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# Pagosa Paw

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Participants in the Pagosa Paw race glide through the snow at Cloman Park on Jan. 19. The event, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Sled Dog Club and the Pagosa Nordic Club, included both dog-sled racing and skijoring.



## Suspect in custody for Jan. 17 stabbing

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

Two adults were stabbed in a Jan. 17 incident in the Aspen Springs area.

According to a press release from Undersheriff Derek Woodman of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), on Thursday, Jan. 17, the ACSO dispatched to an assault in progress at Pit Court, in the Aspen Springs subdivision.

When the deputies arrived at the scene, the press release explains they found two adults and one juvenile at the house. Both of the adults had been stabbed, and the juvenile was not injured.

Immediate first aid was rendered to the victims until emergency medical services (EMS)

arrived at the scene and all three individuals were transported to the hospital via ambulance, the release notes.

Information gathered from the victims indicated that the alleged assailant was a known neighbor, Alex Dimitrijevic, a 40-year-old male who resides at Betty's Court, the report indicates.

Sheriff deputies went to Dimitrijevic's home and "upon arrival, contacted and arrested Dimitrijevic outside of his home, without incident. Dimitrijevic did sustain fairly severe [sic] injuries during the initial assault. EMS rendered aid before Dimitrijevic was transported to the hospital for treatment," the release reads.

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## Local blood supplies down to less than half day, blood drive set for Tuesday

By Angela Wirth  
Special to The SUN

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. The importance of giving blood has become more crucial for our area as we are in critical need of blood supply.

According to Kristan Velarde, senior donor recruitment representative of the Four Corners area, "I have been advised that we are now down to less than a half day of

blood supplies for local hospitals. Most blood drives are not doing well due to sickness of donors and/or weather cancellations across our regions."

Pagosa Springs Medical Center's (PSMC) Emergency Department, surgery, and cancer center all depend on blood donors for daily patient care. Many people believe that much of the blood that

■ See Blood A8

## County considers how to pay for new jail

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is considering how to fund the proposed \$13 million, 54-bed jail at 125 Harman Park Drive.

Voters twice voted down ballot measures to fund the new facility with a sales tax and the county is considering using money from existing revenue streams to pay for

the project.

At the Jan. 22 BoCC meeting, Interim County Administrator Greg Schulte gave a status update of the new jail facility.

"[County] staff has been proceeding to move forward with building a jail," said Schulte, noting the facility is estimated to cost \$13 million.

The BoCC could approve a

■ See Jail A8

## Dry Gulch? West Fork? Water rights issues discussed by SJWCD

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

During a strategic planning session held on Monday, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) board of directors brought a familiar reservoir project back into the public eye.

That reservoir, known as Dry Gulch or the San Juan River Headwaters Project, was seen by voters on the November 2017 ballot as Ballot Issue 5A.

The SJWCD's request for that ballot was specifically an increase to 1 mill to help with land acquisition for the Dry Gulch project.

However, local voters were against this ballot issue, with 75.44 percent of voters being against the measure (2,697 votes), while only 878 voters, or 24.56 percent, were in favor.

During the work session on Monday, the SJWCD board of di-

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## EDITORIAL

### Donate blood: Critical shortage in region

How would you like to save someone's life?

Our region is in critical need of blood. Local hospitals are down to less than a half-day inventory of blood.

Unfortunately, due to donor sickness and winter weather, the amount of blood donated lags behind what is needed.

Patient need for blood remains constant, however, even as donations decline. Blood is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illness and traumatic injuries.

Are you able to roll up your sleeve and give at next week's blood drive? Pagosa Springs Medical Center is partnering with Vitalant (formerly United Blood Services) in a blood drive set for Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the medical center's boardroom.

There are a few appointments still available, but walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the scheduled blood drive. To schedule an appointment, email Diane Levison at Diane.Levison@PSMedicalCenter.org, call 507-3826 or go to www.vitalant.org and enter sponsor code pagosamedical.

Your donation could save someone's life.

According to the Red Cross, while 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible

to donate, fewer than 10 percent actually do.

Brookhaven National Laboratories offers some interesting information about blood:

- 4.5 million Americans would die each year without life-saving blood transfusions.
- Approximately 32,000 pints of blood are used each day in the United States.
- Every three seconds someone needs blood.
- One out of every 10 people entering a hospital needs blood.
- Just one pint of donated blood can help save as many as three people's lives.
- If all blood donors gave two to four times a year, it would help prevent blood shortages.
- If you began donating blood at age 17 and donated every 56 days until you reached 76, you would have donated 48 gallons of blood.
- About 3 gallons of blood supports the entire nation's blood needs for one minute.
- Much of today's medical care depends on a steady supply of blood from healthy donors.
- One unit of blood can be separated into several components (red blood cells, white blood cells, plasma, platelets and cryoprecipitate).

• Platelets help blood to clot and give those with leukemia and other cancers a chance to live.

• People who have been in car accidents and suffered massive blood loss can need transfusions of 50 pints or more of red blood cells.

• The average bone marrow transplant requires 120 units of platelets and about 20 units of red blood cells. Patients undergoing bone marrow transplants need platelet donations from about 120 people and red blood cells from about 20 people.

• Severe burn victims can need 20 units of platelets during their treatment.

• Children being treated for cancer, premature infants and children having heart surgery need blood and platelets from donors of all types.

• Cancer, transplant and trauma patients, and patients undergoing open-heart surgery require platelet transfusions to survive.

• White cells are the body's primary defense against infection.

• There is no substitute for human blood.

Give someone the precious gift of life by donating blood. One day, the person you love the most might need the same thing.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
January 25, 1929

Every resident of Pagosa Springs was overjoyed Tuesday night when the electric lights and power were resumed about 9.30 after eighteen days of darkness following the destruction of the light plant by fire on the evening of Jan. 4th. The present plant is only an emergency one and will be replaced with a new and modern one as soon as conditions permit.

Robert, son of Sheriff and Mrs. Frank Matthews, underwent an operation Tuesday night at his home for the removal of his appendix. A few weeks ago he submitted to an emergency operation for the purpose of drainage, and the resultant adhesions and condition of the appendix made Tuesday night's operation necessary.

The New Light & Power Co. has received a new electric thawing machine that seems to be the proper caper for frozen pipes on the mornings like this one!

Word reached here Wednesday that Mr. Theodore Webb of Upper Piedra and Miss Alice Blake of Aztec were united in marriage at Miami, Arizona, on Tuesday evening.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
January 28, 1944

Mrs. Maude Hart, Mrs. Mabel Lynch and Emil Johnson went to Durango Saturday. They returned to Pagosa Springs Sunday. Mrs. Hart has been unable to get to her ranch because of the snow and has to stay in town until the roads can be opened so she can get through. Mrs. George McCormick went to the Hart ranch to spend the weekend with her husband and cannot get back to town. Douglas Lynch is also at the ranch and is not able to go to school.

The citizens of Archuleta county believe in the slogan of the 4th War Loan Campaign, "Let's All Back the Attack." Our local War Finance Committee reports a very good response to this 4th War Loan call and patriotically appreciate the way our folks are anxious to do their duty. The latest report shows \$15,468.75 sold in bonds or over thirty-three and one-third per cent of the \$42,500.00 quota of Archuleta County.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
January 23, 1969

Construction work is underway at the Stevens Airport on the start of a long range improvement and modernization plan. The project now in progress is the building of a new runway, paralleling the present landing strip. The improvement of the airport is being financed by funds from the county, from the town, from the airport committee and from private donations.

Mrs. Ruby Sisson, a long-time teacher in local schools, was honored last week at a school assembly with the presentation of a portrait to the school. The portrait was presented to Mrs. Sisson in a surprise move and is to be hung in the hall of the local high school. The presentation was made by the senior class as evidence of the high regard in which Mrs. Sisson is held by students and parents. Mrs. Sisson came to the Pagosa Springs school system in 1929, 40 years ago. She taught mathematics and science in the four-teacher high school. The high school and elementary school were both housed in one building, the present elementary school. As years passed Mrs. Sisson taught in the local high school every year that she was not teaching in the Blanco Basin School.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
January 27, 1994

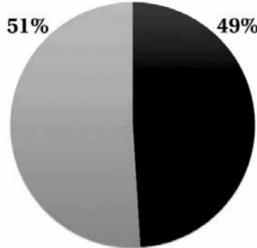
Local residents who receive public assistance are turning in a new direction, toward self-sufficiency, with the help of the Archuleta County Department of Social Services. In his State of the Union address Tuesday night, President Clinton spoke of his desire to reform the welfare system and to create programs that allow recipients of public assistance to be trained, to find their way to the workplace, and to reimburse a portion of the assistance they receive. Such a program already exists in Archuleta County. The New Directions program was created as a state-mandated program in 1989, designed so the state could help households receiving Aid for Dependent Children to become self-sufficient. Each county department of social services in Colorado was required at that time to create a plan to put the state mandate into effect.

## WHADDYA THINK?

Who should be responsible for removing snow from sidewalks in town?

