present a program to the Pagosa Springs Town Council at the council's 5 p.m. work session.

This newly formed group was formed with the support of Weminuche Audubon Society in Pagosa Springs.

The group's mission and purpose is to protect, conserve and enhance the health and beauty of the Riverwalk wetlands. We will be providing input from town citizens regarding working cooperatively with all stakeholders, dealing with our current and future resources, and enhancing the natural beauty and recreation opportunities of our unique warm water wetlands. Our desire is to be consistent with the town's comprehensive plan.

The presentation will last approximately 35 minutes and we invite anyone interested to attend.

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February 27, 2020

Knights of Columbus Lenten fish fries begin Friday

Special to The PREVIEW

The Knights of Columbus is holding its Friday Lenten Fish Fry events through April 3. The fish fry begins at 5 p.m. each Friday. The proceeds of the fish fries support com-

munity programs.

The meal includes the tasty catfish, hand-cut french fries, coleslaw, a nonalcoholic drink and dessert.

Come by the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall by 7 p.m. to eat in or take out.

Our Savior Lutheran Middle School to present 'The Princess and the Pea'

By Destiny Packer
Special to The PREVIEW

Our Savior Lutheran Middle School will be performing its first-ever full-length production.

This Friday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m., the fifth- through eighth-grade students will perform a one-hour-long production of "The Princess and the Pea" by Pat Rosenthal. In addition, the elementary drama class will open the show with two fairytale skits.

There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted to benefit the school's fine arts program. Bring your kids or grandkids, or just come on your own.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 731-3512.



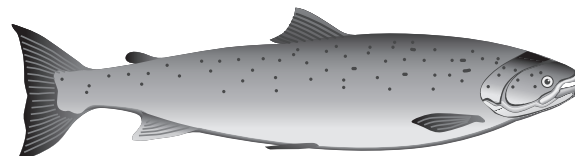
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Sisters in Song Women's Chorus will begin rehearsals March 3

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

The Sisters in Song community women's chorus is ready to embark on another joyous year of making beautiful music together. The choir is again being sponsored by the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir and it is open to all women in Pagosa and surrounding areas who love to sing. Ladies in the community are invited to be a part of this women's chorus that will share the stage with the Girls Choir at its annual spring concert, which will be held on May 7.

The chorus will begin rehearsals on Tuesday evening, March 3, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church. Rehearsals will continue each Tuesday evening until the concert in May.

The women's chorus will perform quality choral music highlighting home, family and friendship. The concert theme is "Back to the Roaring 20s," chosen to complement the year 2020.

"The music will be fun, yet challenging," said Linda Parker, director of the women's group. "No prior experience is required to be a part of the choir, only a \$15 fee to help offset the cost of the music. Reading music is always helpful, but there will be enough rehearsal time to learn the music."

The Women's Chorus has been formed to offer the girls of the Girls Choir the opportunity to sing with a women's chorus. Conceived and directed by Parker, the chorus will allow the girls to meet some Pagosa

ladies who have enjoyed music throughout their life. The chorus will have its own part of the spring concert, singing several tunes alone, then a song with the girls.

We are excited to offer Pagosa ladies the opportunity to share their love of music and singing and to give them an opportunity to perform.

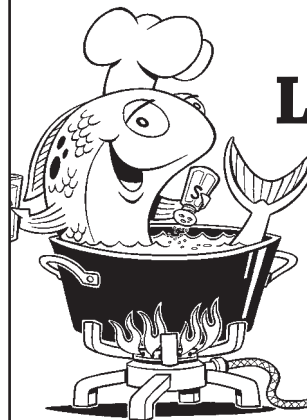
"We musicians are hams and we

love to perform," said Parker.

If you have questions or would like more information, call Parker at 264-1434 or email her at singpagosa@gmail.com.

"We're looking forward to meeting new friends, having an entertaining time and being a part of a unique experience in Pagosa Springs," she said.

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Tim Sullivan band to play for event center grand opening tomorrow

By Carole Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Tim Sullivan's country music band will play for dancing tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 28, from 7 to 10 p.m. to celebrate the opening of a new event center in Pagosa Springs.

Tickets for the grand opening are \$10. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. to purchase tickets for cash, check or credit card. There will be a cash bar with proceeds going to the Sullivan Foundation for the Arts, which provides scholarships for deserving local youth with a talent for music, dance or the visual arts in Archuleta and La Plata counties. Snacks also will be available.

The new event center is located at 197 Navajo Trail Drive in the renamed Tennyson Building that most recently housed the Pagosa Springs Arts Council. Singer-songwriter Tim Sullivan has partnered with Pagosa resident Evelyn Tennyson, the building owner and a supporter of several area charities, to remodel the building's interior and put on the opening event.

Sullivan redesigned the interior of the 3,200-square-foot facility, and he and his two-man team have completed the extensive renovations. Highlights of the upgrades are a stage for a four-piece band, a large dance floor, dramatic lighting and an avant-garde ceiling.

"I am so happy to bring our band back to Pagosa and to have such a classy, cozy venue that can accommodate the band, dancers and listeners so well," he said.



