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## Man gets 70 months in stabbing incident

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

*Editor's note: The SUN has decided not to name the victims in this case.*

Aleksandar Dimitrijevic, the 40-year-old male who pled guilty to the Jan. 17 stabbing of two adults in an Aspen Springs neighborhood, was convicted of attempted first-degree murder and sentenced to 70 months in a community corrections facility at a sentencing hearing on Nov. 7.

According to a press release  
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## Vehicle plunges 250 feet off of Wolf Creek Pass

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

A one-vehicle accident on Nov. 9 that saw the vehicle plunge 273 feet off of Wolf Creek Pass has been determined to have been caused by the driver of the vehicle falling asleep at the wheel, according to Colorado State Patrol (CSP).

The accident occurred around 3:45 a.m. with a 2008 Volkswagen  
■ See Plunges A8



SUN photos/Chris Mannara

Local veterans were honored at multiple events over the last week. Nov. 6 featured local Cub Scouts serving dinner and chatting with local veterans. On Veterans Day, a ceremony was held at the American Legion to honor past, present and future veterans.

## Judge makes preliminary findings that BoCC made decisions behind closed doors

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

A Nov. 3 court order from Sixth Judicial district Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson makes a preliminary finding that the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) made policy decisions during executive session earlier this year that should have been in made in public.

On May 6, the BoCC held a special meeting in which the executive session was the only item on the agenda.

The agenda states that the purpose of the executive session was "Conferences with an attorney for the public entity for the purpose of the Board receiving legal advice on the 1033 investigation."

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had recently concluded its investigation into 1033 Program assets given to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office that were allegedly missing. Following the CBI investigation, Sixth Judicial District Attorney Christian  
■ See Judge A8

## District discusses MLO funds for full-day kindergarten

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

With the passing of a bill to fund full-day kindergarten by Gov. Jared Polis, Archuleta School District (ASD) now faces a decision on what to do with funds it is receiving for full-day kindergarten from a mill levy override (MLO) passed in November of 2018.

Archuleta County voters approved Ballot Issue 5A, which concerned increasing property taxes for a seven-year period for funding for ASD; voters approved increasing taxes \$1.7 million annually for a seven-year period (beginning in 2019 and ending after collection year 2025).

Those funds are being used to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and staff; fund full-time school resource officers for safety; fund full-day kindergarten; and provide required funding for

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) to increase staff salaries, supplement full-day kindergarten and improve school safety

At a regular meeting of the ASD Board of Education (BOE) on Nov. 12, ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson outlined three options for the district to consider with the full-day kindergarten funds.

The first option would be for the district to not collect the full-day kindergarten portion of the MLO, thus reducing the tax rate locally.

The second option would be for the district to collect all of the full-day kindergarten funds, but reassigning them to the other approved MLO uses.

The final option would be that the district could collect a portion of the full-day kindergarten funds and partially reduce the tax rate.

A document created by Hodgson  
■ See School A8



Photo courtesy Karla Robinson

During the celebration of the 244th birthday of the Marine Corps on Nov. 10, a special ceremony took place where the oldest Marine present gives the first piece of birthday cake to the youngest Marine present. This ceremony symbolizes the passing of traditions from one generation of Marines to the next. Ernie Garcia, who entered the Marine Corps in 1952, is pictured passing the first piece of cake to Cedar Sorrell. She entered the Marine Corps in 1995. Observing the ceremony is Maj. Don MacNamee, USMC (ret.).

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## EDITORIAL

# School board should prioritize transparency in hiring superintendent

Archuleta School District's (ASD) search for a new superintendent started out in a positive, progressive and promising manner. We had expectations of inclusiveness and transparency in the process; however, in a public meeting on Oct. 29, a SUN reporter was denied access to public documents.

The reporter politely requested to take photos of documents that had been on an easel in view of the members of the Board of Education (BOE) but were out of view of those in the audience.

Materials that are produced for the members of the BOE for their use or consideration in a public meeting are public documents. There was no legal reason for the reporter's request to be denied.

The SUN had to file a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request to obtain the documents following the meeting.

We are not sure what anyone had to gain in the effort to keep the public from viewing the list of qualifications and characteristics desired of the district's next superintendent that had been posted on the easel that evening.

This week, we have a new member seated on the BOE and a new board president. The BOE members' role as leaders in the school district are some of the most important leadership roles in this community.

You have pivotal work ahead of you in picking the CEO of one of the biggest businesses in this county and the best leader possible for this district. Please

don't attempt to hide what you are doing from the public.

Some of the future superintendent's characteristics from ASD's draft position description obtained in The SUN's CORA request include:

- "Leader: Demonstrated leadership in school improvement who has experience in developing an environment of innovation and a culture of learning rooted in practices of continuous improvement. A leader who is able and willing to utilize and build on the current strategic plan momentum of the district.

- "Team Builder: Participative and collaborative team building leadership style – a team leader with experience of building excellence through collaboration. Demonstrated ability to drive innovation from the classroom to the school to the district to the overall community. A proven instructional leader with a strong knowledge of curriculum and a demonstrated passion for life-long learning.

- "Communicator: A community influencer who integrates and leverages varied district interest groups with developed strategic organizational skills for internal-facing and external-facing communication. Has experience initiating and developing district-wide support for school initiatives from grants to bonds. A leader with experience of building trust and transparency.

- "Experienced In Rural District Excellence: Has a demonstrated track record

of excellence in education, with knowledge and experience with rural social issues, rural budgets and Colorado law.

- "Visible: A proactive and visible community leader willing to be known by the administration, classroom teachers, parents and unique greater community. A leader who works well with school boards and political decision-making process."

We believe that transparency in the process of hiring the superintendent is necessary and in the best interests of the school district and the community. Meetings and conversations related to the recruitment and hiring process should be held in the view of the public.

We applaud the BOE for its efforts to make the process inclusive and include parents and community members; however, those intentions don't line up with not allowing a reporter to take photos of public documents that were on display during a board meeting. The denial of public access contradicts the district's claims of transparency. We implore the board to comply with the law.

The school board has clearly stated it is looking for "a leader with experience of building trust and transparency" and "with knowledge and experience with ... Colorado law."

An effective and competent leader will not shy away from a public process and neither should the board.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
November 15, 1929

A Wisconsin snow plow was put into use on Wolf Creek Pass highway last Friday, and the road is reported to be in exceptionally good condition for this time of the year.

**At the meeting of the board of county commissioners**, Chas. A. Day of Pagosa Springs was appointed justice of the peace to fill the vacancy created by the removal from the state last spring of Herbert Loucks. G.S. Hatcher of this city is the only other justice in Archuleta County.

**On Saturday, Nov. 9th**, a birthday party of very much interest, at least to those attending, occurred at the ranch home of Mrs. George Crouse, it being her forty-eighth milestone. Those present were ten girls of her Sunday school class. Cake and apples were the refreshments and some lovely presents were received. A grand time was had by all, Mrs. Crouse having the best time of all.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
November 17, 1944

**Proceeds from the benefit dance** and donations for the new Catholic Church here, held Saturday, November 4th, totaled \$500, according to Mrs. Marion Cordova, church treasurer. That's a mighty good start for their \$12,000, which the new edifice will cost. The first and hardest hurdle has been made — the rest of the road will be long but shouldn't be so difficult — the cause is a worthy one and the results will be definite. Since the dance, \$200 more in donations has come in.

**John Lynn's new barn** is very handsome and his "ponies" will appreciate it this winter. It's built where the snow never stays more than a few hours. Mr. Lynn plans on moving his "henney" to the same location. Tex Roberts has also remodeled the Lynns' kitchen.

**John Webb, Bob Grimes and Jack Keane** began driving over 350 head of cattle to Pagosa Junction Monday. John Lynn and his son, Billy, are helping "cowboy" the herd to "Gato," as we say up here. The Lynns will return to Pagosa Wednesday, but the rest will go on to Denver with the cattle, hoping to sell on the Monday market.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
November 13, 1969

**Authorization** was given by the Town Board Tuesday for expenditure of an additional \$3500 on the water supply project this week. The amount was that required to drill a tunnel under the highway. The drilling is under Highway 160, about six miles above town, where the new water supply line crosses the highway. The contract had specified that the crossing could be dug, or drilled. The contractor originally planned to make a cut rather than drill. Recent state highway specification, however, required that additional work be done if a flow of water was encountered. The additional work is not required if the highway is drilled. After considering the possibility of additional cost for the special work, other problems with cutting the highway, and the advantages of drilling, the board gave the authorization. The board was told that progress on the project is good considering the weather. Work has started on the intake structure, the pipeline is practically complete, the filter plant is awaiting some parts, the new storage tank is completed and cleanup work is the major part of the remaining work.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
November 17, 1994

**The slim two-voter margin of approval** on the proposed county-wide 2 percent sales tax increase remained intact Thursday following a recount of the 2,158 ballots cast in the Nov. 8 election. While the Nov. 10 recount repeated the two-vote margin of approval on the measure to impose a county-wide 2 percent sales tax increase for a four-year period beginning Jan. 1, 1996, the total number of votes cast differed. June Madrid, Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder, said Monday that hand-counting of the ballots had turned up two ballots that the automated electronic counter had not counted Nov. 8. The recount showed 981 "YES" votes and 979 "NO" on the 1860 ballots that voters had been marked in the general election. The machine had disregarded both ballots because of extremely heavy erasures, Madrid said. Rather than change the outcome, the two ballots offset one another with one favoring the tax question and the other opposing it, Madrid said.

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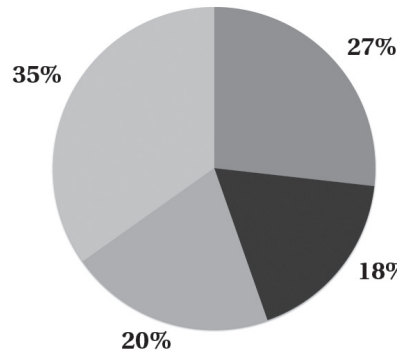
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When the weatherman says it will be. — 18 percent

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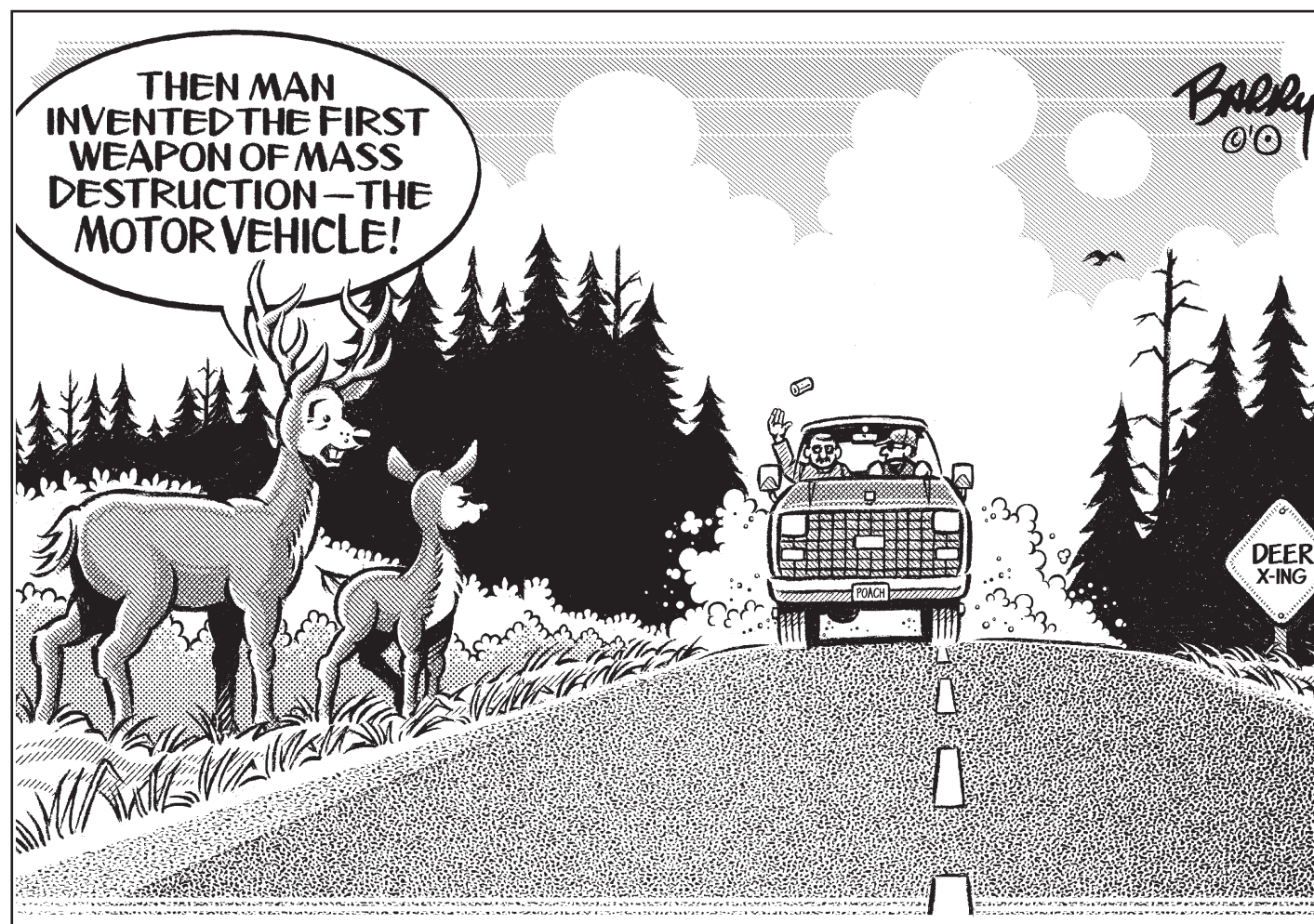
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## LOOKING BACK



From the May 8, 1980, Pagosa Springs SUN. **SERVICE ACE** — Leigh Oliver of Pagosa Springs prepares to hit an ace while serving during the double's final match at the Pagosa Racquet Club last Sunday. The match was part of the Men's Thaw-Out Tournament sponsored by the local club.





# 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.

## 'Bucket drive'

Dear Editor:  
I, and my fellow pantry workers, would really like to clarify an ongoing press release error released each year from LPEA concerning local food pantries. Each year LPEA announces it's "bucket drive" to benefit "food pantries"; I, myself, have written several letters asking for an "honest" statement from LPEA to the public; without error. There are 5 local pantries, all church based, with many volunteers who work hard in All kinds of weather to pick up food, stock it, do inventory, rotate, and dispense it to people locally. We all commend LPEA for doing it's "bucket drive"; however, all the food and money gathered go to the Methodist Church pantry- no other pantries-as LPEA has stated and implied for 12 years of bucket drives. And this is fine. The other 4 pantries are good with that; we just wanted integrity in LPEA's annual press release. The other 4 pantries were just told this year we could have some of the gathered food had we asked. I thought it odd we were never told that in the preceding years ... But, there is plenty of food in Archuleta County to go around and we are glad for that ... we are also glad we could finally set the record straight for all involved. I am a strong fighter for honesty to the public; as is the SUN editor; ... but not having a huge editorial space to utilize for issues, I write. Thank you. And may all have a good Thanksgiving.

Peg Ellis

## Airport: Budget concerns

Dear Editor:  
With recent changes to the forecasted cost increases of the Jail/ Court projects, I have to wonder if the BOCC are good stewards of taxpayer dollars? How many you have actually have read the 2019 county budget? It is available on the county website. In it, I found how

some county revenues are spent that are disconcerting. One area of concern is the Airport. Page 71 of the budget states, "Our County airport is not self-sustaining. The County will have to transfer at least \$2.2 million dollars to the Airport from the General Fund during the next 10 years, to support some of the operational costs and all of the capital costs."

\$2.2 million dollars. That is \$220,000 over budget each year. If the airport cannot financially support itself, then why does it exist? What benefit is it to the majority of Archuleta County taxpayers? There are about 35 pilots that house their planes here, less than .25% of the population. The budget notes that there was a significant increase in jet usage in 2018, none of those pilots who hanger their planes here have jets. It appears that we taxpayers are subsidizing the cost of an airport that benefits a tiny portion of our population and caters to mostly seasonal out of state visitors.

The budget reports from previous years, which do not detail airport revenues, indicate that fees charged and taxes collected on fuel sales are not enough to cover expenses. If this were a private airport, it would have gone out of business years ago. It would seem prudent to increase hanger rents, usage fees and fuel sales taxes sufficiently to cover budget shortfalls, rather than put that burden on the backs of the taxpayers.

There is supposedly an airport advisory commission that was established in 2005 by the county commissioners to "act in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners and to the Airport Manager in all matters relating to the airport." The commission bylaws detail that the commission assist the manager with the budget, prepare minimum standards, assist in business planning and to prepare a "State of the Airport" to the BOCC on a quarterly basis. I can find no record of any of those reports, and the commission has not filed any public reports since 2012. It appears that this commission either has no members or is defunct, in which case it should be reformed with new members and should publically post all of their meetings so the public can attend and provide comments.

This is but one example of a lack of oversight of BOCC. While I would like to believe elected officials are doing their jobs in the best interests of ALL citizens, without oversight we cannot be sure of that. It is up to the citizens of Archuleta County to pay attention to the business of government to insure things are being done in our best interests and that special interests do not have undue influence in our government.

Gary Hardin

## Dark sky

Dear Editor:  
The Milky Way has been incredible this week. Wow. We are part of 20% of the world's population that lives in an area where light pollution does not obscure the ability to marvel at the night sky. Lucky us.

We are "Losing the Night at the Speed of Light," as I learned recently at a National Park Astronomy event. I personally would like you to be aware of our dark sky, to enjoy it, and to protect the night for our community: Remembering to turn off the outdoor lights when you are not using them so you and your neighbors can enjoy the star filled sky. Please use exterior light only when and where you need it. See what other communities are doing on [www.darksky.org](http://www.darksky.org)

I appreciate everyone's personal commitment maintaining our abil-

ity to see the amazing Milky Way galaxy. Together, we can keep Dark Sky Nights here in Pagosa.

Pam McGivern

## Energy and carbon tax bill

Dear Editor:  
During a conversation made public in these letters in May of this year (for which I am thankful), one of my fellow citizens alerted me to the fact that a legislative response to our climate change problem has been introduced in the House of Representatives: HR 763. While I don't think its passage will completely solve the mounting crisis of climate change, it does present a helpful, market-based corrective to much of our carbon-emitting economy. So I think its progress through the House is worth paying attention to.

HR 763 was introduced on January 24, 2019, and went to the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy on January 25, 2019. As of November 6, it has made no more progress. (You can track congressional actions at [congress.gov](http://congress.gov), and even sign up for email alerts to progress and changes.) Though a bill has the full length of the legislative session to pass (in this case, to the end of 2020), 9 months in committee seems to this citizen like a long time. I hope it has not "died in committee." Stay tuned.

Our own representative, Scott Tipton, is notably absent from the list of co-sponsors of HR 763. Only 1 of the 68 co-sponsors is Republican, so perhaps Rep. Tipton's absence should not be surprising. But I'd prefer his name be there, as someone who can hold with equal weight both Republican values and our children's future health and welfare. I wrote him to say so, and so can you: [tipton.house.gov](http://tipton.house.gov).

Emrys Tyler

## Wrong zip code

Dear Editor:  
One of our longtime supporters recently informed us that a donation check sent to our Pagosa Springs P.O. Box was returned with a message that our box had been closed. This left them, and perhaps others, wondering if United Way of Southwest Colorado was still

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## Obituaries

### Peg Sebanc

Margaret (Peg) A. Sebanc passed away peacefully on Nov. 4 surrounded by family and friends at home outside of Pagosa Springs. Peg was born Nov. 7, 1949, in Morris, Ill., to parents Josephine and Allen Button. Her journey led her to nursing management and specializing in psychiatry, general medicine and nephrology.



Peg married the love of her life, Tom Sebanc, in 2004 and lived in Sonoma County, Calif. They later moved to southern Colorado and built their dream home, Casa Dorada, in the mountains of the San Juan National Forest. With a passion for living life to the fullest, she was an artist, food and wine aficionado, and avid decorator. She had a knack for en-

tertaining and making people feel welcome. Traveling abroad in Italy and cruising through the Mediterranean and other fun-filled adventures were a favorite pastime. Peg was also a longtime board member of the ranch association.

Peg's family and circle of dear friends will forever miss her positive energy, generosity, compassion and willingness to help others. She will also be missed by her furry pride and joy, Grace the bulldog.

Peg is survived by her husband, Tom; sons Mark Lamkins, of Madison, Wis., and Scott Lamkins (Mary), of Moab, Utah; step-daughter Anne Sebanc (Andy), of Whittier, Calif., and step-son Mike Sebanc (Alexa), of Oakland, Calif. Other family include sister Mary Mulvihill (Leon), of Las Cruces, N.M., and brother Jim Button, of Sitka, Alaska; and grandchildren Noah, Abby, Tai, Neko and Ripley.

The song is ended, but the melody lingers on.

### Fernando Trujillo

Fernando Trujillo, 86, passed away on Oct. 30 in Apache Junction, Ariz. He is survived by his wife, Dixie, several step-children and step-grandchildren. He is also survived by his son, Mike, of Oregon; John, retired U.S. Army; and daughter Petra Moser, retired U.S. Navy; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; brother Armando (Alice); sisters Nea Branson, Mary Bradley (Ron), Priscilla Gallegos, Lucilla



Hoover and Becky Everage (Jim); and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Tobias and Rosa, brothers Fanio and Carlos, and four half-brothers.

He lived in Pagosa until the age of 19 and worked for various local sawmills. After a previous marriage, he worked as a ranch hand in Oregon and Wyoming. Later in life, he worked as a cook on an offshore drilling rig.

After retirement, he moved back to Pagosa, where he made contact after 57 years with the love of his life, Dixie. They married in Pagosa and move to Arizona, where he resided until his death.

Services will be celebrated at a later date at Hilltop Cemetery.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, Nov. 14

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special work session — 2020 budget departmental review.** 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

### Tuesday, Nov. 19

**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.

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

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

### Wednesday, Nov. 20

**Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board work session.** 9 a.m., Pagosa Baking Company, 238 Pagosa St.

**Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting.** Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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

### Thursday, Nov. 21

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

### Tuesday, Nov. 26

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

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

### Tuesday, Dec. 3

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

### Dec. 4-8

**Archuleta School District 50 Joint Board of Education notice of gathering.** The board will be traveling to Colorado Springs to attend the annual Colorado Association of School Boards conference.

