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Snow expected through Saturday

By Randi Pierce and Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

If you've been dreaming of a white Thanksgiving, your dreams should come true this week, with Pagosa Country expecting to receive snow from Wednesday night until Saturday.

But how much snow will fall is unknown, with weather outlets predicting varying amounts ranging from a few inches to 21 inches in town.

The National Weather Service (NWS) issued a series of outlooks ahead of the storm, including a Winter Weather Advisory and Winter Storm Watch for the Southwest San Juan Mountains issued Tuesday that is in effect from 5 p.m. Wednesday through 5 p.m. Saturday.

That advisory calls for moderate to heavy snowfall at times, with total accumulations of 5 to 10 inches,

■ See Snow A8

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Charlie shows off his Golden Ticket during Sunday's final performance of "Willy Wonka the Musical." The Curtains Up Pagosa production featured dozens of cast and crew members.

Virus infiltrates county computers

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

A virus downloaded to Archuleta County computers over the weekend has caused county email and server access to stop working and has impacted general county functions.

The issue was expected to be resolved by the county's information technology (IT) department sometime on Wednesday and had not been fixed by press time Tuesday afternoon.

"Everything's still operating as usual, it's just nobody can use their computers. The phone system works fine and everything else," said County Administrator Scott Wall in a phone call Monday morning.

Wall explained the county's IT department is working to fix the problems caused by the virus and estimated all systems would be back in working order about 48 hours from when he spoke to The SUN Monday morning.

■ See Virus A8

Southern Ute Indian Tribe looking into building reservoir down Cat Creek

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has proposed a 1,170-acre-foot reservoir near the junction of Cat Creek Road (County Road 700) and Trujillo Road (County Road 500).

The Southern Utes filed for the water right for the proposed reservoir in 2003 and the project has worked its way through court since, with some residents who live close to the project site opposing the project on multiple occasions.

Rob Genualdi, assistant division engineer in water district 7, explained that the Southern Ute Tribe went to court in 2003 and filed for a water right for 1,170 acre-feet and were granted a conditional water right.

Genualdi explained that a conditional water right is "perfected," or finalized, when an applicant does what they say they are going to do.

Because the Southern Ute Tribe has not yet built the dam and reservoir it proposed, it has not yet "perfected" its water right.

The tribe's proposed project includes:

• A dam, proposed to be built

■ See Reservoir A8

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Early evening clouds and light turn the mountains into a picturesque view Saturday. More picturesque views are on the way, with snow in the forecast for the mountains and valley through Friday and Saturday.

Town sewer rates to increase for 2020

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Customers of the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) will soon be paying more for sewer service after the district's board voted 6-1 to increase the monthly rate to $43 on Nov. 21.

The increase, set to take effect on Jan. 1, 2020, is in line with a 2018 rate study conducted by Stantec that was accepted by the PSSGID.

Following that rate study, the PSSGID raised its rates $2.50 per month in 2019 to $40.

For 2020, that rate will increase to $43.

The PSSGID also raised its capital investment fee by $150 to $4,550 in 2019, with that fee set to stay the same in 2020.

The board voted 6-1 on the increase, with board member David Schanzenbaker voting against it,

■ See Sewer A8

CDOT's $1.6 billion transportation plan includes funds to replace McCabe Creek culvert

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Colorado Transportation Commission has approved a $1.6 billion plan to invest in transportation projects around the state, with some of that money being funneled to Pagosa Springs to replace the McCabe Creek culvert, long deemed the worst culvert in this part of the state by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

The announcement was made in a Nov. 22 press release from CDOT.

The Colorado Transportation Commission advises and makes recommendations to the governor and the Legislature related to transportation policy.

A description of the McCabe Creek culvert project that accompanied the press release states that the project will include "Replacing a failing culvert crossing US 160 in Pagosa Springs with a concrete box culvert. Project will also widen the roadway for bike and pedestrian facilities. Project will help to protect the downtown area from severe flooding and potential washout of US 160."

The McCabe Creek culvert is located on U.S. 160 between 5th and 6th streets in downtown Pagosa Springs.

CDOT staff and local town and county officials have expressed concern that if the culvert failed, it could make U.S. 160 impassable.

"The project will happen," wrote Lisa Schwantes, communications manager for CDOT, in an email. "Our engineering team is now reviewing the project plans and design. We will make an announcement when we are able

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Editorial

What are you thankful for?

There is a lot to be thankful for in Pagosa Country.

We asked SUN readers and Facebook friends what they were thankful for this Thanksgiving and the responses were overwhelming. The following is a sampling of what they had to share:

"It was not my time...another chance to be the person remembered with a smile." — Stacy Kirby

"Thankful for another year around the sun to spend time with my awesome family and friends!" — Lisa Griffin Smith

"Thankful to live full-time in such a beautiful place with kind people, minimal traffic, fresh air, low crime, and many wild creatures running free." — Florence Hall

"Family and Friends." — Rhonda Webb

"I'm thankful for my loving husband who has blessed me every day for 31 years." — Susan Niemiec McAdams

"Thankful for friendships and memories made when I lived in Pagosa!" — Stacia Duvall

"I am thankful for my dog, Hadley, who shows unconditional love and never talks back!" — Cindi Galaty Galabota

"Quality time with my husband and kids." — Connie Sue O'Donnell

"The simple things. The smells of fall, fresh baked bread, a walk with my wife. The blessing of my sons." — Justin Cowan

"My family. Very simply. My family." — S.J. Cooper

"Good plumbers." — Kristi Holst Smith

"I'm thankful for the gift of having, not only my dad but my sister, here at home, surrounded by loved ones as they passed. What a privilege." — Cathy Rose

"I am thankful to be part of a compassionate, caring, giving and supportive community in the most beautiful place imaginable." — Sam Conti

"I am thankful for George Barter. Without him, my son Stewart's remains might never have been identified and I would have gone to my grave not knowing what happened to him. Thirty two years is a long time to wait for closure. Thank you, George. I love you." — Joanne Olney Simmons

"My Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, my precious family, Pagosa Baptist Church, and this beautiful place that I live." — Sandra Smith

"Thankfully that I had the opportunity to spend time with my niece, sister and mom last month. We rarely get that time since we all live far. We had a great time." — DawnMarie Olson

"I am thankful for my family, and all that God has bless us with this year." — Alicia A Jones

"I'm thankful for all the friends I made in Pagosa over twenty five years. Also for meeting my wife Liz and adding more children & grandchildren." — Mike Alley

"I'm thankful for our beautiful Pagosa country, our community, our friends & God's perfect peace." — Annie Stone

"Thankful for a very big family that I can visit and spend time with..... for a peaceful place to live..... for new opportunities in life." — Nata Kholostov

"I'm thankful to live in such a beautiful place and an amazing community. It's easy to be thankful when you live in paradise!" — Brittany Bedtke

"I am thankful for life every day with family and friends in Pagosa. There is so much negative these days in life and the world that we need to just keep our faith and heads up high." — Dan Keuning

"I thank God for my mom and dad!" — Joseph Rivas

"I'm thankful for being a live after getting a blood clot in my leg and losing it. And my family and there support." — Bernadette Rivas Archuleta

"Most thankful for family, friends, health, and the wonderful area in which we live!! Twenty seven years and counting!!!" — Mary Lou Sprowle

"Thankful for cozy fireplaces and books and children to read to." — Lexi ATribe

"Our cabin in Pagosa that is off grid! We all enjoy the family time there!" — Susan Jeffers

"Thankful for a successful move to this beautiful town. Thankful for our new home that is nearing completion, and most thankful for our kids who have been troopers through this whole experience. And thankful for a husband who isn't afraid to step out on faith and move across the country with me!" — Katie Easling

"I'm thankful to have been born and raised in such a beautiful area. I'm thankful for the experience of all four seasons. I'm thankful for such a large, loving family. Most of all, I'm thankful for having the pleasure of being married to the most beautiful and wonderful woman on the planet." — Dave Martinez

"First of all I'm thankful for another day. And the snow falls it's falling now because we need it it's too dry. Most of all I'm thankful for having our heavenly father waking us up every day." — Helen Craig

"I'm thankful for having a place to live, and some food. Even tho we don't get a Thanksgiving or Christmas." — Chandris Brady

"I'm thankful for the Trump presidency." — Abdul Noor

"My new grandson." — V'laria Autumn Greenleaf

"A new cell tower being built next year." — Terry Thor Therkildsen

"The information those 2 prison guards possess. — Brian Bush

"Impeachment Hearings." — Charles Gundry

"I'm thankful for the groups I belong to! First of all, The San Juan Shootists Cowboy Fast Draw club which keeps me busy all year round with competitions and comradery! Second, my choir at St. Patricks Episcopal Church! They have been a God-send since my husband passed. And third, The Pagosa Trail Riders, a group that gives me options to continue camping and riding atvs in southwest Colorado! ..." — Beth Anderson Einig

"I am thankful for piece of mind because of my relationship with almighty GOD." — John Lord

"I am thankful that I live in one of the most beautiful places all year round. Every season has its own beauty. I am thankful that my husband and I have the ability to travel all over and meet the most amazing people in these travels. It's a wonderful world we live in." — Kathy McKimmy

"Family and Gods gift of beauty surrounding me. Including the snow we are receiving to keep us in water for the coming year. Nature!" — Michele Sweitzer

"Thankful that Pagosa Springs is the backdrop for many this Thanksgiving Holiday. Grateful for the backdrop of our mountains, incredible friends & neighbors, and all the opportunities our town has to offer." — Kevin Kelly-Okrzesik

"I'm very thankful for my family & my health." — Kathleen Grams

"I am thankful for the many local artists who make Pagosa Springs such a joyful place to live." — Sally Logee Neel

There were a lot more answers than what we had room for this week. We are thankful for your thoughtful responses. What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?

Terri Lynn Oldham House

Whaddya Think?

Should the state change the way personal property taxes are assessed for businesses?

Poll results (98 votes)

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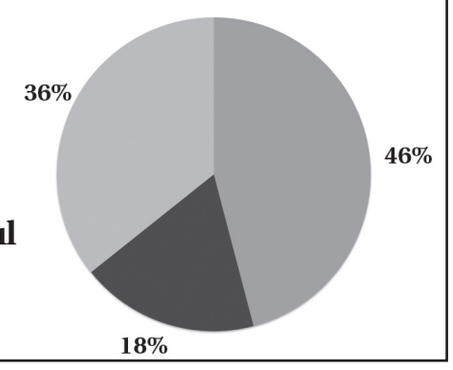
No. — 18 percent
I do not know. — 36 percent



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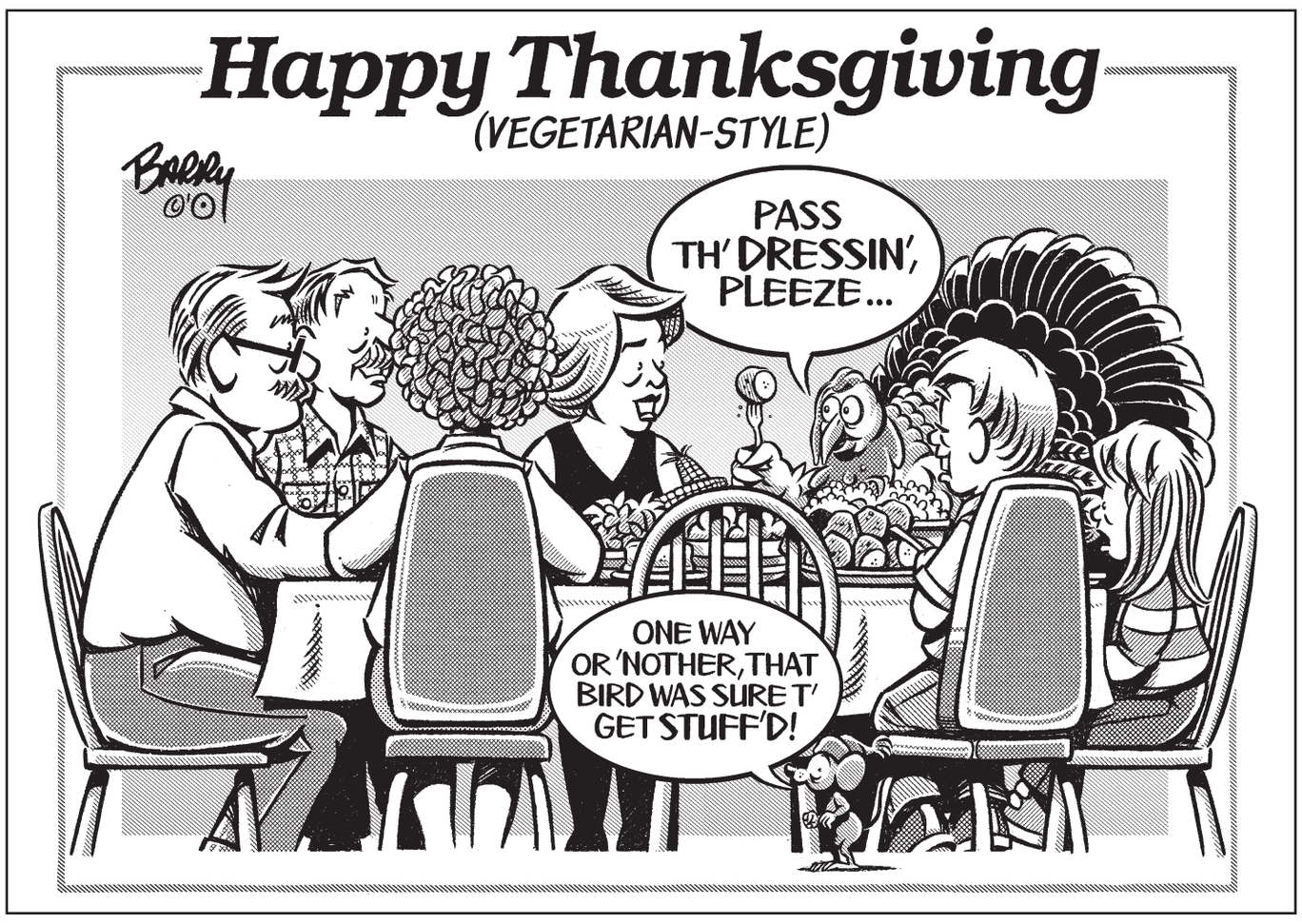

Legacies

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 29, 1929

Sheriff Frank Matthews departed for Durango Wednesday with Fred Francisco, who is charged with the murder of Pablo Archuleta of Pagosa Junction at Juanita last week, for safekeeping in the La Plata county jail, the new county jail not being furnished with cells nor necessary equipment as yet.

A few weeks ago an Ignacio citizen put on a little celebration of his own in Pagosa Springs and was arrested by Marshall McGee and brought before Police Magistrate Hill, who fined him $25 and costs as the price of his spree and resultant disturbance. The Ignacioite tendered his check in the sum of $27.50 and was thereupon released; he returned home and stopped payment. However, charges were brought in Justice Hatcher's court and the man was brought back to Pagosa Wednesday by Sheriff Matthews. He paid his police court fine and costs in cash, and yesterday morning was fined $50 and costs in justice court, which amounted to more than $100 additional. The total amount was paid today and the offender returned home.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 1, 1944

Following recent airplane survey of elk herds in Colorado, C. N. Feast, director of the state game department has announced that there will be no open season on cow elk in Colorado in 1945. Feast emphasized that there is no serious shortage of female elk. Surveys of deer will be made soon to determine whether there will be a season on does in 1945.

Loren and Lionel Belarde brought in the first logs Monday for the skidway of their new sawmill, to operate this winter in Pagosa Springs. They brought the logs in from the old mill at Gloria.

J.M. McManus brought a team up to his ranch here Sunday, and took colts home to his lower ranch. Fritz Chappel is staying here on the McManus ranch this winter, feeding for Mr. McManus.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 27, 1969

The actual start of construction at Pagosa, the new land development west of town in Sunetha Flats, is good news for all the county. The amount of equipment, the type of work being done, and the method of construction all indicate that this is being done efficiently and thoroughly. There is no corner cutting, or short time plans in the project. This is another indication that Pagosa is more than talk, more than a scheme, perhaps even more than a dream and is becoming a reality. The announcement that a huge development was planned in that area was made last winter. Enthusiastic developers set up a schedule that simply could not be followed. Weather conditions, type of terrain, and similar factors made the work go slower than anticipated. It has been progressing steadily, though, and now everyone can see solid evidence that the development is on its way. Many have been skeptical, many will continue to be. Certainly this is the right of everyone and should in no way reflect against anyone wanting to see further progress before making a decision about Pagosa. The fact remains, though, that a start — and a fair sized one — is being made. It is welcome news, it is good news, and it is important news to the future of Archuleta County and Pagosa Springs.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 1, 1994

La Plata Electric Association announced Monday it will reduce electric rates soon, taking its revenues down approximately $1 million and decreasing rates in the overall system by three percent. As a member and consumer-owned cooperative, La Plata passes on savings in the form of rate reductions and capital credit refunds. In the late '80s the co-op effected a "pass through" reduction from the wholesale power supplier. The upcoming reduction, however, is the result of savings by the association. The rate reduction is part of what Will Williams, La Plata manager of administrative services, calls "the co-op philosophy." Last August, the co-op dispersed $1 million in capital credits to its members. That move along with the decision to undertake the $1 million reduction in rate revenues is, according to Williams, "the good choice. We could have got much fatter without that dispersal of capital credits and the rate reduction," he said, "but that's not our function."

Letters

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'Boomers'

Dear Editor:

Voltaire (1694-1778) philosopher said that if "a leader can get you to believe the absurd, he can get you to commit injustices." He also said, "the sovereign is called a tyrant who knows no laws but his caprices." And here we are hundreds of years later with a lot of 'boomers' as Trump's 'true believers.' Need an example of 'fake news,' let's look at Trump's 'dirt' on Hunter Biden for the well-paid Ukraine board job. Bad decision by Biden, but with zero experience and certainly minimal brains, Trump's daughter and husband, Ivanka & Jared Kushner, are employed as White House advisors. Wonder what it costs us to pay/house them and fly this family around the world with Donald (remember Ivanka's Chinese business awards while 'acting' as a WH advisor) or use Camp David for their private parties … yup, a lot.

Another couple of 'true believer' disconnects. First, no religious person of any ilk has any right or special status to be exempted from providing common/civil courteous service/treatment to any civil customer. Were slavery or Jim Crow laws right? If not, how far is it to a person's sexual choice or what about 'gluttony'..oops, persons-of-significant-presence. Isn't gluttony one of the seven deadly sins? So, if you're obese and walk into a religious zealot's shop, why shouldn't they refuse service based on their 'religion?' Look around, anyone you know who's obese? Second, speaking of religious folks, haven't they by definition accepted the dictates of their God as superior to man's laws? And if so, what right do they have to demand special privileges while enjoying the benefits/rights of a democracy that should benefit everyone regardless of lawful personal choice?

I still refuse to believe all Donald's supporters are amoral. They are certainly educated & intelligent. So why, and on what basis do Donald's supporters growl so defensively when continuously confronted with his lies, misstatements, corruption, slander, destruction of the rule of law and outright BS? Is it just their 'confirmation bias', 'narrow casting' of info, or are they preferring to hear the catechism, or … are they just superior examples of general human inadequacy? Why aren't they embarrassed to refuse to do and think/say the right thing for their nation? There seems to be no explanation for a lot of boomers' willingness to allow Trump to destroy the nation's global standing. As Tom Friedman said, boomers "needed a plan to fail" in life.

Dave Blake

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Community thank you

The International Brotherhood of Electric Workers Local 111 Unit 26A would like to thank Archuleta County and surrounding areas this holiday season for supporting and contributing to the 12th annual "Fill the Bucket Food Drive." IBEW 111 would like to thank LPEA for their long-standing and shared support for donating LPEA's trucks and equipment over the past decade. Also, special thanks to Pagosa Springs City Market for allowing us an essential location to hold this annual event. Hopefully, we can continue this tradition of giving back to this beautiful community into the next decade. All of the donations were given, in good faith, to the United Methodist Church Food Pantry, whom we recognize our shared intent, as stewards of these donations, to be distributed to all in need.

Thank you again, from all past and future volunteers.

Warm wishes this holiday season.

Jeremy Gurule

Thanksgiving letter from veterans

Dear Editor:

How do you thank so many people in Archuleta County and the Four Corners Area for their generous attention to veterans and their needs? Veterans are reluctant to let people know of their personal struggles. Veterans want to be known as your heroes and not known as needing medical or dental treatments. Some veterans have great disabilities due to their service to our country. Other veterans have only daily living problems yet need the security of income and a roof over their heads.

The many helping organizations have responded with financial help through sponsorships of the Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament always held on Memorial Day weekend. Some folks give their material goods toward the annual yard sales. Other citizens give their time to make events like Operation Veteran Re-Connect successful.

Funding foundations like LaPlata Electric Association's Project Round Up provide a hot breakfast for veterans and their family members once a month and support an informational event called Operation Veteran Re-Connect.

The medical community, Pagosa Springs Medical Center and the Pagosa Medical Group, have made great strides in providing medical services locally.

So Many others have responded by buying raffle tickets for various items through out the year. The public never fails to respond to veterans at the July 4th Parade and on Veteran's Day. The positive responses encourage veterans to continue to be a working part of the community.

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Charlotte Ann Jones

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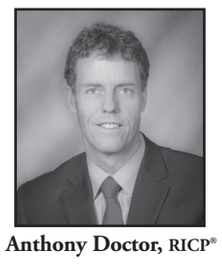

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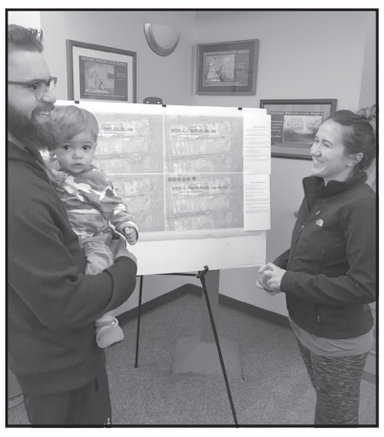

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Locals recently attended a public input session hosted by the Town of Pagosa Springs to help inform future improvements to Cotton Hole Park.

Locals weigh in on development of Cotton Hole Park

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs hosted a public input session on Nov. 19 to help inform future improvements to Cotton Hole Park, including the name of the park, traffic circulation, parking and amenities.

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 Hole Park. This trail is expected to be constructed in 2020.

Results from the public input session provided by Town Manager Andrea Phillips are based on 42 votes and show that a majority of respondents, 24, favoring the name Cotton Hole Park over several other variations: Cotton's Hole Park (two votes), Cottons Hole Park (no votes), Cotton Park (one vote) and Cottons' Hole Park (two votes).