Photo courtesy Carole Howard

Singer-songwriter Tim Sullivan poses in front of the new sign announcing that his country music band will play tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 28, from 7 to 10 p.m. to celebrate the opening of a new event center in Pagosa Springs. The new event center, located at 197 Navajo Trail Drive in the renamed Tennyson Building, has been totally remodeled inside by Sullivan and his two-man crew.

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God's love is no less for us today. We sin and fall short in our relationship with God. But God's love stands. When we return to Him, He will always take us back no matter what condition in which we find ourselves.

May we share more with you about God's amazing love?



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Pagosa Springs Community Band to begin rehearsals soon

By Susy Mekeal
Special to The PREVIEW

Calling all instrumental musicians: One of the hidden gems in Pagosa Springs is the Community Band. It is a wonderful opportunity to dust off your instrument and get your chops in shape. The band gathers three times a year for a concert.

The first concert for 2020 is the

Band-O-Rama Concert, which will be April 18. This is a special concert done in conjunction with the elementary, middle school and high school bands. Each band plays a couple of pieces and the final piece is a joint piece with all of the bands playing together. It is a fun night to see the musical talent in our community and support the school music programs.

The first rehearsal for the Com-

munity Band's Band-O-Rama concert will be Sunday, March 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School band room. The following rehearsals will be March 15, 22 and 29 at 2 p.m.; and April 6 and 13, and April 17 at 6:30 p.m. We welcome newcomers and those who have played with us in the past for a fun time of making music.

The Community Band is a part of the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society. The purpose of this group is to support student musicians in Pagosa Springs through music opportunities, scholarships and financial support to the schools. The Community Band also demonstrates that playing a musical instrument is a lifelong skill that lifts the spirit, enhances the community and joins people together. Come join us.

Pagosa Family Game Day set for Saturday

By Peggy Bergon
Special to The PREVIEW

Local families are invited to join an ongoing group connection event called the Pagosa Family Game Day on Feb. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

There will be numerous board games and puzzles for ages 3 to 18 with lots of fun for parents and caregivers, too. The event will end with a delicious shared meal. We encourage you to enjoy an afternoon of playing with your children and meeting your neighbors and other parents, as well.

The event is free, but to ensure a meal for all, please RSVP by Feb. 28. For questions or to reserve your spot, please call Peggy at 507-1550. The overall focus of the group

is to give local families the opportunity to form deeper connections with other families to create support systems and to give a voice for what they need in our community. Many types of programming could be incorporated by this group, from the games to outdoor gatherings, educational programs and even volunteer activities.

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‘Wish Upon a StarLab Book Fair!’ coming to elementary school

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

The “Wish Upon a StarLab Book Fair!” is coming March 2-13 during school hours and parent/teacher conferences to the Pagosa Springs Elementary School library.

The community, parents, families and teachers are invited to attend this Scholastic Book Fair and participate in activities that accompany the StarLab theme, which are all geared to instill the love of books and reading.

The enthusiasm is building and the wall in the central hallway has been decorated with the theme of the night sky and constellations. Parent/teacher conferences are March 2, 3 and 4, and the book fair will be open during these hours for the convenience of families.

The Partners In Education Committee (PIE) and art teacher Kelly Lewis have organized a Stars of Fine Arts Night for students and families to be held Wednesday, March 11, from 5 to 7 pm. Artwork from all students will be displayed and music performances will be presented throughout the evening. All classes will have items for auction. A delicious homemade dinner will be served in the cafeteria. All families are invited to the school for an evening full of fun, entertainment and companionship with other families.

The book fair serves several purposes for the school. First, it’s a great way to inspire children to read by introducing new literature and highlighting existing books that kids love. Second, it is an opportunity for students and their families to engage in an all-school activity and create camaraderie around education. Finally, it is a fundraiser, as proceeds from book fairs are used for reading and educational improvements that are not funded through the school district budget. This year, proceeds will go toward the fundraising initiative to purchase a portable StarLab for the school district.

The StarLab is a mobile planetarium that has a 360-degree spherical projection tool to project the solar system, constellations and the composition of the universe onto the ceiling of the balloon-like unit that students sit inside. This is a very powerful way to bring the understanding of astronomy to students without leaving campus.

The community is invited to attend the book fair as a shopper or volunteer as the event is hosted in the school library and staffed by volunteers. For more questions or to volunteer, contact Aubrie Limebrook at (808) 721-6876.



Photo courtesy Kendra Bridges

Book fair customers pose during the fall family night event, where students were encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. This happy family is Kelly Coleman, new third-grade teacher, with daughter Kylie and son Connor. The “Wish Upon a StarLab Book Fair!” will be March 2-13 during school hours and parent/teacher conferences March 2, 3 and 4 at Pagosa Springs Elementary School library.



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Taking a break from building the sets for “Matilda” are, left to right, Ella Hemenger, KC Yeneza, Gracelyn Kiker, Sophie Martinez, Arden Blakemore, Hannah Rockensock, Ricardo Martinez and Nora Martinez.

‘Matilda’ slated to open March 17

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Less than three weeks remain in preparation for the high school’s production of Roald Dahl’s “Matilda the Musical,” and the cast, musicians and crew of the production are hard at work.