### Wednesday, Dec. 4

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation regular board meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Monday, Dec. 9

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting.** 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

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

## In Memoriam

### Darin Rome

In loving memory of Darin Rome. July 3, 1965-Nov. 13, 2011

Darin, we miss you every day, your mischievous sense of humor, your love, your concern for others and helping a friend or neighbor, your passion for music, your rockin music and talented voice.

The Rome family created the Darin Rome Memorial music scholarship to encourage and help students at any Pagosa Springs High School further their passion for music in college. If you are reading this, please encourage any student with a musical inclination you know to apply through Mark Thompson at the high school.



With much love, Rome Family

## LPEA member satisfaction survey scheduled to begin Nov. 12

By Lonnie Tucker  
Special to The SUN

To help determine members' opinions and electricity practices, plus better serve its members in the future, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) has contracted with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Market Research Services to survey a sampling of households in Archuleta County. The telephone and online surveys are scheduled to begin Nov. 12.

"The overall objective of the study is to measure current residential member satisfaction with the cooperative and the trends over

time," said Ron Meier, manager of engineering and member relations. "We have the NRECA conduct two surveys each year, so we learn more about our members' evolving attitudes and opinions. We also use the survey information to shape the cooperative's future practices and goals."

Survey telephone calls will be placed during evening hours, between 5 and 9 p.m. (local time) and no calls will be made on Sundays. More than 400 households will be arbitrarily selected and surveyed, and LPEA requests that those who do receive the calls or the email request participate. The survey, whether telephone or online, should take no more than five minutes and all information is confidential.

"However, if a member has a specific issue or question and wants to speak with a representative of LPEA, we will follow up and do what we can," said Meier.

## Letters

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supporting Archuleta County. The answer is yes, we are alive and well and providing some exciting new opportunities in Pagosa.

First, let me address the P.O. Box question: I was informed by the post office staff that our current mailing address is United Way of Southwest Colorado, P.O. Box 4274, Pagosa Springs, CO 81157. For more than a decade, our mail has been going to the same P.O. Box with a zip code of 81147. Only recently, some of our mail has been received and some has been rejected along the way, the zip code having been changed without our knowledge. We apologize for any inconvenience. If you wish to send a contribution or other mail to United Way of Southwest Colorado, please use the P.O. Box listed above and zip 81157.

Next, let me tell you about our exciting work in Archuleta County. First, it is important to know that donations from Archuleta County donors stay in Archuleta to help

people in the community. We serve 5 different counties in southwest Colorado and respect each's wishes and contributions. You may have noticed that we no longer have a physical office in Pagosa. This reflects our effort to be able to provide maximum grants to the Archuleta nonprofits instead of spending funds on our own office and staff. When we operate in a lean fashion like this, the local nonprofits benefit more.

This year, we are proud to support the work of 8 critical nonprofits that have been put through a thorough selection process. Our wonderful partners in Archuleta include: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Community Connections, Conservation Legacy, Housing Solutions, Pagosa Outreach Connection, Rise Above Violence, Seeds of Learning, and Tri-County Headstart. Additionally, we are happy to announce that we have received significant grants from Serve Colorado, Daniels Fund, and The Colorado Health Foundation to advance collabora-

tive work on improving child well-being. This support has enabled us to place a full-time AmeriCorps member at Pagosa Peak Open School whose service is intended to increase food security among kids and families. We look forward to growing the new AmeriCorps program to assist more nonprofits in Archuleta and expand their impact.

We are committed to our work in Archuleta County and are continuing to find new and innovative ways to make the greatest positive impact. Times change, strategies change, and ZIP codes may change, but what always remains is the need to ensure that every person is in a safe and supportive situation and has the tools to reach his or her full potential. We are committed to that goal, we are committed to Archuleta County and we welcome your ideas and support. Thank you for Living United with us.

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# BoCC authorizes eminent domain, tables liquor decision at regular meeting

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

In its first regular meeting in nearly a month, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted Tuesday to use eminent domain to gain access to a communications tower and ratified a signature on a grant application for funds to build a new courthouse, among other things.

The BoCC authorized the use of eminent domain to establish an easement on private property that will allow them to access a communications tower. The tower will be used to install additional emergency communications equipment in what County Attorney Todd Weaver called a "blind spot" for emergency communications in the county.

Weaver explained that, months ago, he spoke with the property owners a few times and received a verbal commitment to allow access to the tower. However, after the initial conversations, the property owners did not respond to numerous phone calls, messages and mailed letters.

"There is funding in place to install this emergency communication equipment from the state and there is a limited amount of time we can get the funding," Weaver said at the meeting. "If we don't move forward now, we're gonna lose this funding for the emergency communication equipment."

Weaver noted that eminent domain can only be used if it serves a public need and stated that installing emergency communications equipment in an area of the county where first responders have spotty to nonexistent communication fits the definition of a public need.

The BoCC voted 2-0 to approve the resolution that authorizes use of eminent domain.

Commissioners Steve Wadley and chair Ron Maez voted in favor, with commissioner Alvin Schaab absent from the meeting.

## Grant to fund new courthouse construction

The BoCC also ratified Maez's signature on a grant application through the Colorado Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission.

The application states:

- The BoCC is requesting \$2.5 million to build a new court house.
- Archuleta County currently has \$650,000 it can contribute to the project.
- The county hopes to receive about \$1 million in Department of Local Affairs grants.
- The total cost estimate of the new courthouse is about \$6.1 million.
- Even with the grants it hopes to receive, the county is still short about \$2 million to complete the proposed \$6.1 million courthouse

at Harman Park.

The application notes that construction will begin in July 2020, and commissioner Steve Wadley said last month there is a possibility of the county beginning construction without all the funds to complete the project.

The BoCC and Archuleta County court staff have expressed hope that the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission will grant Archuleta County additional funds next year that could be used to complete the project.

## New liquor license

Staff from the Archuleta County Development Services Department (formerly the Planning Department) recommended to the BoCC that it deny a local gas station's request to receive a malt beverage liquor license.

County staff reported that the state prohibits a liquor store from operating 500 feet or less from another liquor store, and in this case, it was about 300 feet door to door from another one.

Representatives from the local gas station then made a presentation that focused on another part of Colorado liquor law — the fact that liquor stores cannot operate 500 feet or less from a school.

The gas station reps argued that because nearby GOAL Academy is primarily online-based, it should not

be considered a school as outlined in the liquor laws in relation to approving or denying a liquor license.

The gas station representatives were unaware there was a provision that stipulated a liquor store couldn't be 500 feet or less from another one and argued that should have been presented to them prior to the meeting.

Ultimately, the BoCC voted to table the gas station's liquor license decision for its meeting in December.

## BoCC work session

Weaver told the BoCC at its work session that he felt the county's marijuana ordinance needs to be updated.

Weaver explained that new legislation was passed this year that combines the retail and medical marijuana code into one, plus other regulations that he felt compelled the county to revisit their 4-year-old marijuana ordinance.

Wadley told Weaver he was still in favor of capping the number of marijuana permits issued by the county and expressed caution about the county becoming a destination specifically for marijuana-related tourism.

The BoCC's next meeting is on Nov. 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room at 398 Lewis St.

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# Dispatch board tweaks budget, talks E-911 surcharge and possible move

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Nov. 4, the Dispatch Executive Management Board voted to tweak its budget and continued to debate options for moving the dispatch center next year, among other things.

"I feel really positive that we did make a decision as a board for those final numbers that included things that are absolutely critical and also things that are really necessary to move the center and the staff forward," board chair Connie Cook explained in a follow-up phone call.

The budget includes funding for Emergency Medical Dispatch training — which bolsters dispatchers' ability to give effective emergency instructions over the phone — increases the overtime budget for the dispatch center, and provides additional funding for other training events for dispatch management and staff.

Emergency Communications Manager Kati Harr brought up at the meeting that Rep. Scott Tipton

had recently co-sponsored the 911 SAVES bill, which will reclassify dispatchers as first responders instead of as clerical staff, as they're classified now.

"The move is to actually classify them for what they really do and what their job really entails. I think there's a big piece of that that is way bigger than any monetary compensation," Cook said in a phone call.

The board also briefly discussed raising the E-911 surcharge, which is a popular option among some board members to increase revenue for dispatch.

The E-911 surcharge is a monthly fee through phone service carriers which is earmarked for emergency services agencies.

Cook reported at the board's October meeting that even though she has a 970 area code with a billing address in Pagosa Springs, her E-911 fees were somehow being funneled to California, where she lived briefly many years ago, and suggested that could indicate phone carriers are not disbursing the fees correctly on a larger scale.

Harr pointed out that an E-911

audit is available from an emergency services consulting firm at a cost of \$17,000.

In a follow-up email, Harr explained the consulting firm reported that in one city in Louisiana, the firm identified about \$800,000 per year in E-911 surcharges that should have been paid to emergency services agencies but were not.

The representative outlined the revenue that the E-911 audit generated.

"They are now receiving this additional revenue which represents a 200% increase (went up from \$30,000 per month to \$90,000 per month)," the representative wrote Harr in an email.

Currently, the dispatch board receives about \$227,000 in E-911 revenue annually.

With E-911 revenue, the dispatch center's budget is about \$1 million annually, contributed in different percentages by the town, the county, the hospital district and the fire district.

The current E-911 surcharge in Archuleta County is \$1.25 per month on local phone lines, and

the dispatch board is expected to vote to raise that amount in the upcoming months, though it is unclear by how much.

The increase would have to be approved by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.

The dispatch center's lease expires in September 2020 and many board members hope to move the facility from a place that some have said is unsafe, not secure and in a bad location.

Archuleta County has offered for dispatch to share the former home of Norma and Fred Harman with the sheriff's office.

The dispatch board voted to approve funds for "a move" next year, but have not committed to moving dispatch to the Harman house.

Pagosa Fire Protection District Chief and dispatch board member Randy Larson expressed caution to the board about only focusing on moving to Harman Park without exploring other ideas.

"We need to keep an open mind and explore all options, not just a option," Larson said.

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# Iacino to speak at Democratic Club luncheon

By John Porco  
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta Democratic Club will hold its monthly luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 11:30 a.m. at Pagosa Brewing Company. The featured speaker will be James Iacino, a new candidate running in the Democratic primary to unseat Rep. Scott Tipton to represent the Third U.S. Congressional District.

Iacino is a third-generation Coloradoan who now resides in Montrose. He recently resigned as CEO of Seattle Fish Company, a firm started by his grandfather over 100 years ago in Denver. The company is one of the largest seafood wholesalers in the nation with facilities in Denver and Montrose.

For his success as CEO, he was named EY Entrepreneur of the Year in 2016, a global program to

recognize leaders. He was also Colorado State University's Graduate of the Last Decade. He serves on the Cooking Matters Colorado Leadership Council, which "helps parents and caregivers struggling with limited food budgets to learn how to shop for and cook healthy, affordable meals." His main issues are sustainable jobs at decent wages and the protection of our

natural resources. He is married and has two young sons.

The intent of the Archuleta Democratic Club is to provide an opportunity for dialogue on progressive ideas in an informal social setting, as well as providing an update on party activities, local, state and national. We will begin gathering at 11:30 a.m. to allow some time for socializing, with

lunch beginning at noon. There is no admission fee, but all participants will be asked to order lunch.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to RSVP to John Porco, first vice chair of the Archuleta County Democratic Party, at jwppagosa@gmail.com or at 946-2684 so that we can provide a count to the restaurant. All people are welcome at the lunch.

## Cards of Thanks

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Thanks to Nick Patterson and his staff at Boss Hogg's for providing excellent service for the Marine Corps birthday celebration on Nov. 10. Particular thanks to Eliza and Melanie. Additional thanks to Terry Smith for his video technical contribution to our program.

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## Sexual assault case against Pagosa Springs man to be retried in January

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The case against a Pagosa Springs man suspected of sexually assaulting an 8-year-old girl last year in Bayfield will be retried, according to Sixth Judicial District Attorney Christian Champagne.

In an interview on Nov. 12, Champagne explained that the case against Rodney Keller, 53, is scheduled for trial on Jan. 21, 2020, and is scheduled for seven full days. "The case is pending and we're going to go ahead and retry it," he said. "We would have never brought the case in the first place

if we didn't believe in it."

According to authorities, Keller was invited by an ex-girlfriend to play cards and have drinks at a friend's house in Bayfield on June 2, 2018.

Keller was invited to stay at the friend's house that night which is when the sexual assault allegedly took place; the child told her parent

later that day and Keller denied the allegations to police that same day, according to authorities.

However, Keller was a registered sex offender and was arrested for sexual assault on a child in 2008 after having been recognized on a television show, according to authorities. [chris@pagosasun.com](mailto:chris@pagosasun.com)

## The Blotter

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

### Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over two weeks: 227.

Oct. 28 — Third-degree criminal trespass, Coyote Drive.

Oct. 28 — Found property, County Road 600.

Oct. 28 — Agency assist, San Juan Street.

Oct. 28 — Third-degree criminal trespass, Coyote Drive.

Oct. 29 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

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Oct. 29 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

Oct. 29 — Open burning in unincorporated Archuleta County, Terry Robinson Road.

Oct. 30 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Cloman Park.

Oct. 31 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Oct. 31 — Information only, County Road 600.

Oct. 31 — Vehicle with defective or no stop light(s), drove vehicle when license canceled, drove vehicle without insurance, U.S. 160/Alpha Drive.

Oct. 31 — Agency assist, Blue Jay Drive.

Nov. 1 — Vaccination, control, impound of dogs, Buttercup Drive.

Nov. 1 — Trespass warning, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Nov. 1 — Under investigation, Homestead Drive.

Nov. 2 — Identity theft-possesses, Hakala Court.

Nov. 2 — Second-degree burglary,

theft-from building, criminal mischief, Crooked Road.

Nov. 3 — Operating OHV on roadway where prohibited, U.S. 160 and Stollsteimer Road.

Nov. 3 — Information only, County Road 500.

Nov. 3 — Agency assist, Aspen-glow Boulevard/County Road 600.

Nov. 4 — Information only, Lake-side Drive.

Nov. 4 — Warrant arrest, East Pagosa Street.

Nov. 4 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, failed to dim lights, U.S. 160/Aspen Village Drive.

Nov. 5 — Missing property, USFS 647/U.S. 160.

Nov. 5 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, second-degree assault-aggravated assault-weapon, violation of restraining order, County Road 700.

Nov. 6 — Missing property, Park Avenue.

Nov. 6 — Agency assist, East Golf Place.

Nov. 6 — Information only, East Golf Place.

Nov. 6 — Animals running at large, Summit Trail.

Nov. 7 — Information only, County Road 600.

Nov. 7 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Nov. 7 — Speeding mph over limit not listed, U.S. 160.

Nov. 7 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, criminal mischief, domestic violence, Oakwood Circle.

Nov. 7 — Information only, Cottonwood Drive.

Nov. 8 — All other thefts, County Road 326.

Nov. 9 — County warrant, county warrant, Tonto Court.

Nov. 9 — Warrant arrest, Oakwood Circle.

Nov. 9 — Under investigation, Homestead Drive.

Nov. 9 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, Tonto Court.

Nov. 10 — Recovered property,

Jack Rabbit Road.

Nov. 10 — False reporting to authorities, Tonto Court.

Nov. 11 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, expired license plates, improper registration, operated a vehicle with defective head lamps, San Juan Alley.

Nov. 11 — Warrant arrest, Loma Street.

Nov. 11 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.

**Pagosa Springs Police Department**

Calls for service over two weeks: 172.

Oct. 28 — Burglary, U.S. 160.

Oct. 28 — Trespass warning, Talisman Drive.

Oct. 28 — Animal at large, County Road 600.

Oct. 28 — Remained in park between dusk and dawn, resisting arrest, Riverwalk Garden.

Oct. 29 — Failed to report accident, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Oct. 30 — Turned left in approaching traffic, owner operated vehicle without insurance, drove vehicle when license suspended, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Oct. 31 — Animal at large, interference with animal control officer, River Center Park.

Oct. 31 — Animal at large, South 11th Street.

Nov. 2 — DUI, Cornerstone Drive.

Nov. 4 — Shoplifting, U.S. 84.

Nov. 5 — Warrant arrest, Eaton Drive.

Nov. 7 — Warrant arrest, Eaton Drive.

Nov. 9 — Unlawful possession of controlled substance/possession of drug paraphernalia, Pagosa Street.

Nov. 9 — Warrant arrest, Pagosa Street.

**6th Judicial District Court:**

**Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**

No report.

**Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**

Oct. 30 — Angela M. Deforest, speeding 1-4 over limit, total fines and costs — \$95.50.

Oct. 30 — David Duwayne Pribble, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, one year probation, total fines and

costs — \$872.50.

Oct. 30 — Ayax Anguiano, speeding 5-9 over limit, seat belt not used, total fines and costs \$199.50.

Oct. 30 — Seth A. Chavez, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$163.50.

Oct. 30 — Justin R. Galloway, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

Oct. 30 — Sonny T. Monarco, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

Oct. 30 — Steven E. Shepherd, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$198.50.

Oct. 30 — Taylor L. Hinkhouse, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$110.50.

Oct. 31 — Audrey Macpherson, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$235.50.

Oct. 31 — Frankie Quintana, violation p/o-criminal, 12 months jail, total fines and costs — \$294.50.

Oct. 31 — Frankie Quintana, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, 12 months jail, total fines and costs — \$322.50.

Nov. 6 — Lance E. Sivers, driver's license-expired one year/less, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$207.50.

Nov. 6 — Thomas J. Hampton, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$163.50.

Nov. 6 — Joshua Emerson, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

Nov. 6 — Jarrod A. Davenport, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

Nov. 6 — Lauren E. Chapple, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

Nov. 6 — Charles L. Faber, driving while ability impaired, 25 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, total fines and costs — \$804.20.

Nov. 6 — Nathan Robert Schlosser, fraud by check-\$750-\$2,000, one year probation, total fines and costs — \$894.50.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Clayton Buchner**

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## Trooper tips: What to do if you're in a crash

By Trooper Gary Cutler  
Special to The SUN

At one time or another, most of us have found ourselves in a bad situation that we have never experienced before; so what do you do in those situations? Keeping calm and safe is the best advice I have for you.

So, if you ever experience a crash, try to keep calm. Check on your passengers to see if they are OK and then check on the occupants of the other vehicle if there is one involved. A lot of times, people feel they need to exit the vehicle immediately. You have just had a very traumatic situation happen and you may not be thinking clearly. Before you exit the vehicle, check your surroundings. Is it safe to do so? Is there traffic going by? Are there power lines down? Look to see if there is anything in the

area that can cause you additional injury.

There are times when exiting the vehicle is paramount. The vehicle is on fire. The vehicle is in peril of sliding down a large embankment or the vehicle is in deep water. But these are situations that don't happen as often as the other concerns.

Once you've done that, see if your vehicle is in a safe place. Is it on a blind curve or hill that other traffic may not see until it's too late? If there are no injuries or impairment involved and if both vehicles are drivable, then safely drive them to a shoulder, off-ramp, side street or the best spot to relocate to is a parking lot. If that is not an option, then look at the possibility that staying in the vehicle is better than being outside and being hit by a passing car.

Now, if you've gotten this far because there were no injuries to

anyone, it's time to call law enforcement. Be prepared to tell them your location: a mile marker, cross street or you may just have to give them the closest town and the direction you are traveling. Then tell them how many cars are involved. Inform the dispatcher whether or not the vehicles are blocking the roadway. Are there any injuries? If power lines are down, are they in the roadway or close to the scene and will be dangerous for rescuers? It's best for them to call the power company early to shut the power off so rescuers don't have to wait for them and can get to saving you. The dispatcher may want more information than you think they need.

Here is where staying calm is very important. Realize the dispatcher is working as fast as they can, but they need to make sure they have the right information to get the correct help to you. Usually,

there are others in the dispatch center working on notifying emergency personnel of the crash while you are talking to your dispatcher. So, just because they are on the line with you doesn't mean nothing is being done to get help to you. Dispatchers are your lifeline as well as your friend in these types of situations. They will do whatever they can to get you the proper help.

Now, this is not an absolute guide on what to do if you are in a crash since each situation is different and may require you to take different actions; so, keep that in mind if you ever experience a crash. But the one thing that won't change in any situation is the importance of keeping calm and safe. Here's to no one ever having to experience a crash, but if you do, you now have a little more information on what to do.

As always, safe travels.

## SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

The Board of Education of Archuleta School District 50 JT announces the vacancy of School Board Director District Four (4). Candidates must live within the boundaries of Director District Four (4). Legal descriptions of the Director Districts are available at [mypagosaschools.com](http://mypagosaschools.com) under the "School Board" tab, or by contacting the County Clerk's office. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

A person who desires to be considered for the vacant school director position needs to submit a letter of interest by 3 pm on November 18, 2019, to the District Office at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs; by email, [rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us); or by mail to: Executive Assistant Robyn Bennett, PO Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The letter of intent should address the following: 1. Why do you want to be on the Board? 2. Do you plan on running for the position once your term expires in November of 2021? 3. What is your philosophy of education as it relates to serving on the Board?

The Board of Education plans to conduct interviews on November 19, 2019.

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# Brown announces candidacy for county commissioner

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer



Warren Brown

On Nov. 4, Warren Brown announced his candidacy for November 2020's election for Archuleta County commissioner for District 1.

Currently, the District 1 seat is held by Steve Wadley, who is term-limited.

Brown explained that he is running for this position because believes that it is important to have a strong "central point of leadership" within the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners.

"I think it's important that we have a commissioner that is willing to look for solution-based alternatives that allow us to access the resources we need so we can better address the challenges we face as a community," Brown said in an interview.

Brown added that it is also important to have a commissioner who has courage and is willing to do things differently than the way they have been done previously.

If elected, Brown explained he has

business investments that fit into the fiber of our community so we can balance our tourist-based industry," he said. "Because we've seen at our neighboring communities, one significant fire season is likely to have a significant impact on our economy. So I think, in essence, we need to diversify."

Brown also noted it's important to have representation at every level — local, regional and state — so that the county can have a seat at these "tables."

By being involved, the county can stay relevant in conversations and other governmental agencies can know what the county's needs are and how to meet them, Brown described.

In regard to challenges facing the office of county commissioner, Brown explained that there are a number of them.