The majority of respondents, 27, or 64 percent, favored a neighborhood cul-de-sac with a small turnaround at the end of Hermosa Street with no parking and no vehicular access through the park.

Ten respondents, or 24 percent, favored the option of a park cul-de-sac that included a turnaround in Cotton Hole Park with eight parking spaces and no vehicular access through the park. This option would leave Hermosa Street with two-way traffic.

Five respondents, or 12 percent, voted for a parkway option that would include a small turnaround at the end of Hermosa Street and a one-way drive through the park with some parallel parking.

No one voted for the option of making Hermosa Street a one-way street east of 2nd Street and a one-way drive through the park with parallel parking.

The top five amenities favored by respondents are trash receptacles, a dog waste bag dispenser, keeping the park natural, benches and lighting that safeguards dark sky.

Town staff now plans to take the information to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission on Dec. 10 and then back to the Pagosa Springs Town Council for review and further discussion or direction on Dec. 17.

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Obituary

Merilyn P. Moorhead

In loving memory of Merilyn P. Moorhead — born April 1, 1932, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and passed away in Greenwood Village, Colo., Nov. 18. Her current residence was Denver, Colo., from 2015-2019 and she lived in Pagosa Springs, Colo., from 1993 to 2015.

Merilyn was raised in Sioux City, Iowa, and attended Iowa State University. She was a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority. She ultimately settled in Denver, Colo., where she was a homemaker and active volunteer in the Denver Public Schools and League of Women Voters.

In 1993, Merilyn and her partner, Glenn Bergmann, retired to Pagosa Springs, where they built their dream home at Hatcher Lake. She was a loyal pet owner for over 50 years and especially loved their dog Ginger. She was actively involved with Loaves and Fishes, Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, League of Women Voters and a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Merilyn was an avid reader, fabulous cook and a great seamstress. She was very creative. She enjoyed painting, making crafts and was quite the piano player. She was curious about the world, including political and social issues, nature and animals. She had a heart for helping others and was constantly giving of her time. She enjoyed her connection to the UU church and made many dear friends there. She lived a life she loved, especially during her time in Pagosa Springs.

She is survived by her daughter, Sarah Senst, of Denver, Colo.; and son Robert Moorhead, of Castle Rock, Colo; her grandchildren: Samantha Ritthaler, Madison Senst and Hunter Senst; sister Sandra Shepoiser, of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; and brother Dean Paxson and wife Pat, of Sun Lakes, Ariz.

At the family's request, there will be no service at this time. In lieu of flowers, please kindly make donations in Merilyn's name to any of the following: Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Denver Dumb Friends League or Loaves and Fishes Pagosa Springs.

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PSMC board hears update on district's finances

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) looks to be on track to meet its cash-on-hand requirements by the end of the year, a financial report given by CEO Chelle Keplinger on Nov. 19 indicates.

The Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors, which oversees PSMC, heard on Nov. 19 that, as of the end of October, PSMC had 57.2 days of cash on hand.

At the end of September, PSMC was at 48.8 days of cash on hand.

PSMC is required to have 60 days of cash on hand by the end of the year, but the goal is to have 70, Keplinger told the board.

"We had another great month in October — unexpectedly," Keplinger told the board.

PSMC ended October with $55,921 in net revenue, increasing the year-to-date net revenue to $919,375.

However, PSMC is "still trying to catch up" with the 2019 budget, Keplinger noted.

The budget anticipated $1,669,982 in net revenue by the end of October, despite forecasting that PSMC would be in the red $151,095 for October's net revenue.

For October, PSMC had $5,768,679 in gross revenues, $2,899,113 in net patient revenues (55.77 percent of the gross revenue) and paid $2,978,622 in expenses.

Keplinger also reported that the district's net days in accounts receivable fell to 42 in October from 50 in September.

"So, more good news," Keplinger said, adding that 42 days is within the national standard.

"October was an excellent month for PSMC," a report from Keplinger and the Finance Committee states. "The Finance Committee stated that PSMC's finances continue to improve and the Committee is pleased with the financial progress made during 2019."

In discussion on the district's finances, CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb noted PSMC hasn't seen the seasonal slowdown.

The board's next meeting, where it will hear about the district's November financials, is set for 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 17.

Cash on hand requirement

Per bond covenants for a 2006/2007 bond, the USJHSD must have at least 60 days cash on hand at the end of the year.

A report on days cash on hand at the end of each year since 2008 shows that PSMC ended 2018 with 52.48 days cash on hand.

Because of that, PSMC was required to engage a financial consultant to create a plan to increase the organization's cash on hand by the end of 2020.

That consultant's report directed PSMC to take action or look into specific ways to reduce expenses, improve revenues collected and different aspects of management and planning, such as looking into offering new services and reducing other expenses.

According to a report given to the board on the progress of those actions, PSMC has reduced its staffing level by 9.5 positions through attrition and restructuring positions and has completed 23 of the 26 actions spelled out by the consultant.

The only three outstanding actions remaining are "implement coding software to enable PSMC to compute payments on Medicaid EAPGs [Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups] to assure accuracy of payment," "Evaluate and develop/implement a plan to reduce ongoing expense for MRI" and "Evaluate the feasibility of expanding pain management services."

On the first outstanding item, PSMC staff reported to the board that PSMC has done all it can and it is waiting on its electronic health record company, Cerner, with the task anticipated to be complete in the second quarter of 2020.

The task regarding the MRI is 40 percent complete, according to the report, with PSMC staff in the process of deciding how to move forward with housing an MRI machine in the future and looking into financing on the purchase of an MRI machine.

On the task involving pain management services, staff noted that PSMC has provided data to its liability insurance carrier and is waiting for an answer.

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Town council waives permit fees for hospital HVAC project

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Nov. 21, the Pagosa Springs Town Council unanimously approved waiving $13,090.50 in planning and building permit fees for the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) for a new HVAC system at Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC).

"The Upper San Juan Health Services District needs to redo its HVAC system in the operating room in order to provide better ventilation. This is anticipated to positively affect patient outcomes. This project is roughly $1.8 million and they have received a DOLA grant for $1 million of the cost. While this is a District project, the hospital serves the entire community," the agenda brief on the request states.

In speaking to the board, PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb told the council that PSMC is a young health system with a lot of debt and runs on a tight margin — about $200,000 in 2018.

Webb told the board that when she began as CEO, she had a lot of people asking for money and she had to explain, "we do not actually have a lot of money."

USJHSD board chair Greg Schulte added that PSMC is much more than a hospital and the USJHSD has built a health care system.

He noted that the medical center has a lot of different services lines to "try to make health care access convenient and accessible to our community, and it comes at a cost, it definitely does."

Schulte acknowledged that any fees the USJHSD didn't pay would then not be collected by the town and offered more context on the medical center's need for a new HVAC system using surgery as an example.

"So, in a surgical situation, the air has to be just right," he said. "Too much humidity is a infection risk, and not enough humidity is a fire hazard, actually. So, we have to have this little Goldilocks effect going on in our surgery."

PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb told the board that when she began as CEO, she had a lot of people asking for money and she had to explain, "we do not actually have a lot of money."

If the HVAC system, which he said is "very taxed at the moment," is not working, PSMC cannot do surgery, and surgery is a service line that pays better than some others and helps to cover some of the services provided by PSMC, such as EMS and the clinic, that don't pay well.

Schulte further noted that PSMC is a seasonal business and the waiver would help and make a difference.

He added that PSMC also gives back and will write off probably $5 million in charity care and bad debt this year.

"So that is our contribution to this community and we're budgeting probably $3.5 million next year" for the same, he said. "So we really make a choice and we strive to just take care of our community and we don't turn anyone away. So we really make that investment back into the community, which is all of us."

With no questions from the council or discussion, council member Nicole DeMarco made a motion to approve the fee waivers. The motion passed unanimously.

The HVAC work is included in the USJHSD's 2020 budget, which was approved on Nov. 19.

For more information on that budget, see related story.

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2020 budget approved for medical center

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), adopted the organization's 2020 budget on Nov. 19 with a 4-1 vote.

That budget forecasts a bottom line of $445,640 for 2020.

The budget includes a 3 percent increase to most prices at PSMC — except for laboratory and surgery — and "conservative" growth, according to an updated budget assumption document provided by Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger.

"The proposed budget assumes an increase in patient volume for all services between 0% and 3%," the document states. "Overall, the proposed budget assumes that a 3% increase in gross revenue (over 2019 annualized numbers) which is a conservative forecast compared to years past."

The document further notes that the 2020 budget forecasts an increase in gross charges of $1,614,470.84. Of that increase, 95 percent is due to the price increase and 5 percent is due to a volume increase.

The budget assumptions document also outlines the following assumptions:

• A minimal increase in oncology patient volume.

• A continued decrease in Emergency Department patient volumes and a continued increase in clinic patient volumes due to expanded clinic walk-in hours added in 2019.

The document also notes walk-in clinic hours may be extended in 2020.

• An increase in surgical procedures.

• A reintroduction of nuclear medicine services "if we can find the talent/resources to provide this service to the community. This service will be subject to review through strategic planning and finance committee.

• Employee wage increases of $175,000 and a decrease in full-time equivalent employees by 6.55, or 2.72 percent.

PSMC's budget further anticipates the district receiving and expending money from a Colorado Department of Local Affairs grant to work on the medical center's HVAC system, as well as PSMC's $911,000 grant match.

Board chair Greg Schulte also pointed out the $3.5 million budgeted for charity care and bad debt in 2020 and called the number sobering.

He stated that charity care and bad debt is what PSMC does for the community and is a "wonderful thing," but that it hits PSMC hard.

"There's more in the bank than when we started," board member Jason Cox said.

Following the budget presentation, board member Dr. Jim Pruitt, who was attending the meeting via phone, asked if there was a line item for dispatch "hidden somewhere" in the budget, with Keplinger noting the budget includes $103,000 for the dispatch organization.

That number, she noted, was revised by dispatch, but PSMC opted to leave the amount higher to be conservative.

Pruitt asked about the increase, and Schulte explained that there will be some capital investment that will need to be made, and CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb explained that there is a formula based on calls for service that determines what each of the four participating agencies (EMS, police, sheriff and fire) pay into dispatch each year.

Following more questions about dispatch funding sources and amounts, Pruitt asked if the $3,000 line item for Axis Health System's acute treatment unit (ATU) was still included in the budget, with Keplinger responding affirmatively.

Further discussion touched upon where specific things were budgeted and how PSMC budgets property tax revenues conservatively.

After discussion wound down on the budget, Cox motioned to approve the resolution adopting the budget, and the motion was seconded by Dr. King Campbell.

"I'd like to make a friendly amendment to that budget that we strike out the $3,000 payment to Axis and not include that in the budget, as an amendment," Pruitt said.

That suggestion spurred a discussion about Robert's Rules of Order and the appropriate way to amend an existing motion.

Schulte then offered an observation after acknowledging Pruitt's comments on the same topic the month prior.

"Here's my thoughts on this: So, the three grand is our contribution toward the ATU, which is the acute treatment unit," Schulte said. "I do know the town and county contribute to that as well and I think it is important for our community to have access to an ATU. I hear you, Dr. Pruitt, when you say that perhaps that Axis is not as much of a partner as we would like them to be. But here's the other part, is that I'm not entirely sure, if we don't make this contribution, what's the downstream ramification of that?"

Schulte suggested that, because the board doesn't know the ramifications or outcome of not funding the request, the contribution should be left in the budget "with the proviso that it not be paid to Axis" until Axis made a presentation to the board or staff. When satisfied, the board could release the funds.

"I'd be happy if you talk to staff about their interactions with Axis," Pruitt responded, noting that he didn't think it would make a difference if PSMC made the contribution and Axis hasn't been a willing partner.

Schulte against stated his reservation of taking the funding out without knowing the "downstream ramification."

Pruitt noted that he felt that was an unfounded concern.

Cox then suggested that there could be some engagement with Axis before the funds are released, and the board and staff talked about options for incorporating that suggestion into the budget adoption.

"I mean, this is a $63 million budget," Cox said, asking Pruitt what amendment to the motion would help the board move on with adopting the budget.

Pruitt noted that he agreed with Schulte's suggestion about making the release of the funds "contingent upon adequate interaction" with PSMC staff on "negotiated issues."

Following that, Cox asked for guidance, with Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese, who also serves as the district's legal council, suggesting that Cox's original motion should stand and, once the board had voted, staff could be directed to have a conversation with Axis again about PSMC's specific issues.

With that, Cox stated that he stood by his original motion and that would satisfy the intent of the conversation.

The motion to adopt the budget was approved 4-1, with Pruitt voting against it.

In other business at the meeting, the board:

• Approved a resolution to set mill levies at 3.884 mills on each dollar of total valuation for the year 2019, which is anticipated to raise $1,267,288 in revenue.

• Approved a resolution regarding the appropriation of a total of $48,188,658 in funds.

• Approved a resolution authorizing the online noticing of the district's meetings at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Monday, Dec. 2

Combined Dispatch Executive Management board meeting. 9:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

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

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District 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

San Juan Water Conservancy District meeting. 5 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Unit 5.

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 work session and regular meeting. 4 p.m. work session, 5 p.m. regular meeting, 7 Parelli Way.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 10

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

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

Archuleta 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 work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting. 4:30 p.m., Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting and Board of Trustees of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Firemen's Pension Fund regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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Town approves ordinance detailing use of remaining impact fee revenues

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Nov. 21, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved Ordinance 921 upon second reading, amending the Land Use and Development Code with respect to use of impact fees.

The council approved an ordinance ending the impact fee collection program over the summer following an impact fee study.

"Earlier this year, the Town engaged Economic and Planning Systems (EPS) to review the Town's impact fee program and provide recommendations. After much discussion, Council decided to end the program and cease collection of impact fees on development. This summer the Town Council passed Ordinance 911 which repealed the Town's impact fees," an agenda brief on the topic summarizes. "Funds collected previously within the various fee purpose categories must be spent within ten years of when those fees were collected. There are several capital projects that the Town has been planning to do in 2020 and beyond. Staff proposes to utilize the remaining impact fee funds in each of the specific categories to help defray the cost of new capital projects that the Town will be completing or starting during the 2020 budget year. The Town Attorney has reviewed this request and feels that it is a proper expenditure of impact funds for planned capital projects."

Ordinance 921, then, summarizes those projects, which include:

• A 400-foot road extension from Eagle Drive to Pike Drive with drainage and sidewalks.

The agenda brief notes that the extension is an "important part of the regional secondary road network."

Staff proposes to use the balance of the "Road Impact fee" fund balance of $147,547 towards the project," the agenda brief states. "This will pay for approximately one third to one half of the total cost of the project. The remainder will be funded out of the Town's capital fund."

• The Hermosa Street section of the Riverwalk trail.

The town is planning to build a 10-foot-wide section of Riverwalk Trail from Town Park to the 1st Street bridge/U.S. 160 intersection and will run along Hermosa Street and through Cotton Hole Park.

"Staff proposes to use the balance of $38,402 in the Impact Fee-Trails line item toward the project and $8,452 in "Impact Fee-Parks" for the project towards the portion of the trail that is within Cotton Hole Park. The remainder will be funded out of the Town's capital fund and Conservation Trust Fund to match a grant from Colorado State Trails."

• The town's new consolidated maintenance facility on South 5th Street.

The project comes with an estimated cost of $4.5 million.

"Staff proposes to use the balance of the $7,804 in the "Town Buildings impact fee" line item toward this project in 2020," the agenda brief explains.

• A new outbuilding/ticket booth on Reservoir Hill.

"Staff proposes to use the balance of $7,050 in 'Impact Fees Town Recreation' towards the construction of a new storage building/ticket booth on Reservoir Hill Park. The remainder of the project cost will come from the Reservoir Hill Ticket Tax fund, a surcharge on tickets for the Folk Festivals in the park," the document explains.

• Yamaguchi South master planning/construction.

"The Town is beginning a master planning process in 2020 to reconstruct Yamaguchi South, the former 'lagoon property,'" the document explains. "As part of the planning, recreational facilities such as pickleball courts, softball fields, and other amenities are being considered. Staff proposes to utilize the balance of $7,804 in the Impact Fees account for 'Recreation Facility' toward this project. The remainder will come from a Planning Grant and the Capital Fund."

Ordinance 921 notes, in part, "... the Town Council hereby finds and determines that the Capital Projects are necessary to mitigate impacts on capital facilities created by the Developments and may be funded, in whole or in part, by revenues from impact fees collected pursuant to the Impact Fee Ordinance."

The ordinance was approved unanimously by the seven members of the council.

Other business

In other business at the meeting, the council:

• Heard audience member Tom Strang request that the town council again discuss the idea of limiting the density of short-term rentals by neighborhood.

• Approved a letter of support for a Pagosa Ranger District off-highway vehicle trail maintenance grant application.

• Approved a ground lease for the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership to continue to use its current site in Centennial Park.

• Conducted a public hearing for the 2020 budget in which former county commissioner Michael Whiting acknowledged council for continuing to work on the community's priorities.

Also during the public hearing, audience member Bill Hudson questioned how funding decisions were made for service organizations and suggested next year the town look at each organization's request relative to its total budget.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained the council members individually reviewed and scored the funding applications, with those scores then read aloud during a council budget work session and averaged.

The council will hold another public hearing prior to adopting the budget on Dec. 3. That meeting is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. at Town Hall.

• Approved an updated personnel handbook.

• Approved a resolution initiating the annexation proceedings for a 15.83-acre parcel of land known as River Rock Estates located along Light Plant Road.

"The applicant, BWD, LLC, is proposing a 10-lot single family home residential development within the 15.83 parcel, with lots ranging in size from 1 acre to 2.09 acres," an agenda brief on the topic states.

• Approved an impact report waiver for the River Rock Estates annexation.

BWD requested that the town and council waive the impact report that is required with annexations of more than 10 acres due to the fact that a portion of the property being annexed is in the floodplain/floodway and cannot be developed.

"The applicants reasoning for waiving the requirement is though the parcel considered for annexation is 15.83 acres, only approximately 7.7 acres is available for development, with the remaining 8.13 acres being within FEMA mapped floodways," an agenda brief on the topic explains.

The agenda brief further explains, "In addition, the applicant proposes only 10 single family residential lots, versus the original contemplated 100 dwelling units."

• Approved using a pair of companies, Design A Sign and Newman Signs, to fabricate signs for around town.

Those signs are slated to include a scenic overlook sign and park, river and street name signs, at an estimated cost of around $18,000.

The signs will be funded from lodging tax revenues.

• Indicated approval to Tourism Executive Director Jennifer Green for the tourism board to look into spending funds out of its reserves to purchase a portable event stage.

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Births

The following are the October births with parents from Pagosa Springs as reported by Mercy Regional Medical Center:

Addison Elena, Sarah and Bryce Alexander, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, 12:16 a.m., Oct. 5.

Emily Rose, Amanda Andrews and Shane Gage, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, 5:04 p.m., Oct. 8.

Parents are invited to submit photos of their baby and an official announcement to editor@pagosasun.com to be printed in the newspaper.

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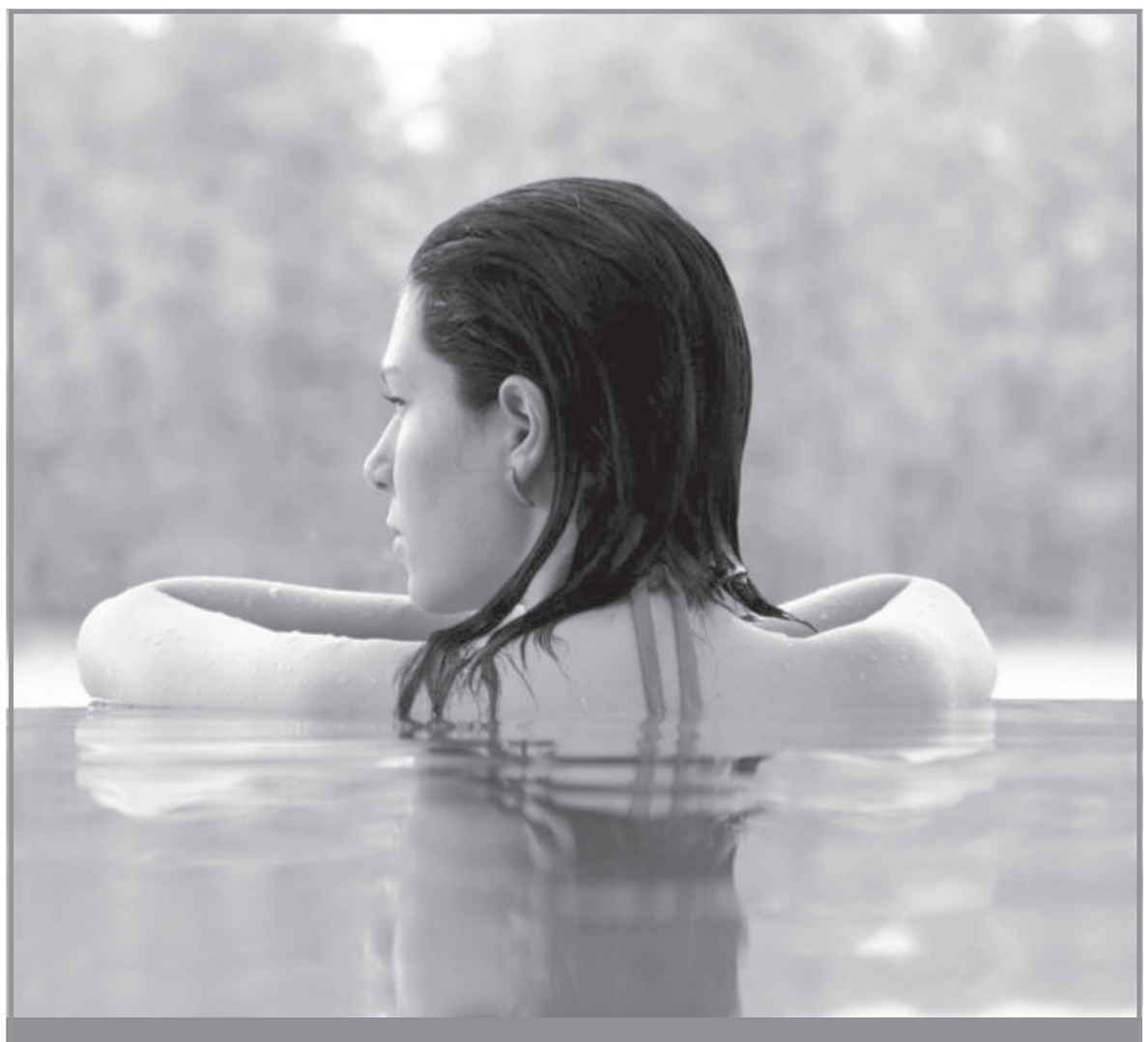
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Reservoir

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near the junction of Cat Creek Road and Trujillo Road that would have a maximum height of 50 feet and a maximum length of 775 feet.