In addition to rehearsals, there is much to be done with sets, props, light and sound design, and stage setup. Some in the cast, plus their parents and volunteers, spent a

Sunday afternoon building, crafting, repairing, repurposing, painting and creating a background on the stage for “Matilda.”

Curtains Up Pagosa is the support for the performing arts in our schools, as it lends a hand in all productions in mentoring, sharing theatrical sets, costumes and props, historical wisdom and help.

“Matilda,” rated PG, will open on March 17 and run through March 21, evenings at 7 p.m. It is a wonderful and exciting musical,

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Pagosa Springs Girls Choir's annual 'Over the Rainbow' fundraiser set

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

Friday the 13th. Yikes. Many superstitious folks shy away from attempting many activities on this traditional day of bad luck, but for the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir, it's going to be an exceptional day with an exciting evening event.

On Friday, March 13, the Girls Choir will host its annual fundraiser, "Over the Rainbow."

This year, the event will offer several changes, the first of which will be a change of venue.

The Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Clubhouse will house our event, which will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m., when event-goers can peruse our annual silent auction. A delicious dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

We will forgo our dance this year, but none will be disappointed as the Girls Choir will present a special concert for the entertainment of our guests. Our evening will close at 8 p.m., giving attendees plenty of time to travel home safely.

Although some differences will be noticed, guests who make their way through the doors of the PLPOA Clubhouse on this special Friday will once again find themselves transported "Over the Rainbow" — a place where a love of music and song, and the help of a supportive community give the members of the Girls Choir opportunities to realize that the dreams they dare to dream really can come true.

Another "newbie" this year will be the offering of Candy Cubes.



Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will host "Over the Rainbow: Making Dreams Come True for Young Girls in Pagosa Springs" at the PLPOA Clubhouse on March 13.

Rocky Mountain Chocolate candy bars will be for purchase in cubes of six bars. Each cube will hold a special prize, valued from \$5 to \$50. Even without an additional treasure, the candy bars are a prize in themselves.

Our silent auction will beckon with dazzling, must-have offerings generously donated by local artists and businesses. This year's offerings include baskets galore, gifts for moms-to-be, house warmings, concert tickets, family outings; the list goes on and on. There will be a scrumptious dinner of lasagna or fettuccine (regular or gluten-free), salad, tempting bread sticks and dessert. A cash bar of beer, wine and sodas will be available all evening.

The choir members, under the direction of Linda Parker and ac-

companied by Lauren Highsmith, will join the fun with a performance to thank the audience for their attendance and support.

"Over the Rainbow" tickets for this unique evening are \$25 per person. They are available for purchase from Goodman's Department Store, Made in Colorado Shoppe and from any member of the Girls Choir. Tables of eight may also be reserved at no additional charge. For additional information regarding the event or tickets, call Parker at 264-1434 or send an email to singpagosa@gmail.com.

Proceeds from Girls Choir fundraisers are used to help provide scholarships and educational enrichment opportunities for choir members, and to help with the organization's operating costs.

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St. Patrick's Irish Festival a time for shamrocks and fun

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church's Irish Festival is promising to be a joyful celebration for the entire family. The day will include more than 20 vendor booths, free food and nonalcoholic drinks (beer and Irish coffee available for \$5 — identification required), a snowman contest, free face painting and crafts for the kids, free fly-tying and fly casting classes, free Irish music entertainment by NightSong Trio, and the debut of St. Patrick's bagpipe band and dancers.

The morning will be kicked off with the World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade, a parade that stretches from one end of the parking lot to the other. The parade will be led by a color guard from the church's Venture Crew, the new St. Patrick's bagpipe band and dancers, and a float with St. Patrick himself (aka Fr. Doug Neel). Also included in the parade will be a fire truck, an ambulance and a trash truck. Children are invited to ride on the float with St. Patrick. Others who wish to march in the parade are asked to line up at the north end of the parking lot by 11:20 a.m. The parade begins at 11:30 a.m. Warning: Don't be late or you'll miss it.

Free spaces are still available for vendors, but please call Lynne McCrudden at 731-5801 to reserve a spot as soon as possible. The entire event is free of charge, though donations of nonperishables such as canned goods, 1-pound bags of rice, peanut butter, jelly, cereal or Hamburger Helper for the church's foodbank ministry will be gratefully received.

"The point of the festival is to provide a fun event for our community in celebration of our patron saint, St. Patrick," said Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "We are not out to make a profit for the church. We appreciate all donations to benefit



Photo courtesy Sally Neel

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., is preparing for this year's annual Irish Festival, set for March 14 from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. The event includes the World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade.

our outreach ministries, however, as this money will go directly back into helping members of the community."

So, start assembling your most outlandish St. Patrick's costume and join the fun. The festival begins at 11 a.m. in the church parking lot and will end at 2 p.m.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Parking will be made available at the hospital parking lot and at John Paul II Catholic Church located on either side of the church. Dogs are welcome, but must be kept on a leash. The event will take place snow or shine, so make your plans to join in the fun.

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Bring your 'collections' to the 9Health Fair on April 25

By Sharee Grazda
Special to The PREVIEW

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The national October 2019 Take Back Day took in 882,919 pounds (almost 442 tons) of unused or expired prescription medication and vape devices.