"I think that, really, we're all working towards the same goal: teamwork," he said. "And that's one of the specialties that I've had for years, not only as a local business owner but also in more than a quarter century

as a public servant, are bringing people together toward a task or set of tasks and working together towards that accomplishment."

Brown described that he has had over 26 years of experience in public service, working at three other law enforcement agencies, with 20 years being spent in the city of Montrose's police department.

Additionally, Brown worked for two years in Tarrant County, Texas. Locally, Brown spent a short stint at the Pagosa Springs Police Department and was hired at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) four years ago, he explained.

Brown currently serves as the ACSO's operations lieutenant, overseeing the day-to-day operations for patrol, investigations, animal control, school resource, and property and evidence.

Along with his wife, Brown owns a local insurance agency, which is what prompted Brown and his family to move to Archuleta County in April 2015.

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# PFPD talks contract, URA and budget

By John Finebrock  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Board of Directors met Tuesday to continue contract negotiations with chief Randy Larson and review the 2020 budget.

Larson has been working without a contract for months and his contract negotiations began in September. During October's board meeting, he requested that his contract negotiations be discussed in public instead of in executive session.

"Mr. Chairman, I would ask at this time if we curtail the executive session and held this in open session. Seeing as how it is about me, I'd just soon keep it clean and not have to — I mean — there was a question on negotiations of contracts and we'll just keep it an open, public forum if that's alright," Larson said last month.

At October's board meeting, Larson noted that, according to PFPD's policies and procedures, unused sick leave is not paid out to anyone upon termination of their job.

He stated that because he is under contract with the board as the fire chief, unlike the rest of the department, his contract could have a stipulation that did not apply to the general policy and procedure guidelines that apply to PFPD employees.

"The reason that I asked for the up to three years of health care was to keep from being a burden on the department as a lump sum," said Larson. "Because I don't know what that's going to entail when I leave."

PFPD vice chair Jason Webb expressed concern about enacting policies that affect only certain members

of the department.

"The only other piece that I worry about is making sure we're not setting ourselves up for some sort of [inaudible] discrimination, where we [treat] one member a certain way and not have some sort of policy or some sort of legalese to help manage it," Webb said at October's meeting, adding, "I just want to make sure it doesn't turn into a larger liability than what you're asking."

On Tuesday, PFPD Board Treasurer Donald Peterson suggested the board tweak PFPD's policies and procedures to pay out sick leave to certain employees, with maximums, upon termination of their jobs.

"I did some research and looked into maybe changing our policy for everyone and I think it's a lot easier to do something like that," Peterson said on Tuesday.

Peterson explained he'd created a draft plan that would pay out unused sick leave to all employees in good standing at the termination of their jobs. He suggested that it only be for employees who had worked for the fire district for a consecutive number of years, he suggested 10, but stressed his plan was just a draft and was open to discussion with other members of the board.

Tuesday's meeting agenda reads "Contract Negotiation - Chief Larson" in "Old Business," and Webb curtailed the discussion as the board began to discuss a policy change, something that was not on the posted meeting agenda.

"I think for a point of order, the item is the chief's contract, so we'd have to do something about that and we'd have to have a newly no-

ted policy if that's the direction we wanted to go," Webb said.

Larson continued to cite specifics from Colorado Open Meetings Law and Robert's Rules of Order to ensure the board was staying within the law.

"I think what we would need to do is table my contract discussion again, which is fine with me — don't think you all are gonna kick me out the door next week — table that and for the next board meeting have a policy with some discussion," Larson said, adding, "And just a quick point of order on that, any old business has to stay on the agenda until it's either removed or completed, so it'll probably have to be tabled again in December."

"[The board] tabled the negotiation, they switched it after they researched what could happen for that sick [leave]," explained PFPD Executive Administrative Assistant Shirley Brinkmann in a follow-up phone call, adding, "It started looking for an alternative to pay Chief Larson his sick time out, but after they researched it and found that was not an option they decided, OK, well we can change our policy for sick time but that has nothing to do at that point with his contract negotiation."

The board voted to table Larson's contract negotiation to the next PFPD board meeting.

During the meeting, PFPD board member Ronald Beckman offered support for Larson, saying he thought the chief was a "high-caliber individual" who "had done an outstanding job and is probably worth more than he's getting paid," Beckman said.

The board also discussed that

the Pagosa Springs Town Council had recently voted to form an urban renewal authority (URA) and that one representative to represent a handful of special districts — including PFPD, library district and Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District to name a few — would need to be appointed to the URA board.

PFPD board member Kim Moore suggested that instead of all members of all the roughly seven boards getting together to determine the one representative, that one member from each board meet together and select the representative from that group.

Larson reported that Pagosa Springs Town Manager Andrea Phillips hoped to identify the representative before the end of the year, but the specifics of how that person would be chosen were unclear.

The board also reviewed PFPD's preliminary budget, which it is expected to vote to finalize next month.

Brinkmann explained the budget process in a phone call Wednesday.

"Our preliminary is always due in October and that's for every special district ... Then in November, between the October and the December finalized [version] of it, there has to be a public meeting that you put an ad in the paper or in some entity that allows the public to see that we're discussing budget," Brinkmann said.

Brinkmann also explained that because PFPD's budget uses public money, the public has "a right to review the budget" and PFPD posts the budget on its website and it is available in their office "for any member of the public to review."

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# Stabbing

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from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), around 3:57 a.m., deputies were dispatched to Pit Court regarding an assault in progress.

Upon arrival, ACSO deputies found two adults who had been stabbed by an unknown assailant. A juvenile who was also in the home was not injured, according to the press release.

Following an investigation, Dimitrijevic was identified as the assailant in the case.

During the sentencing hearing, one of the victims injured in the Jan. 17 incident addressed the court.

The victim explained that even though she had come a long way in recovering from the stabbing, she is now afraid of things she wasn't

before.

"I obviously have physical injuries, scars," the victim said. "They are only part of what I live with."

Later, she explained to the court that Dimitrijevic did this intentionally and knew it was wrong.

"He deceived me. He came into my house," she said. "He wanted to carryout his plan for whatever reason he believed he needed to do it."

The victim went on to explain that she was lied to and targeted by Dimitrijevic because she trusted him.

"He could have walked to any of the neighbors' house. They would not have let him in and offered him a blanket and a place to stay for the night," the victim said. "I have no sympathy. My sympathy is gone."

In a case such as this, there are concerns about possible future

danger from Dimitrijevic, Dimitrijevic's defense attorney, Eric Klein, explained.

"And also, kind of balancing all of that with our system's shift from what may have been a more retributive system to an evidence-based sentence that focuses on smartest action," Klein said.

Klein went on to say that Dimitrijevic was "absolutely remorseful" for what happened.

In a letter drafted by Dimitrijevic to the victims, he wrote that he was "terrible sorry" for what happened, Klein read.

"For the pain and grief that I have inflicted upon you and your family and for the physical and emotional wounds that I have caused, which time may never heal, but I pray it does," Klein read.

Klein later added that it was

important for the court to consider Dimitrijevic's past life and future in its sentencing ruling.

The victim's pain and anger is completely justified toward Dimitrijevic, Klein explained, adding that he did not expect the victim to have sympathy for Dimitrijevic.

However, Klein noted that there needs to be a shift from "anger-based sentencing" to evidence-based sentencing that focuses on results.

"We have an individual who has never previously shown a hint of violence," Klein said. "This is an isolated act of violence."

Klein explained that the recommendation for Dimitrijevic's sentence would be to place him in a community corrections facility, based on the presentence investigation.

Another reason behind the recommendation of sending Dimitrijevic to a community corrections facility is the cost on taxpayers, Klein added.

If Dimitrijevic were sent to the Department of Corrections, the cost would be about \$40,000 in taxpayer money. Community corrections is about \$9,000, Klein explained.

"I think if the court looks specifically at Alex Dimitrijevic, there is no indication of future violence," Klein said.

Following more comments, Klein made a recommendation that Dimitrijevic have a community corrections sentence on the "shorter end" of four to 22 years.

Sixth Judicial District Deputy District Attorney Alex Lowe stated that the victims felt like Dimitrijevic was trying to "apologize his way out of the harm that he has caused."

On the day of the incident, Lowe explained that Dimitrijevic actually went to the house twice with a knife "intending to cause harm."

"He was turned around the first time by a light in the neighborhood that turned on and he went back to his house," Lowe described.

When Dimitrijevic returned to the house for the second time, he broke in while the family was still sleeping, Lowe described further.

When confronted by one of the victims, Dimitrijevic was offered a blanket and a cigarette, according to Lowe.

Following a brief conversation, Lowe described that Dimitrijevic informed one of the victims that he was going to walk home, but upon returning downstairs, the victim found Dimitrijevic still in their house; eventually the attack occurred.

Lowe noted that Dimitrijevic chose to accept "some" responsibility for what happened.

"And, he entered his guilty plea to attempted first-degree murder as a class 2 felony with a cap of 22 years in the department of corrections," Lowe said.

However, if not for a "weird loophole" in the legal system, there would not even be discussions on the possibility of community corrections or probation or even sentences of four or eight years on a case like this, Lowe described.

Lowe noted that the court should impose a punishment that Dimitrijevic "deserves in relation to the seriousness of the offense."

Later, Lowe added that had the other victim not been at the scene, "people feel strongly that we would be dealing with a first-degree murder rather than the attempted first-degree murder."

The psychological trauma also needs to be considered, Lowe noted.

"It is done with intent. It was done bringing that murder weapon, twice, to the house. It was done with the defendant's own statements that he was going to inflict harm," Lowe said. "Only a fine line between harm and the possible death that could have been inflicted but for some interjection and another person being at that house."

Following more comments, Lowe explained that anything less than a Department of Corrections sentence for Dimitrijevic would negate responsibility and accountability.

"Based upon the seriousness of the offense people would say anything less than 16 years in the Department of Corrections, again, is a gross miscarriage of justice," he said. "And we ask the court to sentence the defendant between 16 and 22 years in the Department of Corrections."

Following Lowe's recommendation, Dimitrijevic apologized for what happened.

"I never wanted to harm the family. I still love them and I still pray for them," Dimitrijevic said.

Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson explained that he could not understand why this all happened.

"The theories on sentences have changed," Wilson said. "I'm not the same judge I was when I first took the bench."

Following more discussion, Wilson noted that his most important consideration is the protection of the public.

"I believe your mental health is more likely to be served with a com-

munity corrections sentence," Wilson said, addressing Dimitrijevic. "If you go to prison, you're going to be exposed to things, some less than pleasant, and they could be potentially very bad things which I think could set you back."

Parole does not supervise as well as one would hope, given that department's small budget, Wilson added later.

"For that reason, I'm going to enter a judgment of conviction of attempted first-degree murder and sentence you to 70 months at CoreCivic, a corrections in Boulder," Wilson said.

## The loophole explained

Lowe described the loophole in a follow-up interview.

"In Colorado sentencing there are certain classifications of crimes that are called crimes of violence," Lowe explained in the interview. "They are defined by statute. If it's a crime of violence, sentencing is normally a prison sentence between midpoint of the presumptive range to twice maximum the presumptive range."

There are also certain crimes of violence that are described as per se crimes of violence, which means that within the statute someone is automatically declared convicted of the crime of violence, he explained.

"First-degree murder falls into a loophole because first-degree murder, the only possible sentences are life in prison without the possibility of parole, or death," Lowe said. "There's no reason to increase that sentence. You can't do a midpoint to twice maximum. So, the Legislature never added it was a per se crime of violence, which means that an attempt to commit that offense is no longer a per se crime of violence."

Instead, attempt to commit first-degree murder as a regular class 2 felony with an eight- to 32-year sentence and without mandatory prison, he explained.

"The long and short," Lowe said, "someone could have pled guilty to attempted second-degree murder, which is a lesser offense, and they would have been looking at a mandatory prison sentence between 10 and 32 years. But because first-degree murder is not a per se crime of violence, it means the attempt is not a per se crime of violence, which means attempted first-degree murder, a greater offense, is only a presumptive eight to 24 years, and the person could argue for probation or community corrections."

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# Judge

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Champagne determined there was no criminal wrongdoing on the part of the sheriff's office.

The 1033 Program is a federal program to transfer, without charge, excess military supplies and equipment to local law enforcement agencies and first responders.

On May 8, the BoCC issued a press release which outlined the following directives that, according to the press release, the BoCC "will" implement:

"1. The BoCC will notify the Colorado State Patrol Department of Public Safety that Archuleta County will no longer participate in the 1033 Program until further notice.

"2. The BoCC will direct the research of the 1033 Program protocols and insure that all conditions and stipulations of the Program are met, including the disposal of equipment and supplies that are no longer needed by Archuleta County.

"3. The BoCC will direct the development and consider adoption of a procedural policy for disposal of unwanted, expired, non-functioning equipment and supplies. This procedural policy will be codified by the BoCC into local law and will include criminal penalties for any violations.

"4. The BoCC will direct that all County Departments adhere to C.R.S. 29-1-506 that designates that an Annual Inventory of Archuleta County assets will be conducted in compliance with Colorado State Law. In addition, the BoCC will encourage all elected officials, including the Sheriff's Office, to participate in the Annual Inventory of Archuleta County assets.

"5. The BoCC will direct the Archuleta County Treasurer, Clerk and Recorder, Sheriff, and Assessor to furnish copies of any and all accounting, administrative, financial, recorded, or assessment records to the head of the Archuleta County Finance Department, as required

by C.R.S. 30-11-121."

On May 9, attorney Matthew H. Roane filed a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request for a copy of the May 6 executive session recording.

On May 13, Roane received a letter from Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta, who stated she was denying Roane's request pursuant to Colorado state statutes regarding the BoCC not consenting to release the tape and attorney/client privilege, the attorney work product privilege and/or the deliberative process privilege.

According to Roane, based on the state statutes that Archuleta cited as a reasons not to release the recording, she then filed a complaint, as required, which named Roane as the respondent.

Roane explained he filed a few briefs in response, and on Oct. 14, Wilson issued an order.

Wilson wrote, "the Court finds that sufficient grounds exist to support a reasonable belief that the BoCC engaged in discussions at the executive session that are not protected by CRS 24-72-204 ..." and ordered the county clerk to issue a copy of the recording, under seal, within 14 days for the court to review.

On Nov. 3, after the court reviewed the recording, Wilson issued an order that determined that portions of the tape were not protected from public release.

Weaver explained that was about 16 minutes of the nearly hour executive session.

The order notes that "these portions of executive session, when considered in conjunction with the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 6, 2019, the affidavit of Chairman [Ron] Maez and the press release signed by Chairman Maez, show that policy decisions were made during the executive session ... While the five items in the press release have not been implemented by Archuleta County, the Court makes a preliminary finding the press release lists policy

decisions made by the Archuleta County BoCC in private that should have been made at a public meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, CRS 24-6-401, et seq."

Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver explained in a phone call Wednesday that he disagrees with the portion of Wilson's court order that states that policy decisions were made in private that should have been made in public.

"As we said and the county said all along, it was — we were discussing direction to be given to staff to be brought before the board of county commissioners for an actual, official discussion and decision," Weaver said, adding. "Obviously this is — the judge has a snapshot of time, doesn't know the whole history of the 1033 investigation. But you know, we do, we disagree with the court's ruling."

Asked about the language of the press release, Weaver said, "Each of those items still had to come before the board for a decision, which is proven by the fact that not one of those items, other than the statutory requirements, have been implemented by the board."

According to Weaver, the county can either choose to release the portions of the recording that are deemed public by the court, file a notice for a hearing on the matter, or appeal the entire case.

On Tuesday, Roane told The SUN, "I am certainly very pleased with Judge Wilson's order. I think it confirms what seemed obvious from the outset in that the commissioners clearly made a formal policy decision illegally behind closed doors. I think the only remaining question is why they felt empowered and compelled to do that and once we get the recording perhaps that will be obvious as well."

Weaver explained in an email Wednesday that he and the BoCC have until early next week to decide how they will proceed with the case.

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# School

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son outlines that for 2018-19, of the \$1.7 million, \$1,179,307 is allocated for recruiting and retaining staff, \$192,372 is allocated for school resources officers, \$242,953 is allocated for full-day kindergarten and \$85,368 is for PPOS.

If the district were to keep all the full-day kindergarten funds, the attracting and retaining staff allocation would increase to \$1,409,099, the school resource officer allocation would increase to \$195,000 and PPOS's share would increase to \$95,901.

However, if ASD were to not keep any of the full-day kindergarten funds, the attracting and retaining staff allocation would decrease to \$1,166,146, the school resource officer allocation would go to \$195,000, and PPOS's share would go to \$95,901; the MLO total would drop to \$1,457,047 under this option.

In 2019, the total tax rate is 29.7 mills, with the MLO being 5.942 mills. If ASD were to keep the full MLO, the total tax rate in 2020 would drop to 26.378 mills and the MLO tax rate would drop to 5.28 mills; the total tax rate change is because the debt service tax rate would be paid off, according to Hodgson.

If the district chose to not keep the full-day kindergarten portion

of the MLO, the 2020 tax rate would drop to 25.623 mills, and the MLO tax rate would drop to 4.525 mills; this option also includes no debt service tax rate.

"With the extra money, I'd be leaning toward giving the whole thing back," Hodgson said. "Because we have salary money that we didn't use. We only had one SRO [school resource officer], so we only paid a third of that money. So, there's a good chunk of money, a couple hundred thousand dollars, carried forward that's not spoken for. It has to be retained and used only for MLO purposes."

Hodgson clarified that the district did not use all of the MLO money in its first year, for example, within the salary and staff line item only 10 months were paid because September and October were prior to the MLO.

If ASD were to keep the full-day kindergarten funds and put them into the recruiting and retaining staff line item, BOE member Bob Lynch raised a question on whether or not that would increase staff salaries any more.

"Currently they're fixed into a schedule," Hodgson said of staff salaries, reiterating that ASD only paid 10 months with MLO funds and next year the district will have 14 months to pay staff with MLO funds.

The mechanism for giving the funds back to the local taxpayers is lowering the tax rate the following year, Hodgson noted.

"So, keeping it doesn't impact teacher salaries because that's on the grid," Lynch said. "So if you retain some of it, it's kind of like a 'what-if.'"

One of the biggest issues ASD is going to have to face is, when the district hires a new superintendent, figuring out what happens with the MLO and its future, Hodgson added later.

"I know I'm going to be in favor of keeping some and giving some to the taxpayer and just where that is, I guess we'll figure out at our December meeting," BOE member Bruce Dryburgh noted.

BOE President Brooks Lindner noted that he agreed with Dryburgh's idea of potentially being somewhere in the middle; however, he noted that the district should think of the taxpayers.

"We told the taxpayers that this is what the money would be used for, and then if we start withholding some of it for purposes that may or may not be clearly defined, I could see that causing some challenges," Lindner said. "So, I could see the third option might be the way to go. Not to mention you bring the tax rate down. That makes people happy."

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# Plunges

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Touareg, driven by Richard Coy, 49, from Centennial, Colo., heading westbound on Wolf Creek Pass, according to CSP Capt. Adrian Driscoll.

The vehicle went across "all lanes of traffic," struck a guardrail and then a boulder and went down a steep embankment and came to rest on its roof, Driscoll described.

Both Coy and his passenger, Courtney Delgado, 41, of Dallas,

Texas, sustained serious injuries but they were not life-threatening, Driscoll noted.

Coy was issued a citation for careless driving causing injury, Driscoll added.

Alcohol and excessive speed were not factors in the accident, Driscoll explained.

Following an investigation it was determined that Coy fell asleep at the wheel while driving, Driscoll

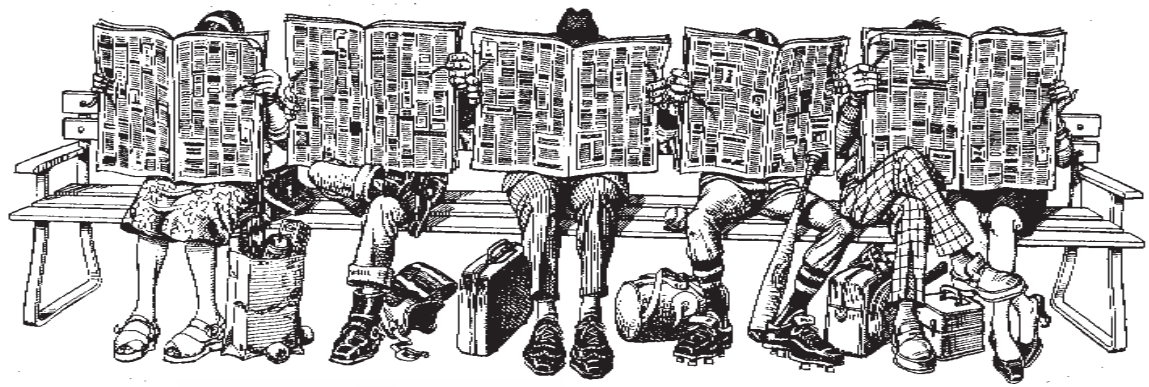
added later.

Both Coy and Delgado were wearing seat belts, Driscoll explained.

"Studies have shown that driving while intoxicated are equivalent to driving while fatigued," Driscoll said. "If you're tired, just pull over and take a nap or go to the next town and stay for the night. That's usually the best course of action."

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# Outdoors

## Pagosa Ranger District seeks comments on proposed forest project

By Lorena Williams  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Ranger District is seeking public comments to gather input during the early phases of planning to harvest dead and declining spruce, aspen and mixed-conifer trees in the Upper Rito and Buckles areas.

The Upper Rito project area is located about 9 miles east of Pagosa Springs and will be accessed by Forest Service Road (FSR) No. 735, Aspen Spur Road; FSR No. 665, Nipple Mountain Road; and FSR No. 024, Porcupine Road. The Buckles project area is located about 15 miles southeast of Pagosa Springs and will be accessed by FSR No. 663,

Buckles Lake Road.

The initial proposal is to apply harvest approaches including coppice harvesting with reserves, improvement cutting, and salvage and sanitation harvests on up to 2,080 acres in the Upper Rito area and 485 acres in the Buckles area.

Many spruce stands within the project landscape have experienced high levels of spruce bark beetle mortality in large-diameter spruce trees. Also active within the project area are the fir engraver and Douglas fir bark beetles. Impacts from these bark beetles on white fir and Douglas fir are currently limited, but dense forest conditions and repeated defoliation by western spruce budworm

over the past decade predispose these trees to future bark beetle attack.