Poll results (185 votes)

Town — 49 percent  
Property owners — 51 percent



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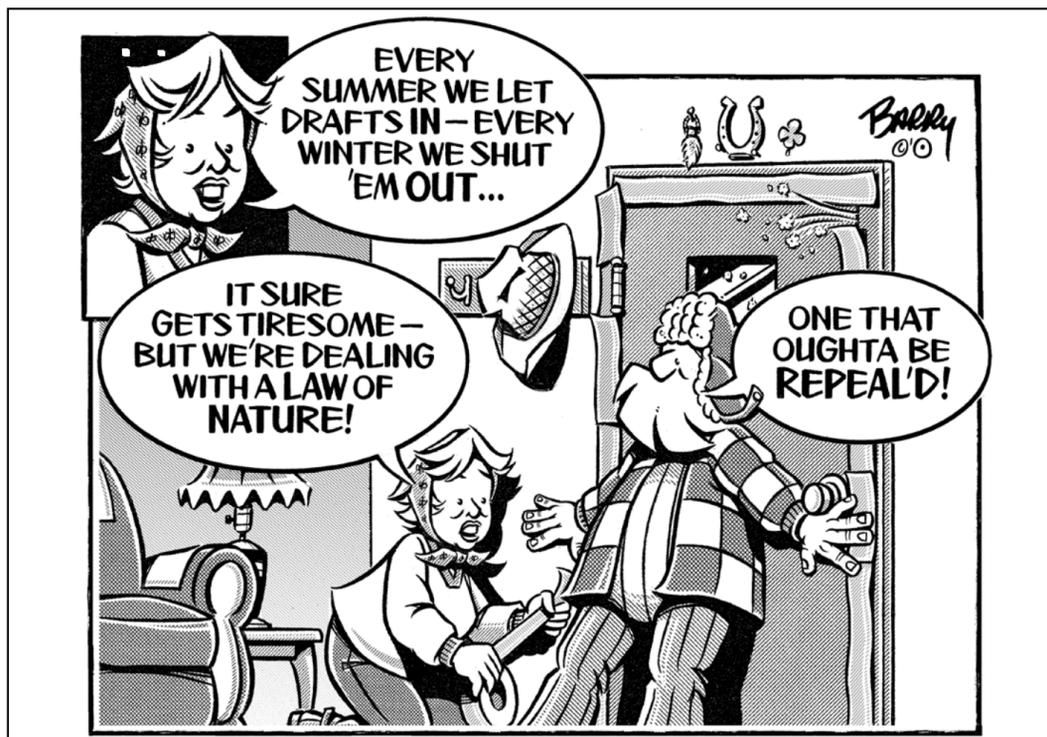
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## LOOKING BACK



From the Dec. 4, 1975,  
Pagosa Springs SUN.

HAD A WORKOUT — This sign at the east edge of town had a good workout during the storm over the Thanksgiving weekend. The chain station was open a good part of the weekend. It is manned again this year by Jack Peterson and Royal Nossaman.



# Letters



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

## Take the high road

Dear Editor:  
I've been following the continuing saga between the pro and anti-Trump supporters. First of all, I applaud your newspaper for publishing both sides of the discussion; however, I do find it troubling that the debate has denigrated to a new low through personal attacks instead of well thought out rebuttals that heighten the debate as opposed to bullying tactics to discourage the opposition from voicing their opinions. If a reader disagrees with what's said — why don't they tell us why by using factual information — I'd love to read it. These on-going rants are the epitome of what's wrong with our great country — bias, hatred, name calling, elitism and bashing those that disagree with your opinions and/or beliefs. Our country was built on diversity and our ability to voice independent and differing opinions — when did this go awry?

While I often don't agree with many of the opinions written — I respect the author's right to say their piece — as is guaranteed by the US Constitution's first amendment. I will say that Trump's term of 'fake news' is a brilliant way for him to try to control the media by disparaging those that don't publish what he has to say — whether it's factual or not — as gospel for the uninformed. I applaud those members of the media that continue to fact-check what is said and publish the news — regardless of whether it has the blessing of Trump and/or his supporters. And, likewise, media that continues to publish opinions that express both sides of the debate on key issues concerning our country. Without this discourse, our country will fall into singular opinions — as dictated by ... well ... a dictator. By way of example, the controls of the press by Russia, China, Saudi Arabia and Iran today ... and historically, in 1526 by Sweden's King, in 1789 by the King of France which led to the French revolution, and in 1933 by Hitler in Germany ... just to name a few. It's not just our ability to voice our opinions that's important; it's our duty to safeguard our liberty by not allowing the media to become irrelevant.

That said, one must admit — Trump is easy fodder for differing opinions. As a lifelong Republican — I'm sorry to say that with the election of Trump — I have changed my party affiliation to an Independent. While Trump has some good ideas, I find it difficult to turn a blind eye to a president that resorts to schoolyard antics — separates children from their parents for no other reason than trying to make a better life for their family — ridicules and bullies everyone that disagrees with his opinion — idolizes dictators, supports corrupt regimes and ridicules those countries that have stood by us in times of need. In my opinion, political extremism on either side isn't in the best interest of our country. Trump's antics have polarized our country to the point that nothing can be done and in general — encourages dissent.

Oh ... but let's talk about name calling which seems to be the main topic of the ongoing rants in the paper. I guess that Trump has set the tone — having an offensive name for everyone that disagrees with him — many very offensive — i.e. Pocahontas, Incompetent, Crooked, Lying, Fake, Third Rate, and over 551 other disparaging names. How about we all get a little tougher skin, put on our big boy or big girl pants, and recognize that we are all free to express our opinions — whether you agree with them or not. And, by the way, how about we don't make our opinions personal with libelous and slanderous accusations ... electing instead to take the "high road" in our rebuttals.

Joe Bigley

## Bad leadership at every level

Dear Editor:  
I have lived in Pagosa over 5 years now and have some feedback for you, for the decision-makers, leaders and residents of our beautiful town and county. This will be one of at least two letters. In this letter I will pose just some of the big issues that I think Pagosa faces. In the second, I will propose just a few approaches to meeting these challenges. More letters may follow.

I expect these opinions will ruffle some feathers. A quick bit of info on me and my qualifications to speak on these matters. I am a retired land use planner and social science researcher. I have lived in every region of the U.S.; many amazing places including Pagosa and over 20 years in CO. One of those was Fort Collins. I mention FC since it is extremely well run. And it is a place where cutting edge growth management processes have been successfully applied. And yes. These same principles and practices can be applied in a small town and a rural county. And I care about its future.

1. Pagosa Springs is a good place with great potential. I want to help it meet that potential.  
2. Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County are poorly run. There is bad leadership at every level. The good leaders and government managers I have met are the exception. I speak from experience. I have worked in government and the private sector.

3. I speak bluntly today with some reluctance because of the culture of this area. On the one hand people are very polite and kind. But, as I guess is typical in small towns, most people seem to be afraid to really speak their mind. To say what they really think about important things lest they offend someone. Or that someone will disagree and will somehow retaliate against them.

4. The physical and political structure of what I will call, "Greater Pagosa Springs" (GPS) is ridiculous and counter-productive. Our bi-modal, downtown/uptown structure connected by an annexed strip will not serve us well in the future. It does not do so now. PLPOA's control of the majority of housing in our GPS area is also a very bad structure that will impede both the quality and quantity of our growth. No matter how much or what kinds of growth you favor, or oppose, major changes need to be made here. And the current conservatism and lack of strong leadership is making that difficult to impossible.

5. Radical changes are needed. Any town that has 40-60% of its housing occupied part-time is not developing sustainably. This is not Breck and never will be. Any area that has the majority of its housing outside Town limits, is not developing wisely or sustainably. Any area that wastes so much of its efforts on relatively petty issues like vacation rentals and how to replace a messed-up courthouse with a building just for the cops and prisoners, has insufficient vision.  
Sincerely and respectfully,  
David Karan

## The jail and the county

Dear Editor:  
How can more involvement be gained to this County wide problem? jail vs. debt  
If you are one of the minority that read last weeks letter to the editor regarding the jail and the county and the debt they propose. If you are concerned or upset by the plan, then now is the time to speak up get involved, early Feb, it may be too late. You can get the proposed agenda online on the county web page, I highly recommend you sign up for notifications because things change quickly and special meetings are scheduled at

a days notice. Note: 24 hour public notice is required for all meetings. Attendance at these meetings is the only way to receive first hand information and is the best truth you can receive. The truth is what we can trust for our reaction and which ever way we react.

My reaction is simple the majority of the voters have rejected the prior county plans for a justice facility and this next plan even though reduced in over all size of the facility, two thirds the construction, will cost more and put us in debt for 25 years in the long run. It is up to us to react and send a message to our elected official. These elected officials work for us, they are not our rulers who can do what they want, unless we allow them to. The commissioners have been given an alternative financial plan using the funds they have budgeted for justice facility I have yet to see them embrace that idea.

I ask that we the people become proactive rather than just reactive to this jail problem. We can and should put our heads together and propose a solution, it's not to late yet. Yes Archuleta County is required to have a jail yet I am not aware that the state has stepped in to mandate a new facility like they did in 1989, not because we did not have a jail, but the conditions were unacceptable. I'm sure you have an alternative solution please share.

1. Here is one of my many ideas. First let's clean up a couple of cells for holding and continue to transport. Second let's reduce the size to something we can afford without the burden of a large debt, and continue to transport. Third, plan for the future expansion of a larger facility in the construction of a new smaller affordable jail, to meet the current state standards. Fourth continue fiscal responsibility and plan for current and future county operational needs, there are many. Let's plan for the future and well being of this community and the growth of this county. Here is a list, Prioritize these needs by urgency;

2. a. Detention Facility; b. Court and Administration Facility; c. Sheriff Office and satellite stations, EOC, Dispatch Facility; d. Administration Facility, 1. Human Resources, 2. Treasurer, 3. Assessor, 4. Recorder, 5. Elections , 6. Planning, 7. Building and Safety

To be continued

Rob Keating

## Tipton votes

Dear Editor:  
I am disappointed and angry that Rep Scott Tipton has twice voted against reopening up our federal agencies, pay our public servants, and restore some semblance of functionality to our government. Colorado has over 15,000 federal employees affected by the shutdown. Our Western Slope's economy depends on the services they provide in agriculture, transportation, and tourism.

In January of 2018, Tipton called the government shutdown then "irresponsible", adding "Causing military families uncertainty over whether they would receive their paychecks on time and making many families worry if their children would have access to healthcare was unnecessary." He said that the government shutdown was a political stunt that failed miserably, earning the rightful indignation of the American people. Tipton's own word from 2018 would chastise his vote in 2019.

Jo Kopke

## Blessed by EMS

Dear Editor:  
We are so blessed with a responsive and professional EMS.