Vape pens or other e-cigarette devices may be accepted from consumers only after the batteries are removed from the devices.

Clean out your medicine cabinet, bathroom drawers and travel containers for these items, and help us keep people, animals and our environment safe and drug free.

Your second "collection" that can be donated is prescription eyeglasses, magnifier glasses and sunglasses you no longer need. At this time, no glasses cases are needed. We will have a Lions Club donation box on hand.

So, put this reminder on your calendar: Attend the 9Health Fair on April 25 from 7 to 11 a.m., at Pagosa Springs High School — and take old meds and old glasses.

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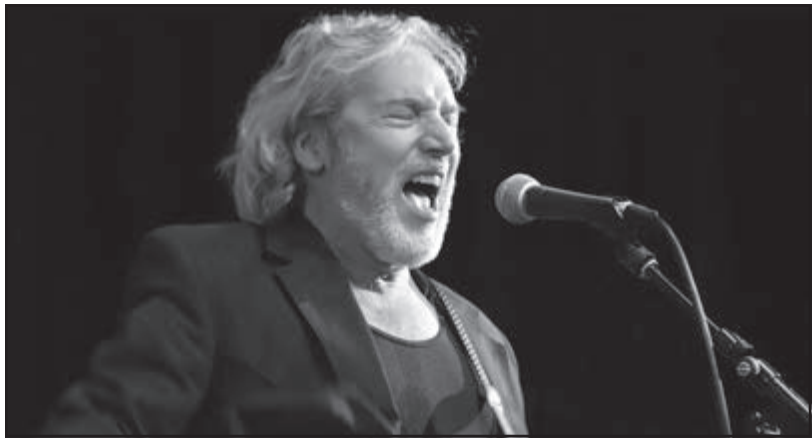


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Multi-instrumentalist singer/songwriter Bruce Hayes will be featured in the March 30 “Pagosa City Limits” benefit concert for Thingamajig Theatre Company.

Thingamajig’s ‘Pagosa City Limits’ benefit concert set for March 30

By Cynda Green
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company is excited to announce the inaugural “Pagosa City Limits” benefit concert featuring outstanding Colorado musicians in an intimate concert setting.

Featured artists include Bruce Hayes from Salida, Kirk James from Durango, Leah Orlikowski from Durango and Allora Leonard (returning to Pagosa from Nashville) playing with Jeff Hibshman of Bayfield. Vari-

ous genres of music are on the program.

Sound will be provided by Michael Fuchs. Perry Davis Harper will emcee the show.

The concert is set for March 30 at 7 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, where the nonprofit Thingamajig Theatre Company is in residence. If the sold-out “Acoustic Duets” concert last year is any indication, “Pagosa City Limits” will sell out early.

Tickets are \$30 and are available online at pagosacenter.org or by calling 731-7469 (SHOW).

St. Patrick’s Book Nook sale set for March 14

By Lynne McCrudden
Special to The PREVIEW

Make time to read for your own enjoyment or share a book with a child. Reading is such a wonderful way to spend a snowy afternoon, or sit in the sun and warm up after a cold winter.

St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church’s Book Nook will be having a great sale on March 14 starting at 9 a.m. We have mysteries, fiction, nonfiction, westerns and everything in between. We have lots of books for kids and several jigsaw puzzles to keep the whole family entertained. Hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks are 25 cents, and I have it on good

authority that we have recently gotten a great donation from many “book groups” in town, so there will be lots of new titles to check out.

The book sale will take place before the St. Patrick’s Parade and after the parade. If you come at 9 a.m., you can park in our parking lot, but if you decide to stay for the parade, you will need to move your car to the hospital parking lot or the Catholic Church lot, which are on either side of St. Patrick’s.

We will have scouts to help you get your books to the car, so don’t be shy, buy as many as you want. It will be a great day of fun and celebration and we look forward to welcoming the community to St. Patrick’s.

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PAGOSA SCENE . . .

LANES AND LINKS AT THE LIBRARY

PREVIEW photos/Randi Pierce

Scene ... golfing and bowling at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Sunday afternoon. For one day only, the library staff and volunteers turned the library into a miniature golf and bowling center for the Lanes and Links at the Library event. The event also featured magic tricks, balloon creations and concessions.





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Members of the 4-H Sewing Project traveled to JoAnn Fabric Store in Farmington, N.M., to pick out a pattern and fabric for their 2020 4-H project. Members include (left to right), Ashlie Elliott, Emma Gantt, Faith Lee, AmberLynn Snarr, Reece Peterson and Kylie Keuning. Members not present were Adelyn Hittle and Lorah Jacobson. Last year, garments made by Elliott, Lee, Keuning and Hittle qualified for the state fair and each placed in their division. All 4-H projects and exhibits will be on display this year at the Archuleta County Fair July 30-Aug. 2.

WOLF to host annual spring fundraiser

By Darcy DeGuisse
Special to The PREVIEW

It's that time of year (again) to dust off your dancing shoes and your beer-drinking lips in support of the Winter Outdoor Learning Fund (WOLF).