In addition to these concerns, within the project landscape the proportions of young aspen forest relative to mature aspen and conifer forest is below desired levels identified in the 2013 San Juan National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). Proposed treatments will move forest age and composition toward plan goals and are focused within areas that have been identified as suitable for commercial timber harvest under the 2013 San Juan National Forest LRMP.

The proposal also includes fisheries habitat improvements

that will benefit San Juan lineage cutthroat trout along approximately 2 miles of Rito Blanco Creek and decommissioning a small segment of FST No. 817, Blue Creek ATV trail, to prevent resource damages. ATV users may continue to access the area by using Blue Creek Road.

Comments must be postmarked by Dec. 9 to be considered. Comments received will be used to identify issues and develop alternatives. Submit comments to: San Juan National Forest, P.O. Box 310, Pagosa Springs CO 81147, Attn: Matt Tuten.

Contact Tuten at 264-2268 or by email at matthew.tuten@usda.gov for more information.

## Calling all bird enthusiasts for the Christmas Bird Count

By Becky Herman  
Special to The SUN

On Dec. 14, the Weminuche Audubon Society welcomes all local residents, visitors and bird enthusiasts to join the longest-running citizen science survey in the world, the Christmas Bird Count (CBC).

Our Pagosa 15-mile diameter circle (the count circle) is divided into eight zones. On count day, each

zone is systematically walked, driven and cross-country skied by a team of birders who identify the birds they see within their zone and tally the species names and the number of birds within each species.

At the end of the day, the birders gather at the Methodist Church on Lewis Street for a chili supper and a lively exchange of reports about the highlights and disappointments for each team. Totals are then tallied for each species and each zone.

This year will see even more interest than usual in the number of species and the total number of birds seen because the number of birds counted last year (3,466 in 2018) showed a considerable drop from the previous year's count (5,314 in 2017).

Lots of things factor into changes to these numbers, including temperature, precipitation, the expansion of agriculture, logging, invasive species, hunting and climate change. An online account of the recently published report from the National Audubon Society titled "Climate Change and Birds" states, "Of the 588 North American bird species Audubon studied, more than half are likely to be in trouble. Our models indicate that 314 species will lose more than 50 percent of their current climatic range by 2080."

An overview of the report, as well as a link to the entire document, can be found at <https://climate2014.audubon.org/article/audubon-report-glance>. An especially useful section of this website offers answers to the question: What can I do about this?

The CBC is a long-standing program of the National Audubon Society, with over 100 years of community science involvement. Each year, thousands of volunteers across the Western Hemisphere come together to participate in this early-winter bird census. The CBC provides critical data on bird

population trends.

Individuals may submit counts from their backyard feeders (you will need to make arrangements with the count organizer), log the species spotted during CountWeek or join a team to traverse one of eight zones within Pagosa Springs' count circle. To find out more, contact Audubon Rockies' Keith Bruno at [kbruno@audubon.org](mailto:kbruno@audubon.org), who will be offering three Birding 101 classes before the CBC. Beginning birders as well as experienced folks are welcomed.

The classes are free to the public and will be held at the Methodist Church on Lewis Street on Nov. 20, Dec. 4 and Dec. 12; they start at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Each class will feature different types of birds, so try to attend all three. This is your chance to sign up for a birding team and meet others who will be participating.

The wrap-up party is held on Count Day, Dec. 14, in the Methodist Church's meeting room from 4 to 7 p.m.

We hope you'll join in on the fun as you learn about birds and contribute to this critical effort to keep birds and the planet healthy.

For information about the mission and goals of the Weminuche Audubon Society, check out the website, [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org), or call Jean Zirnhelt at 731-2985.

## Survey work to start at Sambrito Wetlands in Navajo State Park

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Special to The SUN

A crew from Ducks Unlimited will be doing surveys in the Sambrito Wetlands area of Navajo State Park during the next couple of weeks.

The crew is authorized to ride OHVs through the area to do the work; Colorado Parks and Wildlife stated there's no reason to report the activity.

The Sambrito area, which is at the west end of the park, is be-

ing surveyed to determine what improvements can be made to enhance the wetlands.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Bureau of Reclamation and Ducks Unlimited are working cooperatively on the project that will greatly improve the wildlife habitat in that area. Wetlands provide habitat for every species of wildlife and help to improve water quality.

Structures to help control and move water will be installed. Construction is scheduled to start some time next fall.

## Cotton's Hole Park open house planned for public comments

By James Dickhoff  
Special to The SUN

The Town of Pagosa Springs invites the community to provide comments on future Cotton's Hole Park improvements.

In 2018, the town purchased lands to begin acquiring the area known as Cotton's Hole as a formal public town park. This park is located at the east end of Hermosa Street along the river and had historically been used by the public as a park area and to access the San Juan River. However, the area was predominantly private property.

The town has also recently received a State Trails grant to extend the Riverwalk from Town

Park heading east along Hermosa Street and through Cotton's Hole Park. This trail is expected to be constructed next year in 2020.

The town is seeking public input on traffic circulation options for accessing the park area and potential park improvements.

A public comment open house will be hosted on Tuesday, Nov. 19, between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall, located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. The open house format will allow you to arrive anytime between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. and view display boards, speak with staff and provide your comments. Please plan on joining us to provide your comments on these future public park improvements.

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The supply tent that the nonprofit stocked with supplies such as warm clothing, hygiene products, medicine, diapers formula and more.



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Approximately 1,500 asylum seekers currently live in a settlement on the border of Brownsville, Texas, and Matamoros, Mexico. They are largely from Central America.

## Beyond Words International aids asylum seekers at border

By Casey Crow  
Special to The SUN

A group of Beyond Words International (BWI) volunteers, myself included, recently returned from working with asylum seekers stranded on the United States' southern border.

BWI is a nonpolitical, non-religious organization based in Pagosa Springs that aims to support survivors of trauma through humanitarian aid, arts-based therapy and other psychosocial services.

Our team recently traveled to Matamoros, Mexico, to provide aid to nearly 1,500 asylum seekers awaiting processing at the border.

The majority of asylum seekers survived a harrowing journey from Central America to undertake the legal process of requesting asylum in the United States due to violence in their home countries. Previously, individuals applying for asylum were permitted to wait for their court date in the U.S.; however, the recent implementation of the Migrant Protection Protocols last January resulted in asylum seekers being sent back to Mexico while they await processing.

In Matamoros, families live in an informal encampment next to the Gateway International Bridge connecting Mexico and Texas across the Rio Grande. Our group witnessed firsthand the terrible conditions of the settlement, where asylum seekers have severely limited access to clean water, medical care and proper sanitation. The families, many of whom have young children, live in constant terror due to the hundreds of cases of rape, kidnapping and extortion perpetrated against asylum seekers who are stuck in some of Mexico's most dangerous border towns.

I've worked on the ground with refugees in Africa, the Middle East and Europe, and as a researcher for UNICEF and others; yet, I was

personally shocked by the lack of support — government, nonprofit and humanitarian — for asylum seekers in Matamoros. The conditions of the camp are utterly inhumane.

According to BWI volunteer Paula Jo Miller, "Matamoros has nothing in place to help the asylum seekers stranded there. No international organizations and very little government support. It's essentially up to those who cross the border and volunteer. While this lack of support is incredibly distressing, it enabled us to have direct contact with asylum seekers and find out what they needed. With the generous donations, we received before leaving, we were able to buy and fill an entire supply tent for those in the encampment."

Our group partnered with Team Brownsville (TB), a local nonprofit based out of Brownsville, Texas, just opposite of Matamoros on the U.S. side of the border. The organization began as a small team of educators attempting to stifle the suffering of asylum seekers stuck in Mexico. Over the past year and a half, TB has grown and expanded its efforts, becoming the primary humanitarian actors in Matamoros. The group provides hot meals twice daily, necessary supplies such as tents and blankets, and weekly educational opportunities for children living in the settlement.

"Team Brownsville is an incredibly organized and focused organization. In the short time we were there, we were able to serve meals, teach at the Sunday morning school and provide healing art activities. In addition, we met with TB leaders and began to formulate a plan for how we can collaborate going forward. Our (BWI) mission is to return to the encampment to support these efforts, as well as create additional days of school, provide more supplies, teach more healing art activities and be a remote



Photo courtesy Casey Crow

Beyond Words International volunteer Michael Morgan draws in chalk with children in the camp.

psychosocial resource for the TB volunteers," Miller explained.

BWI will continue to send volunteers to the border in the coming months to expand educational and arts-based programming, provide legal aid and support those serving asylum seekers year round. We are also raising funds to restock the supply tent we set

up with medicine, diapers, baby formula, hygiene products, tents and more. If you would like to support our work, you can make a tax-deductible donation by:

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## Diversion flows and water production up slightly since last week

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Diversion flows, in total, are up by .5 cubic feet per second (cfs) from last week, coming in at 6.0 cfs for this week, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

The West Fork diversion and San Juan diversion are still contributing 3 cfs and 1.5 cfs, as they did last week; however, the Four Mile diversion has increased its contribution from 1 cfs to 1.5 cfs since last week, according to Ramsey's press release.

Only two of the five local lakes saw a change since last week, with Hatcher Lake going from 28 inches from full to 27 inches from full this week.

Lake Pagosa has gone from 6 inches from full to 4 inches from full this week.

Stevens Lake is still 37 inches from full, Village Lake is still 10 inches from full and Lake Forest is still 12 inches from full, according to the press release.

Water production has increased just slightly, with totals for Nov. 1 through Nov. 7 of this year being 9.60 million gallons.

Contributing to that total, the press release notes that the Snowball water treatment plant produced 3.38 million gallons and the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 6.22 million gallons.

From Nov. 1 through Nov. 7 of 2018, water production totaled 9.48 million gallons.

From Oct. 25 through Oct. 31 of this year, water production was listed at 9.58 million gallons.

### River report

The San Juan River had a reported flow of 51.7 cfs as of Nov. 13, according to the U.S. Geological

Survey.

That reported flow is below the average for Nov. 13, which is 98 cfs.

The highest reported flow for the San Juan on Nov. 13 came in 1987 when the river had a flow of 320 cfs; the lowest came in 1951 when the river had a flow of 25 cfs.

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# Sports

## FOOTBALL

### Pirate football season ends in Delta

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The No. 13-seeded Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team's playoff run was short-lived as it was shutout in the first round of the 2A state tournament 44-0 by the No. 4-seeded Delta Panthers on Nov. 9.

Delta jumped to an early 17-0 lead over Pagosa; that lead was extended to 31-0 by halftime.

A few more scores for the Panthers sealed the 44-0 playoff win over the Pirates.

Delta will move on to face the No. 5 seed Faith Christian Eagles on Nov. 16.

Official stats for the Pirates were not available by press time on Wednesday.

"Everyone involved was disappointed in the loss, and the way we lost," coach Myron Stretton said in an interview.

Despite the loss, the season as a whole for the Pirates featured a "lot of good things," including a win over the Bayfield Wolverines and an Intermountain League championship; neither of which had happened in a decade, Stretton noted.

"So, there's some things to build on," he said. "I hope that we'll take advantage of those things."

Pagosa started poorly against Delta, reverting back to early-season mental mistakes, Stretton described.

"They were just a better team than us. That's the bottom line," he said.

Delta, with its defensive alignment, tried to take away outside runs for Pagosa, which led to opportunities to run the ball inside, Stretton explained.

"But, we couldn't get them



Senior Pirate Paden Bailey breaks away from Delta Panther Colton Johnson during the first round of the 2A state football playoffs on Nov. 9. Pagosa was shut out by Delta, 44-0, ending the 2019 season, which featured the first league title for the Pirates in 10 years.

Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

blocked. Made for a long day of fensively," he said.

#### Building blocks and senior goodbyes

Pagosa was able to overcome mental lapses and adversity as the 2019 season went on, Stretton explained, adding that the team began to win big games when it mattered.

"We haven't done that as a program in quite a while," he said.

Pagosa will be without seven seniors next season. Stretton described this year's group of senior Pirates as a "great bunch of kids."

Paden Bailey was Pagosa's biggest offensive weapon and will be missed, Stretton explained.

"He's just an exceptional athlete, and that will be hard to replace," he said.

Justin Baxstrom had a really good year despite an early season injury, Stretton noted.

"Just the fact that he came back and was able to play more than half the season is just a testament to his desire and his toughness," Stretton said.

Tay Barker was described by Stretton as one of the hardest working kids he'd ever seen.

"Just a great attitude about everything, and those things are important to have on your team," Stretton said.

Eric Huddleston was a starter on both offense and defense for most of the year for the Pirates and did a great job in filling his role, Stretton added.

"He's just another one of those kids that hung in there and kept after and kept fighting and was a big part of our success," he said.

Michael Caldwell was described by Stretton as a "gifted athlete" who really added to Pagosa on offense ■ See Football A12

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# Education

## Charter school removes member from board, discusses board recruitment

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors voted to terminate the board membership of John Daffron at a regular meeting on Nov. 12.

PPOS School Board President Ursula Hudson noted in a follow-up interview that part of the reasoning behind this decision was that Daffron had not attended a board meeting in six months.

During the Nov. 12 meeting, Hudson explained that she had emailed Daffron prior to the meeting looking for a formal letter of resignation from him.

According to Hudson, Daffron "acknowledged" her email, but did not send a formal letter of resignation.

PPOS's board of directors roles and expectations document outlines the attendance policy for board members.

Three absences, whether excused or unexcused, warrants a "conversation" about that individual's commitment and also warrants a vote of the board about whether or not that member needs to be dismissed or excused, according to the document.

However, two "un-notified" absences in a row, excluding last-minute emergencies, is an "auto-

matic dismissal from the board," according to the document.

During the meeting, PPOS board member Bill Hudson explained that he liked the policy of talking with the board member who is having trouble coming to meetings.

"I agree with that piece of it, but this has been so open-ended for all of us that the relationship that we have with John is nonexistent at this point," PPOS board member Julie Simmons said. "So, it hasn't ended in a good place."

Simmons also noted that the PPOS board did not follow its policy on two "un-notified" absences resulting in an automatic dismissal in regard to Daffron's position on

the board.

"To me, instead of keeping it open and calling the shots, I feel it's a lot better to have it a little bit more black and white so that you don't get in trouble the next time you have to enforce the policy," Simmons said.

PPOS board member Mark Weiler explained that Daffron chose not to participate in board meetings electronically as well.

"We gave him the opportunity to withdraw with grace and elegance; he chose not to. Time to move on and stop worrying about it," Weiler said.

From an outside perspective, Simmons explained she would be more comfortable to see the PPOS board follow its board member attendance policy.

In a follow-up interview Tuesday, Daffron explained that he really enjoyed the chance to keep his finger on the pulse of education by being on the PPOS board.

"It was really fun to see a school, basically from the ground up, get going and all the trials and tribulations that go along with that. It was interesting," Daffron said.

In regard to why he felt the need to step away from the board, Daffron cited health issues which also led him to move away from Pagosa Springs.

"It took them so long to get me off the board, mainly because my fault. Ursula asked me to send in a letter of resignation from the board and I just, kind of, forgot to do it," he said.

The direction PPOS was going in, specifically with the improvements made in academics, was something that Daffron noted he was excited to see.

There are no hard feelings, Daffron indicated, adding that he is friends with the board and he will be keeping up with the school's journey.

"I really love the school and I really respect Ursula a lot. She's a wonderful, hardworking person

■ See Charter A13



Photo courtesy Aubrie Limebrook

Kelly Prudhomme's fourth-grade class won Pagosa Springs Elementary School's (PSES) first quarter Box Tops contest. They turned in over 400 box tops and earned a brownie sundae party. Pictured are Aven Stueven, Carrington Smith, Kasen Limebrook and Hannah Stretton.

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## RECREATION NEWS AND COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

### Youth basketball, arts and crafts, and more offered

By Darren Lewis  
SUN Columnist

The Recreation Department is currently accepting registration through Dec. 20 for youth basketball ages 9-12.

The cost is \$35 and registration may be completed online or at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Practice will start mid-January, with games beginning in February.

#### Winter recreation arts and crafts class

Registrations are being accepted through Nov. 22 for an arts and

crafts class held at the Community Center.

Registration can be completed at the Community Center.

The class is for ages 9-13 and class size is limited. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. This class is a three-week session running from Dec. 3 through Dec. 19.

The cost of the class is \$25 for the three-week session.

#### Time 4 Tots registration

Time 4 Tots is a new program offering toddlers ages 2-3 time to socialize and participate in fun

hands-on activities. Parents or guardians must be present and involved. We will have singing, music, reading, crafts and plenty of free play.

Classes are available Mondays from 11 a.m. to noon or Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday classes will run Jan. 6, 2020, through Feb. 10, 2020. Tuesday classes will run Jan. 7, 2020, through Feb. 4, 2020. The cost is \$20 for the class.

#### After the Bell program

This is a new after-school program designed for kids ages 9-12 to come to the Community Center gym and participate in different physical educational games. We will be burning off some energy after a long week of school.

The program runs Jan. 10, 2020, through Feb. 7, 2020. The program will be held every Friday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center.

Also, if interested, bus 17 stops at the Community Center for those elementary students participating in the program.

The cost is \$20 for all five Fridays involved. Deadline for registering for this program is Jan. 8, 2020.

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Open gym will be held Fridays, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Nov. 15 and 22, and Dec. 6 and 13 in the Pagosa Springs Middle School mat room.

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Registration/waiver is taken by the instructor at class time. The cost is \$5 per session.

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### Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

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Football

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of the time the only athlete who would respond. Every day in practice, Tay gave everything he had. In the four year of coaching Tay, he has never said anything negative about his teammates, coaches, or the officials. In fact, when things got tough anyone on the team could look to Tay for a smile.

"Thank you, Tay, for always being you. It has been a pleasure coaching you and we will miss you next year."

## Football

■ Continued from A11 and defense.

Noah Blackburn played through injuries as much as he could to help the team, Stretton explained.

"He was a starter for us on defense," Stretton said, adding that Blackburn moved to the offensive line early in the season and could have had a bigger impact had he not gotten hurt.

"He's another kid with a great attitude. The kind of guy that you

want on your team," Stretton said. Dustin Clark is full of energy and was moved around to different positions throughout his tenure as a Pirate, Stretton explained.

Clark was able to adjust at each position he played and contribute to the team, Stretton noted.

"What they accomplished is special," Stretton said of the Pirates' 2019 season. "It could have a big impact on our football program." [chris@pagosahun.com](mailto:chris@pagosahun.com)

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# School district adds Moore to school board, Lindner elected school board president

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

At a regular meeting on Nov. 12, the Archuleta School District Board of Education (BOE) swore in two members to the board.

Bob Lynch was sworn in as the director of District 2, retaining his seat, and Michael Moore was sworn in as director of District 3, replacing former board president Greg Schick.

Also at the meeting, the board elected BOE member Brooks Lindner to be the new board president, with BOE member Bruce Dryburgh being elected as vice president.

Lynch will serve as the board's treasurer and secretary.

"I'm honored to fill that position. I'm going to continue doing what I have been doing, which is working for the students of Archuleta School District," Lindner said in an interview.

Moore explained that he wants to try to bring awareness and get more programs going for the vote programs of ASD.

"I feel like we're losing a lot of kids from eighth grade into the high school ages," he said. "Dropping out because they feel like they're not qualified for college."

There is a lack of focus on where

the district stands with those kids, Moore explained, adding that those kids could be a part of the local workforce.

Moore explained that there will be a learning curve for him in learning the various policies while being on the board.

The interest in running for the board came from various friends suggesting the idea, but also because, as Moore explained, he felt like some of the students who don't go to college could relate to him.

"I graduated from Pagosa, I live in Pagosa, I was born in Pagosa," he said. "I have a good wrap on what the kids that don't feel like they're college-bound, I have good understanding of what they're feeling."

One of the biggest challenges facing ASD in the coming years is educating the public on district business, Moore noted.

## Vacant seat

With former BOE member Dawn Kolpin not running for re-election for her seat as director of District 4, the board formally approved a resolution to declare a vacancy on the board.

The resolution states that, because the district did not get any



Brooks Lindner



Michael Moore

candidate petitions for Kolpin's seat for the Nov. 5 biennial election, the board has announced there is a vacancy as of Nov. 12.

Those interested in the vacant seat can submit a letter of interest and qualifications to the board by Nov. 18 at 3 p.m.

Letters can be submitted to the district's administration office at 309 Lewis St., emailed to rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us, or mailed to:

Archuleta School District 50 Joint, Attn: Robyn Bennett, PO Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

From there, the board will interview candidates on Nov. 19 at 5 p.m. during a public meeting.

Those interested in the director of District 4 seat must be a resident of the district; the appointee will serve until the next school biennial election in November of 2021.

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# School district to research grant options for HVAC upgrades

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Looking to improve the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment at two of its local schools, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) has elected to gather more information about possibly going for one or two grants to cover a portion of the potential costs.

At the BOE's meeting Tuesday, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed explained that, following a facilities study done by the district, it was outlined that the HVAC systems at Pagosa Springs Middle School and Pagosa Springs High School needed to be upgraded.

Reed explained that the board could opt to go for a Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant for one or both of the HVAC projects, but if the board chooses to go for a BEST grant, it would need to make that decision "relatively soon."

According to the Colorado Department of Education's website, the BEST program provides an annual amount of funding in the form of "competitive grants" for things such as the construction of a new school or renovation of existing structures.

"We do have the facilities study and those were both items that were called out in the facilities study. We're not talking about a major remodel," she said. "Both

the middle school and the high school require HVAC systems, and we would need to pull the report out again to prioritize if the board only wanted to do one."

ASD would stand a better chance to just go for one BEST grant rather than two, Reed commented, adding that the board could still go for two grants.

"Everything I know about BEST is you should go as soon as you can because you don't know if they're going to be there any longer," BOE member Bruce Dryburgh commented. "They have not received statutory funding sufficient to keep going at the level they have been."

Having gone through the BEST

process for a roof at Pagosa Springs Middle School and a school resource officer station at Pagosa Springs High School, Reed noted that there is no formula for consistent success with earning a BEST grant.

"You never know. It depends on who is in the pool," she said. "You don't know, but if you don't ask, then you don't get anything."

Following discussion, a motion was made that authorized the board to move forward with gathering information about the BEST grant options regarding the HVAC systems, with the item to be discussed at a special meeting of the board on Nov. 19.

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# Charter

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who really cares," he said. "I'm sad to leave it, actually."

Later in Monday's meeting, Simmons explained that she would do more research on best practices for board member removal.