• An 1,170-acre-foot reservoir that would have a surface area of 83 acres.

• The uses of the water are listed as municipal, domestic, commercial, industrial, firefighting, wetlands irrigation, augmentation, exchange, road maintenance, recreation, piscatorial, power generation and other beneficial uses. Genualdi explained a new housing development would be allowed under these uses.

Justin Ramsey, district manager for the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, said the 1,170-acre-foot reservoir the tribe is proposing is roughly equivalent in size to Lake Pagosa, which is 1,276 acre-feet.

Genualdi said that a water case taking 16 years or more to work its way through water court is not abnormal.

After the Southern Utes' initial filing, a Statement of Opposition was filed in 2004 by several property owners who live near the proposed reservoir.

"They held this up for years," Genualdi explained.

In 2011, the opposers signed a decree, which states, "If the Reservoir will extend into the land of parties other than that of Applicant, Applicant will enter into good faith negotiations with such landowners to seek to determine easement compensation prior to filing any action in condemnation."

"The '03 case was the Utes' first, you know, fighting with the water court for the Cat Creek Reservoir water right and it took them how many years to finally get that signed off," Genualdi said, explaining that attorneys for all parties signed off on the project by signing the 2011 decree.

The 2011 decree also states that in April 2017, six years from that filing and every six years after that until the water right is perfected, the Southern Ute Tribe shall file an Application for a Finding of Reasonable Diligence to continue to keep its water right.

Genualdi explained that "reasonable diligence" means that the Southern Utes have to prove every six years that they are taking steps toward completing the proposed project.

Proving reasonable diligence, according to Genualdi, means, "We want to prove that we've done some things to keep this water right going."

In a 2017 diligence filing, the application notes how the Southern Ute Tribe took steps toward completion of the project, which include:

• Spending about $15,000 to install a stream gauge on a tributary of Cat Creek in order to acquire flow data necessary to develop watershed yield estimates.

• Creating computer models to estimate stream flow and other data.

Two months after the diligence application was filed, statements of opposition to the project were filed by Gomez Family Property LLC and local resident Luann Baker.

Baker's statement of opposition states the project offered "Potential danger and damage to my property," including livestock and animals, and stated, "No discussion or compromise on a proposed pipeline diversion through my property."

Genualdi explained that, in 2018, the lawyers for the Southern Utes and the parties who opposed the project signed off on it with revised stipulations.

"The attorneys for the Utes put another decree together and the court signed off that they got another six years to do it and here's what the court decree looks like now: it's slightly changed now, but really its more restrictive."

Some of the changes between the initial court filings and the most recent ones state that the source for the reservoir will be only Cat Creek, whereas previously both Cat Creek and the San Juan River were listed.

Those documents also note the Southern Utes agreed to install the diversion pipeline on the west side of County Road 700, with some size restrictions and the Southern Utes will compensate the opposer at fair market value of any easement made necessary by the pipeline construction.

Lindsay Box, communications specialist for Tribal Council Affairs, wrote in a statement to The SUN that construction of the project "is not imminent and the Tribe continues to evaluate the feasibility of the project."

Box also explained that a portion of either County Road 700 or County Road 500 would have to be rerouted should the project be completed.

The Southern Ute Tribe may file another application for a finding of reasonable diligence in 2024.

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Virus

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Wall noted that he didn't think the virus was "ransomware," meaning a virus that could block county systems until a sum of money had been paid.

Wall emphasized for members of the public to use the telephone instead of email if they urgently need to get in touch with county officials and staff, although, as of Tuesday afternoon, the county phone system sent calls straight to voicemail.

Emergency Communications Manager Kati Harr wrote in a statement to The SUN on Monday that the dispatch center is still operational amidst the computer virus.

"While this situation makes an already demanding job even more challenging, our dispatch center is maintaining basic dispatch and call-taking functionality and our dedicated staff are here and ready to handle any and all public safety incidents for our community and first responders," Harr wrote.

On Tuesday, the dispatch center had gotten most of its CAD (computer-aided design) stations back online and the Durango-La Plata Emergency Communications Center was assisting the Archuleta County dispatch center with additional technological needs.

Wall told The SUN Tuesday morning that some county departments, like the assessor's office and the Department of Human Services, were relatively unscathed due to the virus, as they operate on the state's computer servers, which are separate from Archuleta County's.

Accident takes out fiber-optic cable

In a separate incident on Tuesday evening, a car accident took out a fiber-optic Internet cable that operates numerous county services, according to Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Operations Lt. Warren Brown.

Repair work on the cable began Tuesday morning. U.S. 160 was closed for part of the morning for the repairs.

During the outage, staff at the Town of Pagosa Springs lost Internet service for a few hours and county phone calls were going straight to voicemail.

Once the town had its Internet service returned, calls to county staff continued to go straight to voicemail as of 1:45 p.m. Tuesday.

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FBI warns of scammers spoofing FBI phone numbers, using threats and intimidation to trick victims

Special to The SUN

The FBI Denver Division is warning the public of a recent phone scam that spoofs, or fraudulently displays, the FBI's real telephone number on the victim's caller ID. The scammer impersonates a government official and uses intimidation tactics, such as the threat of arrest,a to demand payment of money purportedly owed to the government. These claims are false and the calls are not from the FBI.

The FBI Denver Division has seen its main number, (303) 629-7171, spoofed in this manner recently, as well as the numbers of its resident agencies, or satellite offices, throughout Colorado and Wyoming. Citizens nationwide have been targeted.

This scam is called government impersonation fraud and is a crime in which scammers impersonate government officials in an attempt to collect money. The scammers often threaten to extort victims with physical or financial harm or the release of sensitive data about their intended victim. In some cases, the intended target may be told there is a federal warrant for their arrest, which would be dismissed by the court in exchange for immediate payment to the caller.

The caller will oftentimes know the full name, extensive background, birth date, family members and/or personal cellphone number of the intended victim. There are a number of ways individuals with criminal intentions can obtain this information.

Unsuspecting victims may also be told the following:

• Their Social Security number has been compromised and linked to money laundering.

• Their Social Security number has been used to open bank accounts and that the government would seize those accounts.

• To protect their money, funds should be transferred to accounts specifically set up by the government, which would be protected until the situation is resolved, at which point the money would then be returned.

• Failure to transfer money could lead to loss of funds and possible arrest.

• To meet with a Social Security Administration agent to verify identity; once complete, a new Social Security number would be issued so that a new bank account could be opened.

The public is reminded that the FBI does not call private citizens to request money or threaten arrest. The FBI reminds the public to limit the amount of personal information provided online, to include on social media sites.

To avoid becoming the victim of government impersonation fraud and scams:

• Always be suspicious of unsolicited phone calls.

• Never give money or personal information to someone with whom you don't have ties and did not initiate contact.

• Before signing up for a contest or email distribution list, make sure the business has a policy not to share your information or sell it to a third party.

• Scammers count on your lack of knowledge, so take the time to educate yourself about any offer you receive.

• Trust your instincts: If an unknown caller makes you uncomfortable or says things that don't sound right, hang up.

According to the Internet Crimes Complaint Center (IC3), more than 12,000 people nationwide have reported being victims of government impersonation scams in 2019, with losses totaling over $112 million.

More information about government impersonation schemes and other online frauds can be found at www.fbi.gov. The FBI strongly encourages anyone contacted by a caller who says they are with the FBI or any government agency to verify the information with their local FBI field office or the government agency in question.

Additionally, the public should be aware that other law enforcement agencies in our community, such as the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), U.S. Social Security Administration and local law enforcement agencies are also being impersonated using similar tactics as described above. If you receive a call of this nature, please contact these government agency's offices and verify a representative of their agency contacted you in order to avoid being victimized.

Contact information for all 56 FBI field offices can be found at www.fbi.gov.

Individuals who have been victimized by this type of scam are encouraged to file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center by visiting www.ic3.gov.

Sewer

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with no discussion on the matter.

In other business at the meeting, the board:

• Certified the district's delinquent accounts to the Archuleta County treasurer.

Town Clerk April Hessman noted "about 11" of the district's 936 accounts are delinquent.

"The certification to the County Treasure [sic] guarantees the District will recoup the service fees the properties have been provided along with any penalties," an agenda brief on the topic states.

• Conducted a public hearing on the 2020 budget, with no one commenting.

There will be another public hearing prior to the budget's adoption during the board's Dec. 3 meeting that begins at 5 p.m.

• Voted unanimously to purchase two new pumps, one for each of the town's pump stations, at a total cost of $54,691 to help pump the town's wastewater to the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District campus.

"The pumps cavitate, wear out fast, and do not pump reliably at the rate they are designed to operate at. We have been having to rebuild a couple pumps a year since the lift stations have gone into service. The problems that have been experienced started shortly after the lift station project came on line. Since the lift stations have been in service, the pumps have been wearing out or breaking at an alarming rate," an agenda brief on the topic states.

At the meeting, Public Works Director Martin Schmidt explained to the board he has received "unequivocal assurance" from the vendor that the pumps will operate as anticipated.

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Culvert

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to post and advertise the project for bid. We do not have a timeline at this point."

Schwantes added in a separate email that the project could begin in 2020 or 2021.

"Colorado must do the most we can with the resources we have, and I am proud to see our transportation department embody those values," said Gov. Jared Polis of the transportation plan, adding, "I am pleased to see that every area of our state is recognized here, from the towns and cities along the Front Range to our mountain and rural communities that are pillars of our agricultural and recreational economies."

"We heard loud and clear from citizens across Colorado that they have some key concerns with our transportation system — safety and basic road condition; managing the impacts of growth and worsening congestion; and the need for more options to get to their destinations," said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. "Now that our neighbors have helped us prioritize the resources that our legislature authorized, we will focus on project management. That's why today, we are announcing some of the steps that we will take to show taxpayers that we can deliver these projects on time and on budget, so they can see their precious dollars at work."

Pagosa Springs Town Manager Andrea Phillips commented on CDOT's announcement in an email to The SUN Monday.

"Council and staff are excited to see the project potentially being funded," Phillips wrote, adding, "While the construction of the project itself will be disruptive, this project has to be done. It has been ranked as one of the worst culverts in the state for years. Failure of that infrastructure could be devastating for the Pagosa Springs community and it could shut down Hwy 160 traffic, affecting commerce and emergency services in the region. If this gets funded, we'll be meeting with CDOT officials to start planning for the construction of the project and we will commit to providing as much information on the project to the community as possible."

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Snow

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though locally higher amounts are possible.

"For the Winter Storm Watch, heavy snow possible Wednesday afternoon through Saturday afternoon," the advisory as posted on AccuWeather states, also noting "Wind gusting as high as 40 mph above 9500 feet."

The NWS's 10-day forecast for Pagosa Springs predicts 1 to 3 inches on Wednesday night, with wind, as well as rain and snow showers, for Thanksgiving.

Precipitation is forecasted to be back to snow Friday, with a chance of snow showers Saturday.

AccuWeather's forecast for Pagosa Springs calls for cloudy skies Wednesday and "Cloudy with a shower" Thursday.

AccuWeather predicts wind and 3 to 6 inches of snow Friday, with another 6 to 10 inches falling Friday night.

The Weather Channel is predicting higher amounts, including 3 to 5 inches Wednesday night, 3 to 5 inches Thursday, 3 to 5 inches Thursday night, 5 to 8 inches and wind Friday, and 1 to 3 inches and wind Friday night.

Wolf Creek Pass and Wolf Creek Ski Area are also expected to receive large amounts, with the NWS calling for upward of 20 inches.

That forecast shows 4 to 8 inches falling Wednesday night, 6 to 10 falling Thursday and 10 to 14 falling Thursday night, though snow is expected to continue through Saturday night.

Open Snow predicts 28 inches at Wolf Creek Ski Area by Saturday.

The NWS also explains in a winter weather advisory that those who are looking to travel during the Thanksgiving holiday should take the proper precautions by doing things like slowing down and using caution while traveling.

Additionally, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) notes in a press release that the second snowstorm wave, which is expected to last through tonight and into Friday, will likely bring "significant snowfall."

CDOT notes that drivers should not follow cars in front too closely and not pass snowplows. Additionally, motorists should make sure their car is prepared for the weather conditions with the necessary items.

Water report

As of Nov. 25, all local lakes have seen a change in their lake levels, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Hatcher Lake is currently 23 inches from full, or 92.90 percent full, when last week it was 27 inches from full.

Stevens Lake went from 37 inches from full last week to 38 inches from full, or 88.69 percent full, this week.

Lake Pagosa is currently 8 inches from full, or 97.10 percent full, this week. Last week, it was 4 inches from full.

Village Lake is 3 inches from full, or 98.61 percent full, when last week it was 8 inches from full.

Lake Forest is 14 inches from full, or 89.39 percent full. Last week, it was 13 inches from full.

Cumulative diversion flows remain at 4.5 cubic feet per second (cfs), with the West Fork and Four Mile diversions still adding 3 cfs and 1.5 cfs, respectively.

From Nov. 15 through Nov. 21 of this year, total water production was listed at 9.60 million gallons, a 0.17 million gallon decrease from the Nov. 8 through Nov. 14 water production total of 9.77 million gallons.

During the Nov. 15 through Nov. 21 time frame, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 3.41 million gallons and the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 6.19 million gallons.

Last year, also from Nov. 15 through Nov. 21, total water production was recorded at 9.96 million gallons.

River report

As of Nov. 26, the San Juan River had a flow of 65.1 cfs, below the average for Nov. 26 of 83 cfs.

The lowest reported flow for the San Juan came in 1976 when the river had a flow of just 21 cfs; the highest reported flow for the San Juan came in 1987 when the river had a flow of 320 cfs.

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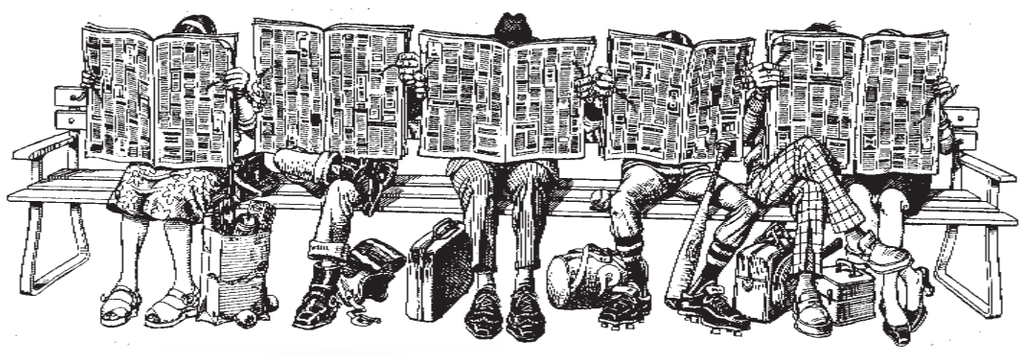

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Just in time for winter: traction laws

By Master Trooper Gary Cutler
Special to The SUN

It's that time of year again, so we need to address snowstorms and driving in them. This year, there has been some confusion with the new traction laws that travelers will be facing. So, I'm here to help answer some of those questions.

Most of the focus for the traction law has been about I-70 in the mountains, but this can pertain to any of Colorado's roadways that the state is responsible to maintain.

Let's start from the beginning: commercial vehicles are required to have chains on their vehicles from Sept. 1 through May 31 on I-70 between milepost 133 (Dotsero) and milepost 259 (Morrison), but this part does not pertain to passenger vehicles.

Now, let's look at passenger vehicles. As a driver of a passenger vehicle, you will need to be aware when traction law is being implemented. The state will usually put this information on variable message signs (VMS) along the roadways or on CDOT's Web page. When this happens, you need to be concerned with Codes 15 and 16, which pertain to all passenger vehicles.

The traction law will usually be implemented when you see snow starting to accumulate on the roadway. Code 15 is the first level, which basically says passenger vehicles need to have at least one-eighth inch of tread on all tires. You will also have to have either snow tires, tires with the mud/snow (M+S) designation, four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive.

When Code 16 is implemented, this is a last-ditch attempt to keep the roadway open. So, now there will be a larger amount of snow on the roadway and means all vehicles will need to have chains or an alternative traction device (ATD) such as Autosocks. It doesn't matter if have four-wheel drive; you need to have chains on your tires.

Now, earlier I mentioned passenger cars are not required to carry chains or ATDs in their vehicles during the aforementioned time frame, but here's the kicker. If the chain law is enacted after you are in the mountain, you will not be able to access the roadway and may have to wait until the chain law is lifted to get to your destination. So if you don't plan on carrying chains or ATDs, make sure you plan ahead prior to making your trips into the mountains.

The traction laws will be enforced and if you have inadequate equipment during the traction law, you may be fined more than $130. If you fail to comply with the mandatory chain law and you end up stuck and blocking the roadway, you may be fined more than $650.

The reason for the chain law is for safety and not to inconvenience other drivers by having vehicles that are ill-equipped for the weather and road conditions which end up blocking other travelers.

I hope this has helped out some of your questions my office has been fielding.

As always, safe travels.

PAWSD seeking bids for Put Hill tank replacement

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) is currently seeking bids for the removal of an existing steel water reservoir and the replacement of that reservoir with one that holds 100,000 more gallons of water.

The steel water reservoir, located on Put Hill, is currently 100,000 gallons; a new one would hold 200,000 gallons, according to PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey.

This project is based on work that PAWSD contracted out a few years ago in which it had all of its existing tanks inspected, Ramsey explained.

The tanks were then ranked based on their ratings, which led to some tanks having to be rebuilt, Ramsey noted.

Two years ago, PAWSD rebuilt its tank at Eagle Peak and this year PAWSD put a brand new tank in at Log Park; next year the project is the Put Hill tank, Ramsey described.

"That's all the tanks we have to replace," he said. "Those are the only ones that are really in bad shape."

Specifically, several of the roof trusses had rusted through and collapsed at the Put Hill tank, Ramsey explained.

"It was probably built in the '80s I would guess, but I'm not sure," he said.

The bids are due by Jan. 17, 2020, and all work must be completed by Sept. 30, 2020.

More information can be found by contacting Ramsey at 731-7641 or justin@pawsd.org.

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Dispute over Bristlecone Drive continues

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

At the end of their work session on Nov. 19, county officials and staff discussed their ongoing dispute with the Timber Ridge Homeowners Association (HOA), with the county stating that a disputed 1,400-foot section of Bristlecone Drive is a public road and noting that the HOA argues it is private.

Commissioner Ron Maez explained he'd previously been in discussions with members of Timber Ridge, but he hadn't heard from them in a while, stating that the HOA currently has private road signs up to discourage use of the disputed section of Bristlecone.

"We believe it's a public road," Maez said, adding, "I mean they have their signs on there but that doesn't mean anything."

"No, it doesn't," agreed County Attorney Todd Weaver. "Because there's an easement granted to the public across that road ... [The] statute of limitations to challenge that easement has long since run."

County Administrator Scott Wall said that he felt it was important for the public to know that Bristlecone Drive is a public road.

"Just from the public sense, [it's important] to make sure the public knows that's a public road," Wall said, adding, "You can put all the signs up you want, but it's still — the public paid for it and they can use it."

Wall and Weaver both explained that taxpayer money is being used to maintain part of Bristlecone Drive.

In a phone call Monday, HOA President Bob Turner noted he didn't have much to say on the issue other than the county thinks it's a public road and the HOA thinks it's private.

In June, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners voted to direct staff to file a declaratory judgment that asks the court to determine whether the disputed 1,400-foot section of Bristlecone Drive is public or private.

Earlier this month, Weaver gave a status update on the case in an email to The SUN.

"I have been in discussions with the HOA and Metro District to see if we can resolve the issues without having to resort to litigation. That is about all the details I can share at this time as discussions are ongoing and no agreement has been reached," Weaver wrote.

In a phone call Monday, Maez stated the county is still trying to find a solution, out of court, to resolve the dispute.

Maez reported at the county commissioners' work session on Tuesday that Turner is scheduled to talk to the commissioners during their work session on Dec. 10.

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National Forest Christmas tree permits on sale

By Esther Godson
Special to The SUN

Christmas tree permits, which allow you to cut your own holiday tree, are on sale for $8 at the Pagosa Ranger District, 180 Pagosa St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A permit allows you to cut one tree up to 20 feet tall for personal use until Dec. 31. Permits come with a brochure with safety tips, information on which species of tree to harvest and the best places to find trees.

The Forest Service is also offering one free permit to fourth-grade students who hold a valid Every Kid Outdoors pass or paper voucher downloaded from: www.everykidoutdoors.gov. The free permit is only good at agency offices and the participating fourth-grader must be present.

National Forest roads are not plowed for snow removal, and icy or snow-packed conditions may exist. For information on road conditions and Christmas tree harvesting, go to www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan.

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Rotary hosting youth exchange student from Madrid, Spain

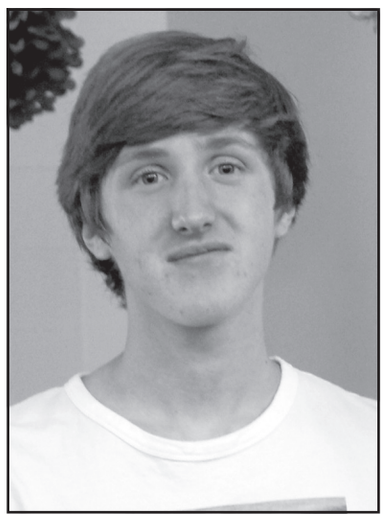
By Lisa Scott
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is currently hosting youth exchange student Jaime Novoa Alvarez, high school junior, from Madrid, Spain, who arrived in Pagosa Springs Aug. 27.

Being from a big city, he's enjoying the contrast of a small community and said he loves the mountain scenery. His parents are both business professionals and he has an older sister and younger brother. Alvarez is smart, athletic and loves all sports and trying new things. He is an avid tennis player and loves to snow ski.

At Pagosa Springs High School, he is enrolled in some typical American classes, including U.S. history and English. He is also taking classes that will prepare him to return for his last year of high school before going to a university, like calculus, physics and other science classes.

He played on the boys' high school soccer team this fall and is participating in the wrestling program this winter.


Jaime Novoa Alvarez

Alvarez's first host family is Joe and Laura Foster and their son, Jack, senior, and daughter Carolyn, sophomore. Jack participated in the short-term exchange program and did a family exchange with Mario Rizzo from Catania, Italy, during the summer of 2018.