Since its inception five years ago, WOLF, whose board is comprised mainly of ski patrolers, has used its organization to encourage awareness of outdoor safety. Whether it be raised through wilderness first aid or avalanche training courses, this six-member board's purpose is to prevent catastrophe in the wilderness by granting scholarships to those interested in upping their

knowledge of the outdoors.

WOLF formed shortly after the death of one of their own ski patrolers, Collin Sutton, who was caught in an avalanche while conducting exploration and research in the South San Juan Mountain Range on March 4, 2014. To honor Sutton's love of the outdoors and service to the ski industry, in particular Wolf Creek's, Riff Raff Brewing Company

releases Sut's Faux-kanee Lager every year around this anniversary.

This year, the release party takes place on Wednesday, March 4, at Riff Raff. WOLF will host a silent auction in the "Stepchild Room" and entertainment will be provided by the Robin Davis Duo. The keg is tapped at 3 p.m., and the music/silent auction starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds fund WOLF scholarships.



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The Archuleta County Department of Human Services can provide application assistance. Call 970-264-8511 to reserve a spot. Appointments will be held at the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO. Applications may also be sent directly to Discover My Goodwill at LEAP, PO Box 39200, Colorado Springs, CO 80949-9905.

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Snow, snow and more snow

A few weeks ago, I wrote a column describing the winter I remember for the most snow fall since I moved here a little over 50 years ago. I said it was during the late 1970s, maybe 1978, but I wasn't sure.

Lo and behold! I got a message this week from an old friend,



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

Franklin Anderson, who reads my column. He had talked with a neighbor whose family, the Englers, have lived in the Allison area since the Utes turned loose of that particular piece of real estate circa 1902. According to Anderson, the year of the great snow fall was 1978. According to the Engler friend, more snow fell in 1978 than any year since about 1902.

Thanks for the info, Cmdr. Franklin. For my readers who don't know, Franklin's dad, Lloyd, was the last government trapper who lived in this area. Lloyd hunted and trapped in the Southern San Juans when they were still wild; we're

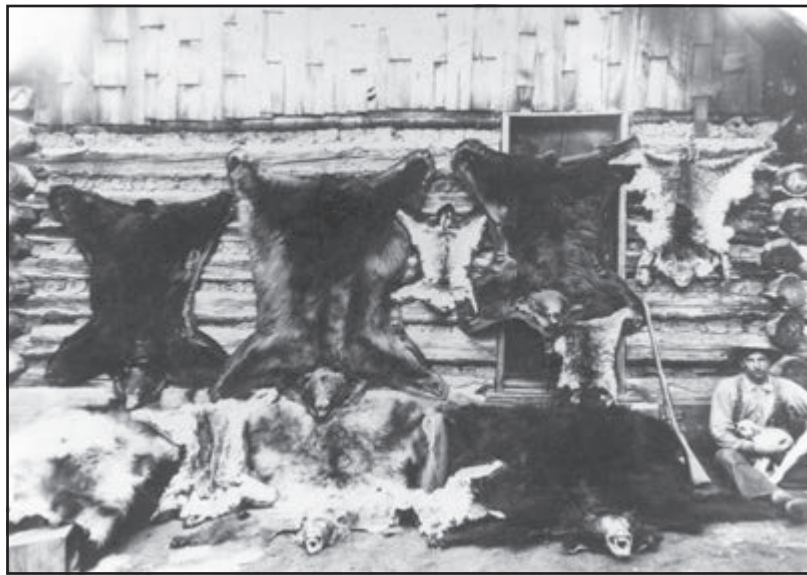


Photo courtesy John M. Motter

The Chapson family lived near the west end of Wolf Creek Pass during the early 1900s. The Chapson boys trapped fur bearers and sold the pelts. There might be a grizzly bear in this photo of a Chapson pelt collection.

talking fang-gnashin'-grizzlies wild. Truthfully, a book could be written about Lloyd, and also about Franklin. Lloyd was featured in a book about the last grizzly, one that he trapped in the upper Weminuche Valley. Franklin's life is also worth a book. He was the first commander of the Navy Seals.

About government trappers. Not so many years ago, maybe into

the 1940s, grizzly bears and wolves, you know, "The better to bite you with my dear" kind of predators who made a living chomping on the local herbivores including the thousands of domestic sheep and cattle. The ranchers blamed the government for the meat-eater meals snatched from their herds and managed to collect money

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UU Fellowship to hear about growing up UU

By Michael Demchak
Special to The PREVIEW

Alexis Bernstein, who now attends the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship, will be talking this Sunday on growing up UU. The UU faith totes a free and responsible search for truth and meaning as one of its seven principles. What happens when a child is raised with exposure to all walks of life? Bernstein's sermon will be a reflection on her experience within the church and how it has formed her into a passionate adult.

Bernstein graduated with a B.A. from College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University in Minnesota in 2017 and received her M.F.A. at the University of Dundee in Scotland in 2019. She currently is an AmeriCorps member at Pagosa Peak Open School working with

kids on food security. Our fellowship offers each individual support in our unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in positive social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

Religious Exploration (RE) classes are held on the third and fourth Sundays and continue through to May. For more information about RE, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis@hotmail.com.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Join us. For further information about the Pagosa UU Fellowship, visit pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

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for their losses. It didn't take the government long to figure out they could save money and placate the ranchers by hiring a hunter/trapper. This governmental policy is one of the reasons we no longer have grizzlies and wolves roaming our wilderness areas.