## Recruiting

Earlier in the meeting, Simmons noted that she had looked into more active ways to recruit board

members.

As part of her research, Simmons explained she found a method in which the board would create a "nominating committee."

This process would have each PPOS board member come up with five names of "people who know people who may be interested in being on the board," Simmons explained.

Then, each PPOS board member

would invite their five people to a luncheon where PPOS as a school is presented and they are asked to come up with people who they think would be a good fit for the PPOS board, she described.

"It is a little bit active, but only in regards that all we would be asking for from ourselves is five names. And those people would be the ones bringing people to our board," Simmons described further.

This entire process would take place over a four-month period, Simmons indicated.

Weiler suggested that the PPOS board look at parents or grandparents to be on the board.

"We don't want all parents. I think that having three parents is pretty high," Ursala Hudson said, adding that there needs to be diversity on the board.

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# Middle school honor roll students announced

By Anjelica Gallegos  
Special to The SUN

The following fifth-grade students made the first-quarter honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Marlie Adams, Jenavieve Betts, RyliMay Bishop, Damian Cardenas, Wyatt Carr, Terrick Carter, David Castillo, Isabella Davey, Nevaeh Evans, Sebastian Gonzalez, Duke Ketchum, Ryder King, Connor Kirkham, Lucille Kleckner, KellyAnne Kubelka,

Aki'chita LeftHandBull, Lisette Lescas, Sophie Martinez, Zaiden Martinez, Heaven Murphey, Shantee Murphey, Stetson Osborn, Italia Pereyra, Alyzia Quezada, Quint Santos, Madison Stretton, Sequoia Tsosie, Felise Valdez and Stefani Veleta-Echavarria.

The following fifth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Bella Adkisson, Nile Bolig, Jackson Chaney, Victoria Currier, Chloe Gantt, Van Halterman, Melissa Hernandez, Adelyn Hittle,

Emma Jackson, Braylon Landry, Anne Lane, Kyle Matyniak, Samuel Munro, Barbara Reaza Saucedo, Jonathan Rodriguez, Jonathan Ruter, Everett Sistrunk, Gwendolyn Tyler and Peyton Yates.

The following sixth-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Brooklynn Ashley, Reeve Belarmino, Samuel Casaceli, Jacob Castaneda, Izabella Castillo, Kylie Chavez, Kylie Clark, Eden Connor, Milo Deitemeyer, Brenton Dikes, Faith Domingo,

Hope Domingo, Kayla Easling, Liam Gallagher, Matthew Happ, Naima Harrison, Alexa Hernandez, Karina Hernandez, Makayla Jackson, Tucker Jacobson, Reina Manzanares, Kyleigh Martinez, Joseph Matney, Marlon Mitchell, Elijah Nehring, Gina Nguyen, Lillian Petago, Weston Phillips, Joseph Quezada, Heidy Renteria, Eric Segura-Tarango, AmberLynn Snarr, Dayana Tena-Quezada, Aislinn Thomas, Angelina Trillo-Quezada, Sara Yates, Brady

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# Town to consider landmark designation

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Dec. 3 and 19, the Pagosa Springs Town Council is anticipated to consider an ordinance that would declare 444 Lewis Street a local historic landmark.

The request, made by property owner Clayton Buchner, was heard by the Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board on Nov. 6, with that board voting unanimously to recommend that town council designate the property as a local landmark.

Designation of local landmarks is allowed under Article 8 of the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC), specifically under sections 8.3 and 8.4.

According to information provided to the Historic Preservation Board by Senior Planner Cindy Schultz, to qualify for designation, the property must be over 50 years old; the property and structure must retain structural integrity; and the property must have architectural, social and geographical/environmental significance.

While located within the town's

historic district, the home, which now houses an attorney's office and other businesses, is not currently a designated landmark, but is viewed as a "contributing property" within the historic district.

According to Buchner's application, "This building dates back to 1910 and has local cultural significance due to its age and the historical development of Pagosa Springs, and as Bryce and Julia Patterson's home from 1912 to 1924. The Pattersons owned and operated the Champion Mine is (sic) Silverton, CO, before moving to Pagosa, and owned and operated the Arlington Bath House and Hotel in Pagosa Springs, CO until 1936."

At the meeting, Schultz indicated that the building was a Sears, Roebuck and Co. kit home, with Buchner adding that the kit was from the company's 1908 catalog.

The lot was part of the town's original 1883 plat.

In her report on the subject, Schultz wrote: "The foursquare construction style was typical, not locally significant however, the home was built as a Sears and

Roebuck kit home. Sears and Roebuck revolutionized this method delivering everything one needed to construct a new home to the owner's town or city. Sears archival history sums it up 'Sears was not an innovative home designer. Sears was instead a very able follower of popular taste.' Sears popularized pre-fabricated homes decades before prefab became a part of popular lexicon. This allowed for mass-production and delivery reducing construction time up to 40% and eliminated the need for skilled carpenters."

Sears' archives show the house, the Hamilton model, retailed for \$1,023 to \$2,385.

The same document later explains: "Significance of Sears and Roebuck catalog shopping as a pioneer in that era was the anonymity mail order allowed to the buyers of anything from hardware to clothing to home furnishings to homes. At the time Sears and Roebuck (and MontgomeryWards, among others) rose to popularity with the masses they unknowingly changed lives of blacks in the Jim Crow era and

other racially disadvantaged individuals, allowing them to purchase goods previously only made available to whites purchasing in person at retail stores."

At the meeting, Buchner stated he plans to keep the stone structure, which is almost 1,800 square feet, as close to the original home as possible in fixing up and repairing it.

In response to questions, Buchner noted he has at least five of the house's original windows and there may be original wood flooring in a portion of the house.

Section 8.9 of the LUDC states, "The Town Council may adopt policy, by resolution, for the granting of economic and other incentives for the retention, renovation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reuse of designated historic properties."

The preservation board voted 4-0 in favor of recommending the structure's designation.

The town currently has 15 designated landmarks, with the most recent being the Rumbaugh Creek bridge, which was designated in 2015.

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# BoCC votes to approve noise ordinance

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Tuesday, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted to approve the second and final reading of the county's revised noise ordinance.

"WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado, finds and declares that noise that exceeds the limits provided for within this ordinance is a major source of environmental pollution that represents a threat to the serenity and quality of life in Archuleta County..." the ordinance begins.

Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman outlined the decibel level maximums from 7 a.m. to the next 7 p.m. under the

revised ordinance at the meeting, which are:

- 55 decibels in residential areas.
- 60 decibels in commercial areas.
- 70 decibels in light industrial areas.
- 80 decibels in industrial areas and construction activities.

Normal conversation is about 60 decibels and a lawn mower is about 90 decibels, according to UofMHealth.org.

The decibel maximums dip by five decibels from 7 p.m. to the next 7 a.m.

"While everything does have a specific decibel level, maximum level, the problem is currently, we have no capability to enforce it as the sheriff's office does not possess a decibel meter," Woodman said at the meeting. "So, that's the change

that moving forward we're gonna have to acquire the instruments to get out and have that measurement capability."

Commissioner Ron Maez asked Woodman how many they would need and Woodman said ideally they would have one for each vehicle, which would cost approximately \$30,000.

"I don't see where that's going to come from," said Woodman referring to the price tag of the decibel readers.

Asked why the price was so high, Woodman explained you can't just order any decibel reader off the Internet; the sheriff's department needs specific, certified ones that can be used as evidence in a court case if needed.

In a follow-up phone call, Woodman said that despite not having

decibel readers, the sheriff's department will still respond to noise complaints and work to resolve the problem.

The noise will be measured from the source of the complaint, according to the sheriff's office.

The full revised noise ordinance can be read on the county's website on the Nov. 12 BoCC agenda.

john@pagosasun.com

# Honor roll

Continued from A13

Ziminsky and Zachery Zuchero.

The following sixth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Leah Blackman, Benjamin Dozier, Jenna Jenkins, Adison Johnson, Luke Kinsley, Kaila Limebrook, Case Matteson, Anja Nasralla, Stephen Pair, Jayton Ross, Chloe Scholer, Johnathon Smith, Natalie Talley, Aidan Vega and Henry Wyman.

The following seventh-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Jesse Beck, Peyton Bedtke, Hayden Bishop, Nidia Blanco, Aiden Brown, Owen Burns, Kaylee Clark, Aven Cole, Cody Cordova, Sierra Cowan, Savannah Foster, Izabell Gallagher, Angelo Gallegos, Princess Grigsby, Naomi Grimes, Taylor Hancey, James Jolley, Cadence Kerns, Cedar Liverett, Jason Lucero, Brisa Montes, Quetzal Montes, Maryah Montoya, Ginger Pain, Cameron Reis,

Braydon Roberts, Kaeden Schrader, Karsyn Shahan, Jonah Sherman, Ryan Taylor, David Tsosie, Lorelei Vining, Charles Washburn, Nickolas Wilson and Natalia Zamudio.

The following seventh-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Rylie Carr, Elizabeth Currier, Bethannie Daniels-Wesley, Isabel Galloway, Bella Gutierrez, Neena Gutierrez, Gavin Houston, Peyton Jackson, Kylie Ketchum, Abigail Nehring, Olivia Nehring, Layla Novak, Alexander Pham, Aspen Pitcher, Emily Reynolds, Ariel Slead, Gemma Slingerland, Payton Smith, Honestye Sweet, Sofia Talamante, Braden Terry, Brandt Winther, Trevor Wirth and Seth Zeigle.

The following eighth-grade students made honor roll with 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Grace Betts, Jeremiah Bradley, Rebekah Candalaria, Kadence Chavez, Ethan

Chavez Skok, John Cloward, Chloe Crabtree, Alexa Dimond, Jonathan Easling, Anthony Flenoury, Donovan Galabota, Elvis Grigsby, Cole Harper, Nika Hinger, Dennis Kholostov, Bradley Lamoreaux, Blake Laner, Colton Lewis, Kynslie Limebrook, Michelle Lujan, Patrick Matney, RuthAnn Morehouse, Geoffrey Munro, Hadley Phillips, Guadalupe Rivas, Keaton Robel, Samantha Sanchez, Bailee Shallenberger, Marie Smith, Lucy Taylor, Luke Tressler, Anne-Marie Uhrenbacher and Ridge Wilson.

The following eighth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Karis Blackman, Jeimie Castaneda, Trey Garcia, Chase Harper, Jack Hittle, Brooke Huddleston, Connor Kelly, Nathaniel Kinsley, Natalie Mashue, Jeidy Moreno Echavarría, Annabelle Parker, Eaden Tuggle-Reed and Colton Wilkins.

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# Colorado is growing, Census 2020 gearing up to count them all

By John C. Shepard  
Special to The SUN

More people moved into Colorado last year than moved out, continuing the state's trend of population growth. In 2018, approximately 239,000 people were attracted to Colorado and just over 203,000 people left, for a net gain of about 36,000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) estimates released Oct. 31.

In April 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau will be making its once-a-decade count of all residents, including these newcomers. Efforts

are already underway in Colorado to help ensure a complete count. Region 9 Economic Development District and the Southwest Colorado Council of Governments are coordinating efforts with the Colorado State Demographer's Office.

Locally, the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is organizing the Archuleta County Complete Count Committee. Its first meeting is Friday, Nov. 15, at 11 a.m. at the Chamber offices, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

The large number of people moving into and out of Colorado will be a challenge for the Census. In Pagosa Springs, Texas license plates

aren't unusual to see in traffic across southwest Colorado, but statewide, the largest number of new residents moved from California. Over 28,000 people left the Golden State for the Centennial State in 2018, with almost 27,000 making the move from the Lone Star State. Florida contributed about 14,000, followed by over 11,000 from New Mexico and more than 9,000 from Virginia.

The road does go both ways. Texas gained more than 21,000 former Colorado residents in 2018, with close to 19,000 moving to California and close to 16,000 moving to Florida. Arizona attracted more than 11,000, followed by the state

of Washington.

The following chart shows Colorado residents who moved to another state in 2018 as "Out Migrants" and those moving to Colorado from that state as "In Migrants."

	In Migrants	Out Migrants
California	28,288	18,755
Texas	26,930	21,509
Florida	14,017	15,746
New Mexico	11,444	4,877
Virginia	9,260	4,557
Arizona	7,987	11,517
Washington	6,686	10,122

This information was taken from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey one-year migration flows.

## SENIOR NEWS

### History Club, health and wellness events and more offered at Senior Center

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
SUN Columnist

Are you interested in reading and talking about history with others?

If so, please join us the History Club and bring your ideas and experiences as we continue a history discussion group at the Senior Center.

The discussions cover many historical subjects based on the preferences of the group. Please come and bring your friends who might also be interested.

Facilitated by Jim Van Liere, the group meets the third Wednesday of every month.

The next meeting will be Nov. 20

at 1 p.m. in the Community Café dining room in the Senior Center.

On Nov. 20, the history group will begin its study of English history and how it influenced America.

There will not be a group discussion on Dec. 18, but the group will continue to study the history of England on Jan. 15, 2020, and Feb. 19, 2020. The essence of the discussions concerning England is what America adopted and what it rejected regarding England's form of government and culture.

#### Health and wellness

The Senior Center is continuing the pilot program which expands health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The pro-

gram includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next health and wellness date will be Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Memberships

2019 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, Nov. 14 — Teriyaki salmon with tartar sauce, whipped sweet potatoes, stir-fry citrus asparagus, milk, salad bar and baked apple.

Friday, Nov. 15 — Ham quiche and spinach quiche, black bean and corn salsa, spring pea medley, milk, salad bar and German chocolate cake.

Monday, Nov. 18 — Shrimp and

grits; asparagus stir-fry; roasted zucchini, tomatoes and onions; milk; salad bar; and lemon dessert.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 — Chicken and dumplings, spinach sautéed with mushrooms, oven-baked okra with ketchup, milk, salad bar and poached pears.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 — Beef meatloaf, cauliflower mashed with gravy, carrots with crème fraiche, milk, salad bar and pineapple/orange cake.

Thursday, Nov. 21 — Pork posole stew, squash calabacitas, milk, caramelized butternut squash, salad bar and flan.

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 Café at the Senior Center.

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

## Public Notices

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

**BROOK LYNN JOHNSON**  
P O BOX 3902  
PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

**ROLLIN A. BORAWSKI**  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

**LOT 210 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74690.**

Account Number: R015031  
Schedule Number: 589309206030  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03783  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to **ROLLIN A. BORAWSKI**  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of **BROOK LYNN JOHNSON** for said year 2015.  
That said **ROLLIN A. BORAWSKI** on the 8th day of October 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property.

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to **ROLLIN A. BORAWSKI**  
On the 11th day of March 2020, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
Witness my hand this 16th day of October 2019  
/s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
Published November 7 and 14, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE AS TO PROPOSED BUDGET**  
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Upper San Juan Library District for the ensuing year of 2020. That a copy of the proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library at 811 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, where same is open for public inspection. That such proposed budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held at the Ruby Sisson Library on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 4:00 PM. Any interested elector within the Upper San Juan Library District may inspect the budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.  
Dated: October 17, 2019  
Upper San Juan Library District  
Meg Wempe, Director  
Published November 7 and 14, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

**WILLIAM H. DREYER**  
8114 GLENHEATH STREET  
HOUSTON, TX 77061  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2015, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

**BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC**  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

**LOT 127 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74884.**

**DOES NOT INCLUDE MH 990012350527**  
Account Number: R009711  
Schedule Number: 569919308001  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2015-03335  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to **BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC**

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of **WILLIAM H. DREYER** for said year

2014.  
That said **BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC** on the 18th day of October 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to **BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC**  
On the 18th day of March 2020, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
Witness my hand this 24th day of October 2019  
/s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
Published November 7, 14 and 21, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

**MIKE MCCAIG**  
P O BOX 1023  
PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 6th day of November 2014, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

**MARK S. JESKE**  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

**LOT 558 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.**

**DOES NOT INCLUDE MH 990012350079**  
Account Number: R015791  
Schedule Number: 589316408024

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2014-02963  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to **MARK S. JESKE**  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2013  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of **MIKE MCCAIG** for said year 2013.  
That said **MARK S. JESKE** on the 8th day of October 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property.

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to **MARK S. JESKE**  
On the 8th day of March 2020, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
Witness my hand this 24th day of October 2019  
/s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
Published November 7, 14 and 21, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2020 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION**  
(Pursuant to § 29-1-106 and § 29-1-109, C.R.S.)  
NOTICE is hereby given that the 2020 proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Health of San Juan Basin Public Health ("SJBPH"). The proposed budget will be considered at a public hearing which will take place during the regular meeting of the SJBPH Board of Health on December 12, 2019 commencing at 9:30 a.m., at 281 Sawyer Drive, Durango, CO 81303.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection, Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm, at both SJBPH's offices located at 281 Sawyer Drive, Durango, Colorado, 81303 and 502 South 8th Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147, and the website [spublichealth.org](http://spublichealth.org) starting on November 8, 2019. Any interested elector within SJBPH's service territory (La Plata County and Archuleta County, CO) may inspect, comment or register objections thereto at any time prior to the adoption of the budget. Published in the Durango Herald on \_\_\_\_\_ and published in the Pagosa Sun on \_\_\_\_\_  
Published November 14, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2020 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION**  
(Pursuant to Section 29-1-106 and Section 29-1-109, C.R.S.)  
NOTICE is hereby given that a proposed supplemental budget and appropriation to the 2019 budget has been submitted to the Board of Health of San Juan Basin Public Health ("SJBPH"). The proposed supplemental budget will be considered at a public hearing which will take place during the regular meeting of the SJBPH Board of Health on December 12, 2019 commencing at 9:30 a.m., at 281 Sawyer Drive, Durango, CO 81303.

The supplemental budget and appropriation is related to SJBPH's increases to funding that could not have been anticipated at the time the SJBPH's budget was originally adopted. SJBPH also had an increase to expenses primarily due to increased funding in 2019.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, at both SJBPH's offices located at 281 Sawyer Drive, Durango, Colorado, 81303 and 502 South 8th Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147, and the website [spublichealth.org](http://spublichealth.org) starting on November 8, 2019. Any interested elector within the SJBPH service territory (La Plata County and Archuleta County, CO) may inspect, comment or register objections thereto at any time prior to the adoption of the supplemental budget. Published in the Durango Herald on \_\_\_\_\_ and the Pagosa Sun on \_\_\_\_\_  
Published November 14, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**Colorado's Timber Ridge Metropolitan District**  
Notice of Budget Hearing  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of Colorado's Timber Ridge Metropolitan District for the budget year 2020. A copy of such prepared budget has been filed at the office of the President of the district, David Campbell 511 Yarrow Circle, Pagosa Springs, Co. where the same is open for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held at the Colorado's Timber Ridge HCA Clubhouse, 31 Shooting Star Dr., Pagosa Springs, Co. on November 18th, 2019 at 5:00 PM. Any interested electors within Colorado's Timber Ridge Metropolitan District may inspect the budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the amended budget.  
Published November 14, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**DISTRICT CLOUD, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO**  
WATER RESUME  
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7  
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of October, 2019, for Archuleta County.

**19CW23** Peter Adam Heist, PO Box 697, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; P. Heist Pumps&ite; Rio Blanco River; Archuleta County; Easting 321810, Northing 4111648; SE1/4SW1/4, Section 36, T34N, R1W, S5M; NMPM; 230 feet from South, 1304 feet from East; Rio Blanco tributary to San Juan River; Date of appropriation, 1/30/19; Appropriation was initiated, built irrigation and diversion maps with Div of Water Resources; Absolute 0.1 cfs; Irrigation and fire protection - domestic. Application for Absolute Water Rights (Surface) (10 pages)

**19CW24** Craig E. Lorenzen, PO Box 5559, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; Little Blanco Highline Ditch Extension; Rio Blanco River; Archuleta County; Date of original decree, 8/31/00; Case no., 98CW76; Subsequent decrees, 3/5/07, 06CW63, 9/19/13, 13CW9; A point on the Rt bank of the Rio Blanco River in Archuleta County, CO and derives its supply of water from said Rio Blanco River, said headgate being located at a point from whence the NW corner of Section 35, T34N, R1W bears N38°48' West 3297.10 feet; Rio Blanco River; Archuleta County; Easting 321810, Northing 4111648; SE1/4SW1/4, Section 36, T34N, R1W, S5M; NMPM; 230 feet from South, 1304 feet from East; Rio Blanco tributary to San Juan River; Date of appropriation, 1/30/19; Appropriation was initiated, built irrigation and diversion maps with Div of Water Resources; Absolute 0.1 cfs; Irrigation and fire protection - domestic. Application for Absolute Water Rights (Surface) (10 pages)

**19CW25** Craig E. Lorenzen, PO Box 5559, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; Little Blanco Highline Ditch Extension; Rio Blanco River; Archuleta County; Date of original decree, 8/31/00; Case no., 98CW76; Subsequent decrees, 3/5/07, 06CW63, 9/19/13, 13CW9; A point on the Rt bank of the Rio Blanco River in Archuleta County, CO and derives its supply of water from said Rio Blanco River, said headgate being located at a point from whence the NW corner of Section 35, T34N, R1W bears N38°48' West 3297.10 feet; Rio Blanco River; Archuleta County; Easting 321810, Northing 4111648; SE1/4SW1/4, Section 36, T34N, R1W, S5M; NMPM; 230 feet from South, 1304 feet from East; Rio Blanco tributary to San Juan River; Date of appropriation, 1/30/19; Appropriation was initiated, built irrigation and diversion maps with Div of Water Resources; Absolute 0.1 cfs; Irrigation and fire protection - domestic. Application for Absolute Water Rights (Surface) (10 pages)

**19CW26** Craig E. Lorenzen, PO Box 5559, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; Little Blanco Highline Ditch Extension; Rio Blanco River; Archuleta County; Date of original decree, 8/31/00; Case no., 98CW76; Subsequent decrees, 3/5/07, 06CW63, 9/19/13, 13CW9; A point on the Rt bank of the Rio Blanco River in Archuleta County, CO and derives its supply of water from said Rio Blanco River, said headgate being located at a point from whence the NW corner of Section 35, T34N, R1W bears N38°48' West 3297.10 feet; Rio Blanco River; Archuleta County; Easting 321810, Northing 4111648; SE1/4SW1/4, Section 36, T34N, R1W, S5M; NMPM; 230 feet from South, 1304 feet from East; Rio Blanco tributary to San Juan River; Date of appropriation, 1/30/19; Appropriation was initiated, built irrigation and diversion maps with Div of Water Resources; Absolute 0.1 cfs; Irrigation and fire protection - domestic. Application for Absolute Water Rights (Surface) (10 pages)