Two students spent the 2018-19 school year in Pagosa Springs. Theo Bonlokke, from Denmark, was hosted by the Farrah, Barker and Kay-Jordan families. Catalina Aguilera, from Chile, was hosted by the Raymond, Bartz and Bowles families. Both students had wonderful exchange experiences and made many friends.

Additionally, two Pagosa Springs residents participated in the outbound exchange program. Lauren Rowland spent her school year in Denmark and Sahvanna Vasquez lived in Romania. These young ladies spent the past school year learning the local language and experiencing the culture and home life in their respective countries.

The Rotary exchange program is always interested in talking with students that are interested in the outbound program and families that are interested in hosting a student. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this opportunity should contact Rotarians Lisa Scott, 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net; Marianne DeVooght, 731-2009; Ronnie Doctor, 946-6367; or Granton Bartz, 946-2827.

The Rotary Clubs in Pagosa Springs have participated in the International Youth Exchange Program for decades. Students apply for this opportunity through the local Rotary Club and are interviewed and selected by committees in each country. Once a student is placed, they spend 10-12 months in that community and live with two or three different families during their time abroad. This way, they experience different family environments and meet a wider variety of people.

Rotary clubs in town include the noon club, which meets Thursdays at noon, and the evening club meets every Thursday at 5 p.m., both at Pagosa Brewing and Grill. Rotary is always accepting new members and invites anyone who would like to explore the opportunity to make contact with any community Rotarian or the names listed above.

Rotary International is an international service organization whose purpose is to bring together dedicated individuals to exchange ideas, build relationships, take action and help build goodwill and peace in the world. There are over 34,000 clubs and over 1.2 million members worldwide.

Disconnect exists between surveys of schools and test scores

There is a lot said these days about education and the importance of an educated, intelligent citizenry, but where did the idea of universal education begin?

Horace Mann (1796-1859) became known as the Father of the Common School as a member of the newly created Massachusetts Board of Education in1837. It was here that he promoted public education as a way to make "unruly American children into disciplined, judicious republican citizens."

Mann headed the Common School Movement and promoted the idea that every child could receive an education funded by local taxes. Other states were influenced and took up the idea of universal schooling, which we now know as K-12 public education. Mann was determined to establish a system of effective, secular, universal education in the United States.

The U.S. Constitution grants no authority over K-12 education to the federal government. Education is not a right but rather a privilege and is provided by the states. However, federal law requires that if a state chooses to educate its citizens, it must also offer it to the children of illegal aliens.

Joyce Rankin
State Board of Education

The founders of our country resisted concentration of power in the federal government. They knew that protection of freedom required limiting and dividing power. It was better to have decisions made independently by the states. As the country gets bigger and more complex, the advantages of decentralization of power becomes even more important. In Colorado, we value local control of our schools.

As one state senator noted, "… our state constitution designates your local school board as the primary authority over K-12 public education in your school district: not the governor, not the General Assembly, not even the elected State Board of Education."

The responsibility for public education in Colorado rests primarily at the locally elected school board level, and even at a more fundamentally essential level, with parents.

Based on recent surveys, most parents in Colorado believe their local school is performing very well, has the best teachers and students are all thriving academically. Yet, following achievement tests in the spring, only 40 percent of our third-graders are reading at grade level, a huge disconnect.

The key to understanding is to look locally. How well are your students performing? Overall, school and district achievement scores should be available locally. Ask your teachers, principals or the superintendent. Attend local school board meetings. Find out who your local board members are and connect with them. It's even more critical if you have new members joining your board. Meet with them individually and share your thoughts and speak up during public comment.

As I've been traveling around the Third Congressional District, I've found that the frustrations held by local community members are the same challenges we hear at the state board. Meeting with local citizens has been extremely important in understanding the differences in our Western Slope school districts. As you know, I firmly believe that the most critical role in education is to prepare children to become successful readers. A study published in the Journal of Child Development finds that having strong reading skills as a child is a predictor for higher intelligence as a young adult.

In the words of Horace Mann: "A republican form of government, without intelligence in the people, must be, on a vast scale, what a mad-house, without superintendent of keepers, would be on a small one."

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things as the stakeholder input report, with questions related to the strengths of the community, district, issues a new superintendent will have to address and characteristics of a new superintendent.

One community member's response to what a superintendent should be aware of as they come into the district reads, "Although there are areas the school district has improved, it has been lacking in sufficient growth in achievement. A lack of focused leadership has produced somewhat stagnant growth that should not be accepted by leadership, staff or community."

Another community member's response to the positives about ASD addresses that the district has high standards of curriculum and devoted teachers.

One parent response to an issue that a new superintendent should be aware of is implementing a new approach to decision making.

That response describes that ASD seems to take a "reactive" approach to decision making rather than a proactive one.

"I think it is critical that the superintendent understand this process, be able to understand the criteria needed for making decisions, foresee future issues whether it be local or trickling down from the state and/or government, then work towards a plan with the board for resolution beforehand rather than a 'clean-up' solution," the response reads.

Another parent response notes that Pagosa schools care about the whole child.

"They care about their mental health by making one on one connections during advisory," the response states.

One teacher response that addressed a strength of the district highlighted the district's willingness to serve the community in creative ways.

"Many of these opportunities are very difficult to obtain anywhere, but especially in rural communities," the response reads.

An issue a new superintendent should be aware of, according to one teacher response, is about the community's and state's willingness to fund education.

The response explains that soon the district will need to ask for funding in the future for other needs.

"We need to be completely open and transparent about what we are doing with the money from the MLO and during the superintendent search," the response states. "People in this town are supportive of education, but suspicious about how money is spent, so we need to meet their concerns and make sure we are meeting their expectations of their tax dollars."

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Happy Thanksgiving!

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Ingratitude is as harsh as the winter wind. In Luke 17 Jesus healed ten lepers. One, a Samaritan, came back praising God. He threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him. Jesus asked, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"

Possibly some wanted to get home to their family as fast as possible. Others may have wanted to go to the priest so he could verify they were clean and could return to society. They may have had good reasons for leaving quickly but there is always time to be thankful.

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Outdoors

Continental Divide Trail Coalition searching for community ambassadors to Pagosa Springs

By Nicole Karem
Special to The SUN

The Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC) is looking for community members in Pagosa Springs to serve as Continental Divide Trail (CDT) Gateway Community Ambassadors.

This program is aimed at educating the local community about the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail and increasing local involvement and sense of ownership of the CDT.

The world-renowned, 3,100-mile-long trail sits just to the east of Pagosa Springs and the community became an official CDT Gateway Community in 2016.

Gateway Community Ambassadors are CDTC's liaisons to the local community. With financial and logistical support from the CDTC, these volunteers organize events and other engagement opportunities along the CDT in their region each year, including group hikes, snowshoe expeditions, mountain bike adventures (where permissible), backpacking trips and more.

Gateway Community Ambassadors are asked to host three events per year and, in turn, the CDTC provides outdoor gear, resources and training opportunities.

"By connecting their neighbors and friends with the CDT, Gateway Community Ambassadors help strengthen their community and create an outdoor recreation culture that encourages everyone to enjoy our public lands," said Teresa Martinez, CDTC executive director.

The hope is that one to two individuals, as Gateway Community Ambassadors, can serve as the local "CDT Expert."

For those who are interested in getting involved, but don't know much about the CDT, training can be provided to enhance volunteers' outdoor leadership capabilities and knowledge of the trail in the area. Community Ambassadors then act as the primary resource for other residents and visitors to the town looking to experience the CDT and provide valuable information to the CDTC regarding how to best serve the community

The CDTC is seeking interested individuals who are enthusiastic to learn about and explore the CDT, connect with their local community and encourage other locals to get outside and onto the Trail. The CDTC invites anyone interested in the program to contact the Gateway Community coordinator at gateway@continentaldividetrail.org.

Pagosa Ranger District seasonal road closures

By Esther Godson
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Ranger District will be temporarily closing the following San Juan National Forest roads to wheeled motorized vehicles starting Dec. 2. All motorized trails on the Pagosa District close for the season Dec. 1.

Roads are closed seasonally to wheeled motorized vehicles to protect critical wildlife habitat and/or to prevent damage to road surfaces during freezing and thawing periods, even if snow levels are not very deep.

Visitors to the San Juan National Forest should be prepared to encounter closed gates on a number of forest roads across the Pagosa Ranger District starting Dec. 2, unless resource and safety considerations warrant an earlier closure.

See below for specific Forest Service road closure dates.

The following roads will close Dec. 2:

- Blue Creek, No. 012/Big Branch No. 664.
- Snowball, No. 646.
- Turkey Springs, No. 629 lower/middle gate.
- Eight Mile Mesa, No. 651.
- Kenney Flats, No. 006.
- Valle Seco, No. 653.
- Burns Canyon, No. 649 (second gate).

The following roads will close Dec. 16:

- Castle Creek, No. 660.
- Lefthand Canyon, No. 024.
- Fawn Gulch Road, No. 666.
- Trail Ridge, No. 639.
- West Fork, No. 648.
- Williams Creek, No. 640 (gate after boat ramp).
- Nipple Mountain, No. 665 (main gate at Mill Creek Junction).
- Devil Creek, No. 627.

The following roads will close Dec. 23:

- First Fork, No. 622.
- East Fork, No. 667.
- Fourmile, No. 645.
- Jackson Mountain, No. 037.
- Snow Ranch, No. 628.
- Turkey Creek, No. 647.
- Turkey Springs, No. 629 (main gate at Piedra).
- McManus, No. 633 (at Plumtaw intersection).
- Middle Fork, No. 636 (includes Toner).
- Plumtaw, No. 634.
- Burns Canyon, No. 649 (main/first gate).
- Jack's Pasture, No. 746.

The following roads will close Jan. 6:

- Blanco River, No. 656.
- Devil Mountain, No. 626.
- Mosca, No. 631.
- Buckles Lake, No. 663.
- Price Lakes, No. 731.

Please contact the Pagosa Ranger District to obtain the most up-to-date road information prior to heading out to the forest during the early winter season. Stop in, call the office at 264-2268 or visit http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sanjuan/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprdb5262330.

OHV grants available for up to 100 percent of project costs

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) Trails Program encourages local, county and state governments, federal agencies, special recreation districts and nonprofit organizations to apply for available off-highway vehicle (OHV) grant funding before the application period ends on Dec. 2.

CPW's OHV program works to improve and enhance motorized recreation opportunities in Colorado while also promoting the safe and responsible use of OHVs in the state. The grant program combines OHV registration and permit fees with federal Recreation Trails Funds (RTP) to fund the annual OHV trail grant process.

OHV grants are available for projects related to the recreational use of OHVs on lands open to the public. Last year, $4,456,258 was awarded from the OHV grant program to fund 57 projects.

"Since the OHV program started in 1991, more than $62 million dollars from OHV registration fees have been allocated towards 'on the ground' improvements for motorized recreation. This is literally OHV fees going right back into trails," said CPW State Trails Program Manager Fletcher Jacobs.

Organizations or agencies with management responsibilities over public lands may apply for Good Management Trail Crew Grants or Programmatic (competitive) Project Grants through the Dec. 2 deadline. Federal, state, local government agencies and nonprofit OHV project sponsors are eligible to apply for grants of up to 100 percent of the project cost.

To be eligible for a Good Management Trail Crew Grant, applicants must demonstrate a three-year track record of fulfilling the fiscal and field objectives presented in their annual OHV grant proposals and achieve all aspects of a Good Management Program. Good Management crews must take a holistic management approach that preserves riding opportunities while protecting sensitive resources within the areas they service. These trail crews must also use "best practices" to maintain and restore OHV riding areas.

OHV programmatic or competitive project grants address the full spectrum of OHV recreation support needs in Colorado. Eligible grant-funded activities may include but are not limited to construction, reconstruction or maintenance of OHV routes or multiuse trails that allow for motorized use; OHV trail corridor revegetation and erosion control; OHV education and safety programs; or salary, compensation and benefits for crew members or project employees.

CPW's trail grant application review and ranking process follows a four-tiered review and approval protocol. This process invites public review and comment at each of the four separate stages: upon submission, before the OHV Grant Review and Ranking Subcommittee, before the State Recreational Trails Committee, and before the Commission.

For more information about CPW OHV grants, to download an application or to review the full OHV grant application process, visit cpw.state.co.us.

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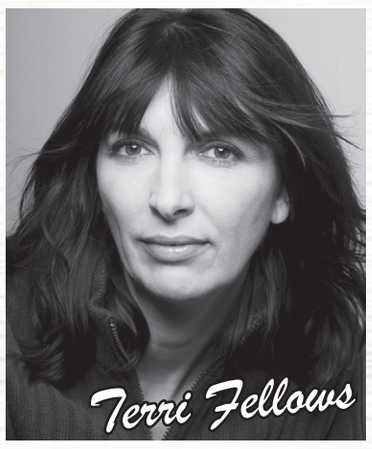

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VETERAN'S CORNER

Wilkie praises committee leaders' end-of-year suicide prevention goal

By Raymond Taylor
SUN Columnist

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Robert Wilkie praised members of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs recently for setting the goal of getting important veterans suicide prevention legislation passed before the end of the year.

Wilkie appeared before the committee to testify in support of HR 3495, the Improve Well-Being for Veterans Act. The bipartisan bill, which currently has 228 cosponsors, would allow the VA to offer direct grants to veterans service organizations, caregivers and nonprofits at the state and local level, letting these groups use grants to tailor aid to the veterans in their communities for the purposes of suicide prevention.

While committee leaders are still finalizing the precise legislative vehicle and language through which to accomplish the goals of HR 3495, Chairman Mark Takano during the hearing expressed support for getting final legislation passed in 2019.

"I do want to get this legislation passed before the end of the year," Takano said.

After the hearing, Wilkie released the following statement:

"To reach the roughly 60 percent of veterans who die by suicide each day without any recent connection to VA care, the government needs to reach far beyond its walls and work with as many partners as it can. I am fighting for legislation that would give VA the ability to do just that, and I am encouraged Chairman Takano shares my goal of getting the legislation passed before the end of the year."

VA uses innovative means to help reduce diabetic limb loss

November is National Diabetes Month and as part of broader efforts by the VA to confront diabetes, on Dec. 1, the VA began regional implementation of the Podimetrics Mat, a new medical device that has the potential to prevent limb loss in veterans with diabetes.

The technology, now in use at 15 VA medical centers, uses thermographic monitoring of a patient's feet to identify early onset of diabetic foot ulcers (DFUs), which can lead to limb loss if not detected early.

Known as thermal imaging, the noninvasive test involves no radiation and uses a special camera to measure skin temperature. This allows clinicians to develop plans for preventing added deterioration of a patient's health.

"VA's early adoption of cutting edge, innovative solutions to combat a disease that impacts so many veterans is another example of how VA is aiming to be a leader in health care innovation," Wilkie said. "VA is uniquely positioned in its ability to test and quickly scale new solutions throughout its health care system, which can drastically change Veteran lives."

The VA's use of the Podimetrics Mat builds on a 2017 VA-led study at the Phoenix VA and the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare Systems. The study showed the in-home foot-temperature monitoring device was able to detect 97 percent of DFUs as early as five weeks before the onset of symptoms, with 86 percent of participants using the mat an average of three days per week. With more medical centers offering use of the mat, the VA has continued to observe similar outcomes.

One VA facility found 84 percent of veterans are using the mat almost daily, allowing preventative clinical interventions to take place.

The mat will be available to all veterans across the country through their local Prevention of Amputations for Veterans Everywhere clinic providers. In addition, the VA's Veterans Health Administration Innovation Ecosystem is implementing a pilot program of the mats at VA facilities in the southeast, where some of the highest DFU rates exist.

Through the effort, the VA will be able to further evaluate best practices and optimize care models, ultimately improving the effectiveness of the technology in the VA health care system. Last year, the VA treated more than 75,000 DFU cases across the country.

For more information

The office of the Archuleta County veterans service officer (VSO) provides assistance to qualified military veterans and their families, or a veteran's survivors, in applying to and in obtaining VA program assistance, benefits and claims. This assistance is provided within the guidelines, policies and procedures established by the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This is a mandated program of the state of Colorado.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office, located at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard. The best way to contact me is to set up an appointment, for either at your home or in the office, so I can schedule a specific time in order to answer and assist each veteran in Archuleta County.

The office number is 264-4013; fax number is 264-4014 and email is raytaylor@archuletacounty.org. Bring your DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO office. Always leave me a message and phone number to contact you.

Veterans' groups

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

• American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

• American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary: First Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

• Veterans for Veterans: Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

• Combat Veterans PTSD Group: Every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Contact Gary Hanneman at 946-2540.

• Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: First and third Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Sharon Carter's office. Contact Charlotte at 903-9690.

Important numbers

• 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.

• Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.

• Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.

• VAMC Albuquerque NM: (800) 465-8262.

• VAMC Albuquerque NM emergency notification: (800) 465-8262, ext. 5739.

The Veterans Crisis Line offers free, confidential support to veterans in crisis, as well as their family and friends 24/7/365. Call (800) 273-8255, chat online or text 838255.

Medicare Open Enrollment ends Dec. 7

Consumer Advisory: Five tips for Medicare enrollees

Special to The SUN

As we approach the final weeks of Medicare Open Enrollment, which runs every year from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, Colorado's Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) is offering precautions and tips for Colorado's Medicare population.

The SMP, which is housed in the Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), helps educate people on how to prevent, detect and report Medicare fraud.

Medicare is the federal health insurance program primarily for people 65 and older, as well as certain younger people with disabilities and people with end-stage renal disease. During the annual open enrollment period, Medicare enrollees can make changes to their Medicare Advantage plans (or go back to original Medicare), as well as make changes to their Medicare Part D plan (for prescriptions).

The last couple weeks of Medicare Open Enrollment can be stressful as people work through important decisions. However, when it comes to talking to insurance agents/brokers or companies about Medicare, be mindful of these five tips to prevent you from rushing into, or being pressured into, a poor decision.

Be leery about doing business over the phone unless you initiated the phone call to a known business number. In a similar vein, be careful when calling phone numbers in insurance ads, whether in flyers or on television or radio. Such ads may promise benefits or services that you may not qualify to receive (notice the fine print at the bottom of the ad).

Be cautious with allowing sales people into your home. Sales people who make unsolicited visits to your home are usually best avoided. If you need to meet with a salesperson, it may be better to meet with them in a public place. If you chose to invite them into your home, have someone with you during the meeting. And if they do not leave when you ask them to, you may need to call the police. Insurance agents/brokers or representatives engaging in such behavior should also be reported to the SMP at (800) 503-5190.

Know who you're doing business with. Get a business card from the insurance agent/broker so you know who they are and can contact them with any follow-up questions. You should also check that the person is licensed to sell insurance in Colorado, and that their license is in good standing. Call (800) 275-8247 or visit the DOI's Verify a License page to check on a license. And insurance salespeople should not be selling anything but insurance. If they offer to provide some other type of service (such as DNA testing), decline and talk to your doctor about the need for such services. Such behavior should be reported to the SMP at (800) 503-5190.

Don't be pressured into purchasing insurance. High pressure tactics should be a red flag. It's also important to know that federal guidance now allows insurance agents/brokers to educate and sell at the same location. This means that Medicare education events will likely also be sales events. Remember, just because someone provided information, education, or a meal, you should not feel obligated to purchase something from them.

If you aren't the one doing the enrollment, ask for a copy of the plan information and enrollment confirmation. This gives you a record and allows you to continue to review the information. If someone helps you set up a My Medicare account to do the Medicare plan enrollment (through Medicare.gov), make sure it is someone you trust (a family member or a long-time friend — not someone you just met or who just called you). Always protect your My Medicare account login information.

In general, for anyone buying any kind of insurance, the most important precaution is to make sure you have a thorough understanding of the insurance product you are considering before you agree to buy it. If you don't understand it at a level where you could explain it to someone else, ask questions until you do. If you have any concerns about the behavior of any insurance agent or broker selling Medicare products, report it to the Colorado SMP at (800) 503-5190.

As the Dec. 7 end of Medicare Open Enrollment draws near, know that you can call Medicare at (800) 633-4227 24 hours a day, seven days a week to enroll in a Medicare plan or go to Medicare.gov to enroll yourself.

Harris selected for national office

By Pat Wainwright
Special to The SUN

Colorado Federation of Republican Women President Marilyn Harris has been selected by the National Federation of Republican Women's newly elected president, Ann Salpeter Schockett, to hold the prestigious position of state president coordinator for the national organization.

Harris will work with presidents from all the states to coordinate to increase the effectiveness and relevance of women in government and to promote American values.

Harris was selected for this position because of her enthusiasm, outstanding leadership, exceptional organization skills and her ethics.

When informed of the appointment, Harris responded, "It is such an honor to be selected to represent the great state of Colorado on the national level and to be able to make a difference in the future of our county."

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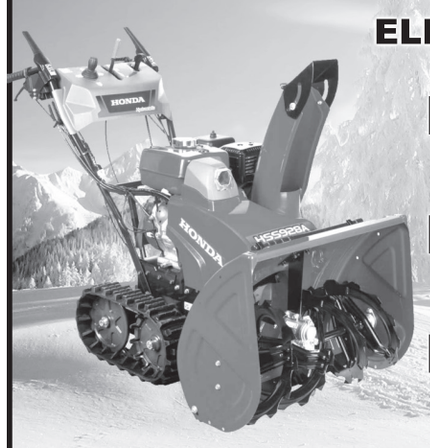

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One of the first snowfalls of the season blankets Chromo recently. Pagosa Country will see more snow this week.

EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

CSU Extension announces producer programs available in 2020

By Robin Young
SUN Columnist

The Colorado State University Extension Agriculture and Business Management (ABM) Team will present two programs in 2019 and 2020 that are designed to assist farmers and ranchers in managing these difficult financial times in agriculture.

The Financial Management Strategies program will cover topics including risk management, business planning, enterprise budgeting, record keeping, interpretation of financial statements and selecting farm financial software.

The program will be hosted by ABM economists Jenny Beiermann, Dr. Brent Young and Dr. Norm Dalsted. Program dates and locations are Dec. 12 in Glenwood Springs; Jan. 15, 2020, in Fairplay; Jan. 16, 2020, in Westcliffe; Jan. 20, 2020, in Julesburg; Feb. 12, 2020, in Pagosa Springs; and March 11, 2020, in Steamboat Springs.

For more information and to register online, visit: http://2020fms.eventbrite.com. The cost of the program is $15 and includes lunch. This program is funded in partnership by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Risk Management Agency.