We called at 2am on Jan. 2 after an 18" plus snowfall. Our driveway had a high frozen berm from the snowplow, making our drive impassable. Tim and Brian not only shoveled the berm, hiked up to the house, stabilized my very ill husband, bulldozed a 4WD vehicle to the house, transferred him from that vehicle to the ambulance (parked on an adjacent road), and transported him to our hospital — but then returned to the house to bring me to the hospital.

In the 70's we had a volunteer EMS and a Public Health Service doc who did not enjoy living here. When he was gone (as often as possible), we went to Dr. Marquez, the dentist — and the coroner — for care. If he was gone, we went to the veterinarian.

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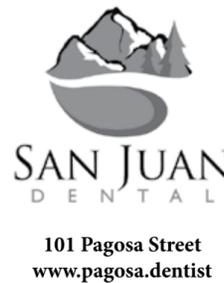
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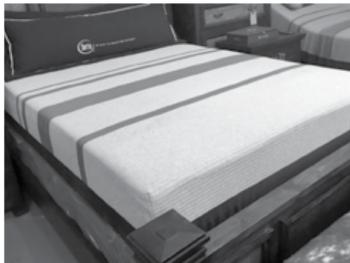
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# Obituaries

## Ursula S. Harvey

Ursula S. Harvey went to be with her Lord Jan. 9 at the age of 93. She was born in Estonia in 1925 to ethnic German parents. She came to America in 1948 as the post-WWII bride of Paul M. Harvey, who was a 20-year military career soldier.



She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years. In 2012, she came to live in Pagosa Springs, Colo., along with her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter. She was a faithful member of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Olivia McCasland and husband Robert, of Pagosa Springs; one son, Paul M. Harvey Jr., of Atlanta, Texas; two granddaughters: Angela Delay, of Pagosa Springs, and Ursula Harvey Gant, of Texarkana, Ark; three great-grandchildren: David Teague of Lewisville, Texas; Jillian Delay, of Douglassville, Texas; and Denver Hale, of Texarkana, Ark.

Her family and friends will hon-

or her memory Saturday, Jan. 26, at 11 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Memorial donations may be made in her name to the church.

## Doris Marie (Wade) Wood

Doris Marie (Wade) Wood was born in Houston, Texas, on Jan. 1, 1922, to Joseph Murphy and Agnes Mae (Rogers) Wade and passed away on her 97th birthday here in Pagosa Springs on Jan. 1. She was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters: Beulah Mae Tasker, Jeri Nichols, Gean Soderberg and Betty Ruth Campbell; and her husband, Junior Clarence (Woody) Wood.



Doris told many, many great stories of Houston, Galveston, crabbing in the ocean, dressing up to go "uptown" to the movies and adventurous life stories with four sisters.

She married Junior Clarence

(Woody) Wood on Nov. 26, 1948, and they were married for over 60 years. Together, they had three daughters and one son. They moved their family to Pagosa Springs in 1963, where Woody was placed as pastor of the Community United Methodist Church. Doris worked several jobs until buying Pagosa Insurance Company, which she owned for 15 years. Doris loved her sorority, Beta Sigma Phi, which she belonged to for over 40 years. She learned to knit from the experts while working in Aspen, Colo., and knitted until her hands couldn't knit anymore. She also loved cross-stitching and made over 95 full Christmas stockings for family and friends. She and Woody made ceramics for over 40 years and she loved to oil paint. You could find her and Woody fishing every evening and weekend regardless of the weather!

She leaves behind daughters Judi Valdez (Harold) of Albuquerque, N.M.; June Madrid (Butch, deceased), of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; Jo-Anna Valdez (Michael), of Pagosa Springs; and a son, Ken Wood (Carol), of Olathe, Colo. She leaves 11 grandchildren: Tracie Castillo, Long Beach, Calif.; Dwayne Valdez (Ali-

sha) Denver, Colo.; Edward Madrid, Phoenix, Ariz.; Rich Valdez (Davilyn), Pagosa Springs, Colo.; Phillip Valdez, Pagosa Springs, Colo.; Bobbie Valdez (Erica), Animas, N.M.; Shelli Irizarry (Ryan) Albuquerque, N.M.; Mikela Valdez, Houston, Texas; Danny Wood (Andrea), Olathe, Colo.; Bradley Wood, Olathe, Colo.; and Kendra Wood, Olathe, Colo. She was very proud of the great-grandchildren: Cameron Castillo, Whitney Andres, Brittany Valdez, Kaylie Castillo, Hayley Valdez, Gracie Andres, Daily Valdez, Lexie Valdez, Shayda Valdez and Danli Valdez. She had two great-grandsons, Kyler Castillo and Landon Worley.

She will be missed by family and friends and she will always stay in our hearts. A piece of her, through her artwork, will stay with us forever.

## Service

### Twila Brown

A life celebration for Twila Brown will be held at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. All are invited.

# Town council receives report on how to grow Pagosa's outdoor recreation industry

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Jan. 8, the members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council received a final Blueprint 2.0 report from Tourism Director Jennie Green.

Pagosa Springs received the Blueprint 2.0: Grow your Outdoor Recreation Industry initiative through the Colorado Office of Economic Development in June 2018, with the result being the 37-page Pagosa Springs Outdoor Recreation Economic Impact Assessment.

"The program leveraged state partnerships and specialized resources to address the unique economic development goals of rural Colorado," agenda documentation used at the meeting states. "The purpose of the project was not to identify ways to grow tourism, but rather enhance the community's ability to attract and retain primary job creators in the outdoor recreation space, such as light manufacturing, apparel, etc."

Green explained that graduate students from the University of Colorado worked with locals, with the agenda documentation noting that it was eight students from the University of Colorado-Boulder's Masters of the Environment and MBA programs.

Green did not expound on the report at the meeting, with those students presenting their findings to the town and county at a joint work session in December.

The report includes information on Pagosa Springs, case studies and interviews about other locations, and recommendations for Pagosa Springs.

"Our assessment generated six major recommendations that are intended to provide the community with data and strategies to consider in seeking primary job creators in the outdoor recreation sector," the report states. "These include 1) develop and foster strategic partnerships locally and regionally in both public and private sectors to collaborate and

optimize economic development resources, 2) create a municipal economic development position to spearhead creation of an economic development plan with clear incentives and active marketing, 3) develop a branding initiative with business attraction as a focus, 4) create a marketing initiative that emphasizes Pagosa Springs' many assets, 5) promote annual outdoor recreation events, competitions, and festivals to attract outdoor recreators, recreation vendors and visitors, 6) create a comprehensive broadband expansion plan to ensure businesses have high speed internet."

The report explains that the recommendations fall into broad categories that identify common strategies most of the other communities look at used to grow their business sectors.

"However, each community has unique assets and challenges and while we provide some suggestions for implementation, the recommendations in this report are a cul-

mination of ideas and actions that proved successful in other towns and over an unspecified period of time. Pagosa Springs should consider that several of the suggestions may require time and resources not immediately available, nonetheless, the report is intended to serve as a resource to guide the advancement of a long term strategic plan for Pagosa Springs' outdoor recreation economic development."

The other Colorado communities looked at in the report are Montrose, Salida/Buena Vista, Crested Butte/Gunnison and Grand Junction. Also looked at were Spearfish, S.D., and Ketchum, Idaho.

"By focusing efforts on economic development through specific municipal positions, branding initiatives, building partnerships, supporting festivals, and capitalizing existing assets, Town of Pagosa Springs will be well-positioned to attract a primary job creator in outdoor industry," the report concludes.

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## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, Jan. 24

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

### Thursday, Jan. 31

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

### Tuesday, Feb. 5

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

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

### Monday, Feb. 11

**San Juan Water Conservancy Dis-**

**trict regular meeting.** 5 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

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

### Tuesday, Feb. 12

**Archuleta School District Board of Education high school visit.** 8 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School, 800 S. 8th St.

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

**Joint town/county special work session.** Noon, Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

**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 Fire Protection District**

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

### Wednesday, Feb. 13

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

**Archuleta County Planning Commission policy meeting.** 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

### Tuesday, Feb. 19

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

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting.** 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, com-

missioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

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# County approves \$200,000 contract amendment for courthouse assessment

By John Finerock  
Staff Writer

In December 2018, Archuleta County received a \$200,000 grant from the Colorado Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission to provide structural analysis on the Archuleta County Courthouse at 449 San Juan St.

Archuleta County's jail has not been in use since April of 2015, when flooding that occurred during work on the roof caused the facility to close permanently. In the years since, the courts and Archuleta County Sheriff's Office have vacated the building due to perceived health issues. In December 2018, a geothermal heating line break rendered the western portion of the courthouse uninhabitable.

At its regular meeting on Jan. 15, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted to amend its existing contract

with Reynolds Ash + Associates to use the grant funding to pay for the structural analysis.

Interim County Administrator Greg Schulte told the BoCC, "We've had an agreement with Reynolds Ash + Associates that goes back to November 2015 to perform the assessment work at the old courthouse," said Schulte, adding, "We would request that we amend the existing contract to include this new scope of work and to be paid by the grant."

Brad Ash, principal architect and owner of Reynolds Ash + Associates, outlined the difference between the work his firm did on the courthouse in 2015 and what has been contracted for this year.

"2015 dealt with life-safety matters," Ash said, adding, "For instance, you have courts on the third level. Does it have the proper exiting? Is it meeting or failing ADA standards? It was more building layout and safety

than anything, with no structural assessment whatsoever."

Ash described what the new structural analysis will entail.

"This new assessment, I wouldn't even call it an assessment. It's more of a structural forensic study," Ash said, adding, "The building had a number of pipe breaks underneath the slabs. We're going to open up the slabs and verify that everything was repaired appropriately."

Ash continued, "If for any reason during the study, if we hit a roadblock and something is just really wrong with the building, then we just stop work."