**19CW27** Craig E. Lorenzen, PO Box 5559, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; Little Blanco Highline Ditch Extension; Rio Blanco River; Archuleta County; Date of original decree, 8/31/00; Case no., 98CW76; Subsequent decrees, 3/5/07, 06CW63, 9/19/13, 13CW9; A point on the Rt bank of the Rio Blanco River in Archuleta County, CO and derives its supply of water from said Rio Blanco River, said headgate being located at a point from whence the NW corner of Section 35, T34N, R1W bears N38°48' West 3297.10 feet; Rio Blanco River; Archuleta County; Easting 321810, Northing 4111648; SE1/4SW1/4, Section 36, T34N, R1W, S5M; NMPM; 230 feet from South, 1304 feet from East; Rio Blanco tributary to San Juan River; Date of appropriation, 1/30/19; Appropriation was initiated, built irrigation and diversion maps with Div of Water Resources; Absolute 0.1 cfs; Irrigation and fire protection - domestic. Application for Absolute Water Rights (Surface) (10 pages)

**19CW28** Craig E. Lorenzen, PO Box 5559, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; Little Blanco Highline Ditch Extension; Rio Blanco River; Archuleta County; Date of original decree, 8/31/00; Case no., 98CW76; Subsequent decrees, 3/5/07, 06CW63, 9/19/13, 13CW9; A point on the Rt bank of the Rio Blanco River in Archuleta County, CO and derives its supply of water from said Rio Blanco River, said headgate being located at a point from whence the NW corner of Section 35, T34N, R1W bears N38°48' West 3297.10 feet; Rio Blanco River; Archuleta County; Easting 321810, Northing 4111648; SE1/4SW1/4, Section 36, T34N, R1W, S5M; NMPM; 230 feet from South, 1304 feet from East; Rio Blanco tributary to San Juan River; Date of appropriation, 1/30/19; Appropriation was initiated, built irrigation and diversion maps with Div of Water Resources; Absolute 0.1 cfs; Irrigation and fire protection - domestic. Application for Absolute Water Rights (Surface) (10 pages)

**19CW29** Craig E. Lorenzen, PO Box 5559, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; Little Blanco Highline Ditch Extension; Rio Blanco River; Archuleta County; Date of original decree, 8/31/00; Case no., 98CW76; Subsequent decrees, 3/5/07, 06CW63, 9/19/13, 13CW9; A point on the Rt bank of the Rio Blanco River in Archuleta County, CO and derives its supply of water from said Rio Blanco River, said headgate being located at a point from whence the NW corner of Section 35, T34N, R1W bears N38°48' West 3297.10 feet; Rio Blanco River; Archuleta County; Easting 321810, Northing 4111648; SE1/4SW1/4, Section 36, T34N, R1W, S5M; NMPM; 230 feet from South, 1304 feet from East; Rio Blanco tributary to San Juan River; Date of appropriation, 1/30/19; Appropriation was initiated, built irrigation and diversion maps with Div of Water Resources; Absolute 0.1 cfs; Irrigation and fire protection - domestic. Application for Absolute Water Rights (Surface) (10 pages)

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## Veterans Day breakfast

SUN photos/Chris Mannara

Marking the 19th year for the event, Pagosa Springs Middle School eighth-graders hosted the annual Veterans Day breakfast for our local heroes Monday. The event was a time for the youth of the community to talk with veterans and hear stories of their experiences.



# Thanksgiving issue

## Thursday, November 28

### *Early Deadlines*

**Display Advertising**  
Noon, Friday, November 22

**Classified Advertising**  
10 a.m., Monday, November 25  
Too Late to Classify 10 a.m., Monday, November 25

**Legal Advertising, Articles & Letters**  
Noon, Thursday, November 21

The Pagosa Springs SUN office will be closed Thursday, November 28  
and Friday, November 29 in observance of Thanksgiving

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# Riverfront Tour

Join us for a multi-home event  
in the Rio Blanco!

Thursday, November 21st  
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<p>Exit Realty - Advantage Pagosa Kim Moore</p> <p>4391 County Road 335 MLS# 762577 \$239,000</p>	<p>Jann C. Pitcher Real Estate David &amp; Mary Helen Cammack</p> <p>41 Cabripo Place MLS# 763454 \$399,500</p>	<p>Team Pagosa + Jim Smith Realty Debbie Loewen + Christie Calderwood</p> <p>164 Jones Bend Court MLS# 762138 \$699,000</p>	<p>Jann C. Pitcher Real Estate Blue Pitcher Lindner</p> <p>111 Chambers Place MLS# 754685 \$900,000</p>
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Wine and micro-brew tastings and appetizers to kick off the holidays!



# preview

## ARTS & CAFE



# Holiday Hoopla



See participating merchants inside • Nov. 15 through Dec. 15



Rainbow Gift Shop



The Funky Trunk



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# Holiday Hoopla to begin Nov. 15

By **Mary Jo Coulehan**  
Special to The PREVIEW

What was once the Parade of Stores weekend shopping extravaganza has now morphed into the Holiday Hoopla, giving stores and shoppers more time to embrace the concept of “Shopping Local.”

The Hoopla event technically takes place from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 whereby shoppers can reap the rewards of special discounts and chances to enter the prize packages. However, remember that you can always

shop local.

This year, more than 35 retail stores and restaurants will be participating in the Hoopla. Let's get started.

First off, stop by any of the participating retail stores and sign up and receive your Hoopla card. Keep this with you to use at the other participating retail stores and restaurants during this shopping period. When shopping, for every \$10 you spend, you will be entered into drawings for special prize packages to be awarded after Dec. 15. Different from the Parade

■ See Hoopla on next page

## 56th annual Russ Hill Bazaar to open Monday

By **Barbara Draper**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The ever-popular Russ Hill Wreath Bazaar will be open for the 56th consecutive year Monday, Nov. 18, through Dec. 9 at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Local greens are harvested and the scent of our pine forests will greet customers at the door. Both walk-in and phone orders can be placed Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. except for Nov. 27, 28 and 29, when the bazaar will be closed for Thanksgiving. The designated phone number for the bazaar is 264-4538. Please do not call the church office with your order.

Two wreath sizes are available. The standard wreaths (about 25 inches wide) are \$35. Shipping is available for an additional fee. Extra large wreaths (about 45 inches wide) are \$70. Unfortunately, shipping is not available for this size. Each wreath will be decorated with pine cones and a bow that can be selected from several colors. Wreaths can also be customized with special bows and other embellishments

for an additional charge.

Table arrangements will be created by custom order this year. There will not be a cash and carry selection available. You are welcome to bring your ideas and/or work with the arrangements specialists for your creation. Prices will vary according to your order.

There are many good reasons to purchase these wreaths. Perhaps foremost is the fact that all profits are distributed in Archuleta County to deserving nonprofits through mini grants. You can simplify your gift-giving decisions, avoid long lines for mailing and anyone on your list will surely appreciate such a thoughtful gift from Pagosa Springs. As for your own wreath, you will not find one made from fresher materials or that will be as long lasting.

The bazaar elves look forward to helping you. You are welcome to come visit the workshop between 9 a.m. and noon or 1 to 3 p.m. to see how the wreaths are made. It is wise not to wait too long to order. A maximum of 500 wreaths will be created this year and many phone and mail orders come from across the country. Former residents continue the tradition of having Pagosa wreaths for their own homes and gifts.



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**Pagosa Brewing Company:** The San Juan Mountain Boys, 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday**

**Coyote Moon Bar and Grill:** Karaoke with Lisa Saunders, 9 p.m.

**Springs Resort Atrium:** Jack Ellis, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday**

**Pagosa Brewing Company:** Open Mic, 6 p.m.

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## Hoopla

■ continued from previous page of Stores rules, it doesn't matter whether you spend \$10 or \$100, you get one entry, not one entry for every \$10 you spend. However, the same concept remains, the more you shop, the more times you can be entered in the drawings. You can also be entered multiple times in the same store if you make multiple visits and purchases.

Also, use your Hoopla card at participating restaurants to receive restaurant discounts for food and beverage specials. After all, we need sustenance when we shop 'til we drop.

There are many opportunities to shop local during this time frame. Many stores will be offering specials only on certain days. Some stores may take advantage of national programs such as Black Friday and Small Business Saturday.

How do you know how to take advantage of these specials? Check out the Holiday Hoopla pages in this week's The Pagosa Springs SUN PREVIEW.

Not only does your shopping dollar give almost three times the value of circulation by shopping local, you also support your friends, neighbors and community residents. Sometimes online shopping is just tough to beat. However, be thoughtful in your gift giving and try to send gifts from your community and support Pagosa Springs.

### Downtown lighting and caroling Nov. 29

The Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and downtown business community will be bringing back the lighting of the Visitor Center on Nov. 29 — the day after Thanksgiving. This is a perfect time during this holiday season to gather the family and come downtown for a community experience.

Victorian carolers will be roaming the downtown district from about 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. They will be around the stores until about 5 p.m., at which time they will be at the Visitor Center/Chamber when the building will be "lit up."

Surrounding businesses will also attempt to coordinate the downtown lighting at 5 p.m. Many of the parks and bridges are on timers, but we are aiming for the 5 p.m. time slot to light up our town. Come to the center, where hot

■ See Hoopla on page 6



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drinks and cookies will be served and Santa will make his initial visit to the Visitor Center. Enjoy the carolers before they head back out into the downtown district.

Many of the stores in the historical district will be open until 6 or 6:30 p.m. so that shoppers can take advantage of any specials and enjoy the music. The carolers will close out their singing at The Springs Resort, so you can also take advantage of a warm and cozy place to gather after hitting the shopping streets. If you have visitors or family in town, this is a perfect opportunity to show off your community with this beautiful lighting.

Remember to get your Hoopla cards and shop local.



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Volunteers from St. Patrick's Episcopal Church are busy preparing for the early Thanksgiving dinner at Loaves and Fishes. The free community meal will be one week before Thanksgiving, Nov. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall on Lewis Street. All are welcome to enjoy a delicious lunch of turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and cranberry. While there, be sure to eat some pumpkin pie, too.

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## Loaves and Fishes to offer Thanksgiving feast next Thursday

By Sally Neel  
Special to The PREVIEW

Thanksgiving is a favorite holiday for many of us. It is a time to sit with family and friends and enjoy a big meal of turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, pumpkin and pecan pie — a time to eat until you cannot hold another bite. It is a time to share in conversation, laughter and memories.

Loaves and Fishes, a local nonprofit, makes sure that no one needs to go without the opportunity to enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal. Next Thursday, beginning at 11:30 a.m., members of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will once again host the annual Loaves and Fishes Thanksgiving feast. The meal will be complete with roasted turkey, homemade dressing and all the delicious side dishes that make the meal special.

"This is truly one of our favorite events of the year," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "The mood is always festive as we prepare the meal and serve it to our guests. We are always mindful of those for whom a tasty traditional Thanksgiving meal would not be possible without the efforts of these volunteers."

Loaves and Fishes is a nonprofit organization that serves a free hot meal every Thursday at the Catho-

lic Parish Hall on Lewis Street from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A wide variety of organizations from around town volunteer to prepare and serve the meals. Loaves and Fishes provides the meat, bread and desert and the organizations provide the rest. There is a professional cook on staff to help with preparation and to give guidance on how to prepare a meal for hundreds of people and a coordinator to instruct the servers. The volunteers also stay to clean up after the meal.

Recently, Loaves and Fishes held its annual appreciation pizza dinner for their volunteers. St. Patrick's parish hall was filled with representatives from 30 local organizations whose volunteers helped to serve over 7,000 free hot meals last year.

"Certainly, we have so much to be thankful for," said Nancy Crouse, Loaves and Fishes board president. "Our community demonstrates their kindness and generosity every week, serving others and bringing joy to so many. None of this could happen without the support of our wonderful volunteers."

For more information about how to become involved in Loaves and Fishes, go to its website: [www.loavesandfishespagosa.org](http://www.loavesandfishespagosa.org), or contact Crouse at [loavesandfishespagosa@centurytel.net](mailto:loavesandfishespagosa@centurytel.net). Individuals as well as organizations are always needed and welcome to serve.

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The huge and happy cast of Curtain's Up Pagosa's "Willy Wonka the Musical" poses for a photo during the final rehearsals for the fun and funky musical. "Willy Wonka" will be performed for four shows only, Nov. 21-24.

## 'Willy Wonka the Musical' just around the corner

Special to The PREVIEW

"Willy Wonka the Musical," a show for all ages, opens in a week, and runs for four shows only, Nov. 21-24 on Curtain's Up Pagosa's (CUP) home stage at Pagosa Springs High School.

The huge and happy cast of CUP's "Willy Wonka" is in final rehearsals of this fun and funky musical.

Cast as Oompa-Loompas, townspeople, squirrels and other quirky characters are: Tamsen Todd, Alanis Sanchez, Robin Davis, Sienna Rose, Caroline Smith, Joni Bussoli, Raygan Porter, Jenna Jenkins, Reese Jenkins, Isabela Forster, Kaylee Hensle, Riley Perrie, Matthew Happ, Faith Domingo, Hope Domingo, Eman

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**The women of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church are beginning preparations for the annual Christmas Tea on Saturday, Dec. 7. Tickets go on sale at 9 a.m. on Nov. 18 in the church Parish Hall.**

## Christmas Tea tickets on sale Monday

By **Sandy Artzberger**  
 Special to The PREVIEW

The women of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church are getting ready to make cream cheese scones with strawberries and chocolate chips; open face sandwiches; savories consisting of cucumber/dill on rye-recipe from Empress Hotel in Victoria, Canada; carrot/ginger sandwiches and tarragon chicken salad — recipe from the Silver Palate; and tea desserts for you at their annual Christmas Tea to be held Dec. 7. in the church Parish Hall

(next to the church).

The aroma of cinnamon apple tea, decorations, tea table settings and hanging Christmas quilts will transport you back to the time of Charles Dickens.

Tickets are \$15 each and will go on sale in St. Pat's Parish Hall Monday, Nov. 18, at 9 a.m. If not all sold out on Monday, tickets will be sold in the church on Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon. There is no advanced sale of tickets, even to parishioners, and there is a limit of eight tickets to one buyer. Also, **See Tea on next page**

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# San Juan Stargazers to study Abell 2218

By Joan Mieritz  
Special to The PREVIEW

The San Juan Stargazers' regular monthly meeting is scheduled on Thanksgiving, so this month we will meet on Thursday, Nov. 21, in the Visitor Center conference room located at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. The meeting is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. sharp. Hot drinks will be served during the meeting because another group is using the conference room until 7 p.m. Be prepared to make a smooth transition.

This month, there will be two parts to our meeting. First, we will be discussing the wonderful StarLab — a portable planetarium that Anita Hinger, science teacher at Pagosa Springs Middle School, has been gathering money to benefit all 1,636 students of our school district. She is over half-way to the \$50,000 that is needed to get this outstanding multifunctional science equipment which includes programs in addition to astronomy, for weather, plate tectonics, geology and other areas. A decision needs to be made as to the amount our club will contribute.

Then we will have a regular program from the series that we have been studying for two years, called "Experiencing Hubble: Understanding the Greatest Images of the Universe." It includes a written lesson and a video lecture by Professor David Meyer of Northwestern University. A gravitational lens is not a common concept, so it is guaranteed that you will learn something new and totally amazing. The lesson is called "Abell 2218 — A Massive Gravitational Lens." One of the most fascinating phenomena in the night sky with a powerful telescope is a gravitational lens. It was predicted by Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity. The most spectacular cases of gravitational lensing involve distant rich clusters of galaxies. The Hubble image of the rich galaxy cluster Abell 2218 is 2 billion light years away and reveals about 80 bright cluster galaxies and more than 100 background galaxies. Just think how brilliant you will sound at your Thanksgiving dinner table trying to explain this to friends and family.

Remember that new people are

always welcome at our meetings and this is a lesson you will not want to miss. It is wonderful how a lesson can seem complex and difficult, but when explained by Meyer with diagrams and other aids, it becomes reasonable and within our grasp.

We are again selling our fabulous Astronomy Magazine Deep Space Mysteries 2020 calendar. There are photos of several classic galaxies, nebulae, a stellar nursery, a young star cluster, a galaxy cluster, a supernova remnant and the very famous Orion Nebula photo that in itself makes it worth getting the calendar. The cost is \$13 and is a fundraiser for our scholarship fund. Every day there is a notation of significant sky events and phases of the moon. Each photo has a detailed explanation to help you painlessly learn the basics of astronomy, so it is perfect for any student.

It is much easier this year to pick up a copy at the Visitor Center. Both Hillary and Rick can help you, but get yours soon before they sell out. They are perfect to mail since they are unbreakable and they give the message every day throughout the year that you cared enough to send such an amazing gift.

The San Juan Stargazers are part of the Astronomical League, which includes clubs from all over the U.S. We have a new website, [www.sanjuanstargazers.org](http://www.sanjuanstargazers.org), as well as an email address, [sjstargazers@gmail.com](mailto:sjstargazers@gmail.com), and a club phone number, 335-8286.

We welcome everyone who has an interest in learning more about our amazing universe.

## Tea

■ continued from previous page there'll be two seatings at the Dec. 7 tea: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Most tables seat four. Scones and tea will be available to "early birds" on Monday ticket sale day.

Unique this year will be musical entertainment from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. in the church which is free and open to all attending the tea and those without tea tickets. The musical groups are the Night Song Trio and the Dickens' Carolers. Handmade crafts will be for

sale in both the Parish Hall and church.

Yes, this is a community outreach fundraiser. However, since the tea's beginning, the women of St. Pat's see it mainly as their gift to the women of Pagosa Springs to be a bit of a respite before the busyness of the holidays.

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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will present “Christmas at the Movies” on Dec. 5 at the Community United Methodist Church.

## Pagosa Springs Girls Choir holiday concert set for Dec. 5

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

As the holiday season approaches, the movie channels flood the airways with favorite Christmas movies. To mention a few, “It’s a Wonderful Life,” “The Christmas Carol,” “Holiday Inn” and “Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer” come into our homes to make the season bright. Each of us has our favorites and most of us can at least hum the title song.

This year, you won’t have to go far to hear your favorite song from some of the best-loved holiday movies. The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) will present “Christmas at the Movies” on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. The annual performance will be held at the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) and will include many audience favorites that fill our hearts with joy and love.

Along with the PSGC, the concert will feature Beth Filliowich as

the featured soloist. Filliowich is well-known at CUMC, giving of her time and talent frequently. A stellar soprano, Filliowich has also chosen some beautiful music from movies that will delight the audience.

The PSGC is a community choir of girls from grades five through eight. While most of the girls attend public school, some of the singers are home-schooled. The choir is in its seventh year of existence after a stellar six years in this community.

PSGC director Linda Parker said, “It has been thrilling to watch these girls and this organization grow and to have the community support us in such splendid ways. There are many very talented young artists in Pagosa who need an opportunity to perform and we appreciate how this community has been so supportive of their efforts. The girls have worked very hard in preparing their holiday music and they are eager to wow their Pagosa audience again this year. Our numbers are small

this year, but we are great on sound and musicianship.”

Listeners are in for a treat when they hear these talented young ladies perform. Please make plans now to come see and hear some of the best that Pagosa has to offer for the holiday season. We hope you’ll join the Girls Choir on Dec. 5. Admission to the concert is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

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# Pagosa Country in the early years

It's probably safe to say the town of Pagosa Springs started on June 5 of 1878 because that's when the first post office opened for business. Somehow, the name Joe Clarke wasn't mentioned as a pioneer when I started attending San Juan Historical Society meetings and writing history columns



## Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

in The Pagosa Springs SUN in 1976. Incidentally, you history buffs likely remember that Colorado celebrated her 100-year anniversary as a state in 1976.

Despite the History Society's lack of affirmation, the license for that post office was issued to Clarke, who also had a general store and saloon in the general vicinity of the sewage lagoon south of town on the west side of the San Juan River. There was a bridge across the river at that point carrying the road (Baker's Toll Road) from Española to high in the San Juan Mountains at Baker's Park and its newly discovered gold ore deposits. Other businesses in town at that time were Clarke's rooming house; a stables, livery and feed business run by William S. Peabody; Tom Blair's Rose Bud Saloon and the area's first sawmill started by E.R. Cooper.

These early-day pioneers were soon joined in 1879 by E.T. Walker and Charles Loucks, who freighted their sawmill, and Walker's steam engine over Cumbres Pass. Margaret and James Voorhees opened a general store. Fil Byrne taught in the government school. Nossaman staked out a claim to his ranch



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

**The Chapson family, pictured here shortly after 1900, lived for awhile on the east side of U.S. 160 between the bottom of Wolf Creek Pass and Treasure Falls. Stretched across the photo behind the family patriarch is good proof that you don't have to have big bucks to build a picket fence.**

north of town. Norbert Berard hauled freight, maybe with an ox team. Newman, Chestnut and Co. came down from Summitville to start a drug store.

With the newly acquired Army base, soon to be named Fort Lewis, things were a-hummin' in Pagosa Country.

In October, the 15th Infantry came hup-two-three-fourin' into town. As anybody who lives here knows, winter weather can lather Pagosa Country anytime. And, so, the Army got busy building shelters for troops and horses and mules. The Army pitched their tents on the northwest side of the San Juan River, where the main block of downtown Pagosa is today. The business buildings I mentioned earlier in this column, except for Clarke's, were scattered along what today is San Juan Street on the east side of the river. Since the town wasn't platted and surveyed until 1883, folks set up housekeeping

and shops anywhere that was convenient and not already occupied.

Anything you ever saw in a western movie happened in Pagosa Country during those early years. Picture shoot-outs, knife fights and the threat of Native American warfare. Imagine pushing and shoving over who owned the water and whose cows grazed where. There were hardworking sodbusters just "lookin' for a home," and there were hard-ridin', quick-shootin' cowboys lookin' for a fight. During the winters, miners and prospectors abandoned their high mountain digs and came to town where they turned their burros loose and drank hard whiskey as long as there was a jingle in their jeans.

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## UUs to consider what determines ethical behavior

By Dean Cerny  
Special to The PREVIEW

We all grow up learning what is right and wrong behavior. But where does this learning come from? Our parents? Religious institutions, scriptures and doctrines? What determines our rule for appropriate behavior?