You also may have noticed that when some folks attempt to reintroduce bears and wolves these days, the ranchers raise quite a fuss in protest. The ranchers don't

want to create more wilderness-designated geography because the bears and wolves would be protected in those areas. That is also where ranchers rent grazing land for their cattle.

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Answer: Pancake

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Eyes, poetically
- 5 Get used to
- 10 Blue-green hue
- 14 Castle enclosure
- 15 Shut out
- 16 Anagram for "guns"
- 17 Like some evidence
- 19 1987 film, "_____ Kind of Wonderful"
- 20 Don't just stand there
- 21 Good person
- 23 Held on to
- 25 Well-expressed
- 26 "Black-eyed" legume
- 29 Hollywood Hawke
- 31 Garden pests
- 32 Bearing
- 33 Pea's place
- 36 Marble feature
- 37 Kind of candle
- 39 Right-minded
- 40 Cutting tool
- 41 Rotisserie rod
- 42 Beat to the tape
- 44 Not so nice
- 45 Apprehensive
- 46 Fleming, for one
- 49 Bygone autocrat
- 50 Hard-to-read expression
- 53 Derby prize
- 57 Retirees' org.
- 58 Budget-minded
- 60 Farm feed
- 61 Fresh, as lettuce
- 62 Two tablets, maybe
- 63 Place for a comb
- 64 Basic belief
- 65 Dinner in a pot

DOWN

- 1 Epps of "House"
- 2 Went horseback
- 3 The Crimson Tide, familiarly

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- 5 Infomercials, e.g.
- 6 Certain believer
- 7 "Waterloo" singers
- 8 Oil source
- 9 Like icy roads
- 10 Give, as duties
- 11 Job estimate
- 12 Deprive of courage
- 13 FBI operative
- 18 Trusty mount
- 22 Horse of a certain color
- 24 "Had been" or "had said", e.g.
- 26 Vena ____: heart vessel
- 27 Columnist's page
- 28 Brainiac
- 29 Totally drained
- 30 Even finish
- 33 Prefix with graph
- 34 Cross to bear
- 35 Disavow
- 38 Band follower?
- 39 Sports no-no's
- 41 Fortune teller
- 43 Leave weaponless
- 44 Treeless plain
- 46 Charley horse, e.g.
- 47 Aussie "bear"
- 48 Where Goodyear is headquartered
- 49 24-Down is one
- 51 Field measure
- 52 Metal money
- 54 Gerard Butler, for one
- 55 Facilitate
- 56 A whole bunch
- 59 Select, with "for"

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Feb. 27

Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

A Course in Miracles Study Group. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a free hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere. No reservations are required.

Duplicate Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Pickleball. 1-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

PALS Adult Education. 2-7 p.m., Sisson Library. PALS can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Wetlands Riverwalk Preservation Group. 5 p.m., Town Hall. This newly formed group will be providing input from town citizens regarding working cooperatively with all stakeholders, dealing with our current and future resources, and enhancing the natural beauty and recreation opportunities of our unique warm water wetlands.

New Thought Center: 'Balance Body and Organs with Soft Tissue Manipulation: with Dr. Scott VanderWall, D.C.' 6 p.m., New Thought Center, 3505 W. U.S. 160. For more information, email PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 309-6067 or visit www.PagosaNewThought.org.

San Juan Stargazers. 7-8:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Hot drinks will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. for social time. Before our meeting at 6 p.m., we will have a telescope clinic for anyone from the community to bring a telescope so experts can help either diagnose a problem or explain how the telescope can be used. The main program is from the series of Great Courses called "Our Night Sky." For more information, visit www.sanjuanstargazers.org, email sjstargazers@gmail.com or call 335-8286.

Friday, Feb. 28

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. We will be discussing "Fascism, A Warning" by Madeleine Albright. Stop by to pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Euchre Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

CONNECT After-School Club. 1:45-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 1st-5th grade. Participants will engage in literature based science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.), learning activities and work up to an exhibition at the end of the session. Registration is required. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

Lenten Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m., Catholic Parish Hall, 445 Lewis St. Fee. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Our Savior Lutheran Middle School Presents 'The Princess and the Pea.' 6:30 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran School. The 5th- through 8th-grade students will perform. In addition, the elementary drama class will open with two fairytale skits. There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call 731-3512.

Event Center Grand Opening. 7-10 p.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Dance featuring Tim Sullivan. Tickets are \$10, available at the door, with a cash bar benefitting the Sullivan Foundation for the Arts.

Saturday, Feb. 29

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Call 264-4152, ext. 521 for more information.

Pagosa Family Game Day. 2-4 p.m., Community Center. There will be numerous board games and puzzles for ages 3 to 18 with lots of fun for parents and caregivers, too. The event will end with a delicious shared meal. The event is free, but to ensure a meal for all, RSVP by Feb. 28. For questions and to reserve a spot, call Peggy at 507-1550.

Family Storytime: Leap Around.