Asked what his firm would do if the building was in good shape, Ash said, "Ultimately, if we get a majority of the way through and the structure is pretty decent, then the courts are paying to do some programming schematic design, where we actually start to design what the courts might look like or how they'll fit in

that building. From that, ultimately, we're going to build a budget if the courts decide to move forward with something."

According to Schulte's staff report to the county, the analysis will focus on the structural integrity of the building, analyze existing HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) and electrical systems, and the possibility of reusing interior spaces.

Schulte told the BoCC the reason for structurally assessing the courthouse is to "ascertain whether or not the building is essentially worthwhile and appropriate to possibly do renovations for courthouse facilities."

According to the grant acceptance letter sent to Schulte from the Office of the State Court Administrator, the county must receive a final report by the vendor within 90 days of executing the contract. [john@pagosasun.com](mailto:john@pagosasun.com)



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# Town approves 2019 meeting schedule

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

At its Jan. 8 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council dispensed with several beginning-of-the-year matters, including when meetings will be held and how the public will be notified of meetings.

As in years past, council will hold regular meetings on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m.

According to the ordinance approved at the meeting that sets the regular meetings, for those months with five Thursdays, town council can direct staff to allow the second regular meeting of the month to be held on the fourth Thursday.

The ordinance also sets Town Hall as the official posting place for meeting notices and agendas, which are posted no less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

The ordinance also allows additional posting of meetings on the town's iCompass Public Portal, which can be reached via [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov), though it is not required.

While considering the ordinance at the meeting, council member David Schanzenbaker

asked if the town was tech-savvy enough to make the official posting place be the website instead of the bulletin board.

He suggested it was "kind of silly" to have the official posting place be the bulletin board, which he noted no one comes in to look at.

In the course of that discussion, Town Clerk April Hessman explained that interested citizens can also set up email alerts for meetings they are interested in.

In the end, the ordinance was approved upon first reading as it was written, with the bulletin board at Town Hall remaining the official posting place.

The second reading of the ordinance is on this evening's town council agenda.

Later in the meeting, the council also approved adding one work session a month to their calendar, with the topics of those work sessions to vary.

Those work sessions will be held the last Thursday of each month beginning at 5 p.m., with the first of those work sessions set for Jan. 31.

The board also holds joint work sessions with the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners

once a month.

In another beginning-of-the-year move, the council approved Resolution 2019-01, "A Policy to Enhance the Town's Financial Stability," which dictates how much town expenditures would be cut should the town experience several months of decreased revenues.

The policy has been approved annually by the board since 2009.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips called the policy "genius" when introducing the topic to council.

In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Approved the town's personnel handbook with a 5-1 vote.

Human Resources Director Kathy Harker explained to council that, at the recommendation of the Employers' Council (to which the town belongs), all administrative-type policies had been removed from the manual and will be stand-alone policies.

Changes to the personnel manual included a change in definition of a full-time employee from 32 hours to 40 hours, as well as removing pre-employment drug testing on everyone to only those with commercial driver's licenses and law enforcement.

Council member Nicole DeMarco, who was absent from the meeting, had previously expressed interest in removing the pre-employment drug screening, calling it an invasion of privacy.

Harker made it clear during discussion on Jan. 8 that testing only occurred after a contingent offer had been made to an individual.

• Approved Ordinance 901 upon second reading, which includes municipal code amendments for the Pagosa Springs Municipal Court.

## Sanitation district

In a separate meeting the same evening, the council members donned their Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District hats, setting the meeting days and times for that district.

Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of every other month at Town Hall beginning at 5 p.m., with the meetings normally taking place prior to the town council meeting.

The board also set the district's fee schedule for 2019.

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## Resilient Archuleta wants to know what you value

By Bill Trimarco  
Special to The SUN

Resilient Archuleta will be hosting a community meeting to allow residents to share what it is that they value about this area and to begin discussions about how we

can adapt to changes that can affect our lifestyle here.

To be resilient to the effects of unforeseen events and thrive economically, socially and environmentally can be challenging for our community. All are welcome to participate in this

discussion.

The meeting will be held Jan. 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84. Finger foods, refreshments and adult beverages will be served.

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# Business

## County unemployment rises to 4.2 percent in December

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County increased to 4.2 percent in December 2018, with 6,914 people in the labor force and 291 of those claiming unemployment.

In November 2018, there were 7,016 people in the county's labor force, with 242, or 3.4 percent, claiming unemployment.

The total workforce decreased 102 people over the course of the month, while the number of unemployed people increased by 49.

In December of 2017, there were 6,479 workers in the county, of which 206, or 3.2 percent, were unemployed. December of 2018 finds the rate is up 1.0 percent by comparison.

Looking at the December 2018 employment situation for the rest

of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate for the month at 8.5 percent, while Kiowa County had the lowest rate at 2 percent.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate for the state increased four-tenths of a percentage point from November to December to 3.8 percent.

The number of people actively participating in the labor force in Colorado increased 7,188 over the month to 3,130,637, and the number of people reporting themselves as employed decreased 7,281 to 3,010,589.

The national unemployment rate increased by two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.9 percent from November to December.

The unemployment rate, labor force participation, total employment and the number of unem-

ployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

However, nonfarm payroll jobs estimates are based on a survey of business establishments and government agencies, and are intended to measure the number of jobs, not the number of people employed.

The business establishment survey covers about seven times the number of households surveyed and is therefore considered a more reliable indicator of economic conditions.

Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by work site and the other measuring persons employed and unemployed by household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting

results.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 75,400, with an increase of 68,400 in the private sector and an increase of 7,000 in government.

The largest private-sector job gains were in professional and business services, trade, transportation, utilities, and leisure and hospitality.

No sectors reported declines. Other data that is gathered by the survey of business establishments includes private-sector average weekly hours, average hourly earnings and average weekly earnings.

Over the year, the average work-week for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.3 to 33.6 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$28.13 to \$29.63.

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### CHAMBER NEWS

## Chamber Annual Gala and Community Awards set for Jan. 25

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

WinterFest is upon us with a range of the usual winter festivity antics, and this year, the Chamber's annual gala was added to the calendar. This annual event celebrates the businesses and individuals that make up Pagosa Springs.

The community awards of Citizen and Volunteer of the Year have been announced at this event for over 25 years. Nominations are taken from the community at large and then the winners selected by a team of community members. The Small Business and Non-Profit of the Year categories were added to the Community Awards back in about 2013.

While everyone that is nominated is really a winner, one special individual, group or business is selected to represent community accomplishments every year. The Annual Gala, while hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend to support the nominees and enjoy an evening out.

We have one small change to the evening's line up and that is in the entertainment category. One of the region's favorite musical enter-

tainers will be stepping in for the band. The new entertainment will be singer/songwriter Tim Sullivan and his band.

There will still be plenty of great music and dancing to kick off the WinterFest weekend. In addition, there will be a fabulous buffet. A cash bar will round out the food and beverage portion of the evening. Tickets are available online until Thursday evening for \$40. Tickets the day of will be sold at the door for \$45. Don't miss out on this festive event. The theme blends into the whole of WinterFest with "Snow Much Fun."

For more information about the weekend's activities and times, check out this week's related Preview cover article regarding WinterFest 2019.

### Is Pagosa resilient?

Pagosa has been pretty lucky so far as a community in terms of catastrophic events. The West Fork fires were tough, but we didn't experience the community shutdown like South Fork or Creede. We weren't Silverton with the highways closed due to fires and rock slides this past summer.

But what if something more damaging happened in Pagosa?

What would happen if a fire affected our headwaters? Could the business community survive if our highway corridor was limited? How would we react as a community? Are we resilient?

A Resilient Archuleta group has been discussing these challenges and invites the public to join in the conversation on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Archuleta County Extension building. Can we build a more vibrant community that is better prepared and resilient to what life has in store for us? Join in the conversation about what can be done to make us more resilient and how can we adapt to changes that affect our lifestyle here.

Questions about the event can be directed to the Archuleta County Extension office at 264-5931. Beverages and finger foods will be served at this community conversation.

### Membership news

The next Maximizing Your Membership class will be held on Feb. 12. This free breakfast informational session can help you allocate your marketing dollars and get more out of your Chamber membership. Membership coordinator Rick Artis will give you a fast and furious breakdown of how to

make your membership dollars go further. Individual appointments offering further advice can then be scheduled. Find out how you can enhance your Chamber investment by attending this free class on Feb. 12 from 9 to 10 a.m. Please RSVP so that enough food can be provided.

We have one new member to welcome this week, the San Juan Stargazers. The Stargazers meet here at the Chamber conference room every fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Did you know that if you have a telescope, you can have someone from the club help you adjust your telescope or teach you how to use it better so you can enjoy the night sky? Whether you're a beginner or an amateur star gazer, join this organization for its monthly meeting and educational topic.

Our renewing members this week include Boulder Coffee Cafe, River Pointe Coffee House, Toner Mountain Copiers, High Altitude Closet, Design A Sign, and Belvedere Arts studio and gallery.

Let's celebrate winter and our community. Join us at the "Snow Much Fun" annual gala on Jan. 25 at the PLPOA Clubhouse.

## Archuleta County qualifies for Enhanced Enterprise Zone Tax Credits

By Terry Blair-Burton  
Special to The SUN

The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) has updated the list of counties that qualify for Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone (EREZ) status.

For the 2019 and 2020 calendar year, Archuleta, San Juan and Dolores counties are included with 32 other Colorado counties that meet

at least two of the five criteria specified in the Colorado Enterprise Zone Act to be designated as an EREZ. This includes Dolores, which meets four criteria, and San Juan and Archuleta counties, both meeting two of the criteria. Archuleta County was not on the previous list.

OEDIT is required to review qualifying data and to update EREZ status every two years. Businesses within designated Enterprise Zones in EREZ coun-

ties can earn an additional \$2,000 Colorado income tax credit for each new employee hired on top of the current \$1,000 EZ Employee Tax Credit. If the business is an agricultural processor, there is an additional \$500 credit. The evaluation criteria includes:

- County unemployment rate greater than 50 percent above state average.
- County per capita income less than 75 percent of state average.