The 2019 Ag Outlook and Strategy Forum program will cover topics including market outlook, break-even analysis, using commodity insurance as a part of a comprehensive marketing plan, using futures and options to manage risk and cross-hedging weaned calves. The program will be hosted by Young and Beiermann. Program dates and locations are Jan. 22, 2020, in Burlington; Feb. 11, 2020, in Cortez; March 10, 2020, in Delta; and March 12, 2020, in Steamboat Springs.

For more information and to register online, visit: http://2020agoutlook.eventbrite.com. The cost of the program is $15 and includes lunch. This program is funded in partnership by USDA, Risk Management Agency.

For further questions on this program, please contact Beiermann at (970) 241-3346. The local program will be held at the CSU Extension office on Feb. 12, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information and to register online, visit: http://2020agoutlook.eventbrite.com.

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. 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.

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.

Card of Thanks

Lucero

Our family would like to thank family, friends and the community for reaching out and helping our daughter, Tricia Jones-Soniat.

This was an unexpected event, but with the Lord's help and everyone else's kindness, we are able to get through it. She has a long road ahead of her, but she is still here with us and we are so thankful for that. With a grateful heart, all I can say is never take life for granted. Enjoy every moment you have with your loved ones.

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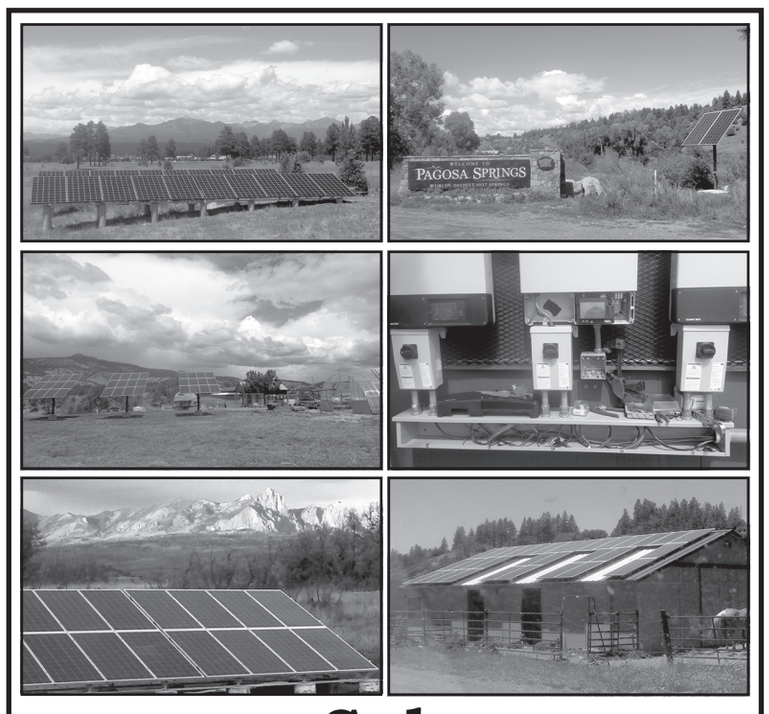

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LIBRARY NEWS

Our thanks to special people at Thanksgiving

By Carole Howard
SUN Columnist, and the library staff

The staff at your library are thankful all year-round for so many people who make their jobs easier and their service better for you, our patrons. On this Thanksgiving weekend, we want to publicly acknowledge some of the very special among them:

• We are thankful for the many volunteers who work every day to help us maintain the collection: shelve returned books, CDs and DVDs; and make sure all the books and materials are clean and in their proper place. Because of our small staff, these volunteers are vital to our service to you.

• We are grateful for the time and dedication of our library board. They also are unpaid volunteers who are committed to making the library an essential hub of our community.

• We also appreciate the members of our new foundation board, also unpaid volunteers, with the mission to raise funds for information resources, programs, services and facilities.

• We also want to pay tribute to the Friends of the Library. Their generosity, enthusiasm and creativity result in so many benefits to your library, especially with the proceeds of their summer book sale.

• Library Director Meg Wempe said she has always appreciated the quote from Elizabeth Andrew, "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they have the heart."

If you're interested in becoming a library volunteer or joining the Friends, please contact Wempe at 264-2208. You will be warmly welcomed.

"We truly appreciate everyone who has given time or funding to the library to help us improve our collection, our service and our vision for 'Mountains of opportunity to inspire ideas, enrich lives and create community,'" she said.

Library closures

Your library will be closed Nov. 28-30 for Thanksgiving, and Tuesday, Dec. 3, for staff development training.

Save the dates for two special events

"Hot Chocolate Hullabaloo!" takes place Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. This is an all-ages holiday celebration with lots of fun seasonal crafts to make and take home while you enjoy hot chocolate.

Then, on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 11 a.m. to noon is the first of a two-part workshop called "Growing Readers Together: Play, Learn and Grow" for anyone involved in child care. You'll learn easy, fun ways to infuse everyday activities with literacy projects. Children are welcome to come also. Watch for more details in next week's "Library News" column.

LGBTQ youth group Monday

A support group to help LGBTQ youth from age 16 to young adults deal with social stigma, bullying, violence, hate crimes and discrimination convenes the first Monday of every month from 4 to 5:30 p.m., this month on Dec. 2. Under the leadership of Ana M. Sancho Sama, Ph.D., licensed psychologist, the purpose is to provide a safe and confidential place to share experiences, ask questions and talk about how to cope in this challenging world. If you have questions, her phone number is 264-1986.

Computer classes

The is a free program to learn a useful technology skill or application. Monday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 2 p.m. will focus on saving and finding files as you learn how your computer is organized. No registration is required. Dec. 16 looks at protecting your privacy online as you learn how your online behavior is tracked and used.

Tween gaming

Free gaming for those in the fourth through eighth grades is Monday, Dec. 2, from 4 to 5 p.m. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Teen gaming rescheduled

Free teen gaming normally happens on Tuesdays for teens in the sixth through 12th grades, but just for December, it will happen on three Thursdays because of scheduling conflicts. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks on Dec. 12, 19 and 26 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Medicare 101

Do you have questions about Medicare? San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging Medicare counselor Katy Deshler will help you understand your rights, options, deadlines and where to get more information at a free class next Thursday, Dec. 5, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Kay Kaylor at 264-0501, ext. 1.

Teen advisory board today

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

ESL classes expand to evening sessions

Free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes have been so appreciated at your library that we are — by popular demand — switching one of the weekly sessions to the evening to make it easier for more people to participate. The new schedule is Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. The classes are led by two highly experienced teachers — Joyce Holdread for the intermediate/advanced group and Ellynn Ragone for beginners. No registration is required.

Clases nocturnas de ESL en la biblioteca

Las clases han sido tan apreciadas en su biblioteca que nosotros – por demanda popular – estamos cambiando una de las sesiones semanales de la noche para facilitar la participación de más personas. El nuevo horario es los martes de 5-7 y los viernes de 12-2. Las clases son dirigidas por dos maestras altamente experimentadas; Joyce Holdread enseñará a los estudiantes intermedios y avanzados y Ellen Ragone enseñará a los principiantes. No es necesario registrarse.

Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) accelerated GED course is available only three times in December: Mondays, Dec. 2 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday, Dec. 5, from 2 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help from Mark with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Free tech sessions

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

Family storytimes

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Saturday from 3 to 3:45 p.m., join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

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

Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults. We look forward to seeing you at your library. Se habla espanol.

How-to and self help

"Solar Electricity Basics" by Dan Chiras is the revised second edition of this guide to powering your home or office with solar energy. "Insomnia" is a School of Life Press guide to sleeping well using methods other than medicine.

Other nonfiction

"A Life on the Edge" by Sheila Weller is a biography of the actress and writer Carrie Fisher, daughter of Eddie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds. "The Fall of Richard Nixon" by Tom Brokaw takes readers inside the Washington press corps during the fall of an American president. "The Plot to Betray America" by intelligence expert Malcolm Nance explores the author's view of the Trump administration's damage to national security. "I Am C-3PO" by actor Anthony Daniels is a behind-the-scenes tale of all nine "Star Wars" movies. "Finding Chika" by Mitch Albom celebrates a young Haitian orphan whose short life exemplifies the true meaning of family.

"The Beatles from A to Zed" by Peter Asher is an alphabetical journey into the music of the Beatles and reminiscences of John, Paul, George and Ringo. "This Land is Their Land" by David Silverman looks at the troubled history of the "first Thanksgiving" 400 years after the event in Plymouth. "Big Sister, Little Sister, Red Sister" by Jung Chang documents the stories of three women at the heart of 20th century China. "The Great Pretender" by Susannah Cahalan explores an undercover operation into U.S. asylums to test the legitimacy of psychiatry's labels. "Guilty by Reason of Insanity" by David Limbaugh lays out the author's belief that the left is a threat to America. "She Came to Slay" by Erica Armstrong Dunbar is an informative and illustrated biography of Harriet Tubman. "National Geographic Atlas of the World" is the 11th updated version. "Rocket Man" by Elton John is a lavishly illustrated biography of the famed singer just in time for his farewell world tour.

Books on CD

"Health Justice Now" by Timothy Faust explains what a single-payer health care system is and explores its benefits. "A Gift from Bob" by James Bowen documents how a street cat helped one man learn the meaning of Christmas.

DVDs

"Good Omens" is a comedy about an angel and a demon who have lived on earth for 6,000 years. "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark" is a horror film. "The Lion King" is the Disney epic film. "Going to War" is the PBS documentary of war from the solders' point of view.

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Senior News

Legal services, tax help and more coming to Senior Center

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN Columnist

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging provides legal services for seniors through the program attorney, Daniel Fiedler. Fiedler will be spending the day at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center on Jan. 23, 2020, by appointment.

Following are the legal services Fiedler can assist with:

• Public benefits and utilities shut off.

• Landlord-tenant problems, such as persons being evicted.

• Simple wills, power of attorneys, medical durable power of attorney and living wills.

• Consumer issues such as advocating for persons harassed by debt collectors.

• Emergency limited long-term Care guardianship and domestic problems, such as abuse.

Please come by or call the Senior Center office to schedule an appointment, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. (inside the Ross Aragon Community Center), 264-2167.

Tax preparation help

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will be returning to prepare federal and state income tax returns at no charge.

The 2020 dates are Feb. 22, 2020, and March 14, 2020, by appointment only. The gross income limit this tax season is $54,000.

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

Yet another use for those pretty cards that you hate to throw away: a Christmas globe

A free one-hour art class will be held on Dec. 12 at 1 p.m.

No art skills are needed. Bring old cards if you have them or use the ones provided. No materials are needed, just come and have fun. We will be learning how to make a globe using 20 identical circles, glue and topping it off with ribbon. This is the perfect craft to teach to any young people who will be visiting with you over the holidays. Instructions will be provided to take home along with your finished globe.

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

Health and wellness

The Senior Center is continuing the pilot program which expands health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program 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 Dec. 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 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. 28 — Closed for Thanksgiving.

Friday, Nov. 29 — Closed.

Monday, Dec. 2 — Tuna melt, sweet potato fries with smoked paprika, cream of zucchini soup, milk, salad bar and oven baked apples and pears.

Tuesday, Dec. 3 — Hot turkey salad, snap pea medley, corn chowder, milk, salad bar and pumpkin pie.

Wednesday, Dec. 4 — Beef meatloaf with gravy, macaroni and cheese, honey garlic green beans, milk, salad bar and peach cobbler.

Thursday, Dec. 5 — Pork baked ziti, roasted cauliflower soup, glazed carrots, milk, focaccia bread with butter and salad bar.

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

Holiday tips for caregivers

By Kay Kaylor
SUN 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 and State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor. Information on the many aging and care concerns will be included here.

In the spirit of the holiday season, I am grateful for the many advocacy groups who testify before Congress and fight to improve or at minimum maintain the quality of life and care for elders and who work to create laws to help keep people in their homes as long as possible. I also am thankful to encounter, try to help and learn from elders in this community.

Tips for caregivers during the holidays

As noted in an online AgingCare article by Carol Bradley Bursack, caregivers may focus too much on making holidays perfect for others and neglect their own health and enjoyment. Here are some ideas from the author to avoid caregiver guilt.

Wipe out memories of "perfect" holidays of other decades and celebrate in a new way that fits your current life. Add a funny and touching, but perhaps imperfect, holiday movie to your traditions, and watch even more than once to elevate everyone's mood.

If we accept where we are in life, it is easier to work toward gratitude; even slight feelings of appreciation may improve our attitudes and see what is truly important, Bursack notes.

Communicate to everyone how you need to also spend time with others, from the very young to an elder in your care, even if that person lives with dementia. They might gain more realistic expectations and even give you a hand or encourage you to spend time with others.

Simplify your plans and forgive yourself if you limit your decorations, shopping and holiday cards to increase everyone's quality of time. Your own health and peace of mind are your gift to those you love.

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.

Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of THERESA L. MORGAN, Deceased
Case No. 19PR30049

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before March 14, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.

CLAYTON M. BUCHNER
444 Lewis Street/PO Box 3855
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

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NOTICE OF EXCHANGE PROPOSAL
Valle Seco 2019 Land Exchange
San Juan National Forest
Pagosa Ranger District
Archuleta and Hinsdale Counties, Colorado

Notice is hereby given that the Forest Service (FS), United States Department of Agriculture, is considering an exchange of land with Kelcy Warren, Manager, Bootjack Ranch, LLC; David C. Lindner, Trustee and Grantor of the David C. Lindner Trust and the David C. Lindner Dynasty Trust; Robert D. Lindner, Jr., Successor Co-Trustee of the Robert D. Lindner Family Trust; David K. Skidmore, Cynthia A. Sites; and Will C. Beecherl, General Partner, Double Springs Partnership Ltd; acting by and through Western Land Group, Inc., under the authority of the Weeks Act of 1911(16 U.S.C. 516 et seq.); General Exchange Act of March 20, 1922 (42 Stat. 465, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 485, 486); Federal Land Policy Management Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716, 1717); Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act of August 20, 1988 (102 Stat. 1086; 43 U.S.C. 1716).

The lands proposed for inclusion in the land exchange are summarized below. Maps and full legal descriptions are available on the following San Juan National Forest website: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57154.

The lands under the jurisdiction of the FS that are being considered for exchange are located in the following townships described as:

New Mexico Principal Meridian, Archuleta County, Colorado
Township 34 North, Range 1 East, Sections 1, 10, 11
Township 34 North, Range 2 East, Sections 5, 6
Township 36 North, Range 1 West, Sections 1, 13
Township 36 North, Range 1 East, Sections 7, 18
Township 36 North, Range 3 West, Sections 17, 20, 29
New Mexico Principal Meridian, Hinsdale County, Colorado
Township 37 North, Range 3 West, Section 10
All totaling: 472.06 acres, more or less.

The non-Federal lands are described as:
New Mexico Principal Meridian, Archuleta County, Colorado
Township 33 North, Range 1 West, Sections 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18
New Mexico Principal Meridian, Hinsdale County, Colorado
Township 37 North, Range 3 West, Section 10
All totaling: 900 acres, more or less.

Any or all of the above-described lands may be exchanged if the values are equal. If the values are unequal, either party may equalize the values by making a cash payment, not to exceed 25 percent of the value of the lands transferred out of Federal ownership.

The Forest Service proposes to acquire land with floodplains associated with the Middle Fork Piedra River.

The Forest Service proposes to exchange lands with floodplains associated with Deer Creek, Johnny Creek, San Juan River, White Creek, and Middle Fork Piedra River.

The Federal lands have been segregated from appropriation under the public land laws and mineral laws for a period not to exceed 5 years from the date of the publication of this notice.

Persons claiming such properties or having valid objections to this proposed exchange must file their claims or objections with the District Ranger, Pagosa Ranger District, San Juan National Forest, United States Department of Agriculture, PO Box 310, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, within 45 days after the initial date of publication of this notice.

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Notice of Public Sale to Enforce Self-Service Facility Lien
Date of Notice: Nov 21 and Nov 28, 2019
Description of Property: That "personal property" stored in High Country Mini Storage, 55 Rainbow Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Unit #10, Fehrenbacher, Tye — queen bed, backpack & games
Unit #16, Moore, Jeffrey — golf clubs & household goods
Unit #17, Martinez, Miguel — miscellaneous household
Unit #24, Wilson, Chris — furniture, sporting goods & household goods
Unit #41, Garlinghouse, Bobbie Sue — furniture & household goods
Unit $44, Jones, Jermaine — furniture, sporting goods & household goods
Unit #50, McSwain, Jon — washer & dryer, furniture & household goods
Date of Sale or Disposal: December 7, 2019
Time of Sale or Disposal: 10:00 AM
Terms: Case — reserved
Place of Sale: High Country Mini Storage, 55 Rainbow Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Piedra Park Metropolitan Improvement District (PPMID) Board of Directors for the calendar year 2020. The proposed budget is available for public inspection at 55 MILTON LANE ARBOLES, CO. Copies are also available upon request by email at PIEDRAPARK@YAHOO.COM or phone at (970 749-5968). The proposed budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the PPMID board of directors to be held on December 11, 2019 at 55 Milton Lane, Arboles, Colorado at 6 PM.

Any interested party may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto in writing at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Any objections may be submitted to the PPMID Board of Directors by email PIEDRAPARK@YAHOO.COM or letter P.O. Box 1609 Arboles,CO 81121.

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Request for Proposals: Emergency Backup Generator

The Archuleta School District #50 JT is accepting proposals for a company to provide the district with a 20 KW natural gas or propane generator with an auto-transfer switch, a 120-gallon gas or propane tank, initial installation which would include wiring, and an annual maintenance option.

Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at the Archuleta School District #50 JT Administration Building, P.O. Box 1498, 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 with a copy also being e-mailed by that date and time to jmorehouse@pagosa.k12.co.us. Contact Jesse Morehouse with any questions regarding specifications at 264-2228 X 5409.

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The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for a 12-cabin lodging establishment to be located at 151 South 5th Street. The applicant, Cedar Creek Investments, LLC, is requesting the vacation of a portion of the San Juan Alley Public Right-of-Way between their properties located within Block 41 of the Townsite of Pagosa Springs.

The Town Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the vacation of right-of-way application, the recommendations from the Planning Commission and public testimony on Thursday, December 19, 2019.

The public hearing will be held in the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. Anyone wishing to receive more information or to provide written comments should contact the Town Planning Department at 970-264-4151 x221. Public comments will also be accepted at the public hearing.

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ARCHULETA COUNTY
OCTOBER 2019 PAYABLES

VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
A DOCTOR'S TOUCH LLC.	DHS APS CLIENT NEEDS RENT	2,502.06
AAA PROPANE, INC.	R&B-BOTTLE PLANT GAS	29.93
ABC LEGAL SERVICE, INC.	ACSO-NON SERVICE REFUND	16.00
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	FLEET-PARTS & SUPPLIES	724.92
AFLAC	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	1,303.72
ALPINE PORTABLE TOILETS LLC.	CLOMAN PARK TOILET RENTAL	230.00
ALSCO	UNIFORMS-FLEET/B&G	382.81
ARCHULETA COUNTY	REFUND TO TREAS DUE TO RECLASS	132,544.31
ARCHULETA COUNTY HOUSING	CONTRIBUTION TO HOUSING AUTH.	47,988.00
ARCHULETA COUNTY SOLID WASTE	COUNTY-DISPOSAL	644.00
ASHLEIGH PHILLIPS	DHS PDA CONF	330.04
ASPIRE MEDICAL SERVICES	DHS CONTRACT FOR AUG/SEPT	833.32
AT YOUR DISPOSAL	COUNTY-DISPOSAL	557.00
AT&T MOBILITY	DHS DATA SVC PLAN SEPT	418.67
BANK OF COLORADO	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	100.00
BANK OF THE SAN JUANS	DISP-LN PMT/ ACSO-REC REQ/ EMP CONT.	5,086.62
BI INCORPORATED	ACSO-ASP MOTORING & EQUIPMENT	724.50
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	COUNTY-NATURAL GAS	394.57
BRANDON BISHOP	CORONER-PER DIEM CCA	400.66
BRIAN REIS	ACSO-PER DIEM-CRIMINAL INTERDICT.	162.25
BRUCKNER'S TRUCK SALES	FLEET-PARTS & SUPPLIES	2,258.65
BUCKSKIN TOWING & REPAIR	FLEET-REPAIRS & TOWING	577.93
C & J GRAVEL PRODUCTS, INC.	R&B-AGGREGATE	43,418.99
CAE4-HA	EXT.-DUES-B. JACOBSON	190.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	COUNTY COPIER CONTRACT	2,689.03
CARL MACHT	EXT.-CPR & 1ST AID CLASSES	160.00
CAROLINA SOFTWARE	SW-SOFTWARE 4QTR	250.00
CCOERA- EMP RETIREMENT	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	62,865.23
CDPHE	SW-LF DOC PREP REVIEW & PERMIT	721.00
CDW GOVERNMENT LLC.	IT-EQUIPMENT	704.40
CENTURA HEALTH – MERCY	ACSO-FORENSIC EXAMS (2)	1,200.00
CENTURYLINK	COUNTY PHONES	3,839.76
CHRISTINE WELCH	DHS HOTLINE/RED TEAM TRAINING	619.50
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	COUNTY-FIRST AID SUPPLIES	155.93
CLASSIC PLUMBING LLC.	B&G-ADMIN TOILET REPAIR	150.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	766.86
COLORADO BUSINESS BANK	4QTR 2019 LOAN PAYMENT	125,093.00
COLORADO CORONERS ASSOC.	CORONER-REGIST. BISHOP & HIBBERT	800.00
COLORADO COUNTY ATTORNEYS	ATTY-CAA REGIST M. HELMINSKI	165.00
COLORADO DEPT. OF REVENUE	STATE W/H & EMPLOYEE GARNISH.	17,680.41
COLORADO STATE TREASURER	2019 UNEMPLOYMENT 3 QTR	5,016.39
COLORADO WEED MANAGEMENT	W&P-2020 CALENDARS (50)	250.00
CONNIE CHUBBUCK	DHS CS COURT PER DIEM	16.00
CORNWELL TOOLS / SAN JUAN	FLEET-SMALL TOOLS	131.49
COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION PROCEEDS:		
ADELYN MAE HITTLE	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	1,693.07
AMELIA L. LAVERTY	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	5,811.93
ASHLEY SMYTH	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	11,733.78
ASHLIE ELLIOTT	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	4,095.44
BELLA G. ADKISSON	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	3,539.63
BRECK DAKOTA WILSON	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	2,950.84
CARSON ELI MARTIN	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	1,811.09
COLLIN BRIDGES	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	1,103.40
COLTON LEWIS	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	10,406.80
DANIELLE DECKER	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	409.85
DEANN SCHAAF	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	10,662.66
DELAINY MARTIN	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	7,530.45
DUKE KETCHUM	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	1,150.28
GRACELYN KIKER	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	1,387.20
HALLIMAE HEILHECKER	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	1,073.89
HANNAH JORDYN STRETTON	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	2,450.32
HAYDEN KIKER	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	2,880.59
JACK EVERETT HITTLE	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	1,576.67
JAYDEN MARTIN	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	7,499.17
JOHN D GUILLIAMS	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	2,595.82
KARSYN SHAHAN	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	8,563.74
KAYSON SHAHAN	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	10,773.40
KYLIE KEUNING	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	4,071.75
KYLIE L. KETCHUM	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	1,174.53
LAMONT DANIELS	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	1,398.84
LEXIE VALDEZ	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	3,585.78
LORAH JACOBSON	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	3,594.92
MACEY HELEN JACOBSON	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	2,756.84
MADISEN KENIDEE STRETTON	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	2,480.39
MARK RAY	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	2,950.43
MITCHELL E. MEISINGER	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	4,502.43
MITCHELL LEWIS	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	9,563.33
MORGAN LEWIS	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	2,191.74
REBEKAH K. CANDELARIA	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	4,457.25
RIDGE MONTANA WILSON	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	715.40
RYANN HEILHECKER	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	414.70
SARAH ROSS	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	4,260.34
SIERRA SMITH	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	5,613.97
TAD JACOB HITTLE	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	1,402.07
TAYLOR CAPISTRANT	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	1,233.94
TAYLOR LEWIS	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	9,457.11
TAYLOR NICOLE ELLIOTT	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	3,683.19
TEAGAN STRETTON	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	3,493.07
TIMOTHY HITTLE	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	655.58
TUCKER JAMES FORD	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	3,843.24
EMZY TAYLOR BARKER V	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	945.40
THOMAS BARKER	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	1,042.40
TRENTON BUFFINGTON	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	1,384.07
TUCKER K. JACOBSON	19-COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION	892.05
COUNTY HEALTH POOL	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS.	154,226.74
COWGIRL CLEANING	B&G-CLEANING FEE-CLERKS	600.00
DAVIS ENGINEERING SERVICE	R&B-ENGINEERING	40,094.00
DAY LUMBER COMPANY LLC.	R&B-MATERIALS	107.00
DEBBIE CONDREY	MET-PER DIEM/MILEAGE/HOTEL & REIMB.	1,173.63
DEBORAH B. GLICK	DISP-RENT NOV	1,195.45
DESERT MOUNTAIN CORP.	R&B-ROAD CHEMICALS	25,770.12
DESERT SNOW	ACSO-TRAINING REGIST	1,198.00
DHS CLIENT	DHS CLIENT MEDICAL TRANSPORT	3,636.35
DIANE MAUN	TREAS-PROPERTY POSTING	300.00
DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS, INC.	FLEET-RADIO REPAIRS	157.50
DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING	HR-DRUG TESTING	90.00
DURANGO MOTOR COMPANY	FLEET-PARTS & SUPPLIES	163.97
EDWARD RUBISH	ACSO-NON SERVICE REFUND	16.00
ENTENMANN-ROVIN CO.	ACSO-BADGE ANIM. CTRL	99.00
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	EMPLOYEE GARNISHMENTS	994.12
FIREBIRD FUEL	FLEET-FUEL	23,410.38
FLORA GOHEEN	BLDG.-REIMB OFC FURNITURE	20.00
FLORIAN GALLEGOS	SW-MILEAGE REIMB.	53.36
FOUR CORNERS WELDING & GAS	FLEET-SUPPLIES	161.50
FOUR STATES TIRE	FLEET-PARTS & SUPPLIES	2,970.58
FREDRICKZINK & ASSOCIATES	EMPLOYEE FLEX	5,877.74
G&I SANITATION	SW-PORTA TOILETS SEPT	315.00
GALLS, LLC.	ACSO-UNIFORMS	1,675.20
GEORGE T. SANDERS COMPANY	B&G-ADMIN PLMBG PARTS	102.18
GIS – HIRERIGHT	HR-BACKGROUND CHECKS	706.05
GM EMULSION, LLC.	R&B-LITHIFICATION	174,360.00
GRAINGER	FLEET-SUPPLIES	73.61
HEATHER GRAY	MET-PHYSICAL REIMB.	99.00
HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA	ACSO-CTY ANIMAL SVCS OCT.	4,166.67
INLAND KENWORTH US INC.	FLEET-PARTS & SUPPLIES	2,722.05
INLAND TRUCK PARTS COMPANY	FLEET-PARTS & SUPPLIES	369.43
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	WITHHOLDING	130,580.86
IP VIDEO CORPORATION	ACSO-VIEWSCAN SYSTEM	13,120.00
J & K ESPINOSA, INC.	R&B-CONTRACT HAULING	7,770.00
J.J. KELLER & ASSOCIATES	FLEET-SUPPLIES	521.60
JACCO DISTRIBUTING COMPANY	FLEET-SUPPLIES	176.75
JAMES C NELSON	VETERANS-MENTAL HEALTH COUNSEL	990.00
JASON HIBBERT -	CORONER-PER DIEM & MILEAGE	400.66
JOE MARTINEZ	R&B-PER DIEM SNOW & ICE CONF	153.50
JULIE FOSTER	DHS CS COURT PER DIEM	16.00
JUST CLICK PRINTING, INC.	SW-CUSTOM PRINTED REC. (10,000)	1,111.24
KATHLEEN L. ALLEN	VETERANS-MENTAL HEALTH COUNSEL	160.00
KYLE HOOPER	ASSESSOR-TRAINER PER DIEM	192.50
LA PLATA COUNTY SHERIFF	ACSO-INMATE MEDICAL APRIL	343.49
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOC.	COUNTY ELECTRIC	6,250.71
LA QUINTA INN & SUITES	DHS LEGAL PREPARATION TRNG LODGING	99.00
LA QUINTA INN & SUITES #70	DHS CWTA TRAINING LODGING	452.00
LABCORP	DHS CHILD SUPPORT TESTING	228.00
LAW FIRM OF LISA WARD, LLC.	DHS CS LEGAL FEES	7,912.50
LAW OFFICES OF FRANK J BALL	ACSO-NON SERVICE REFUND	16.00
LBFARMS LLC.	W&P-GOAT LEASE	250.00
LEDS, LLC.	CLERKS-CONTRACT	32,438.46
LEGAL SHIELD	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	88.32
LET'S STORE IT	ACSO-CONTAINER RENT OCT.	90.00
LEXISNEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS	ACSO-SUBSCRIPTION	100.00
LITHIFIED TECHNOLOGIES	R&B-LITHTEC CHEMICALS	135,405.00
LUCERO CONSTRUCTION	R&B-CONTRACT HAULING	3,937.50
LURENDA TAYLOR	DHS PER DIEM	13.92
MATTHEW DODSON	DHS DIRECTORS MTG PER DIEM	205.97
MEDICAL AIR SERVICES ASSOC.	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	550.00
MICHELE HELMINSKI	DHS APS CLIENT NEEDS	349.00
MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT	EMPLOYEE GARNISHMENT	455.34
MISTI SMYTH	FAIR-REIMB. STAMPS & TY CARDS	215.19
MITCHELL & COMPANY, LLC.	IT-CONSULT/ BACKUP/ EQUIPMENT	8,299.00
MITCHELL GUFFEY	ACSO-PER DIEM CRIMINAL INTERD.	162.25
MONOGRAMS PLUS THE SHIRT	ACSO-UNIFORMS & EMBROIDERY	351.84
MOUNTAIN HOME SOUND	B&G-SECURITY SYST MAINT & MONIT.	952.49
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO.	FLEET-PARTS & SUPPLIES	1,619.09
MUD SHAVER CAR WASH	FLEET-CAR WASHES	56.43
NEWEGG BUSINESS INC.	IT-EQUIPMENT	349.97
NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	BLDG.-ADDRESS MARKERS R&B SIGNAGE	1,739.66
NMS LABS	CORONER-TOXICOLOGY	420.00
NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT	PW-UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	909.39
NOVUS AUTO GLASS	FLEET-REPAIRS	210.00
OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	DHS OFFICE SUPPLIES	257.47
ORKIN, LLC.	B&G-PEST CONTROL	595.48
PAGOSA AREA WATER	COUNTY-WATER/SEWER	315.26
PAGOSA QUALITY FLOORING	AIRPORT-CARPET, TILE & INSTALL	1,944.00
PAGOSA SPGS AREA REALTORS	ASSESS-MEMBERSHIP 10/19–09/20	225.00
PAGOSA SPRINGS COMMUNITY	COMMISS-2 & 3 QTR CONTRIBUTION	11,943.02
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‘Willie Wonka the Musical’

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Curtains Up Pagosa continued its celebration of 30 years of community theater with four performance of “Willy Wonka the Musical” Thursday through Sunday. The production, based on the Roald Dahl book, featured a large cast and crew to help kick off the holiday season.

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Mark your calendars for holiday events around town

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The PREVIEW

There are lots of activities coming up around the Thanksgiving holiday and early December. Mark your calendars now to engage in events with family and visiting friends.

The Holiday Hoopla is underway with great savings and retail therapy at stores all over the community. Take advantage of shopping local all throughout the holidays with extra savings until Dec. 15. Don't forget to get your Hoopla card at participating stores to enjoy even more savings and to be entered into the drawings for multiple prize packages after Dec. 15.

Bring the family to the downtown area on Friday evening, Nov. 29, to partake in the downtown lighting, Victorian carolers and businesses staying open late. Children can tell their holiday wishes to Santa at the Visitor Center and enjoy hot drinks and cookies. Many stores will also be offering snacks and hot drinks as carolers entertain in the downtown area, at the Visitor Center around 5 p.m. and then end the evening around 6 p.m. at The Springs Resort.

Art for the Animals takes place at the new Pagosa Springs Arts Council building on Navajo Trail Drive on Nov. 30. The Arts Council and the Humane Society combine to offer up a day of local artisan vendors providing unique gifts, jewelry, home décor, art and so much more. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Pagosa Springs Community Choir presents its holiday performances at Pagosa Springs High School Dec. 6-8. The performances on Dec. 6 and 7 are at 7 p.m., and the performance on Dec. 8 is at 4 p.m. There is no cost; however, donations are greatly appreciated.

Centerpoint Church will host its annual Main Street Bethlehem on Dec. 5-7, which includes a free 30-minute walking tour anytime between 6 and 7:30 p.m.

The annual Festival of Trees takes place Dec. 6, with public viewings taking place the day prior to the event. Vote for your favorite decorated tree produced by one of Pagosa's great nonprofit organizations. It is a magical holiday fundraiser filled with creatively decorated trees, music, food, a cash bar and lots of entertainment. Purchase your tickets for the event at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will host multiple events throughout the holiday season, with the Christmas Tea taking place on Dec. 7. This year there will be two seatings: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the St. Patrick's office for $15 per person. There will be a concert in between the seatings from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. which is free and open to the public. The second event will be the Heralds of Christmas concert with musicians from the community playing some of your favorite Christmas music. The concert on Dec. 15 will be at 3 p.m. and on Dec. 16 it will be at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at The Choke Cherry Tree, the Chamber of Commerce, Bookends and Airport Self Storage for $10.

There are many more events taking place throughout the season. Don't forget to get tickets for Thingamajig Theatre Company's holiday schedule, check out the local religious organizations for any activities and their holiday schedules and don't forget to book your employee party at one of Pagosa's great restaurants. They book up quickly, so don't wait too long.

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14th annual Festival of Trees set for Dec. 5 and 6

By Jamie Carothers
Special to The PREVIEW

Don't miss out on this year's 14th annual Festival of Trees at the Ross Aragon Community Center Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m. Here you will see 15 beautifully decorated trees all representing different nonprofit organizations.

Public viewing and voting will be held Thursday, Dec. 5, from noon to 6 p.m. This is a free event for you to enjoy Christmas music, hot cocoa, cookies and coffee. Santa will also be making an appearance from 3 to 6 p.m. for pictures.

If you choose to vote for your favorite tree, it's only $1 per vote. Out of that dollar donation, the nonprofit will be able to keep 50 cents. The top three people's choice tree from public viewing and voting will receive additional money for their nonprofit — first place is $300, second place is $200 and third place is $100.

If you would like to attend the 14th annual Festival of Trees event on Dec. 6, tickets can be purchased at the Community Center. Tickets to this event are $25 per person. Tables are also available for purchase. Tickets are only sold in advanced, so make sure you get your tickets ahead of time.

Reminder: The doors open on Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m. for this year's event, where you will enjoy live music by Steve Blechschmidt, a cash bar, door prizes and hors d'oeurves. All 15 trees will be open to silent bidding during this time. The live auction will begin at 7 p.m., and 100 percent of all proceeds from the live auction will go directly to the nonprofit organizations that the trees are representing.

So, whether you want to decorate your house or business for Christmas, donate a decorated Christmas tree to a family in need or just want to donate money to a great nonprofit, come down to this year's event. Nothing will get you more in the Christmas spirit.

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Heralds of Christmas coming in December

By Rick Artis
Special to The PREVIEW

One of Pagosa Springs' favorite Christmas traditions is coming soon. The Heralds of Christmas concert series will once again be hosted by St. Patrick's Episcopal Church on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.

A myriad of holiday and seasonal works will be performed by local musicians. Both instrumental and vocal soloists and ensembles will fill the church with festive music.

Noel, a caroling quartet, will entertain before the concert and the finale will be an audience favorite, "The Hallelujah Chorus" sing-along. Following the concert, the audience is invited to meet the performers during a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

Tickets are available now and can be purchased at Choke Cherry Tree and Airport Self Storage on the west side of town, plus Bookends and the Chamber of Commerce in the downtown area. Prepurchase tickets are $10. Should any tickets be available at the door, day of show tickets are $15. Plan on getting your tickets early as these performances generally sell out well ahead of time.

Heralds of Christmas is presented by the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society (PSIMS). PSIMS is dedicated to music education in Pagosa Springs, providing equipment, instrument repair, private lessons and more to several of the schools in town. This year, the schools have a variety of needs. From providing pairs of drum sticks or a series of lessons to a set of chimes and many items in between, there are many ways that you can help. At the concert, an ornament tree will highlight a

■ See Heralds on page 8

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How to create a durable gingerbread house

Special to The PREVIEW

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Many a child (or a child at heart) has spent hours carefully trying to create decorative gingerbread houses. Although gingerbread recipes span various cultures, gingerbread houses originated in 16th century Germany. The fairy tale "Hansel and Gretel" helped solidify the popularity of gingerbread, which became part of Christmas traditions.

Even though gingerbread houses can be fun to make, there's no denying it can be exacting work — especially for those who strive for perfection.

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Gingerbread

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the equation, but those who are crafting from scratch can employ these tips as they build their gingerbread houses:

• Go for form and not flavor. Few gingerbread houses ever get eaten, so focus on finding a dough that will bake up rock hard as opposed to one that tastes good.

• Get the right icing texture. Pastry artist Catherine Beddall said royal icing is the preferred "glue" to adhere gingerbread pieces. Beddall said icing should be thick like peanut butter and not runny.

• Mind the dough. Do not roll out the gingerbread dough too thin or it may become brittle after being cooked. Always cut out shapes before the gingerbread is baked. Let the baked pieces sit overnight to cool completely before using them to build.

• Patience is key. Allow the icing to dry for at least a couple of hours after adhering each piece and before moving and handling the house, said Beddall. Work in stages so that individual items can be decorated and allowed to dry. Then the walls can be put together, followed by the roof pieces.

• Kids likely will need help. Children may not have the patience or steadiness to handle complete gingerbread construction. They can decorate the separate pieces of the house while the components are laying flat, which is easier for kids. Adults can do the main assembly later on.

• Utilize a template. Free-handing may not be easy. Cut out templates using cardboard or poster board for various gingerbread pieces.

One of the most important tips is to have fun. Don't take gingerbread house making too seriously as a novice. Rather, enjoy the experience and the centuries-old tradition.

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Main Street Bethlehem at Centerpoint Church set for Dec. 5-7

By Jon Duncan
Special to The PREVIEW

Bethlehem: small, insignificant, unimpressive, just a few miles from Jerusalem, on the edge of the Judean Wilderness; fertile land, a scene of terraced orchards and olive groves, surrounded by shepherds' country. It had dusty streets, mild climate, simple houses clustered together before the opening valley and terraces that surrounded the village.

Bethlehem, or "house of bread," as its name means, was rich in Israeli heritage, mentioned often throughout the Old Testament and remembered for many things — yet soon it would be remembered as the birthplace of the Messiah.

Yes, it was an important village in the history of Judah, but never one of significant size or influence; at the time of Jesus' birth, there were most likely no more than a few hundred residents. Because of its size and lack of importance, there were likely not many inns located in Bethlehem — maybe even only just one. And probably not a large inn at that — not many rooms and certainly not a large enclosure to house the animals that would accompany the travelers. But just around the corner or just over the hill, there was a cave, one of the many caves that dotted the countryside around Bethlehem, caves that were used for sheepfolds, storage areas — and, in some cases, burial caves for the families who lived in the tiny village, complete with a supply of burial cloths to use as they laid their loved ones to rest.

How interesting that God chose that very place — in a dark cave filled with dirty straw and the stench of barnyard animals — to introduce the Creator of all things who would step into time in order to change the flow of history and the destiny of mankind for all eternity. How interesting that Jesus, on the night of His birth, would be wrapped in the very same burial cloths that He would wear as He was laid in the tomb on the day of His death. Ordained by God, orchestrated to the smallest detail, designed to show the world — so that there could be no misunderstanding — this child was born to die.

His mission was clear, His purpose unmistakable, His determination unstoppable; He came to give His life for us. He came to settle our outstanding debt — our debt of sin that we could never repay. The Old Testament prophets told of His coming, John the Baptist described Him as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" and multitudes were amazed by His teaching and miracles.

He entered this world in a stable cave, He lived a sinless life and demonstrated to the world that He truly was the Son of God through miracles and wisdom greater than this world has ever known, and He exited the stage of human history through an unimaginably painful death on a cross.

From stable to tomb — from one cave to another — the most important life of human history spent each day in preparation for you and for me. The Author of Life gave His life so that you and I might have eternal life. I pray that in every scene of the Christmas story, in every song of the season that reaches your ears, in every gathering together of friends and family, you will see the fingerprints of God on the greatest gift ever offered to you.

The package is neatly wrapped in the simple story of the babe in the manger, is filled with the greatest love that you could ever possibly know, and comes with the promise of — to those who will receive and open this gift — a joy and peace beyond our understanding. This gift will never break, or wear out or fade over time; this gift will not become outdated or irrelevant, it will never lose its value and it cannot be stolen or given away to someone else.

It has your name on it and is waiting for you at the foot of the cross. Go ahead. Take it. Open it. It was prepared especially for you. Questions? Uncertainty? Fear? Join us on Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. at Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive, where there will always be someone there who would be happy to visit with you, answer your questions and offer you hope.

Or, check out our website for more information: centerpointpagosa.com. And don't forget Main Street Bethlehem next Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings — it's a great way to start your Christmas season celebration. It's fun for the whole family.

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Choral Society to present 'The Light of Christmas' concert series

By Richard Bolland
Special to The PREVIEW

A free community Christmas concert series will be presented by the Pagosa Springs Choral Society on Dec. 6, 7 and 8 at the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

Once each year, a group of about 60-70 of your fellow Pagosans begin rehearsals in September to prepare for the annual Christmas concerts. This year's presentation will feature both seasonal and sacred music to mark the holiday. Selections such as "Kay Thompson's Jingle Bells," "Love's Pure Light, Silent Night" and "Child of Light" will give emphasis to the theme of the concerts, "The Light of Christmas."

Pagosa Springs High School Music Director Dan Burch will direct the choir while Venita Burch will provide her expertise on the piano to accompany the choir. A select jazz ensemble will provide a lighthearted addition of two selections to the program.

While there is no admission charge for the concerts, each year a free-will offering is taken to provide music scholarships for students at Pagosa Springs High School who will be majoring in music in their college years.

The Dec. 6 and 7 concerts will begin at 7 p.m., while the Dec. 8 concert will be performed on Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Photo courtesy Richard Bolland

From September to December, weekly rehearsals are held in preparation for the Dec. 6, 7 and 8 free community Christmas concerts that serve as an annual highlight of Christmas in Pagosa Springs. Dan Burch, music director at Pagosa Springs High School, works with this year's choir members to prepare for the concert series.

Bethlehem

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Plan to spend 30 minutes to walk through the streets, visit with the shop owners, sample some of the food and enjoy the atmosphere of first century Bethlehem. There will be Roman soldiers ready to enforce the mandatory census and collect the appropriate taxes, anxious and nervous pilgrims making their way to Bethlehem, and eager shop owners who are excited to make extra money from all the additional pilgrims journeying to the city of David.

There will be authentic costumes, Jewish dance, live animals, a synagogue with priests, a ram's horn shofar, shops, the inn and, of course, the stable where Jesus was born.

There is no charge and no time limit, so just leave your cares at the door and take a step back into time and you will leave with a better understanding of what it might have been like to be in the City of David during the birth of our Savior.

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St. Patrick's Christmas Tea set for Dec. 7

By Lynne McCrudden
Special to The PREVIEW

Do you have your ticket for the St. Patrick's Christmas Tea on Saturday, Dec. 7? If you call the church office at 731-5801, there may be a few left.

If you didn't get a ticket, there is still a way to enjoy the afternoon. Attend the free musical concert, which will happen in the sanctuary from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. The musicians will be the Dickens' Carolers led by Venita Burch and the NightSong Trio, composed of piano, flute and violin.

You will also be able to shop in the Olde Curiosity Shoppe for beautiful handmade items that would make wonderful Christmas stocking stuffers or thoughtful gifts for friends and family. Just to give you an idea of the variety of gifts available: there are tea cozies to cover tea pots, tea wallets to carry your favorite brand of tea, cellphone holders that will surely help you find the always-disappearing phone, lavender sashays, hand scrubs that soften winter hands, mug mats and lots of beautiful Christmas decorations. All items will be reasonably priced and all have been loving made by members of the church.

Photo courtesy Lynne McCrudden

St. Patrick's Christmas Tea, set for Dec. 7, will include music, handmade items for sale, fellowship, tea and more. Tickets are on sale now.