These are questions of ethics. On Sunday, Nov. 17, at 10:30 a.m., the Pagosa Unitarian Universalists Fellowship will take a closer look at what determines ethical behavior. The primary question behind our discursive exploration will be, "Who or what determines the rules of ethical engagement or action?"

To answer this question, we will compare and contrast the Zen Buddhist ethical approach with the

Christian approach. In doing so, we will learn much about our cultural ethics. We may also discover an insightful, more commonsense approach to ethical conduct. What we hope to uncover is an ethics of the heart, rather than the mind. This inquiry will be led by Pastor Dean Cerny, who prefers an ethics that moves with the situation rather than stands still "in the face of" it.

Check out our calendar of events at [pagosauu.org](http://pagosauu.org). All of these events take place at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

If you would like to schedule a private meeting with Cerny, or for further information, call 731-7900.

## New Thought topic: 'Life Expansion through Visioning and Faith'

By Lisa Burnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

"Seek not to find out who you are, but seek to determine who you want to be." — Neale Donald Walsh.

All are welcome to join the New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, Nov. 17, at 10:30 a.m., for our presentation, "Life Expansion Through Visioning and Faith — I Am That I Am." Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure. We will have a special new members invitation and ceremony, and a holiday decorating party after our service.

Also on Sunday, Nov. 17, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., we invite all who enjoy writing in the company of others to join our writing group for "Stories To Tell Us."

We welcome people of all religions, genders, cultures and races to our services, where we celebrate the Science of Mind and positive thinking.

Our community of affirmative-minded people share joy, laughter and awareness of connection to spirit and our ability to co-create a life of infinite possibilities.

We will have spirited live music.

### Upcoming events

Sunday, Nov. 24, 10:30 a.m.:

"The Benefits of Gratitude."

Thursday, Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Gratitude Potluck. Time to be determined.

### Meditation circle

We invite the public to enjoy our weekly meditation circle each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

### About us

NTC is a New Thought center based on fostering living a spiritually centered life and promoting the philosophies of the Centers for Spiritual Living and the Agape Centers. NTC honors all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the Divine.

We welcome local talent to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Have a hand in making a difference. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

NTC events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of the Best Western Lodge (elevator

available).

Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing [PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com](mailto:PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com); mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052; or calling (505) 604-5031. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought).

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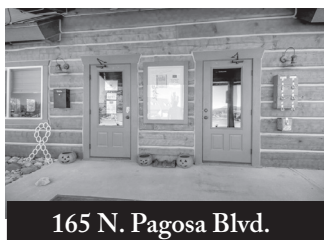
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## Save the date for artisans, animals and shopping

By Mike Stoll  
Special to The PREVIEW

If holiday shopping is on your to-do list for Thanksgiving weekend, then mark your calendar for the fourth annual Art for the Animals (AFTA) artisan extravaganza. This year's AFTA will take place on Nov. 30 at the PLPOA clubhouse from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

AFTA is an artisan collaboration to benefit the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs and the Pagosa Springs Arts Council, and features the works and wares of 20 local artists, artisans, jewelers and craftsmen. This event is a wonderful opportunity to do some quality gift shopping for friends and loved ones and support our local artists and animal shelter at the same time. It's festive, family-friendly and admission is free.

You'll find a wide array of gift-giving ideas, all under one roof. Featured art and wares will include handmade leather and suede household items, apparel, ceramics and handmade mugs, home décor, unique equestrian gifts, children's books, original art and note cards, organic beauty products, glasswork, sterling silver and gemstone jewelry, ready-to-give gift baskets and much more. Visit the Humane Society website ([www.humanesociety.biz](http://www.humanesociety.biz)) for the full lineup of participating artisans and check out future editions of the The Pagosa Springs SUN and PREVIEW for more details.

If shopping works up an appetite, there will be food on hand to satisfy a hungry family, so you can make AFTA a lunch date, too. To quench your thirst, the Humane Society beverage bar will feature

its Hermosa Coffee Roasters coffees, along with a variety of holiday drinks, including cider, eggnog and hot chocolate. A selection of adult beverages will also be available and there will be live music for your listening pleasure.

AFTA is a one-stop shop and eat event for the entire family. With gift ideas galore to choose from, you can plan to shop 'til you drop and then regroup and relax with a beverage, some delicious food and enjoy the sounds of some wonderful live music.

So, mark your calendar and plan on making Art for the Animals an awesome part of your Thanksgiving weekend shopping on Nov. 30 at the PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Shop where you live, find the perfect gifts, have some lunch, and support the animal shelter and local artists all at the same time.

## Ways to make holiday guests comfortable

Special to The PREVIEW

The time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day marks one of the busiest periods of the year for long-distance travel.

The U.S. Department of Transportation says that come Thanksgiving, the number of long-distance trips (50+ miles away) increases by 54 percent, and around Christmas that number rises by 23 percent over the remainder of the year. Those travelers ultimately need a place to rest their heads, and many stay with family and friends.

Entertaining during the holiday season involves accounting for guests' comfort, and that often means hosts must put their visitors' needs over their own. Although some sacrifices need to be made, there is a way to find a happy compromise that can help the holidays go smoothly and happily. Consider these ways to help guests feel welcome whether they stay for a few hours or a few days.

1. Cater to specific dietary needs. One of the ways to treat guests kindly is by being aware of any special dietary needs they may have when it comes to preparing holiday meals or other foods during their visits. Some guests may require low-sodium diets, while others may be monitoring their blood-sugar levels and must dine accordingly. Vegetarians and vegans limit the foods they eat, while others may avoid foods based on religious preferences. Offer a variety of foods and try to cater to guests' needs as much as possible. When in doubt, consult with the

guest so he or she feels welcome and does not go hungry.

2. Make sleeping spaces as private as possible. Not everyone has a separate guest room for overnight stays, but try to make sleeping areas as private as you can when visitors spend the night. Use privacy screens or set guests up in a family room that's away from the center of activity. Hosts may want to give up their own rooms for the comfort of guests.

3. Offer storage space. One way to make guests feel comfortable is to give them their own storage space. This can include space in a closet, a couple of drawers to stow their belongings, or hangers in the entryway for coats and other winter attire.

Not only will this keep things more organized, it can provide guests with comfort.

4. Include guests when preparing for entertaining. Many guests like to feel involved, and by including them in meal preparation, decorating or shopping, you can help them feel included and appreciated.

5. Keep snacks and other creature comforts readily accessible. Guests may feel sheepish scavenging through cabinets or drawers looking for items. Make things easy to find by leaving items out on counters or indicating where items can be found.

Guests are a large part of the holiday season. Help them feel comfortable whenever they visit your home.

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## U.S. MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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Scene ... celebrating the 244th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps on Sunday, Nov. 10. Marines and others celebrated the birthday with dinner, the traditional cake-cutting ceremony and a short program.





# Preview Calendar

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

## Thursday, Nov. 14

**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.

**Mountain View Homemakers.** 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. We will be presenting checks to organizations that do so much for the men, women and children in Pagosa Country. This is an opportunity to learn more about what these nonprofits do in our community. A potluck lunch will be provided by members. For more information, call Tozi at 731-3360.

**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 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 Accelerated GED.** 2-7 p.m.,

Sisson Library. Earning your GED is a goal you can achieve. Ask us how to enroll in our free accelerated GED preparation course. We also offer help with college entrance exams, financial aid, tutoring and more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

## Friday, Nov. 15

**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.

**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.

**Hand and Foot Card Game.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Movie.** 2:30-4 p.m., Sisson Library. All ages. A domesticated grizzly bear with no survival skills tries to survive outdoors when a scrawny mule deer convinces him to leave his cushy home with a park ranger. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Yoga.** 5-6 p.m., Community Center.

**Open Gymnastic Gym Time.** 5-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Ages 5+, (younger allowed with parent). Cost is \$5 per session. Open gymnastic gym is a great time to come in and practice those special skills you are determined to learn, or just get in

some extra practice time. We will play some fun games and top it off with a handstand contest. There will be supervision, but this is not a structured class. Call 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233 for more information.

## Saturday, Nov. 16

**Holiday Open House.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Foot Prints, 458 Pagosa St.

**Holiday Open House.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Happy Trails Ladies Boutique, 454 Pagosa St.

**Family Storytime: Magnificent Marbles.** 3-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Help! We've

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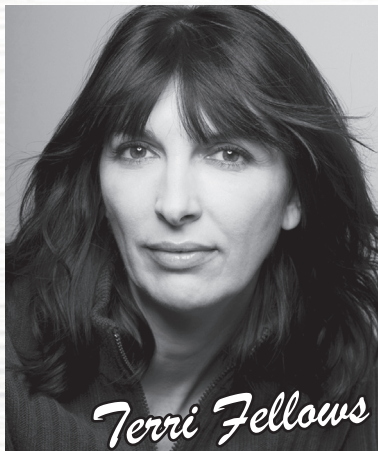
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**Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction for Brenda Phillips Wood.** 6:30 p.m., Arts Council Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Suggested donation for dinner: adults, \$10 and children, \$5.

## Sunday, Nov. 17

**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, Nov. 18

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

**Russ Hill Wreath Bazaar.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Two sizes are available. The standard wreaths, about 25 inches wide, are \$35. Extra large wreaths which are about 45 inches wide, are \$70. Each wreath will be decorated with pine cones and a bow that can

be selected from several colors. Wreaths can also be customized with special bows and other embellishments for an additional charge. Table arrangements can be created by custom order. Both walk-in and phone orders can be placed Monday through Friday through Dec. 9. Call 264-4538 for more information and to place your order.

**Line Dancing.** 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. 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 Accelerated GED.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Earning your GED is a goal you can achieve. Ask us how to enroll in our free accelerated GED preparation course. We also offer help with college entrance exams, financial aid, tutoring and more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**TEFAP Food Distribution.** 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Restoration Fellowship, 264 Village Drive.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drop-Off.** Noon-5 p.m., Cross-Road Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave.

**Bingo.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Bridge for Fun.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.  
**Hand and Foot Card Game.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Zentangle.** 1 p.m., Higher Grounds. You may bring your own pens and paper or purchase a Zentangle kit for \$10. For more information, contact Roberta Strickland, CZT, at 946-4582 or email at mtn.mamacita@gmail.com.

**Computer Class: Google Drive.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to create documents, save your files online and collaborate with others on Google Drive. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Otaku.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 5th-12th grade. If you are into anime or manga, this is for you. Come and watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga.

**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.  
**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

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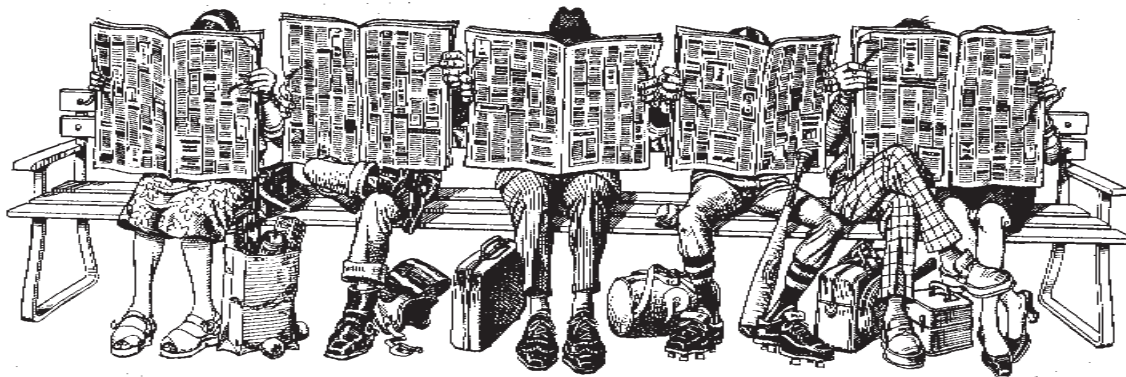
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**High Country Squares Dances.** 6:30-8:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. We dance both mainstream and plus with Jim Park calling. Visitors welcome. For more information, contact Steve Keil at 731-0044 or email skeil@nso.edu.

## Tuesday, Nov. 19

**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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**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drop-Off.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave.

**Free Hot Tea.** 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sweets and Treats, 424 Pagosa St.

**Archuleta County Democratic Club.** 11:30 a.m., Pagosa Brewing Company. The featured speaker will be James Iacino. All are welcome. Participants will be asked to order lunch. Anyone interested in attending is asked to RSVP to John Porco at jwppagosa@gmail.com or call 946-2484.

**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.

**Adult DIY: Paper Leaves Wreath.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Greet your Thanksgiving guests with a wreath that celebrates the fall foliage. These wreaths are created using pages from vintage books and faux maple leaves. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Teen Gaming.** 4-5:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 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 for more information.

**Stuffed Animal Slumber Party.** 5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. All ages. Our new mascots, Aspen and Cinnamon, want to host a party for all their friends. All guests (human and animal) can participate in a brief storytime before tucking the stuffed animal guests into bed for the night. As stuffed animal guests will be staying overnight, please only bring special friends who can be separated from their humans. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Let's Dance Pagosa.** 7-9 p.m. PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn the Latin stylings of the flirtatious Cha Cha. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

## Wednesday, Nov. 20

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center

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**Lifelong Learning Lecture: 'Is There a Glimmer of Hope for the Treatment and Reversal of Dementia?'** 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Dr. Jean Strahlendorf, a neuroscientist with a longstanding interest in degeneration of the brain, will explore some of the multiple and far reaching factors contributing to dementia. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

**San Juan Stargazers.** 7-8:30 p.m., Visitor Center. This month, there will be two parts to our meeting. First, we will be discussing the Star-Lab, a portable planetarium that Anita Hinger, a science teacher at Pagosa Springs Middle School, has been gathering money to benefit all students of our school district. She is over halfway to the \$50,000 that is needed to get this outstanding multifunctional science equipment that includes programs in addition to astronomy, for weather, plate tectonics, geology and other areas. Then we will have a regular program from the series "Experiencing Hubble: Understanding the Greatest Images of the Universe." It includes a written lesson and a video lecture by Professor David Meyer of

Northwestern University. For more information, visit [www.sanjuanstargazers.org](http://www.sanjuanstargazers.org), email [sjstargazers@gmail.com](mailto:sjstargazers@gmail.com) or call 335-8286.

## Friday, Nov. 22

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**Russ Hill Wreath Bazaar.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Two sizes are available. The standard wreaths, about 25 inches wide, are \$35. Extra large wreaths which are about 45 inches wide, are \$70. Each wreath will be decorated with pine cones and a bow that can be selected from several colors. Wreaths can also be customized with special bows and other embellishments for an additional charge. Table arrangements can be created by custom order. Both walk-in and phone orders can be placed Monday through Friday through Dec. 9. Call 264-4538 for more information and to place your order.

**Pagosa Stitching Group.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy cof-

fee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

**Literary Ladies Book Club.** 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Discussion will be on "A Fatal Grace" by Louise Penny. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drop-Off.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave.

**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.

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**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.

**Yoga.** 5-6 p.m., Community Center.

**Open Gymnastic Gym Time.** 5-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Ages 5+, (younger allowed with parent). Cost

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# Holiday dinner planning checklist

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

Planning for your holiday dinner can alleviate stress and ensure you have everything you need to serve a wonderful holiday meal. Here is a checklist to help you plan, and guidelines for cooking a turkey that will be safe and delicious.

- Two to three weeks before:**
- Make your guest list and invite them.
  - Plan your menu (keep the list handy so you can add or delete items).
  - Decide how much food to

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buy for the number of guests being served.

- Order fresh meat. If buying a frozen turkey or other meat, make sure you have plenty of freezer space to store.
  - If you are asking your guests
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is \$5 per session. Open gymnastic gym is a great time to come in and practice those special skills you are determined to learn, or just get in some extra practice time. We will play some fun games and top it off with a handstand contest. There will be supervision, but this is not a structured class. Call 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233 for more information.

**Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

**Saturday, Nov. 23**

**Meditation and Dharma Discussion.** 10 a.m., Pagosa Universalist Unitarian Fellowship, Suite B-15, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are welcome.

**Crafting Club.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drop-Off.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., CrossEoad Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave.

**Historic Smokey Bear Portrait Exhibit.** 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Commemorating the United States Forest Service's

contributions to wildfire prevention, this exhibit of artwork by Rudolph Wendelin is traveling to ranger districts across the country. Our ranger district is hosting the exhibit from Nov. 19-26 and most of the collection will be on display on Nov. 23 from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Nov. 25 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the library.

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. Build wonderful creations with LEGO bricks. We've got the LEGO bricks, just bring your imagination. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Local Artisan Market.** Noon-4 p.m., Wyndham Activities Building, 538 Village Drive.

**Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

**Sunday, Nov. 24**

**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drop-Off.** 1-5 p.m., Cross-Road Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave.

**Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.'** 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

**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.

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

- 1 "No \_\_\_ luck!"
- 5 Concoct, as a plan
- 10 Scoundrels
- 14 The Bee Gees, e.g.
- 15 Lincoln Center offering
- 16 Kind of thermometer
- 17 RSS reader, for one
- 19 Low card in pinochle
- 20 Long (for)
- 21 Enchant
- 23 Way past ripe
- 25 Bowling lane button
- 26 After-dinner wine
- 28 Brownish hue
- 31 1973 film, "Live and \_\_\_ Die"
- 32 Pencil part
- 34 Pretzel topping
- 38 Quaker product
- 40 Hanging-basket flower
- 42 "Not guilty", e.g.
- 43 Bees collect it
- 45 Mischief maker
- 46 China cabinet
- 48 Hitchcock made many
- 50 Contrail's makeup
- 53 Refuse receptacle
- 55 Service station job
- 58 Make into law
- 61 Bread for gyros
- 62 Easy to reach
- 64 Computer screen symbol
- 65 Foot the bill
- 66 Mathematician Turing
- 67 Contradict
- 68 Sled dog, often
- 69 Word on a penny

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**DOWN**

- 1 Command to Rover
- 2 Goad
- 3 Camel, e.g.
- 4 Stephen King's forte
- 5 Harley Davidson, slangily
- 6 Quickly
- 7 Rusty nail danger
- 8 Corn or wheat, e.g.
- 9 "B.C." creator
- 10 Shoe company acquired by Nike in 2003
- 11 Met highlights
- 12 "Divine Comedy" author
- 13 Winter weather
- 18 Menu selection
- 22 Intense anger
- 24 Ruthless ruler
- 26 Hog food
- 27 Be on the mend
- 29 Cheesy sandwich

- 30 Bring up, as a subject
- 33 Oscar winner Guinness
- 35 Able to be transferred
- 36 Car with a bar solo
- 37 Memorial Day
- 39 Furniture wood
- 41 Orthodontist's offering
- 44 1957 Mathis hit, "\_\_\_\_\_ Are"

- 47 Coffee holder
- 49 "Flashdance" hit
- 50 Lacking zest
- 51 Linda Lavin role
- 52 Mountain climbing spike
- 54 Porterhouse, e.g.
- 56 S.A.T. section
- 57 Light beige
- 59 Tartan sporters
- 60 Circus structure
- 63 Pig's digs

**Answers to Last Week's Crossword:**

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- Will they bring a side dish?
- Will they help set up and/or clean up (this is really a great job for spouses and kids; just let them know you need their help).

**A few days before:**

- Start defrosting frozen turkey in refrigerator (see the chart below).
- Make sure your shopping list is up to date and go shopping.
- Make pies and desserts (day before).
- Make other sides that will keep overnight (cranberry sauce is best when it has a few days to sit).

**The morning of the dinner:**

- Get the coffee going.
- Set the table, assemble dishes, platters and serving utensils.
- Prepare vegetables for the side dishes. Clean, peel and cover. Store in refrigerator or place on the stove so they are ready to start.
- Chill wine and other beverages.
- Check your menu to make sure you haven't forgotten any dishes.

**Hours before the dinner:**

- Start cooking your turkey (see the chart below for cooking times, plan for 30 minutes after your turkey is cooked to carve and serve).
- Set out snacks and beverages for your guests — not too much so they don't get full.
- Start cooking vegetables.
- Check the temperature of your turkey (see below for temperatures).
- Prepare gravy.

**Dinnertime:**

- Place food in serving dishes and take to dining table.
- Put wine and water on the table.
- Call guests to the table.
- Reflect on what you are thankful for.
- Enjoy an impressive holiday

dinner with your guests.

## Let's talk turkey: A USDA consumer guide to safely roasting a turkey

### Fresh or frozen?

**Fresh turkeys**

- Allow 1 pound of turkey per person.
- Buy your turkey only one to two days before you plan to cook it. You may need to preorder your turkey; ask your market.
- Keep it stored in the refrigerator until you're ready to cook it. Place it on a tray or in a pan to catch any juices that may leak.
- Do not buy fresh pre-stuffed turkeys. If not handled properly, any harmful bacteria that may be in the stuffing can multiply very quickly.

**Frozen turkeys**

- Allow 1 pound of turkey per person.
- Keep frozen until you're ready to thaw it.
- Turkeys can be kept frozen in the freezer indefinitely; however, cook within one year for best quality.
- See "Thawing your turkey" for thawing instructions.

**Frozen pre-stuffed turkeys**

The USDA recommends only buying frozen pre-stuffed turkeys that display the USDA or state mark of inspection on the packaging. These turkeys are safe because they have been processed under controlled conditions.

Do not thaw before cooking. Cook from the frozen state. Follow package directions for proper handling and cooking.

Allow 1 1/4 pounds of turkey per person.

**Thawing your turkey**

There are three ways to thaw your turkey safely — in the refrigerator, in cold water or in the microwave oven.

**In the refrigerator**

In the refrigerator (40 degrees

Fahrenheit or below). Allow approximately 24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds:

- 4 to 12 pounds — one to three days.
- 12 to 16 pounds — three to four days.
- 16 to 20 pounds — four to five days.
- 20 to 24 pounds — five to six days.

Keep the turkey in its original wrapper. Place it on a tray or in a pan to catch any juices that may leak. A thawed turkey can remain in the refrigerator for one to two days. If necessary, a turkey that has been properly thawed in the refrigerator may be refrozen.

**In cold water**

Allow approximately 30 minutes per pound:

- 4 to 12 pounds — two to six hours.
- 12 to 16 pounds — six to eight hours.
- 16 to 20 pounds — eight to 10 hours.
- 20 to 24 pounds — 10 to 12 hours.

Wrap your turkey securely,

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making sure the water is not able to leak through the wrapping. Submerge your wrapped turkey in cold tap water. Change the water every 30 minutes. Cook the turkey immediately after it is thawed. Do not refreeze.