• County population growth rate less than 25 percent of state average.

• Total nonresidential assessed value ranks in lower half of all counties.

• County population less than 5,000.

For more information on the program, call the Region 9 Economic Development District at 247-9621, www.scan.org or www.choosecolorado/ez.

## Four Corners Film Office to go under the Durango Film Institute

By Terry Blair-Burton  
Special to The SUN

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado is pleased to announce that the Four Corners Film Office (4CFO) program will be moving under the Durango Film Institute (DFI).

As of Jan. 1, DFI, which includes

the Durango Independent Film Festival board and staff, will be the point of contact for the 4CFO in its role as a liaison between production companies, the region, the Colorado Office of Television and Media, and other partners in the surrounding Four Corners states: New Mexico, Arizona and Utah.

4CFO assists filmmakers, pro-

duction companies, local business and communities by acting as an information hub and facilitator for production needs in Southwest Colorado and the Four Corners region.

4CFO was launched in May of 2011, under the administrative umbrella of Region 9, and since that time has worked with between 20 to 30 production inquiries a year with total impact (excluding major feature films) of \$5.5 million. This includes everything from independent films to commercials and photography shoots.

"Marc Snider was the key person who not only brought the concept to Region 9 but gave of his time for five years to make the idea a reality," said Laura Lewis Marchino, executive director of Region 9. "We all knew that our region needed to be on the film radar and that films bring a positive economic impact to an area, not to mention the industry has proven to be recession-proof."

Over time, the 4CFO Advisory

Board realized that funding was limited, and new energy and ideas were needed for the program's long-term success. DFI was interested.

Joanie Leonard, executive director of DFI, said it is in a position to continue operations smoothly and efficiently. "We have long-time connections with the artistic side of the industry and a nonprofit status should help as well. We're already working on ideas to actively promote film production in the area."

For more information about the 4CFO, please go to www.4cornersfilloffice.org or its Facebook page. You can reach DFI at 946-1108.

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# Education

## San Juan Conservation District holds poster contest

By Cynthia Purcell  
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Conservation District hosted its annual poster contest for fifth-grade students. This year's theme was "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home."

The students were given a presentation on the importance of conservation and using natural resources wisely. They created a poster depicting between one and three conservation practices. District supervisors judged the posters and awarded cash prizes for the top five entries.

Additionally, each student who participated in the contest received a key chain with a compass and whistle. The top two winners were sent on to the state competition at the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting in Loveland earlier in November.

The San Juan Conservation District works on the ground every day with local farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect our water, soil and air for future generations. The district has been involved in delivering locally driven conservation across Archuleta County and parts of Hinsdale and Mineral counties up to the Continental Divide for more than 70 years.



Winners of the San Juan Conservation District's annual poster contest for fifth-grade students are pictured from left to right: Milo Deitemeyer, Anja Nasralla, Hope Domingo, Karina Hernandez and Torri Williams.

Photo courtesy Cynthia Purcell



Participants in the San Juan Conservation District's annual poster contest for fifth-grade students show off their entries. This year's theme was "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home."

Photo courtesy Cynthia Purcell

## School district discusses expansion of building-trades and vocational facilities

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

With Archuleta School District's (ASD) continued efforts to expand its building-trades and vocational programs, new developments were discussed at the Jan. 8 meeting of the ASD Board of Education regarding additional funds that could be used for those programs.

According to ASD Superintendent Linda Reed, she recently received a letter from Terry Alley, president of the Charles J. Hughes Foundation and former ASD superintendent, regarding funds located in an ASD COLOTRUST account.

In a follow-up interview on Jan. 14, Reed explained that, specifically, there is about \$240,000 in that account.

The Charles J. Hughes Foundation has been providing grants and

scholarships to local students and teachers for 17 years.

The foundation was founded by the late Donna (Dusty) Hughes. Hughes' husband, Charlie, was dyslexic, and after he died, she created the foundation in his name to improve academic opportunities for local students.

The SUN reported in May of 2008 that the Hughes Foundation had donated \$250,000 to Pagosa Springs High School to build the Pirate Achievement Center (PAC).

Additionally, The SUN reported in May of 2008 that the PAC was due to open on August of that year and would house about 25-30 students in its first year.

In July of 2008, The SUN reported that the PAC center was under construction and was slated to be open for the 2008-2009 school year, with the board having approved a

bid of approximately \$247,585 in June of that year.

Specifically, the PAC was a 2,700 square-foot area in a previously unused area of the vocational building that was being remodeled to a large classroom that could be split into two through the use of a divider, an office for counseling and administration purposes, 30 computer stations and a garage bay.

In addition, The SUN also reported that the PAC would include a professional kitchen space for culinary classes and a student-led lunch program.

"We've been trying to get to the bottom of what happened," Reed explained during the meeting. "Because our understanding was that those funds were supposed to have been used to construct the Pirate Achievement Center, which is part of the vocational building."

After some research, Reed explained, she discovered that the money was used to construct the PAC, but there is also an additional amount of money that remains in that account.

"So, as we're looking at facilities for our expanding vocational program ...," she said.

Reed added in the interview that Alley had included in his letter that the Hughes Foundation was in support of ASD using any other funds that are in that account to improve or expand its vocational facilities.

The Hughes Foundation's only request is to receive some sort of recognition of its part in the project and a report on how the funds were expended, Reed described.

"And I think that's a worthy expenditure of it, because that's an area where we are trying to grow in the school district," Reed said.

## Buchner resigns from charter school board

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

At the conclusion of the Pagosa Peak Open School's (PPOS) regular board meeting on Jan. 14, board member Clay Buchner announced his resignation from the board.

Buchner was added to the PPOS board on Feb. 16, 2018.

"It's been truly a pleasure serving with you," Buchner said during the meeting.

The reason behind his resignation was described by Buchner as a

change in life circumstances.

"I cannot give the time I need to do this. And it's not a cop-out, I just don't have the time," he said. "So, I have to step down."

Buchner wished the board good luck and added that he knows that PPOS is in great hands.

At the time of the meeting, Buchner did not have a formal resignation letter to present to the board. In a follow-up interview, he added that he would be working on a formal letter that will be ready for submittal by the end of last week or

early this week.

PPOS Board President Ursula Hudson explained in an email to The SUN sent on Monday that the board will be getting the word out on the vacant seat in a variety of ways from: advertisements, letters to parents and press releases.

In regard for what they are looking for in a prospective board member, Hudson explained that the board is looking for local community members who are committed to the school's mission and vision.

Ideally, PPOS would also like to have a candidate with prior leadership or a management position in areas such as, but not limited to, nonprofits, business, law and marketing.

"As a parent and attorney sitting on the board, Clay helped in numerous ways from the building of our school garden to the finalization of numerous policies and vital documents," Hudson wrote. "He made our meetings and discussions more productive, and

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# Water

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rectors came together in hopes of getting together a framework for a strategic plan that will guide the board in the future.

At one point in the meeting, the board of directors, under the guidance of volunteer consultant Renee Lewis, discussed some potential goals to include in that strategic plan.

Not every SJWCD board member may agree that the board needs to proceed with building a reservoir, Lewis stated.

"But, you also have to keep in mind that you're still contractually obligated with CWCB [Colorado Water Conservation Board] to be the lead manager of that project," Lewis said.

Legally, SJWCD is still the manager of that project, and also, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) is no longer involved in this deal, Lewis noted

The only things asked of PAWSD is to not inhibit SJWCD from accomplishing its goal and to help the district with water rights in any way that it can, she added.

Those water rights, according to SJWCD Chairman John Porco, are an asset of the district and are "virtually, entirely, keyed" to the eventual construction of a reservoir. "That, I think, has to be in the plan, that it's not off the table," Porco said.

If the reservoir is somehow not involved in the strategic plan, Porco cited that legal repercussions could be incurred by the district that were "significant."

"If we were to simply discard those, I would think that constituents could, if they chose to, question our serving the fiduciary rights of the district," Porco said, "because we have, in essence, given away a compensation. We have given away a major asset of the district."

The SJWCD as a whole should think "long and hard" about not including the potential construction of Dry Gulch in its strategic plan, Porco added.

SJWCD board member Al Pfister later questioned whether or not the water has to be specifically put in Dry Gulch, or be put in another reservoir for the same beneficial use.

At the time of the meeting, Porco did not know the answer to Pfister's question and suggested contacting the board's legal counsel.

"I agree that we should not just be giving our water rights away. That to me would be negligence on our part," Pfister said.

The Dry Gulch project should not just be abandoned, Pfister noted, but there should also be an alternative for those water rights.

Per Porco's estimation, in talks with former legal counsel, he was informed that those water rights were for a specific use.

Another issue under the surface

Later in the discussion, SJWCD board member Bill Hudson pointed out that the district has 24,000 acre feet (AF) of conditional water rights for a reservoir at West Fork.

The SJWCD has had these water rights since 1967, Hudson noted.

According to Hudson, the district needs to file a point of diversion (POD) change on those water rights before 2021.

In addition to the POD, the SJWCD has to define a location of storage for the water, Hudson added later.

"And we haven't even started that process. This is a 24,000-acre-foot conditional right, and that seems like a very critical piece compared to Dry Gulch, which we've already gone through our due diligence on Dry Gulch in 2017," Hudson said.

"But, this is in two years. We're going to lose 24,000 acre feet of water rights if we don't fulfill this obligation."

As part of the strategic planning

process, Porco suggested contacting the district's current legal counsel on these issues.

"Should we talk about it eventually? Yes." Pfister said.

Amidst more discussion about whether or not this topic should be discussed, SJWCD board member Doug Secrist noted that all of these things should be included in the strategic plan.

"We are not in a position here today to settle those and to decide what we're going to do specifically because we still have a lot of research to do," Secrist said.