The St. Patrick's Christmas Tea has been taking place for many years and was first started by a member of the church, Linda Warren, who has passed away. Her vision was to give the ladies of the community a few moments of respite and to visit with friends before the Christmas holidays take center stage. As the event has grown, the church women found that it was also a great way to make a little money to share with the nonprofits in our community. The proceeds from the sale of the craft items and the free-will offering basket at the musical concert will be donated to nonprofits in the community. We hope you'll share some time with us on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Shop local at Art for the Animals

By Paula Jo Miller and Mike Stoll
Special to The PREVIEW

If holiday shopping is on your to-do list this Thanksgiving weekend, don't miss the fourth annual Art for the Animals (AFTA) event on Saturday at the PLPOA clubhouse from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. AFTA is an artisan extravaganza hosted by the Pagosa Springs Arts Council and the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs. This annual event features the custom works and wares of our wonderful local artisans.

Free, fun and family friendly, AFTA will feature organic beauty and home decor products; unique wooden kitchen art; vintage dream catchers and Christmas gnomes; original art, cards and children's books; fine art creations; unique equestrian gifts; jewelry, gems and art pieces; and handmade leather and suede household items and

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Play, Learn and Grow workshops planned at library

By Josie Snow
Special to The PREVIEW

Did you know that almost 50 percent of Colorado children are cared for by informal caregivers? These include neighbors who provide home child care, grandparents and friends who watch youngsters during the day. Of those caregivers, many say they have an interest in receiving resources to help build early literacy skills in their charges.

Does this situation sound familiar? If so, then we have some activities for you. The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library will be hosting a special event for family, friends and neighbors who care for children under the age of 6. Hosted by the Growing Readers Together Early Literacy Specialists, the Play, Learn and Grow workshops will take place on Dec. 11 and 17 in the library's programming room.

This two-part series welcomes those who care for children under 6 in informal settings who want to learn new ways to engage children in playful learning at home. Caregivers can also meet others, gain new early literacy skills, and acquire fun early literacy activities and materials for young children to enjoy in their child care home.

The first workshop, on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 11 a.m. introduces ways to prepare young children for reading and school success. The second workshop on Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. introduces easy ways to make S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics) part of everyday play.

While the workshops are designed to build off each other, you are more than welcome to attend only one if that works best for you. Each workshop allows for caregivers to gain connections with others who can support them, along with food, fun and fantastic activities to take home. In addition, children are encouraged to attend and play along with their caregivers as we explore easy ways to infuse everyday activities with literacy and science so young children are ready to read and thrive when they enter school.

Please contact the library at 264-2209 for more information or to register for this event.

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apparel.

The amazing wares continue with artisan jewelry made with glass beads; hand-crafted sterling silver and gemstone jewelry; abstract art, journals, gift wrap and home décor; fine art in pastels, watercolors and oils; hand-sewn upcycled elephants, dinosaurs and apparel; lovely original fine art; and unique gourd art, custom knives and sheaths.

If all this shopping makes you hungry and thirsty, we've got you covered. Food trucks will be on-site, weather permitting, and our beverage bar will have a variety of holiday drinks including cider, eggnog, hot chocolate, freshly brewed coffee and a selection of adult beverages. Relax and enjoy these treats while local favorite John Daffron sings festive holiday music and Rise Above Violence volunteers wrap your purchases for free.

AFTA is a one-stop shop, eat, drink, wrap and relax event for the entire family. Kick off your holiday shopping at Art for the Animals this Saturday at the PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Doors open at 10 a.m. and the event runs until 3 p.m. There is plenty of free parking.

Best of all, you'll be supporting our local artists and shelter animals. See you on Saturday.

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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will present its annual holiday concert on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

Holiday concert to benefit Pagosa Springs Girls Choir

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

Thursday, Dec. 5, the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) will present its annual holiday concert, "Christmas at the Movies," at the Community United Methodist Church.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Local musician Beth Filliowich will be on hand to serenade the audience with holiday favorites, putting all in a festive spirit of the season. Also on hand will be PSGC vocal coaches Darcy DeGuise and Jeanette Hill. The PSGC is always thrilled to have them on their concert.

PGSC concert admission is always free, but donations are gratefully accepted. All proceeds will go toward operating expenses and the educational trip in the summer of 2020.

"Last year's trip was local, taking advantage of arts and culture in and around Pagosa Springs. The summer of 2020 will take the PSGC to Las Vegas, Nev. Opportunities for the girls at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas have been made available through Isabelle Emerson, professor emeritus of the university," said Linda Parker, director. "We are excited to offer the girls these unique experiences to expand their knowledge and by studying with university teachers."

The girls will also attend a performance of Cirque de Soleil while in Las Vegas. Not missing any chance at seeing something extraordinary, the trip has been mapped out to include a brief visit to the Grand Canyon on the way to Las Vegas and another stop in Zion National Park on the way home.

"I have seen our girls grow so much through our summer travel. Many have little or no opportunity to see and hear the many artistic and cultural events that are scheduled on our trips," Parker said. "They are always so well behaved and they represent Pagosa Springs in a stellar way. It is a joy for me to travel with them."

Concert goers can also do a little shopping at the concert as Rocky Mountain Chocolate bars will be available for purchase. They make great gifts and stocking stuffers; they can be frozen and also used in cooking, so you'll want to stock up.

We hope that the Pagosa community will make this concert a "must see" on their holiday calendar this year and support these young musicians. Please come and experience how very special Christmas can be.

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Photo courtesy Bill Hudson

Perry Davis Harper, creator and musical co-director for the upcoming Thingamajig Theatre Company production "A Very Perry Christmas," rehearses with several of the youngsters who will lend their voices and high energy to the family-friendly show, opening Dec. 13 and running through Dec. 24 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

'A Very Perry Christmas' to open Dec. 13

By Bill Hudson
Special to The PREVIEW

Fifteen ambitious young singers have begun warming up their voices and improving their vocal technique in preparation for the upcoming Thingamajig Theatre Company holiday show, "A Very Perry Christmas," under the direction of the show's creator — actor and vocalist Perry Davis Harper.

Said Mila Miller, one of the young performers: "I started singing when I was 4 years old … it's just been a big part of my life. I performed in 'The Wizard of Oz' when I was 4, and then I was in 'Annie' here at Thingamajig, and it was really fun. That's how I got into theatrical stuff …"

The young performers include Kimberly Beasley, Jenavieve Betts, Karina Brown, Rayleen Hamilton, Christian Gonzalez, Daniel Gonzalez, Gabriel Gonzalez, Chance Hurt, Lucille Kleckner, Miller, Evie Welsh-Rhodes, Gemma Slingerland, Janzen Tuggle-Rapp, Bella Werby and Hannah Woodhall.

Explained Tuggle-Rapp: "I did my first play here at the Center for the Arts two years ago — 'Willy Wonka' — and my part was as an Oompa Loompa. But before that, I was always acting out around the house and my parents — with all the stuff that I do — they said, 'We have to get him into acting.' And they say that still to this day!

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Archuleta County Genealogical Society to remember Pearl Harbor Day

By Carolyn Paschal
Special to The PREVIEW

On Dec. 7, 1941, a Sunday morning, the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service executed a surprise preemptive military strike upon the United States (a neutral country at the time) against the naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The attack led to the United States' formal entry into World War II the next day.

The attack commenced at 7:48 a.m. Hawaiian time. All eight U.S. Navy battleships were damaged, with four sunk. Also sank or damaged were three cruisers, three destroyers, an anti-aircraft training ship and one minelayer. A total of 188 U.S. aircraft were destroyed, 2,403 Americans were killed and 1,178 others were wounded.

The lack of a declaration of war by the Japanese led President Franklin D. Roosevelt to proclaim Dec. 7, 1941, as "a date which will live in infamy."

The Archuleta County Genealogical Society will meet on Dec. 7 with the purpose of remembering this historical day. The meeting will focus on a "show and tell" for attendees to share family stories about Pearl Harbor or World War II with their photographs and heirlooms. Visitors are encouraged to attend and participate. Treats provided by the members will kick-off the holiday season.

The Archuleta County Genealogical Society meets at 11 a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St., in the Fellowship Hall.

'Perry'

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Thingamajig, and I'm really excited about 'A Very Perry Christmas' …"

This Christmas-themed show was conceived by director Harper as a family-friendly celebration of all the various musical aspects of the Christmas season, supported by a compact orchestra including saxophonist Bob Hemenger — who is co-directing the music — plus pianist Taryn Palmer, drummer Greg Booher, guitarist Will Spears and bassist James Kiker. The adult vocalists will include Harper Davis, Amy Harper, Johanna Laverty, Cassidy Giddens, Jesse McFarland, Jessi Miller and Hemenger.

"I have always been a big fan of music," said Betts. "My first play was in kindergarten ... and then I did 'Mission Moo Shu' [written by Thingamajig staffer Tyler Price] here at Thingamajig, and that was really fun … we did a whole bunch of songs, like 'Planet Janet' and 'Do Re Mi' — songs that we really liked …"

In "A Very Perry Christmas," the kids will be featured on classic Christmas season songs like "Away in a Manger," "Feliz Navidad" and "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer," as well as novelty numbers like "I'm Gettin' Nuttin' for Christmas" and "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

"I sometimes feel embarrassed when I sing in front of people," said Welsh-Rhodes, "For some reason. I don't know, I guess it's just something I'm going through … But when I'm singing in a group like this … I basically know everyone in the group now …"

Said Mila Miller, one of the young performers: "I started singing when I was 4 years old … it's just been a big part of my life."

Harper's holiday production is part of Thingamajig Theatre Company's 2019-2020 winter season, which kicked off in October with "Men on Boats" and continues into January with "A Grand Night for Singing" and "The Texas Homecoming Revolution of 1995."

Explained Werby, "I've been in several plays at the Center — 'Annie', 'Mission Moo Shu', 'Seussical' — and I used to be in a choir for a year, but the director retired. I also do skits at home; that's one of my favorite things …

"I feel like, whenever I sing and perform, it makes other people happy … and it makes me happy …"

"A Very Perry Christmas" opens on Dec. 13 and runs through Dec. 24 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Tickets are available on the pagosacenter.org website or by calling 731-7469.

Thingamajig Theatre Company is an award-winning professional 501(c)(3) theater company in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Its talented actors, directors and designers come from across the U.S. and around the world to produce musicals, comedies and dramas year-round.

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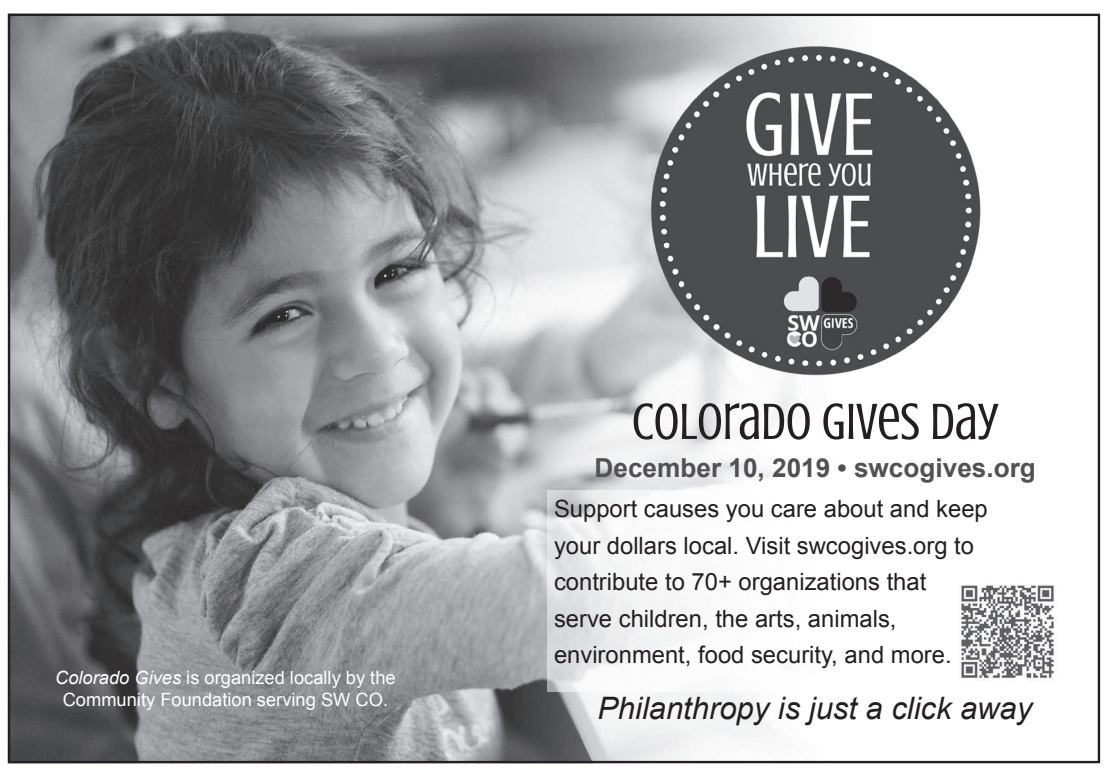

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When you're gone, you're gone — no offense

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade

Have you ever experienced the disconcerting feeling of being irrelevant? Like the world has moved on without you? Or, when people talk about you as if you've left the room?

It makes you want to say, "I can hear you. I'm still here."

My Sweet Al and I are certainly not ready to go, but for the last few months, we've been letting go. Friends and family said, "You need a trust." So, we gave in and started the process. After all, it's not for us, but for those we will leave behind.

We sat and listened attentively during a recent visit to our attorney's office. He asked us a number of end-of-day questions which he followed up by saying, "When you're gone, you're gone, but no offense."

"None taken," I said as I thought about the reality we are approaching. I wondered if this is how it felt to be a first wife, letting go of my Sweet Al and telling the second wife, "Be good to him. He's all I had. You might get him, but I don't think you'll appreciate him like I did."

After all, few people outside of the home know what a couple goes through. Like old furniture, there is a story about every bump and scratch. There is even one about the table leg that looks like the dog chewed on it.

There is much that goes in to all that we worked so hard for in life. The sweat and tears, laughter and love. All of it, the carving out we call ours that bares our fingerprints.

I am sure our attorney hadn't planned on story hour when we came in to work through some of his questions, but he sat patiently as my Sweet Al and I recounted things — serious things, hard things and a whole lot of funny things. Besides, humor is a great antidote when you need to neutralize an unpleasant feeling or situation.

We were at the point in our meeting when our attorney asked, "How many days would you want to be on the machine? Five days is adequate. It gives time to bring in the family and say goodbye. After that it costs a lot of money to keep a person alive."

We had previously discussed this with our children. "More than five days and it will be eating into your inheritance."

With that, our son-in-law said, "Could we make it two?"

The conversation with our attorney came around to who was going to take care of Al's dog, Whiskey.

I told the attorney, "When Al is gone, so is Whiskey, no offense. When one goes, so does the other."

At that, my Sweet Al gushed over his dog. I thought that maybe I should be more loving of her since Al loves her so much. But, then I realized I'm not that noble.

Al spoke up and relayed his mother's wishes before she passed. "My mother was worried about her cat. She gave me names of two women who would take it."

"So then, who got the cat?"

"The woman who I later found out stole my mother's diamond rings and watch. By the way, it was really difficult to take my mother off of the life-support machine when she died."

I'm sure the attorney didn't want to hear another story about Al's mother, but he had one queued up and ready to go.

"My mother passed more than 30 years ago. My memories of her are as if it happened yesterday." He couldn't find the word resuscitate, so he said, "I had her cranked up again and again. I wasn't ready to pull the plug."

I leaned over and said, "Exactly, that's why we have to check that box on the document before we sign it."

Knowing my Sweet Al, he is too sentimental and would try to keep me cranked up for years. Apparently, our children think differently. It seems they have already figured out how much it will cost after the fifth day.

The meeting with our attorney finally came to an end. We walked out of his office with confidence that we had thought of everything and that we had made every decision we wanted to make.

I'm sure our attorney scratched his head as we left, thinking he had just witnessed the last episode of "The Honeymooners."

Final brushstroke: King Solomon in the second chapter of Ecclesiastes wrote, 19a: "And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the fruit of my labor for which I have labored by acting wisely under the sun." Isn't it interesting how the end-of-days process is called a trust?

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UUs to explore the future of energy

By Pauline Benetti
Special to The PREVIEW

As Unitarian Universalists, we believe in a free and responsible search for truth and that we are a part of an interconnected web of life. With these beliefs in mind, Dylan Johnson, in his talk "Summiting the Peak: The Future of Energy in Pagosa Springs," invites us to explore the true future of energy in an interconnected world. Energy fuels our society, from the electricity on the city grid to the gasoline in your car. Without energy, no work could be done and life as we know it would grind to a halt. But our relationship with energy is changing.

How are global and domestic energy resources changing? How will technology affect our energy usage moving forward? And how can we use this information to help Pagosa Springs be more resilient? These are but some of the questions that Johnson will address in his talk.

Johnson is a technical trainer specialist for Conifer Health Solutions and a student of science, history and sustainability. He spent his life in Texas until he had the opportunity to come to the mountains of Colorado. Johnson is an avid gamer and lover of books. This is his first talk since becoming a member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship one year ago.

Our fellowship offers each individual support in our unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in positive social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

A potluck will follow service on Dec. 15 as our fellowship says goodbye to Pastor Dean Cerny and celebrates a relationship that began in the summer of 2016. His last Sunday with us will be Dec. 22. To schedule a private meeting with Cerny or for further information about Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, call 731-7900.

Religious Exploration (RE) classes are held on the third and fourth Sundays and continue through to May. For more information about RE, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis_@hotmail.com .

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Join us. For further information about the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, visit pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

New Thought topic: 'Train Your Thoughts — Create Your Life'

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

All our welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, Dec. 1, at 10:30 a.m. for our presentation: "Train Your Thoughts — Create Your Life."

As we mature, human beings realize that much can be done when we determine control over conscious thought. But our subconscious thought patterns may be just as or more powerful. Could we be creating much of our experience without realizing our thought contributions?

There is a tenet that expounds to us that, as human beings inherent with divine rights, we have the power to create through our thinking. Perhaps you have seen this creative process in action. The Bible and other sacred texts point to this phenomena, as do many great thinkers, writers and speakers of the day. Janie Garms, Unity prayer chaplain, will be our guest speaker. Perhaps we are greater than we think.

Also on Sunday, Dec. 1, 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."

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Words and a grateful heart of thanksgiving

By Jackie Henderson
Special to The PREVIEW

A Matter of Faith

The majority of what we hear from the media daily is disturbing. The effect is evident upon our population's attitude. Like an old song said, "You've got to spread joy up to the maximum. Bring gloom down to the minimum. Otherwise pandemonium is liable to walk upon the scene."

Every day when I call my mom, she sings her version of a song from Bing Crosby's movie, "On the Road to Morocco."

"What did Noah say when everything looked so dark

"With Jonah in the whale and Noah in the Ark?

"You've got to accentuate the positive.

"Eliminate the negative.

"Latch on to the affirmative

"But don't mess with mister in between."

Words are powerful. James 3:5-8 (New Living Translation) says, "… the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do. A tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is full of wickedness that can ruin your whole life. It can turn the entire course of your life into a blazing flame of destruction, for it is set on fire by hell itself … It is an uncontrollable evil, full of deadly poison."

We each can use our words to encourage others and influence them for Jesus. Take captive the thoughts from circumstances around us that take our focus off of who God is and the loving kindness and mercy He has shown us. Meditate on things that are of good report, true, praiseworthy and lovely. With an attitude of gratefulness, we can remember His blessings and trust Him.

Some words are a memorial. They can bring back memories forgotten.

On Oct. 3, 1863, in Washington D.C., President Abraham Lincoln gave this Thanksgiving Proclamation:

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Call New Thought Center for more information about these events.

About us

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ful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

"In the midst of a civil war of unequaled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

"Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battlefield; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

"No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular

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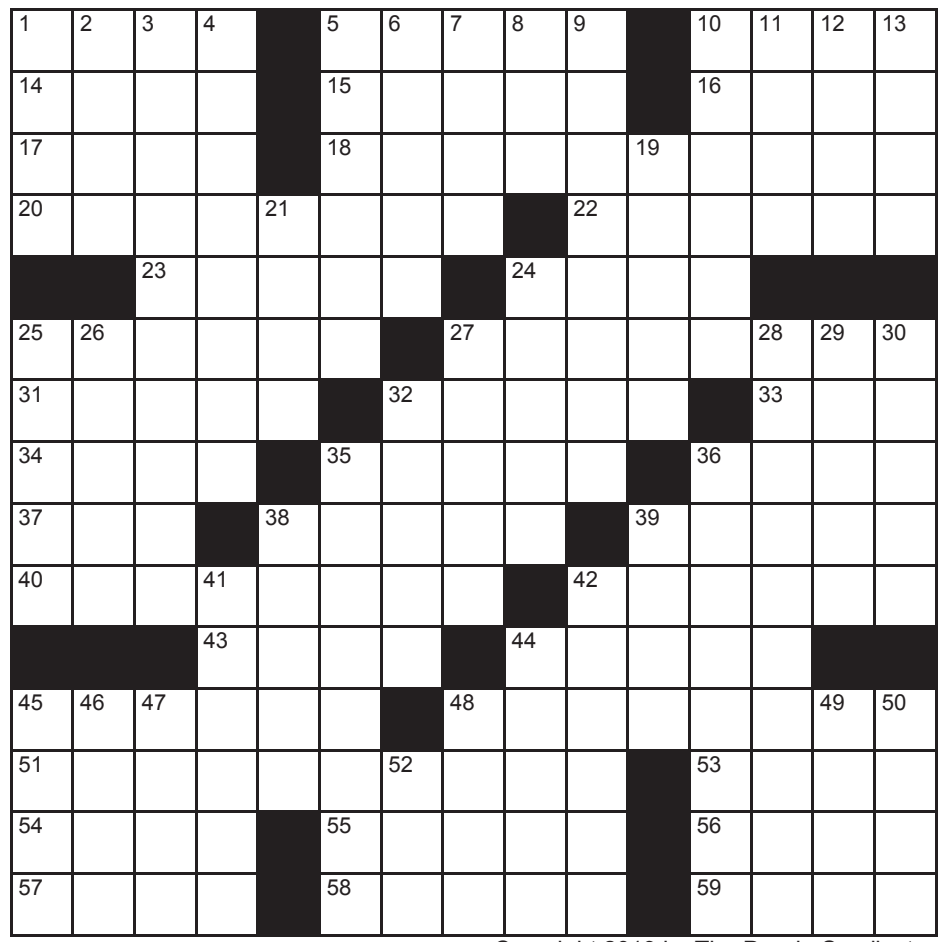
by Margie E. Burke



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ACROSS

1 Hook for large fish
5 Like some cycles
10 Played for a sap
14 Superfruit berry
15 Battery terminal
16 Hot rock
17 Runner's sore spot
18 Measure up
20 Coat-of-arms system
22 Purpose
23 Doom's partner
24 Poker stake
25 Type of fever or break
27 Roundabout
31 Decided upon
32 Clarence was one in a classic holiday film
33 Down in the dumps
34 Major defeat
35 Curl one's lip
36 Lunch place
37 Late columnist Landers
38 Bake in a shallow dish
39 Audition tapes
40 Olympic winner
42 Stir up, as trouble
43 Brood
44 Communion plate
45 Fill, as a tenant
48 Half of PG
51 Erroneous warning
53 Fairy follower
54 Chimney channel
55 Dentist's request
56 Flatten, in a way
57 Iditarod racer
58 Steer away
59 "The ___ have it"

DOWN

1 Deep cut
2 Pain in the neck
3 Fun house setting
4 Adam Lambert was one, in 2009
5 Pomeranian, for one
6 Relieve of weapons
7 Like a busybody
8 Infomercials, e.g.
9 String around a finger
10 Northern Ireland province
11 Fill beyond full
12 Type of keel
13 Bull's-eye hitter
19 "___ we meet again"
21 Like Silver's rider
24 Sandler film, "____ Management"
25 "Beat it!"
26 Conversation piece?
27 Like some gases
28 CBS series that featured Holmes and Watson
29 List starter
30 Chubby Checker's dance
32 Cordial flavoring
35 Boat-building site
36 Madness
38 It may be slippery
39 Shower with love
41 Smiling, perhaps
42 Dairyman, e.g.
44 Anagram for "spare"
45 "Tip" or "rip" finish
46 Poker action
47 Sleuth's find
48 Breathe hard
49 Skin soother
50 Periscope part
52 Make stuff up

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Not letting that family gathering overwhelm you

By John Lough
Special to The PREVIEW

The holiday season is coming, which for many can mean family get-togethers. It would be wonderful if every family gathering was a Norman Rockwell-type scene, but, unfortunately, most families are a little less than Rockwell perfect.