2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Come celebrate Leap Day with us by joining in some leap-full activities. Join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Storytime is a great way for

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The Annual Heartbeat Ball. 6-10 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. Join the PSMC Foundation for a '70s party fundraiser. Advance tickets purchase required, \$50. Contact the PSMC Foundation at 507-3811.

Sunday, March 1

Stories to Tell Us. 2-3:30 p.m., Best Western Pagosa Lodge Overlook Room. An open group of individuals meeting each week to tell their life stories to one another. There are no age restrictions or prior writing experience required. Weekly topics are found on the Stories2TellUs.com website so attendees can come prepared.

High Country Squares Dances. 3-5 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Dances are the first and third Sunday of the month. Richard Berry calls Mainstream and Plus dances. Contact Steve Keil at 731-0044 for information and venue changes.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, March 2

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Wish Upon a StarLab Book Fair. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Family, teachers and the community are invited to attend. The proceeds from this book fair will go toward the ongoing fundraiser to purchase a StarLab for the school district. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available, and there is a huge supply of bargain items. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

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. 9:15-11:15 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Beverly at 264-2064.

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. 1 to make an appointment.

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

PALS Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Bridge for Fun. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 2 p.m., Senior Center.

LGBTQ Support Group. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. A support group to help youth and young adults from age 16 to in their 20s under the leadership of Ana M. Sancho Sama, Ph.D., licensed psychologist.

Incredible Years Parenting Class. 5:30-8 p.m., Seeds of Learning. A free opportunity offered to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline, or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow. This class is created for families with children between the ages of 2 and 8 years. A free dinner will be offered for the entire family and child care will be provided at no cost. For more information and to register, call Michelle Carpenter at 946-0664 or Lynne Bridges at 264-5513.

Tuesday, March 3

Chi Energi. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A variety of movements and stretches to create energy for the healing of our mind, body and soul.

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Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Hand-Drumming Class. Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, call 731-3117.

Pickleball. Noon-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Home-school Social Hour. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Stop by to visit with fellow home-school families, discuss curriculum and learning opportunities and look through resources while the kids participate in crafts and other activities. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group. 2 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church. For more information, call 731-3597.

American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary. 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in 7th-12th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

English as a Second Language. 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209

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Sisters in Song Community Women's Chorus First Rehearsal. 6:30-8 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Rehearsals will be each Tuesday until the performance on May 7. For more information, call Linda Parker at 264-1434 or email her at singpagosa@gmail.com.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m. PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn the lively energetic East Coast swing (aka Jitterbug). Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, March 4

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children ages 3-5 years old. Includes Bible time, songs, crafts, games and more. For more information or to register, call Frank and Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

Family Storytime: Local Artists Janet Ford and Julie Noland. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Where do ideas come from? Ford shares her story about writing a book based on the fox family she saw playing one day, and she and Noland will lead the group in some creative activities. Join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Storytime is a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Red Hat Meeting. 11:30 a.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Jelly Beans After School Fun Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. All ages welcome. For information, call 903-8104.

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and 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.

Celebration of Friendship and WOLF Fundraiser. 6 p.m., Riff Raff Brewing Company, 274 Pagosa St. Live music and silent auction.

Vinyl Night. 6 p.m., Riff Raff on the Rio, 356 E. Pagosa St.

Study on Biblical Feasts. 7 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Are you interested in learning about the biblical/Jewish festivals? Come join the fun as we study these appointed times. Hosted by Rabbi Gene Dwinell. Call 946-5262 or email ahavatadonai@gmail.com for more information.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, March 5

Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

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A Course in Miracles Study Group. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a free hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere. No reservations are required.

Guest Speaker. 11:45 a.m., Senior Center. Guest speaker from Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

Duplicate Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Pickleball. 1-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 6th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us

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Pagosa Peak Open School Second and Third Grade Book Launch and Signing. 5:15-6 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 6:45 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Speaker Jeb Baxter will resume the talk from last November which explained how aliens visiting Earth in the future will know of human existence. Light refreshments at 6 p.m.

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Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

World Day of Prayer 2020. 11:30 a.m., John Paul II Catholic Church. Invite your friends, family and communities of faith to join the women of Zimbabwe in prayer and song to support efforts toward justice, peace and healing. Babysitting is available upon request. After the service, there will be a potluck. Please bring a salad to share. For

more information, contact Linda Holt at (760) 972-7171 or Ljth65@gmail.com.

English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

CONNECT After-School Club. 1:45-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 1st-5th grade. Participants will engage in literature based science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.), learning activities and work up to an exhibition at the end of the session. Registration is required. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Saturday, March 7

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Call 264-4152, ext. 521 for more information.

Family Storytime: Seuss-ology. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday (belatedly) at this fun Seuss-filled program. Participants will learn and test their Seuss trivia knowledge, create Seuss crafts, and read some of their favorite Seuss books. Join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Storytime is a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Archuleta County Democratic Party Caucus. 2 p.m. Precincts 1-3 and 5-8 will caucus at the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Precinct 4 will caucus at the TARA Community Center, 333 Milton Lane in Arboles. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the caucuses themselves

start promptly at 2 p.m. For questions, contact Becky Herman at 264-2171.