The West Fork water rights are a big issue and due diligence should be exercised on it, but the SJWCD needs to find out how exactly to first proceed, Secrist added later.

"Every six years the water district has gone through due diligence, gotten that right reconfirmed as conditional. We still intend to build a reservoir at the West Fork, not at Dry Gulch, at the West Fork," Hudson said.

In order to shed some light on this topic for the district, Lewis, who had been involved in the history, offered some background.

After the local drought of 2002, reservoir discussions took place, and West Fork was listed as one of the site locations, Lewis explained.

Lewis explained that, at the time, that's why PAWSD and SJWCD went into this deal together and then PAWSD eventually deeded its share of 10,000 AF to SJWCD.

Due to this deeding of 10,000 AF, SJWCD has been paying for the due diligence on it.

"This location was obviously abandoned once the purchase of Running Iron Ranch went through," Lewis said.

The SUN reported in May of

2014 that Running Iron Ranch was purchased to support the original 35,000 AF reservoir plan; however, that plan eventually got reduced to the 11,000 AF plan we know today.

"It's always been understood, whether it's ever been written down anywhere, that at least, to my knowledge, that that is not a viable reservoir location. At least as of when the Running Iron Ranch was purchased," Lewis explained.

"So, we're still hanging on to that right. It was always my understanding that the intent was to move that right to potentially the Running Iron Ranch location."

Later, Lewis explained that there is a legal doctrine titled the collective system theory, which is still accepted in water court in Colorado.

What this doctrine means is if the SJWCD is still filing diligence on its Dry Gulch water rights and the district is still making efforts toward that project, the water court will approve its collective system water rights, Lewis explained.

A conclusion?

After more brief discussion about the various water rights issue, Porco again suggested tabling the discussion in order to do more research and consult legal counsel.

However, Hudson responded by pointing out that the West Fork water rights are two times bigger than the Dry Gulch ones and something needs to be done on the West Fork rights in two years.

"What we've established is that these water rights are married together, and so that they both need to be addressed as we move forward with the strategic plan," Secrist said.

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## Lakes see increase thanks to recent snowfall

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

With more snow hitting the area in the past week, lake levels across the board have seen increases.

A press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey notes that Lake Hatcher is 37 inches from full as of Jan. 21, up from 40 inches last week.

Stevens Lake saw a slight increase in its levels as well, going from 135 inches last week to 134 inches this week.

Lake Pagosa saw the same slight increase, sitting at 24 inches from full, compared to last week's total of 25 inches.

Ramsey's press release indicates that Village Lake rose to 9 inches from full this week, up from last week's total of 14 inches; however, Ramsey indicated in an interview that those totals were incorrect.

"We're having them calibrate the gauge because there's no way it would have jumped that high," Ramsey said. "I think the gauge is a little goofy, or there's ice on it or something like that."

Rounding out the lake levels, we

see Lake Forest jump up an inch from last week, going from 7 inches to 6 inches from full.

The total cumulative available lake water for treatment and delivery has gone up since last week, sitting at 73.7 percent when last week that total was 72.6 percent.

Diversion flows, as has been the trend for the past few weeks, have remained unchanged. With total flows remaining at 6 cubic feet per second (cfs) and the West Fork and Four Mile diversions still contributing 3 cfs each.

Ice dams and fluctuating river flows still contribute to Four Mile's diversion flows being inconsistent, Ramsey's press release notes.

From Jan. 11 through Jan. 17, water production totaled 9.8 million gallons, down from the Jan. 4 through Jan. 10 total of 11.08 million gallons.

The Snowball water treatment plant contributed 3.02 million gallons of water for the Jan. 11 through Jan. 17 total, while the Hatcher plant added 6.78 million gallons.

Last year, through that same time period, water production totaled 9.61 million gallons.

The recent snowfall also means increases in snow water equivalency (SWE) and precipitation since last week.

As of Jan. 21, SWE totals sit at 13.1 inches, up from 10.3 inches.

The SWE median has also seen a jump, going from 16.3 inches last week to 17.3 inches this week. The median and averages are based on data from 1981 through 2010.

This week's SWE is currently 75.7 percent of median, an increase from 63.2 percent of median last week.

Precipitation rose from 14.7 inches to 17.6 inches this week, while the precipitation average went from 19.1 inches to 20.1 inches.

These increases mean that precipitation is currently 87.6 percent of median, a jump from last week's total of 77 percent of median.

The increase in both SWE and precipitation totals shows a movement in the right direction, Ramsey noted.

"I'd like it to go up," Ramsey said of both totals. "We're still on track to try and get Hatcher filled by April. I don't think we'll make much of a dent in Stevens this year."

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## Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over week: 100.

Jan. 15 — Information only, Old Sawmill Circle.

Jan. 15 — Stalking, Homestead Drive.

Jan. 16 — Animals running at large, Osprey Court.

Jan. 17 — Agency assist, Driftwood Drive.

Jan. 17 — Criminal attempt first-degree murder-willful-weapon, first-degree assault-aggravated-weapon, second-degree assault-aggravated assault-weapon, Pit Court.

Jan. 18 — Warrant arrest, Alpha Drive/U.S. 160.

Jan. 18 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, Oakridge Drive/U.S. 160.

Jan. 18 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, failed to display lights when visibility less than 1,000 feet, no insurance in possession, Oakridge Drive/U.S. 160.

Jan. 18 — Information only, Ironwood Drive/U.S. 160.

Jan. 19 — Found property, North 3rd Street.

Jan. 20 — Theft/intends to deprive person permanently, second-degree burglary, Dyke

Boulevard.

Jan. 20 — Animals/nuisance, Scenic Avenue.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 79.

Jan. 15 — Tampering with a motor vehicle, Country Center Drive.

Jan. 15 — Criminal invasion of privacy, South 8th Street.

Jan. 17 — Second-degree burglary, North 8th Street.

Jan. 18 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

Jan. 19 — Criminal trespass, Aspen Village Drive.

Jan. 19 — Animal running at large, Pagosa Street.

Jan. 19 — Harassment, East Pagosa Street.

Jan. 20 — Criminal trespass, Aspen Village Drive.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Diane E. Knutson

Jan. 9 — Ishmeal Herrera, speeding 10-19 mph over prima facie limit, total fines and costs — \$162.

Jan. 9 — Frank Asebedo, parked where prohibited by sign, total fines — \$15.

Jan. 9 — Joica Archuleta, contempt/failure to appear, total fines and costs — \$85.

Jan. 10 — Ramon Martinez, shoplifting, six months unsupervised probation, total fines and costs — \$220.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Jan. 11 — David A. Montoya, nuisance dog, total fines and costs — \$95.

Jan. 17 — Joseph W. Espinosa, license plates expired, total fines and costs — \$120.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

Jan. 15 — Timothy Leo Johnson, theft-\$2,000-\$5,000, two days jail, 200 hours community service, two years probation, \$6,000 restitution, fines and costs — \$7,703.50.

Jan. 15 — James Andres Pacheco, driving under the influence with three-plus priors, 100 hours community service, 90 days jail, four years probation, total fines and costs — \$4,375.27.

Jan. 15 — Steve Ruegger, menacing, menacing, 18 months probation, total fines and costs — \$1,281.50.

Jan. 15 — Justin Scott Williams, possession, controlled substance-possess schedule 1/2FL/KT, driving under the influence, 11 days jail, 56 hours community service, 11 days electronic surveillance, two years probation, total fines and costs — \$4,417.50.

Jan. 15 — Israel Seth Adams, felony, menacing-real/simulated weapon, three years Department of Corrections, total fines and costs — \$503.50.

## Stabbing

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Dimitrijevic was booked by Archuleta County deputies and is currently being housed in the La Plata County Detention Center on the following charges:

- Criminal attempt homicide

(two counts),

- Assault in the first degree (two counts),

- Assault in the second degree (two counts),

- First-degree burglary,

- Menacing,

- Harassment and

- Reckless endangerment.

Bond has been set at \$50,000.

In a follow-up phone interview, Woodman stated Dimitrijevic had a hearing scheduled for 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23.

## Blood

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is donated is needed after major disasters; however, daily personal emergencies and ongoing medical needs require a constant and ready blood supply.

Each year, trauma accounts for approximately 41 million emergency department visits and 2.3 million hospital admissions in the U.S., according to the National Trauma Institute. A single car accident victim may need as many as 100 units of blood.

Dr. Ralph Battels, Emergency Department physician and chief of staff at PSMC, stated, "Acute trauma or other life-threatening bleeding may need multiple units of blood. If not immediately available, outcomes are much less favorable."

In PSMC's Center for Cancer and

Blood Disorders, donated blood is used continually for a variety of diagnoses.

According to Kelly Cesary, oncology NP of the cancer center, "We see patients with both malignant and benign diagnoses that require support with blood products. Receiving blood can be critical for patients with bone marrow disorders. The blood can help keep a cancer patient alive until they are able to receive chemotherapy or a bone marrow or stem cell transplant that could subsequently save their life.

We see patients who have severe anemia related to a bleed in their body or a mineral deficiency. Blood for these patients can save their lives by preventing cardiac complications associated with low red blood cell counts and helping their body function while they recover

or are treated for the cause of their anemia."

Understanding how crucial blood donations are for this community, PSMC partners with Vitalant (formerly United Blood Services) to provide quarterly blood drives. The next blood drive will be on Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the PSMC board room. There are a few appointments still available, but walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the scheduled blood drive. Also, look for a future blood drive on May 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, email Diane Levison at Diane.Levison@PSMedicalCenter.org, call 507-3826 or go to www.vitalant.org and enter sponsor code: pagosamedical.

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## Jail

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funding method called certificates of participation (COP) to fund the jail facility.

County Commissioner Ron Maez publicly advocated for COPs as a solution to build the new jail at the Archuleta County Republican Women's (ACRW) meeting on Jan. 8.