If a big family event is approaching, there's a good chance that while you may be looking forward to it, it may also be producing stress and anxiety. There are a number of reasons for such feelings, but there are ways to lessen that stress.

One common problem is that you've changed. You're no longer the image of you that parents, siblings and other family members may still carry with them. Some might still see you as that little kid or immature teen and find it hard to recognize how you've grown and matured. When others can't recognize all the changes that have made you who you are today, it can be annoying. And it can be difficult in a short holiday visit to really communicate much since often the person still underestimating you is more interested in himself or herself than in learning how you're now a different person.

Family visits also bring with them family history. There may be old disagreements or awkward relationships that now come up again. Past family arguments or misunderstandings may resurface.

You can also feel stressed that you haven't met family expectations. Recent job problems, financial issues or relationship difficulties can leave you feeling insecure knowing you aren't presenting the image or results that the family had expected of you.

So, how do you deal with all this? Start by recognizing that the stress you're feeling, whatever the source, is a very normal reaction. Next, identify what about that family gathering is making you feel anxious, then plan ways to avoid those anxiety-producing issues. Are there certain situations or people that you want to avoid? Maybe you simply have to accept that you won't be having a wonderful time with everyone there.

Instead, try to seek out people and situations that will make your visit more enjoyable. Don't bring up old problems or current issues you'd prefer kept quiet. Your goal is to make the visit as pleasant and stress-free as possible.

And if such a goal seems impossible, consider making the visit shorter or avoiding it all together. Some issues simply may not be fixable. Don't let old problems ruin the holiday enjoyment for the current you.

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Faith

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deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union."

As Abraham Lincoln addressed in his proclamation, there is much to be thankful for, even in the midst of civil strife. We are reminded that God is our source of the bounties enjoyed in our nation.

Let every day be a day of giving thanks.

But the day we set aside to celebrate Thanksgiving is more than a day for watching football and more than the beginning of the Christmas holiday and the parade.

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Wednesday, Nov. 27

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Historic Smokey Bear Portrait Exhibit. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Pagosa Ranger District, 180 Pagosa St. Commemorating the U.S. 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.

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Yoga Flow Class. 10-11 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Amy at (609) 204-1998.

Thanksgiving Dinner. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Call 264-2167 for more information.

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

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, Nov. 28

Thanksgiving Day Mass. 9 a.m., JP II Catholic Church.

Friday, Nov. 29

Santa Arrives. Visitor Center. Plan to stop by for cookies and hot chocolate to kick off the holiday season.

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Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

Meet the Artist. 4-6 p.m., Belvedere Arts Studio and Gallery, 2363 Eagle Drive. Featuring art by Cheryl Crane and music by Steve Blechschmidt.

Christmas Tree Lighting. 4:30 p.m., Visitor Center.

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

Saturday, Nov. 30

Old-Fashioned Holiday Bazaar. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Allison Grange, Allison Presbyterian Church, CR 329, Allison. For more information, contact

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Elaine Nobriga at 946-0164.

Art for the Animals. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A holiday event for local artisans offering custom creations of many kinds. Hosted by the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs and Pagosa Springs Arts Council. In addition to local artists' amazing creations, shoppers will enjoy live music, gift wrapping, holiday decorations, food and drinks.

Open House. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 88 S. Driver Court. Contact Realtor Barbara Swindlehurst for details, 731-1184.

Sunday, Dec. 1

Open House. Noon-3 p.m., 7104 N. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Realtor Barbara Swindlehurst for details, 731-1184.

High Country Squares Dances. 3-5 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Richard Berry calls both Mainstream and Plus. Visitors are always welcome. For information, contact Steve Keil at stevekeil128@gmail.com or 731-0044.

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, Dec. 2

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 Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more! Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. PALS will only occur three times in December. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Guest Speaker. 11:45 a.m., Senior Center. Guest speaker from Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

Bridge for Fun. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 2 p.m., Senior Center.

Computer Class: Saving and Finding Files. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn how your computer is organized, including files and folders, and discover how to find what you're looking for. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tween Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For those in the 4th-8th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

LGBTQ Support Group. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. A support group to help youth and young adults from age 16 to in their 20s under the leadership of Ana M. Sancho Sama, Ph.D., licensed psychologist.

Incredible Years Parenting Class. 5:30-8 p.m., Seeds of Learning. A free opportunity offered to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow. This class is created for families with children between the ages of 2 and 8 years. A free dinner will be offered for the entire family and childcare will be provided at no cost. For more information and to register, call Michelle Carpenter at 946-0664 or Lynne Bridges at 264-5513.

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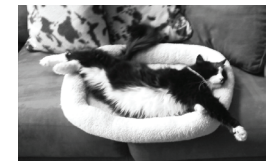

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Chi Energi. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A variety of movements and stretches to create energy for the healing of our mind, body and soul.

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Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Yoga Fusion Class. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., The Junction Restaurant. Lunch is $12. We encourage you to bring one or more unwrapped gifts with a value up to $30 each for 1 month to 17 years of age. The Marines are providing a box for their "Toys for Tots" program for Archuleta County. All ladies are welcome to join us. Call 946-1895 to RSVP.

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.

American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary. 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

Winter Recreation Arts and Crafts Class. 4:15-5:45 p.m., Community Center. The Recreation Department is currently accepting registration through Nov. 22 for an arts and crafts class. The class is for ages 9-13 and class size is limited. The cost of the class is $25 for the three-week session. Call 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233 for more information.

English as a Second Language. 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Yoga Flow Class. 10-11 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Amy at (609) 204-1998.

Red Hat Meeting. 11:30 a.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

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

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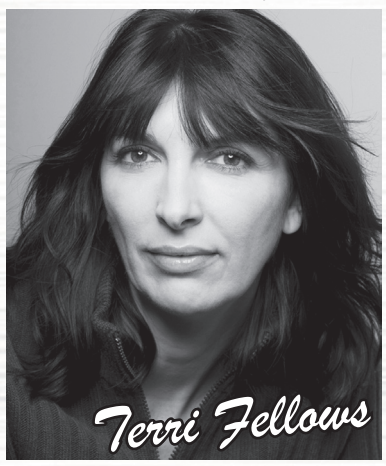

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Jelly Beans After School Fun Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. All ages welcome. For information, call 903-8104.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

Weminuche Audubon Society: Birding 101 Class. 6-8 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Each class will feature different types of birds, so try to attend all three. For more information, contact Keith Bruno at kbruno@audubon.org.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, Dec. 5

Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

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.

A Course in Miracles Study Group. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

Medicare 101. 10:30 a.m.-noon., Sisson Library. Do you have questions about Medicare? Katy Deshler will help you understand your rights, options, deadlines and where to get more information. Katy is a certified counselor and volunteer for the state Health Insurance Assistance Program. Contact Kay Kaylor at 264-0501 for more information.

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a free hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere. No reservations are required.

14th Annual Festival of Trees Public Viewing and Voting. Noon-6 p.m., Community Center. A free event for you to enjoy Christmas music, hot cocoa, cookies and coffee. Santa will also be making an appearance from 3-6 p.m. for pictures. If you choose to vote for your favorite tree, the cost is $1 per vote. For more information, contact Jamie Carothers at 264-5152, ext. 521.

Duplicate Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Pickleball. 1-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

PALS Adult Education. 2-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more! Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. PALS will only occur three times in December. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 6th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Winter Recreation Arts and Crafts Class. 4:15-5:45 p.m., Community Center. The Recreation Department is currently accepting registration through Nov. 22 for an arts and crafts class. The class is for ages

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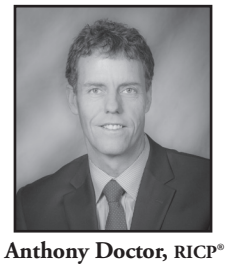

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9-13 and class size is limited. The cost of the class is $25 for the three-week session. Call 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233 for more information.

Social Media Email Marketing Class. 5:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Classes are $25 for Chamber members and $35 for nonmembers. Space is limited. For more information, contact Hilarie at admin@pagosachamber.com.

Main Street Bethlehem. 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A free 30-minute walking tour.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 6:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Speakers are Chris and Debbi Plemons. The program will be on their recently completed Tour du Mont Blanc. The presentation will feature a talk, photos and statistics. Light refreshments at 6 p.m. Guests welcome. For more information, visit sanjuanoutdoorclub.org.

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir Concert: 'Christmas at the Movies.' 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Featuring local musician Beth Filliowich. Filliowich will perform some Christmas favorites before joining the Girls Choir to close the concert. During the concert, the audience will be invited to get into the act with the annual sing-along.

Friday, Dec. 6

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

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Literary Ladies Holiday Potluck. 10:30 a.m., Marilyn Stroud's home. Further information about our holiday potluck will be emailed.

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.

PAWS to Read with Kate. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Come and share your favorite book with Kate, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories. PAWS to Read is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Spin and Weave Group. 2-5 p.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. A fun and instructional fellowship of fiber artists with creative ideas to share and all ages are welcome. All those interested in hand spinning, free lessons and drop spindles will be available. For those weavers, continuing instruction in warping and correcting errors and a loom for all to try weaving. Bring your show and tell and current portable projects. Email anniemay123@yahoo.com 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.

14th Annual Festival of Trees. 5:30 p.m., Community Center. You will see 15 beautifully decorated trees all representing different nonprofit organizations. You will enjoy live music, a cash bar, door prizes and hors d' oeuvres. All 15 trees will be open to silent bidding. The live auction will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person and can be purchased at the Community Center. Tickets are only sold in advance. For more information, contact Jamie Carothers at 264-5152, ext. 521.

Main Street Bethlehem. 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A free 30-minute walking tour.

Pagosa Springs Choral Society Concert. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Presenting a free community concert of sacred and seasonal Christmas music.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Archuleta County Genealogical Society. 11 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The meeting will focus on remembering Pearl Harbor day, focusing

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Thy tooth is not so keen,
Because thou art not seen,
Although thy breath be rude."

Ingratitude is as harsh as the winter wind. In Luke 17 Jesus healed ten lepers. One, a Samaritan, came back praising God. He threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him. Jesus asked, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"

Possibly some wanted to get home to their family as fast as possible. Others may have wanted to go to the priest so he could verify they were clean and could return to society. They may have had good reasons for leaving quickly but there is always time to be thankful.

Thanksgiving is a good time to remind us to be thankful every day. Let us be thankful daily, to God and those we encounter. Thanksgiving leads to "thanks" living.
-Dorman Diller

Join us Sunday, November 24,
and be encouraged to be thankful.

Time of Services

Sunday	Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
	AM Worship	10:30 a.m.
	PM Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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on a show and tell for attendees to share family stories about Pearl Harbor or World War II with their photographs and heirlooms. Visitors are encouraged to attend and participate. Treats provided.

St. Patrick's Annual Christmas Tea. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. We are creating a Dickens Christmas in our Parish Hall. There will be the Tea Shoppe, The Olde Bookshoppe and the Speckled Hen Pub to choose to sit and enjoy tea, scones, delicious savories and desserts. Music will be provided by the Nightsong Trio and The Dickens Carolers. Tickets are $15 and will go on sale Nov. 18 at 9 a.m. in the church Parish Hall.

Santa and Mrs. Claus Visit Terry's Colorado Home Supply/ACE Hardware. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 525 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your list and wishes.

The Dickens Christmas Concert. 12:45 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Presented by the Dickens Carolers and The NightSong Trio. The concert will be filled with your favorite Christmas tunes, sung and played by a sampling of Pagosa's most revered musicians. This Christmas concert is free and open to the public.

St. Patrick's Annual Christmas Tea. 2-3:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. We are creating a Dickens Christmas in our Parish Hall. There will be the Tea Shoppe, The Olde Bookshoppe and the Speckled Hen Pub to choose to sit and enjoy tea, scones, delicious savories and desserts. Music will be provided by the Nightsong Trio and The Dickens Carolers. Tickets are $15 and will go on sale Nov. 18 at 9 a.m. in the church Parish Hall.

Family Storytime: Snowflake Science. 3-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Investigate the wonderful world of snowflakes and make some of your own. Join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Storytime a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Sunday, Dec. 8

Christmas in Arboles. Noon-4 p.m., Tara Community Center, 333 Milton Lane, Arboles. A Christmas craft fair. There will also be a cookie contest and cookies for sale.

Pagosa Springs Choral Society Concert. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Presenting a free community concert of sacred and seasonal Christmas music.

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, Dec. 9

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.

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 is created for families with children between the ages of 2 and 8 years. A free dinner will be offered for the entire family and childcare will be provided at no cost. For more information and to register, call Michelle Carpenter at 946-0664 or Lynne Bridges at 264-5513.

CPR Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension Office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

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Ancient and modern technology

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Our faculty group had just finished touring the first of the floating islands of Lake Titicaca in Peru and had the rest of the day ahead of us to visit others. As we gathered back to our boat, some Peruvian men rowed up in a boat they had made from the same type of reeds that were used to build the floating islands. It was designed in the same Peruvian style as their ancestors had done for thousands of years. For only 10 sol each (about $3.50), they offered to transport anyone around the lake to the other islands that we planned to visit.

Our whole group was fascinated by the boat and gathered around it. It was an incredible feat of ancient engineering with tightly interwoven reeds, even boasting a second story. It was rowed by two men who also steered it. When the men who owned it were ready to depart, only three of our group, myself included, decided to join them on that adventure.

"Are you really going to go on that thing?" Tom asked me.

"Of course I am," I replied.

"Aren't you afraid it will sink?" he asked.

I shook my head. "Not in the slightest."

He looked at me incredulously. "How can you be so sure?"

"The guys that built it are riding on it, and they don't have any qualms."

"Maybe so," Tom replied. "But I'll take modern technologies over ancient ones any day. I will travel in a modern boat, powered by a modern motor, and while I zip safely from island to island, you will be out there slowly going across the lake with little time to spend at each place."

But there was no way he could deter me. As a boy, I had been fascinated with the idea of building rafts. Of course, I must admit, everything I built sank almost immediately, but still, the fascination lingered. To ride on something that actually floated and was made completely from reeds was a boyhood dream.

The three of us retrieved our life vests from the boat we had come in, paid our 10 sol, and climbed aboard the reed boat. The two Peruvian men eased it away from the island and started rowing into the open lake.

Tom laughed and called out to me from the island. "See you at the bottom!"

I climbed the ladder to the second level and enjoyed the view and the swoosh swoosh of the paddles that kept us moving. It was much more peaceful than hearing the droning of a boat motor.

When we reached the next island, the rest of our group was nowhere to be seen. We had been quite a while, so we assumed they had come and gone. We enjoyed our tour of that island and then continued to the next. We went to quite a few more islands, never seeing the rest of our group at any of them. Finally, we headed to our final destination, where we were all to gather for the trip back to our hotel. Again, our group wasn't there.

We had a wonderful tour of that island and bought a few souvenirs. It grew late, and still the others hadn't come, so we began to grow concerned that they had already been there and decided to head back to the hotel without us. We started to discuss how we might make our own way back when we heard the sputtering sound of a motorboat approaching. We looked, and sure enough, it was our group.

As they pulled up to the island, everyone in the boat was scowling. When they climbed out onto the island, Tom asked, "So how was your day?"

"Great!" I replied. I then told him about the peaceful excursion from island to island. "How about yours?"

"Our day," he replied with disgust, "was spent in the middle of the lake trying to get the stupid boat motor to start. We haven't been anywhere else since that first stop."

I grinned and said, "But aren't you glad you got to spend it with modern technology?"

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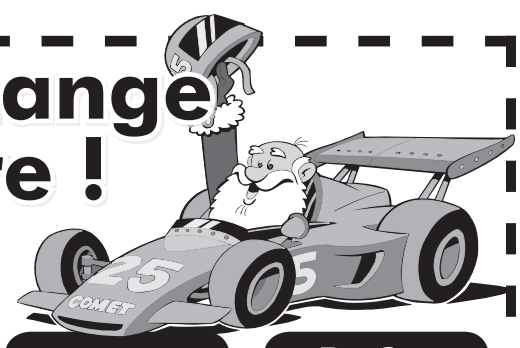

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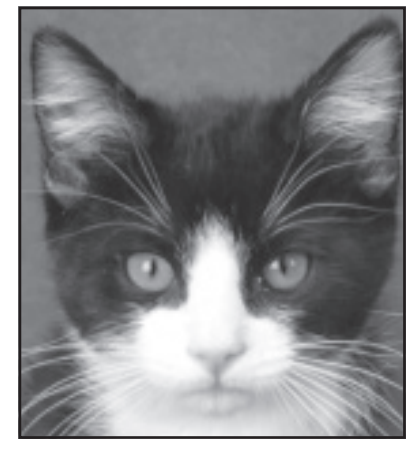

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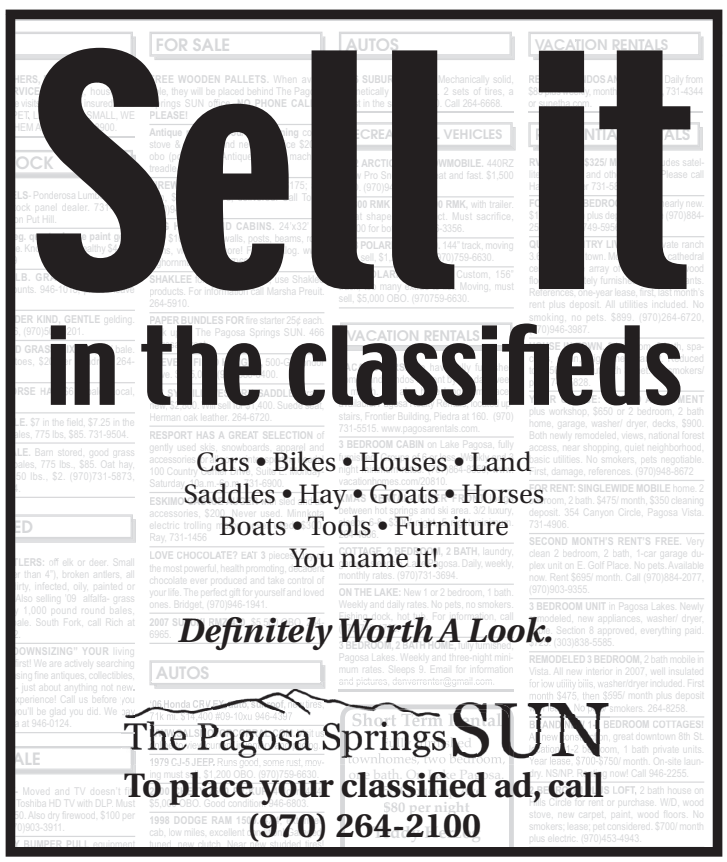

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Our Savior Lutheran School and Preschool to offer pair of Christmas programs

By Leah Hellerich
Special to The PREVIEW

Christmas is fast approaching and Pagosans have two opportunities to enjoy free programs presented by Our Savior Lutheran School and Preschool in the school gym, located at 56 Meadows Drive.

On Thursday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m., the school children in grades K-9 will present their program called "A Sola Christmas." Their program will focus on the five solas of the Reformation: scripture alone, faith alone, grace alone, Christ alone and to God alone be the glory.

The traditional Christmas recitations are paired with these solas of the Reformation that form the theological foundation of the Lutheran Church. These "solas" are rooted in scripture and form the foundation of the Christian faith. Join the children as they highlight the connections between these foundational Reformation concepts and the celebration of the biblical Christmas account.

The following week on Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m., Our Savior Preschool will share the joyful story of Christmas through word and song in a program titled "Silent Night, Holy Night." God gave us a wonderful gift on a silent night over 2,000 years ago — a baby born in the city of David, our Savior, Christ the Lord. Join our preschool families as the children tell us about everything that led up to that special night.

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Bird of the Week

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Wrens are often named for their preferred habitat. House wrens, rock wrens, canyon wrens and marsh wrens usually show up where their name implies. A marsh wren sighting is often a fleeting glance as it flits across the wetland and dives in low among the cattails and rushes. There they forage close to the water picking insects and spiders from the stems and leaves of vegetation and the water's surface.

This round-bodied bird is rusty brown above with black and white streaks on its back. Its undersides are pale and plain, and it has a pale eyebrow, white throat and thin bill. Dark barring marks its short tail, usually held upright.

Broadcasting your presence through thick, marsh vegetation requires a loud voice, and this tiny bird has one. Its chattering calls are mechanical, sounding like a rapid-fire sewing machine, but male songs used to attract mates and defend territory are complex.

Males arrive first on breeding grounds and start building nests. These busy guys often build up to six dummy nests to show off to a prospective mate and will often breed with more than one. One male was observed to build more than 20 nests in his territory.

Listen for their loud calls in the cattails along the Riverwalk now and you just might be lucky enough to spot one.

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