Sunday, March 8

Stories to Tell Us. 2-3:30 p.m., Best Western Pagosa Lodge Overlook Room. An open group of individuals meeting each week to tell their life stories to one another. There are no age restrictions or prior writing experience required. Weekly topics are found on the Stories2TellUs.com website so attendees can come prepared.

Pagosa Springs Community Band First Rehearsal. 2-4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School band room. We welcome newcomers and those who have played with us in the past.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

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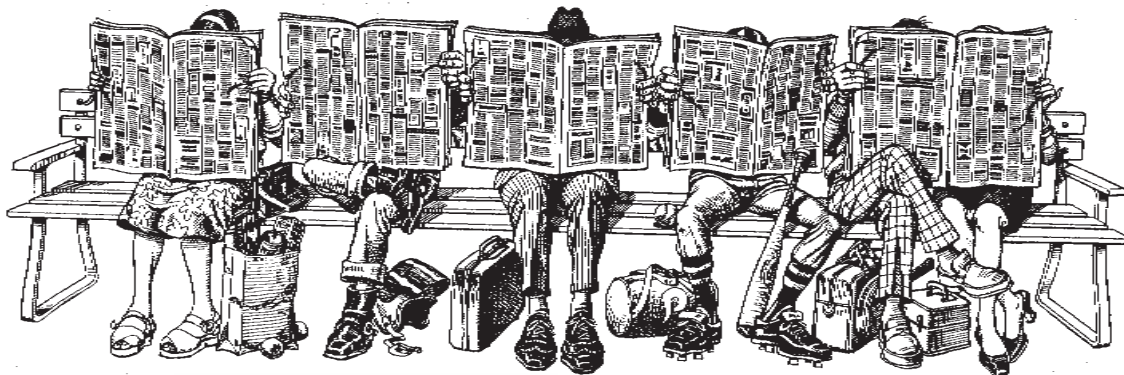
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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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ANOTHER PAGOSA TURNKEY BUSINESS is for sale. Successful 15 year old local Pagosa Ice Company is being sold because of personal health reasons. For more information, please call and leave a message at (970)731-8600. Very serious inquiries only.

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Health First Colorado waivers help to keep people at home

By Kay Kaylor
PREVIEW Columnist

At San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA), I have two main part-time roles. I advocate for residents in extended care and assisted living residences as the region's lead long-term care ombudsman. I also am a Senior Medicare Patrol and State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor. Information on the

many aging and care concerns will be included here.

Health First Colorado offers long-term care Medicaid for both living in your own home and living in a nursing home. The Medicaid benefits meant to help keep people in their homes are under the general category of Home and Community Based Services Waivers. These waivers also exist for children and specific medical conditions, but the one most com-

mon for people age 65 and older is the Elderly, Blind or Disabled (EBD) waiver.

People who qualify for the EBD waiver after age 64 must have a "significant functional impairment" that requires support at a level comparable to the services a nursing home provides. The 2020 income requirement for a single person is less than \$2,349, based on the Federal Supplemental Se-

curity Income limit times three. For a single person, the countable assets are less than \$2,000, and for a couple less than \$3,000.

Those who qualify receive all Health First benefits, along with multiple other services, such as homemaker and personal care, nonmedical transportation and home modifications. To apply, request an appointment or application from the Department of

Human Services, 551 Hot Springs Blvd., 264-2182. If you are already enrolled in Health First Colorado, you can apply at San Juan Basin Public Health, according to Colorado.gov.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare. For further information, please call 264-0501 or send an email to leadombudsman@sjbaaa.org.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Byron Greco

This week's Bird of the week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the American tree sparrow.

A compact, round-bodied sparrow with a long tail, this bird can be distinguished from several other sparrow species by a few key characteristics. First, lacking streaking on the breast and underparts like a song sparrow, they have more solid gray/white/buffy underparts, with an isolated dark spot central on their breast. Second, they don a rufous cap and gray face much like the chipping sparrow, but their eyeline is red, unlike the black eyeline on a chipper. Third is the American tree sparrow's characteristic bi-colored bill with a dark upper mandible and yellow lower one.

These birds feed heavily on seeds in winter. Whether in marshy areas, forested edges or pastures, they will locate bent-over grasses and work diligently to free the seeds. They are more of a ground forager than their name would suggest, oftentimes seen below our bird feeders alongside dark-eyed juncos feeding in the understory. In late spring, their diet begins to shift to insects as they migrate to breeding grounds in Alaska and Canada. Here, as they rear chicks in stunted forests and grass clumps on the tundra, they shift to an exclusively protein-heavy diet of beetles, leafhoppers, moths and caterpillars to boost growth in their young.

As we experience this species primarily on its wintering grounds, we typically only hear their more elaborate songs associated with attracting mates just as they depart, but do hear them communicating regularly through high-pitched ethereal calls, as they move around oftentimes in flocks.

As indicated by years of Christmas Bird Count data, Audubon notes this species to be in a marked state of decline in the southern Rockies/Colorado Plateau region. Efforts to protect habitat on its wintering grounds is critical to bolstering population numbers.

For information on local bird-watching events, visit www.weminuche-audubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

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