"Currently, we're looking into certificate of participation, which means we're going to see about putting our county into debt to build a jail," Maez said, adding, "I would like to see our county move forward and see us move toward a certificate of participation."

Maez received pushback at the luncheon. One participant argued that COPs are "not a very ethical way to go because it's circumventing voters," referencing the two ballot measures voted down to fund the new facility.

Maez agreed, saying, "It is, but we asked twice."

A brief on COPs issued by the Colorado Legislative Council staff discusses the state's use of COPs and explains the process.

Following to the process described in that document, Archuleta County would transfer its interests in the proposed jail site at 125 Harman Park Drive to a commercial

bank, which would hold title to the property and collect annual lease payments from the county.

According to Deb Hinsvark, municipal advisor to the BoCC, "In Colorado there's a TABOR (Taxpayer Bill of Rights) law that says the county can't enter into a long-term-debt. So [COPs are] the only instrument that local governments have if they're in a position when they must do something."

Because the county can walk away from the agreement each year, it is not considered a long-term debt, or violation of TABOR law.

The projected annual lease payment to fund the jail is about \$840,000 for 25 years, according to Larry Walton, the county's finance director.

If the county takes the full 25 years to pay, the total cost with interest would be about \$21 million dollars.

Walton anticipated the county would pay off the new jail facility much sooner.

"An asteroid would have to hit the earth or something for us to literally be paying on this for 25 years. From my point of view, its likely it will be paid off somewhere between seven to 10 years if revenue is good."

Commissioner Steve Wadley said there will be an impact on the budget and that every department will "feel the pinch."

"Any funding mechanism, whether we try to fund it out of cash flow in the beginning as some people have proposed or do it out of certificates of participation, either way money is going to have to come out," said Wadley, adding, "The taxpayers, by declining the 1 cent sales tax have put the burden back on the county and the only way we can pay for it is to cut other county services. We have to have a jail."

Archuleta County is required by law to have a jail facility.

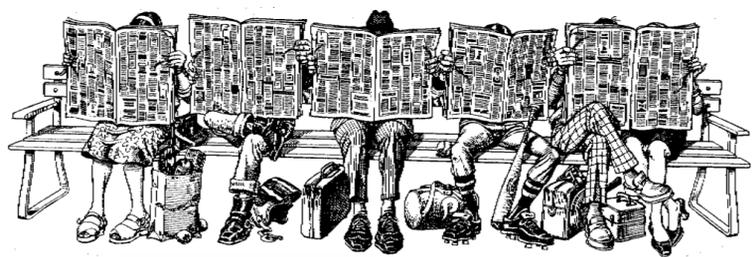
Currently, the county is paying La Plata County to house inmates, at a cost of approximately "\$30,000-\$36,000 a month," according to Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez at the ACRW meeting.

Shuttling inmates to Durango is also taking tolls on county vehicles and creates additional hazards for deputies that make the drive, according to Wadley.

The BoCC is anticipated to vote on how to fund the new jail facility at its regular meeting on Feb. 5, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room at 398 Lewis St.

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## Dems prepare for reorganizational and planning meetings

By John Porco  
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Democratic Party (ACDP) will conduct its biennial reorganization meeting on Feb. 2. The meeting will be conducted at the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 9 a.m.

Colorado Revised Statute 1-3-103(1)(c) requires each county central committee to meet between Feb. 1 and Feb. 15 of the odd-numbered years to organize by selecting a chairperson, a vice chairperson, a treasurer, a secretary and any other officers provided for by the county bylaws, including precinct co-chairs. In addition, participants will select a vacancy committee authorized to fill vacancies in the county central committee and elected offices held by Democrats.

The meeting is open to the public, but only members of the county central committee are eligible to vote. The county party has a number of vacant positions, including a number of precinct co-chairs. Nominations to each position will be accepted from the floor. However, the person nominated must have a nominator and a seconder, one of whom must be

a central committee member. Any Democrat registered in Archuleta County may run for any office. To facilitate meeting planning, persons interested in running for an office are asked to contact Becky Herman, ACDP chair, at 903-0788 or becky.herman98@gmail.com. However, advance notice is not required for nomination.

Following the reorganization meeting, the ACDP will conduct the second meeting of its new Long-Range Planning Committee. The purpose of the committee is to help make the ACDP more effective and set priorities as the party prepares for the future, specifically the 2020 election. The first committee meeting last November generated good ideas and the ACDP wants to build on this good start. Anyone interested is welcome to participate in this second meeting; it is not necessary to have attended the first one.

Participation by all county Democrats is encouraged in these vitally important meetings. This is your chance to influence the course of the party. A light breakfast will be provided. Contributions of finger foods are welcome. If you plan to attend either or both meetings, please contact Herman so that we are sure to have enough food.



Photo courtesy Julie Gurule

Visitors and locals enjoyed a bonfire of pallets and Christmas trees Friday night at the Cabin Fever Festival. The inaugural event was a fun, casual celebration of winter featuring live music, beer and food in an effort to kick off the winter blahs. Net proceeds from the festival will support the new nonprofit community bouldering gym.

## School board approves revised budget, salary schedules and design-build agreement for high school safety project

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) approved its revised 2018-2019 budget, a revised 2018-19 salary schedule and a design-build agreement and budget for an impending safety project at a special meeting on Tuesday.

In addition to the BOE approving the 2018-19 revised budget, it also approved the revised 2018-2019 Appropriation Resolution and approved a resolution authorizing the use of a portion of beginning fund balance as required by Colorado statutes.

Within the 2018-19 revised budget, it notes that ASD starts with a beginning fund balance of

\$1,034,085, with revenues totaling \$2,274,058 and total expenditures listed at \$2,391,193.

### Salary schedules

The revised salary schedules approved at the Tuesday meeting included rates for Pagosa Family School (PFS) teachers and substitute teachers as well.

PFS certified teachers will now be making \$29.07 hourly while a noncertified instructor will be making \$25.58.

In addition to these rates, an additional \$1.16 per hour will be added for each year of experience with PFS.

The revised substitute rates for substitute teachers now reflect \$14.54 an hour.

"We will be addressing coaches

and stipends later," ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson explained during the meeting.

Those interested in the additional salary schedule revisions can find them at the district's Board-Docs website.

### Safety agreement

Lastly, the board approved a build-design agreement and budget for the Pagosa Springs High School security upgrade project.

The design for the project was conducted by G.E. Johnson in conjunction with RTA Architects.

This project will be funded, in part, by the Building Excellent Schools Today grant that ASD received.

According to Hodgson, this project is being considered a "guar-

anteed maximum price project."

Within the estimate level variance report provided by G.E. Johnson, it's indicated that the total price for the project is \$337,902.

Without any additional work needing to be done to the project, that amount is the most that ASD will have to pay, Hodgson explained.

If the actual price of the project falls below the \$337,902 threshold, ASD will receive 100 percent of the savings, Hodgson added.

Within the "estimate level variance report," some of the higher-priced items include but are not limited to: electrical costs at \$83,120, general conditions at \$78,790, and door frames and hardware at \$28,855.

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## Pagosa Peak Open School approves martial arts classes

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

At a regular meeting on Jan. 14, the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors formally approved a service agreement which would allow students at the school to be taught a Japanese martial art known as aikido.

Before the service agreement was formally approved via a vote by the PPOS board, board member Bill Hudson explained that he had recently gone to an aikido class.

That class specifically was taught by Lisa Jensen and Bill Tri-

marco, Hudson explained.

"I would love to see them start tomorrow with that aikido," Hudson said.

Both Jensen and Trimarco were in attendance of the meeting because of previous commitments, Hudson noted.

PPOS needs more physical education offerings for its students, PPOS Board President Ursula Hudson noted.

"I think that this is a great offering," Ursula Hudson said.

Not only would aikido be a good offering for physical education for PPOS students, but it would also

add elements of social and emotional learning, she added later.

### The line between defense and safety

"I brought up the fact that, not stating an opinion one way or the other, but just posing the question is it wise to have our students engaging in a martial art?" asked Clay Buchner, a board member at the time.

Buchner noted that he understood that aikido deals with principals of spirituality and inward thinking, but if a parent were to research aikido, they will see images of people fighting.

"Is that the sort of portrayal we want to have for our school? That we're teaching our kids how to fight?" Buchner asked later. "And, of course, the mantra is it's always self-defense. I get it. I'm not saying it's not."

A lot of martial arts, according to Buchner, claim that they are purely for self-defense, but it does not change the fact that art can "encourage and thrive" off of physical contact.

These concerns were conveyed to both Jensen and Trimarco, Bill Hudson explained, when he visited the class.

## Buchner

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was a vital component in working through some very tough decisions and tasks. We are most definitely sad to see him go."

### In other business

Also during the meeting, the PPOS board approved a resolution that designates the place of posting of notices of meetings of the PPOS board.

Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-

402 (2)(c) requires public bodies to designate a public place or places where notices of meetings of a local body will be posted annually at its first meeting of the year.

For PPOS, notices of meetings will be posted on the front door window located at the entryway of PPOS, located at 7 Parelli Way.

In addition to that resolution, the PPOS board also approved its revised budget for 2018-19.

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# Sports

## BASKETBALL

# Lady Pirates extend win streak to five

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team continued its winning ways last weekend, logging a pair of league victories.

The Lady Pirates, who are 10-2 on the season and 4-0 in the Inter-mountain League (IML), now own a five-game win streak.

The Lady Pirates are now the No. 2 team in the Ratings Percentage Index, which helps determine postseason seeding, and No. 3 in the weekly Colorado High School Activities Association rankings, which is voted on by coaches and media throughout the state.

The Lady Pirates also sit atop the IML standings and are the only team still undefeated in league play.

On Friday, Pagosa traveled to Monte Vista for the first of two Pirate-versus-Pirate matchups this season.

Pagosa jumped to a big lead early in the game, outscoring Monte Vista 25-5 in the first quarter. Pagosa added another 20 in the second quarter while limiting their hosts to six in that quarter.