### In the microwave oven

- Check your owner's manual for the size turkey that will fit in your microwave oven, the minutes per pound and power level to use for thawing.

- Remove all outside wrapping.
- Place on a microwave-safe dish to catch any juices that may leak.

- Cook your turkey immediately. Do not refreeze or refrigerate your turkey after thawing in the microwave oven.

Reminder: Remove the giblets from the turkey cavities after thawing. Cook separately.

### Roasting your turkey

- Set your oven temperature no lower than 325 degrees F.

- Place your turkey or turkey breast on a rack in a shallow roasting pan.

- For optimum safety, stuffing a turkey is not recommended. For more even cooking, it is recommended you cook your stuffing outside the bird in a casserole. Use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature of the stuffing. The stuffing must reach a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees F.

- If you choose to stuff your turkey, the ingredients can be prepared ahead of time; however, keep wet and dry ingredients separate. Chill all of the wet ingredients (butter/margarine, cooked celery and onions, broth, etc.). Mix wet and dry ingredients just before filling the turkey cavities. Fill the cavities loosely. Cook the turkey immediately. Use a food thermometer to make sure the center of the stuffing reaches a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees F.

- A whole turkey is safe when cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees F as measured with a food thermometer.

Check the internal temperature in the innermost part of the thigh and wing and the thickest part of the breast. For reasons of personal preference, consumers may choose to cook turkey to higher temperatures.

- If your turkey has a "pop-up" temperature indicator, it is recommended that you also check the internal temperature of the turkey in the innermost part of the thigh and wing and the thickest part of the breast with a food thermometer.

- For quality, let the turkey stand for 20 minutes before carving to allow juices to set. The turkey will carve more easily.

- Remove all stuffing from the turkey cavities.

### Timetables for turkey roasting: (325° F oven temperature)

Use the timetables below to determine how long to cook your turkey. These times are approximate. Always use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature of your turkey and stuffing.

#### Unstuffed:

- 4 to 8 pounds (breast) — 1 1/2 to 3 1/4 hours.

- 8 to 12 pounds — 2 3/4 to 3 hours.

- 12 to 14 pounds — 3 to 3 3/4 hours.

- 14 to 18 pounds — 3 3/4 to 4 1/4 hours.

- 18 to 20 pounds — 4 1/4 to 4 1/2 hours.

- 20 to 24 pounds — 4 1/2 to 5 hours.

#### Stuffed:

- 4 to 6 pounds (breast) — not usually applicable.

- 6 to 8 pounds (breast) — 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 hours.

- 8 to 12 pounds — 3 to 3 1/2 hours.

- 12 to 14 pounds — 3 1/2 to 4 hours.

- 14 to 18 pounds — 4 to 4 1/4 hours.

- 18 to 20 pounds — 4 1/4 to 4 3/4 hours.

- 20 to 24 pounds — 4 3/4 to 5 1/4 hours.

It is safe to cook a turkey from the frozen state. The cooking time will take at least 50 percent longer than

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recommended for a fully thawed turkey. Remember to remove the giblet packages during the cooking time. Remove carefully with tongs or a fork.

## Optional cooking hints

• Tuck wing tips under the shoulders of the bird for more even cooking. This is referred to as “akimbo.”

• Add one-half cup of water to the bottom of the pan.

• If your roasting pan does not have a lid, you may place a tent of heavy-duty aluminum foil over the turkey for the first 1 to 1 1/2 hours. This allows for maximum heat circulation, keeps the turkey moist and reduces oven splatter. To prevent overbrowning, foil may also be placed over the turkey after it reaches the desired color.

• If using an oven-proof food thermometer, place it in the turkey at the start of the cooking cycle. It will allow you to check the internal temperature of the turkey while it is cooking. For turkey breasts, place thermometer in the thickest part. For whole turkeys, place in the thickest part of the inner thigh. Once the thigh has reached 165 degrees F, check the wing and the thickest part of the breast to ensure the turkey has reached a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees F throughout the product.

• If using an oven cooking bag, follow the manufacturer's guidelines on the package.

Remember: Always wash hands, utensils, the sink and anything else that comes in contact with raw turkey and its juices with soap and water.

## Storing your leftovers

• Discard any turkey, stuffing and gravy left out at room temperature longer than two hours, or one hour in temperatures above 90 degrees F.

• Divide leftovers into smaller portions. Refrigerate or freeze in covered shallow containers for quicker cooling.

• Use refrigerated turkey, stuffing and gravy within three to four days.

• If freezing leftovers, use within two to six months for best quality.

## Reheating your turkey

Cooked turkey may be eaten cold or reheated.

### In the oven:

• Set the oven temperature no lower than 325 degrees F.

• Reheat turkey to an internal temperature of 165 degrees F. Use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature.

• To keep the turkey moist, add a little broth or water and cover.

### In the microwave oven:

• Cover your food and rotate it for even heating. Allow standing time.

• Check the internal temperature of your food with a food thermometer to make sure it reaches 165 degrees F.

• Consult your microwave oven owner's manual for recommended times and power levels.

For more information about food safety (in English and Spanish), call: USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline, (888) MPHOTline [(888) 674-6854].

## Colorado Master Gardener program applications being taken

The Master Gardener program is innovative and flexible in its outreach and works to match volunteer skills and schedules. Each year, Colorado Master Gardeners all over the state help people make the right choices for their garden care. Anyone who would like to play an active role in the education of gardeners of all ages is invited to join our Colorado Master Gardener team.

Classes typically meet once a week on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 11 consecutive weeks. The cost of the Master Gardener apprentice training is \$170 and the Colorado Gardener Certificate is \$530. Partial scholarships are available as well for the apprentice program.

If you would like to learn more about successful gardening in Archuleta County, be sure to call the CSU Extension office in Archuleta County today at 264-5931. To register for the 2020 Colorado Master Gardener Program, which tentatively begins Jan. 23, 2020,

please go to [www.cmg.extension.colostate.edu](http://www.cmg.extension.colostate.edu). Hard copies are accepted at the local office, too. Applications will be accepted until Dec. 15. Apply today.

## Testing of dial pressure canner gauges

The CSU Extension — Archuleta County office is now offering to test dial pressure canner gauges for \$5 to Archuleta County residents. For more information, contact Terry Schaaf at 264-5931.

## Save the dates

Jan. 18, 2020: Cottage Foods Class.

Feb. 11, 2020: Beef Symposium.

Feb. 12, 2020: Agricultural Financial Management Strategies. More information to come.

## CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

We will also attempt to schedule classes on additional dates with five or more registrations. Cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. The type of first aid information provided will vary by the needs of the audience.



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# Colorado Gives nonprofit spotlight: Habitat for Humanity, The Humane Society and Rise Above Violence

By Lori Henricksen, Mike Stoll and Ashley Wilson

Special to The PREVIEW

Colorado Gives Day promotes giving to nonprofits that directly impact our community. This week's spotlight highlights organizations that provide vital services to our community. Give where you live, Pagosa.

## Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity, now, more than ever, is making a difference in Archuleta County.

We've spent the last 25 years providing affordable homeownership in our community by building 27 homes for working families and completing vital home repairs for 28 senior households. In 2019, we expanded our impact on homeownership to:

- A school district employee with two children who became a first-time homeowner.
- Three area families who received low-interest USDA mortgages to purchase a home.
- Four senior households who will age in place due to repairs performed on their homes.

This was accomplished with more than 6,800 hours of volunteer labor, 500 hours of homeowner sweat equity and the financial generosity of individuals and businesses like you.

Habitat operates entirely on funds generated from this affiliate, so we rely on your support to provide homeownership for Archuleta County families who would not otherwise be able to own their home. By contributing to Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County through [swcogives.org](http://swcogives.org), you'll help us impact more Archuleta County

families. Our goals for 2020 include:

- One new home built for a family of four (another school district employee).
- Four home repairs for seniors.
- Four low-interest USDA loans for new homeowners.
- Preparation to increase our new home construction to two per year starting in 2021.

The impact your donation makes to these families is more than physical shelter. Homeownership provides:

- A stable place for children to grow up, empowering future generations.
- Pride of ownership and investment in the community.
- Social mobility through home value appreciation.

Your investment in Habitat also adds to our community's economic base:

- We build a product that stays in Archuleta County, providing tax revenue for our infrastructure.
- Over 88 percent of the materials and services we purchase are in Archuleta County.
- A total of 92 percent of the grants and donations we receive stays in Archuleta County. A small amount of our income is tithed to Habitat's mission in vulnerable communities around the globe.
- More than 50 Care-A-Vanners — Habitat volunteers that travel throughout the country building homes — stayed, played and worked in Pagosa, adding "voluntourism" dollars to our economy.

## Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs (HSPS) operates the only animal shelter in Archuleta County

and provides a safe haven for lost, abandoned and unwanted dogs and cats. Shelter staff work diligently to reunite lost pets with their families and to find new, loving homes for abandoned and unwanted animals.

Over the past five years, HSPS has maintained a 98 percent live-release rate for all animals entering the shelter, far exceeding the criteria for consideration as a "no kill" shelter. Of the 3,200 dogs and cats entering the shelter during that time, 1,650 were adopted, more than 1,000 lost animals were reunited with their families, and another 400 were transferred to larger like-minded Colorado shelters where adoption demand is great and a new home is just days, not weeks, away.

In addition to caring for animals in need, HSPS serves our community with a wide range of programs designed to benefit both pets and people. HSPS's spay/neuter programs provide free and low-cost spay/neuter assistance. Since 2015, HSPS has helped cover the cost of spay/neuter surgeries for over 650 owned pets and nearly 800 unowned outdoor cats, as well over 1,200 HSPS shelter animals that were spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

Our community pet retention programs offer assistance to local families and individuals who might otherwise be forced to surrender their pets when faced with unforeseen emergencies or hardships. Programs include a veterinary emergency fund to help cover the cost of pet medical emergencies, helping over 200 in the last five years; provide food donations; help with the cost of pet deposits for pet-friendly affordable housing;

provide safe-keeping for pets when an owner is temporarily hospitalized or incapacitated; and offer aid to senior citizens who may struggle to provide the level of care their pets need.

Providing quality care for hundreds of shelter animals each year and supporting our community service programs is enormously expensive. Revenue from grants, fundraisers and our thrift store covers only a portion of annual costs. Financial gifts from donors, near and far, are essential to our continued success.

## Rise Above Violence

Rise Above Violence is the only organization that provides supportive services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Pagosa Springs and the whole of Archuleta County. Rise provides all services for free in order to offer help, hope and healing to those who have experienced this kind of trauma. Rise supports between 350 and 400 victims each year through grants, donations, fundraising efforts and volunteers. Rise provides the following services:

- Immediate crisis intervention available 24 hours a day by an advocate trained to listen and provide support. Call anytime day or night at 264-9075.
- Court advocate to explain the criminal justice system and assist with civil restraining orders.
- Emergency transportation to safe shelter. Shelter provided by the SW Safehouse.
- Advocates to assist with other community agencies and supportive organizations.
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• Youth education on topics such as bullying, Internet safety and healthy relationships.

Domestic violence is a repeating pattern, and that recovery from either domestic violence or sexual assault can be a lengthy process. While our advocates are not professional counselors, they do understand. They are trained to assess the needs identify and discuss the options, access available services, and provide information and referrals to other agencies available to help with long-term issues. Rise also has a court advocate on staff to explain and assist with the legal process, including help with filing of restraining orders.

Rise provides all of its services through the help of committed volunteers and the generous support of our community.

## Colorado Gives Day

Colorado Gives Day highlights local nonprofits so you can select an organization (or several) that are close to your heart and make an impact in our local community. The organizations from Archuleta County participating are: Rise Above Violence, Aspire, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Habitat for Humanity, Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Justice Ministries of Pagosa and Sonlight Adventures.

Please consider supporting Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County, Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Rise Above Violence and our fellow nonprofits on Southwest Colorado Gives Day. Your support strengthens our community. We appreciate your generosity.

For more information or to donate, visit [swcogives.org](http://swcogives.org).

# Christmas books to enjoy or give as gifts

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

With Thanksgiving so late this year, you may also be thinking about Christmas, which is only a little more than five weeks away. So we wanted to give you some ideas about new holiday books that might be good for you to read or give as gifts to family and friends.

We already have four mysteries and thrillers debuting for the Christmas season: "The 19th Christmas" by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro is a Women's Murder Club mystery available as a book and on CD. "The Christmas Spirits on Tradd Street" by Karen White follows a search for valuable artifacts in the garden of a



centuries-old home. "Owl be Home for Christmas" by Donna Andrews is a large-print Meg Langslow mystery. "Aunt Dimity and the Heart of Gold" by Nancy Atherton is a large-print mystery set in a small English village.

"The Perfect Love Song" by Patti Callahan Henry is a Christmas romance. "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" is a Chicken Soup for the Soul collection of 101 inspiring stories of holiday

love and wonder. "Let it Snow" by Nancy Thayer is a Christmas romance set on Nantucket. "Spirit of the Season" by Fern Michaels is a large-print story set in a bed and breakfast in North Carolina. "A Mrs. Miracle Christmas" by Debbie Macomber features a caregiver with magical talents and is available as a book and on CD. "Christmas Shopaholic" by Sophie Kinsella is a new Shopaholic adventure.

## Holiday closure

Your library will be closed Nov. 28-30 for Thanksgiving.

## How-to and self-help

"Skoolie!" by Will Sutherland shows you how to convert a school bus or van into a tiny home or RV. "Nomad" by Emma Reddington is

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**FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION** at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

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**THE JUNCTION RESTAURANT** is taking applications for line cooks. Please apply in person.

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**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL** is taking bids on cleaning the school. If you are interested, please call Anette at (970)731-3512 or stop by at 56 Meadows Drive.

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**CAREGIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY.** No experience necessary. Must be caring and compassionate. Visit us at [www.peoplecarehs.com](http://www.peoplecarehs.com). Contact Deandra at [dberes@peoplecarehs.com](mailto:dberes@peoplecarehs.com) or (970)399-8257.

**CNAs NEEDED, DAY SHIFT** and night shift. Night shift differential. Apply in person. Pine Ridge Extended Care. Under new management.

**HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA SPRINGS** Thrift Store clerk, 4-5 days/ week, may include weekends. Assist with donation pick-ups and deliveries and process incoming donations; must be able to lift heavy items and lift repetitively; must be a team player and willing to cross-train for customer service; transportation, valid driver's license, social security card and background check required; apply in person at the thrift store, 279 Pagosa Street (Hwy. 160 E). No phone calls, please.

**PART-TIME BABYSITTER-** Starting December 2nd for a 2-year-old girl. Hours 8a.m.-5p.m. during the week. Located in Pagosa Lakes. Email [j.franz@live.com](mailto:j.franz@live.com) if interested.

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**WINGS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER** in Pagosa Springs, CO, is now accepting applications for the following positions: Lead Teachers and Teacher Assistants serving children ages 1-5 years. Background check required. Salary based on qualifications and experience. Full job descriptions are available at [www.wingsearlychildhood.org](http://www.wingsearlychildhood.org). If you are looking to start or continue a rewarding and financially competitive professional career track at a progressive Reggio Emilia-inspired early childhood education center, please submit an introductory letter, resume, letters of recommendation and three current references to [janet.santo78@gmail.com](mailto:janet.santo78@gmail.com) by November 30, 2019.

**PART-TIME DRIVERS WANTED.** No CDL needed. Clean driving record and flexibility is a must! Team player attitude. Pay based on experience and performance. Stop in at 135 Country Center Drive, Ste. D.

**HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE** full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for a **Credit Balance Analyst**. The Analyst is responsible for the identification, review, and analysis of credit balances. Follows up accurately and timely on credit balances and processes refunds and/or adjustments to resolve credit balances. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration or human resources office or downloaded at [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org). Applications and resumes must be submitted to [Mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:Mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org) or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EOE.

**PART-TIME HELPER.** Chimney and roof work. Starting pay \$15/ hour for qualified worker. (970)946-1275.

**FULL-TIME BOOKKEEPER.** We are seeking a bookkeeper with QuickBooks and payroll experience. Please submit your resume to [employment@jandjinc.net](mailto:employment@jandjinc.net).

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for a **Registration Clerk**. The Registration Clerk provides administrative support initiating patient encounters. The clerk will courteously greet all patients in person and on the phone in a timely manner. The Clerk is responsible for efficiently and accurately entering and verifying required patient demographic and insurance information in the electronic health record. The Clerk is responsible for verifying insurance eligibility, collecting and posting insurance co-payments and patient payments. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration or human resources office or downloaded at [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org). Applications and resumes must be submitted to [Mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:Mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org) or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EOE.

**THE ARCHULETA COUNTY EDUCATION CENTER** is accepting applications for a bookkeeper with QuickBooks experience. The ability to maintain accounts payable, receivable, and general ledger through financial statement production as well as general administrative skills are required. This position would start at approximately 10 hours per week and have the potential to grow into other areas of responsibility. Please send your resume to [acecmanager@gmail.com](mailto:acecmanager@gmail.com).

**PATROL DEPUTY.** Archuleta County Sheriff's office is accepting applications for the position of Patrol Deputy. Applicants must be Colorado P.O.S.T certified. For job description and wage details, please visit [www.archuletacounty.org](http://www.archuletacounty.org). Submit a Sheriff's Office application and resume to Human Resources, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or fax (970)264-1879 or email to [tmccann@archuletacounty.org](mailto:tmccann@archuletacounty.org). Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

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**WINGS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER** is accepting applications for Director. The ideal applicant will be director qualified for a large child care center. The center is located in a newly remodeled building that will serve approximately 50 children ages 1-5. For more details, go to: <http://wingsearlychildhood.org/>. Please send your resume to [acecmanager@gmail.com](mailto:acecmanager@gmail.com).

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**PROPERTYHQ IS SEEKING INDEPENDENT** contractors for snow removal this winter. Drivers must have liability insurance and equipment. Call (970)335-8268.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for a **Customer Service Specialist**. The Specialist serves as a liaison between Patient Financial Services, patients, vendors, attorneys, etc., regarding patient accounts and assists in resolving issues and concerns. Maintains professional and courteous behavior to ensure positive image within the community served and to promote customer satisfaction. As a call representative logs onto the phone system daily and contributes to the achievement of performance goals related to caller wait time, abandonment rate and average talk time. Contributes and works in a team environment. Demonstrates dependability, initiative, creativity, and problem solving to improve the quality and efficient of the department. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration and the human resources office or downloaded from [www.pagosaprimedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaprimedicalcenter.org). Applications and resumes must be submitted to [mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org) or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**RECEPTIONIST- MUST HAVE CUSTOMER** service and computer skills. 30+ hours. Pay based on experience. Please call the TFI office (970)585-1021.

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**IS IT TIME TO CLEAN** your freezer out? Bring your meat and fish to the Wildlife Park to feed the animals. 11a.m.-4p.m. Feeding time is 2 p.m.

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## VACATION RENTALS

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**2017 SUBARU OUTBACK 3.6R** automatic, 32,000 miles fully loaded, Azure blue exterior and pearl leather interior. Original owner, \$29,500. Call (970)264-1660.

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**SEALED BID- SIX (USED)** Michelin X Snoplus 14.00R24 motor grader tires. Tires can be inspected at Archuleta County Public Works Department. All bids will remain unseen until closing of sale, which highest bidder will be contracted with pick up information. Minimum bid of \$500. A bid will be chosen the 1st of December. If any further questions, you can contact Mike Torres at (970)264-8412.

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# November is National Family Caregivers Month

By Kay Kaylor  
PREVIEW Columnist

For San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA), I am not only a part-time long-term care ombudsman, advocating for residents at Pine Ridge, a 24-hour extended care home, and BeeHive, an assisted living residence. I also am an aging and disability resource specialist and trained Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) and State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselor. Information on the many aging and care concerns will be included here.

November is National Family Caregivers Month, first signed as a presidential proclamation in 1997 by President Bill Clinton. During the month, organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association and National Institute on Aging (NIA)

make it a point to thank and honor the 40 million family caregivers in the United States and to offer supportive information to help them with the many challenges. For example, the NIA recently launched Frequently Asked Questions About Caregiving on its website, [nia.nih.gov](http://nia.nih.gov).

Caregiver Action Network first promoted the designation in 1994 as the National Family Caregivers Association and chooses an annual theme. This year it is "Be Care Curious" about the care recipient's goals, treatment options, research, care plans and insurance coverage.

Archuleta County family caregivers might be interested in the annual in-home care grants SJBAAA provides for homemaking and personal care. An assessment is required, and the care recipient must be age 60 and older. These 20-hour

grants are more a temporary solution and the person applying must hire a licensed caregiver (usually from an agency) who will accept the \$20/hour grant payment. The caregiver or agency might ask the recipient to pay what the grant doesn't cover and must provide a care plan.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare. For further information, please call me at 264-0501, ext. 1 or send an email to [adrc@sjbaaa.org](mailto:adrc@sjbaaa.org).

## Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Brenda Breeding

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the American robin.

Both European and American robins have orange breasts and upright postures; however, they are not closely related. Local males and females look similar, though males are more colorful. These omnivorous birds eat a wide variety of foods. Want them at your feeders? Try jelly, mealworms and suet, nuts and seeds. Keen eyesight allows them to see disturbances in soil, drawing them to worms, caterpillars and snails.

Though we most often think of robins as harbingers of spring, in breeding areas, they often stay all winter. Consequently, we see them during our Christmas Bird Counts.

The nest is a deep cup that measures 3-9 inches wide and is constructed by the female. The characteristic robin's egg blue of the eggs is caused by hemoglobin and bile pigments in the female's blood. These pigments create the familiar blue, unmarked shell.

After hatching, both parents care for their chicks for 12-14 days until the young birds leave the nest. American robins can lay several broods, but only 25 percent of chicks survive for six months. The average lifespan is just five to six years; however, some wild robins can live as long as 12-13 years.

For information on local bird-watching events, visit [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/](https://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/).

## Happy Thanksgiving!

Shakespeare wrote:  
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As man's ingratitude;  
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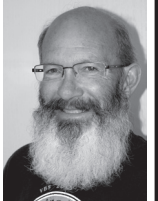
"Thanksgiving is a good time to remind us to be thankful every day. Let us be thankful daily to God and those we encounter."

-Dorman Diller

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	AM Worship	10:30 a.m.
	PM Worship	6:00 p.m.
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