"The kids jumped out, played well early, got a lot of transition stuff going. We pressed 'em early

and our press got after 'em," coach Wes Lewis said.

That lead increased throughout the second half, with Pagosa outscoring Monte Vista 13-7 in the third and 6-2 in the fourth.

"Monte Vista had trouble with our press. You know, we ran the floor well, we shared the ball well, got some easy baskets, scored a lot of points. The kids had a lot of fun," Lewis said.

Hailey Griego led her team offensively on the night with 20 points. She also contributed four rebounds, two assists and five steals.

Taylor Lewis followed with 11 points, also pulling down five rebounds and logging two assists and three steals.

Devin Wilson contributed nine points, which included a pair of 3-pointers. She added six rebounds, nine assists, a block and four steals.

Elsa Lindner put up eight points, also notching four rebounds, an assist, three blocks and two steals.

Adelyn Dozier logged six points, including a 3-pointer. She added two rebounds, an assist and a steal.

Teagan Stretton also had six points on the night, which went along with two rebounds, an assist

and three steals.

Molly Graham rounded out the Pirate scoring with a pair. She also contributed three rebounds, three assists and two blocks.

The team went 7-for-17 from the charity stripe in the game for a 41 percent success rate and turned the ball over 15 times in the game.

Then, on Saturday, Pagosa's Lady Pirates marooned the No. 12 Alamosa Mean Moose by logging a 45-30 win in Pagosa.

Pagosa held the Mean Moose scoreless in the first quarter while scoring 13 themselves.

The Lady Pirates added another 13 in the second quarter, giving up six to Alamosa.

It looked to be smooth sailing for the Pirates with a 26-6 lead at halftime, but Pagosa narrowly outscored their visitors 9-8 in the third quarter and were bested 16-10 by the Mean Moose in the fourth, leaving Pagosa with a 15-point victory.

"It's hard to kind of keep kids focused sometimes when you jump out to such a big lead," Wes Lewis said.

The coach added that several things happened with the Lady Pirates in the second half.

"We made some mental errors. ... We had, obviously, some turnovers that were unforced. Some were forced by their defense. I thought we ... could have, should have done a better job handling the full-court man," he said. "You know, we gave them some life and some hope, and when we go to their place I'm sure we'll see ... the full-court pressure the whole night."

Wes Lewis added that he felt like the team not only made some bad mistakes, but allowed themselves to be sped up and pushed out of their full-court offense game.

Pagosa turned the ball over seven times in the first half and 16 in the second.

"They're all kinds, there's a travel, there's a dribbled off your foot, there's a five-second count, you know, dribble it out of bounds, step out of bounds. You name it, we did it in the second half," the coach said of the turnovers. "We've just got to be better in those little areas. ... I think that's certainly within their wheelhouse, we just didn't do a good job of it in the second half."

The coach also pointed out some highlights of the team, beginning with the team's first-half defense.

"You hold a good team like them to six points at half, don't let them score in the first quarter, you know, that's good defense," he said.

He also noted the team did a good job in transition, shared the ball well, did well in run-out situations and made the easy baskets in the first half.

Griego again led the Lady Pirates offensively, this time with 15 points. She complemented that with nine rebounds, two assists, a block and a steal.



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Pagosa's Hailey Griego looks for a shot during Saturday's evening's 45-30 win over the Alamosa Mean Moose. Griego tallied 15 points on the evening and 35 in two days.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Taylor Lewis passes a ball to her teammate during Saturday's 45-30 win over the Alamosa Mean Moose. Pagosa is now 10-2 on the season and 4-0 in league play.

Wilson followed with 10 points, which included a pair of 3-pointers. She added eight rebounds, four assists and a steal.

A pair of Lady Pirates scored seven in the game, Stretton (including a 3-pointer) and Graham. Stretton also tallied eight rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Lindner followed with four points, three rebounds, two blocks and a steal.

Dozier added two points to her team's total in the game, a rebound and two assists.

The Lady Pirates made six of 14 attempts from the free-throw line for a success rate of 43 percent.

"That's something that's ... gotta get better. There's no two ways about it," Wes Lewis said.

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The Lady Pirates will host a pair of league games this week, beginning with the Bayfield Wolverines on Friday.

Bayfield is 5-5 on the season and 2-1 in league play, having lost to Alamosa 63-30 Tuesday.

"We're going to have to get going a little bit against Bayfield. They're playing pretty well right now," Wes Lewis said.

Then, on Saturday, the Lady Pirates will start their second tour of the league when they welcome the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers to town.

Pagosa previously defeated the Panthers 53-24 in Cortez on Jan. 11.

The Panthers are 3-7 on the season and 0-4 in IML play.

Both games are slated to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday's game will also be a special "Pink Out" event in conjunction with the American Cancer Society's Coaches vs. Cancer/Suits and Sneakers week, explained Athletic Director Marcie Ham. Everyone is asked to wear pink.

The special event will include a moment at halftime of the boys' varsity game to honor people who have fought against cancer, speakers throughout the evening and donations will be collected for the American Cancer Society.

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## WRESTLING



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Pirate Dylan Tressler attempts to take down a foe from Delta during a semifinal match at last weekend's Mel Smith Husky Invitational in Florence. Tressler won the match and went on to take second in his weight class.



Photo courtesy Stacia Aragon

Pirate senior Ethan Evans grapples with an opponent during the Mel Smith Husky Invitational in Florence last weekend. Evans went 4-2 at the tournament.

### Pirates beat Centauri, take third at Mel Smith Husky Invitational

By John Finebrock  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team beat Centauri High School in a dual last week and earned third place at the Mel Smith Husky Invitational.

On Jan. 17, the Pirates beat the Centauri Falcons 48-26.

"Centauri has a great tradition. They're tough to wrestle in their own gym," said coach Dan Janowsky, adding, "To be honest, we haven't won one in their gym in a while ... They've been tough to beat."

Skyler Hill started Pagosa off with an 11-4 win against Centauri's Remi Lucero in the 220-pound weight class, earning three points for the team.

Justin Baxtrom followed Hill by earning six points for the Pirates on a forfeit. Mario Vigil came up next and earned six points for Centauri on a forfeit.

Erik Wyman built on the Pirates' lead by beating Andrew Ross by fall at minute 4:35 in the 113-pound weight class, earning six points. Cam Hinger also earned six points for Pagosa on a forfeit in the 138-pound weight class.

After Centauri earned six points on a forfeit at the 120-pound weight class, Jeramy Coombs beat Pagosa's Tommy Barker by a technical fall, earning six points.

When James Thomas of Pagosa took on Centauri's Jordon Martin in the 132-pound weight class, many in the gym expected Thomas to win. He didn't.

"They got an upset against us when they beat James Thomas," said Janowsky. "That gave them some hope."

Martin beat Thomas by decision, 6-4, earning three points for Centauri and putting the Falcons ahead of Pagosa 20-15.

Wins by Cam Hinger in the 138-pound weight class (forfeit) and Cameron Lucero in the 145-pound weight class (a 12-10 decision) put the Pirates back on track for a victory.

"Cameron had to dig deep and wrestle tough to win that match," said Janowsky, "and he did."

Ethan Evans (fall), Ian Reinhardt (fall) and Connor Aragon (forfeit) all earned six points for the Pirates with their victories.

The last match of the night was won by Caleb Janowsky in the 195-pound weight class, with the wrestler earning six points for Pagosa with a fall in just 18 seconds.

After initially being down 15-20, Pagosa rallied to outscore Centauri 33-6, winning the dual 48-26.

The very next day, the Pirates traveled to Florence for the two-day Mel Smith Husky Invitational, facing tough competition.

"It's a really tough tournament," said Dan Janowsky. "It's got eight of the top 10 3A teams in it."

Dan Janowsky noted the Pirates did have some lineup issues at the event.

"Skyler Hill, our 220-pounder, he didn't finish the tournament. He got one win and we had to withdraw him because of a shoulder injury," the coach said.

The Pirates came off a busy schedule to enter the tournament, and their coach admitted the grind took a toll on his team.

"It was our sixth event in 10 days ... We kinda went a little flat on Saturday afternoon, lost some really close ones that definitely would have affected the finish. That's good for us, it helps us understand how important every match is."

Only four of Pagosa's 14 wrestlers placed in the top five in the tournament.

Thomas notched fifth place in

the 126-pound weight class, and Dylan Tressler locked up a second-place finish in the 126-pound weight class through some tough competition.

"[Tressler] did get in a really tough match in the semifinals and was trailing by five or six points. He found a way, got a headlock, got the guy on his back and got the fall. That was really exciting," said Dan Janowsky, adding, "Dylan is relentless. He kept wrestling until the final buzzer and was rewarded for it."

Tressler won with a fall in the semifinals and lost by decision 3-1 in the championship match to place second in his weight class.

Caleb Janowsky also scored a second-place finish in the tournament, losing his final match to Abram Leonard of Elizabeth High School, who is ranked No. 1 in Colorado in his weight class.

"Leonard is good. He was better than us on that particular finals match. We've got some adjustments we can make," said Dan Janowsky.

Cam Lucero, at 145 pounds, also made an appearance in a finals match, battling Clay Yarnell of

Olathe for first place.

"Both guys were going really hard," said Dan Janowsky. "We were slowly but surely getting the edge, getting the lead, then [Yarnell] takes one too many chances and we pounced on that hold and smothered it."

The coach added that Lucero "is a very high-energy guy with a lot of attack."

Lucero beat Yarnell by fall at the 3:06 minute mark, earning first place in his weight class.

As a team, the Pirates finished third in the tournament.

"We expected to win. We just kind of flattened out at the end of the tournament," said Dan Janowsky, adding, "Part of the season is figuring out what you need to work on. If you're always winning it's much harder to figure that out than if you have someone that exposes some of the things you need to work on."

The Pirates' next match is today, Jan. 24, and is the final home dual of the season.

Deemed "Senior Night," the dual tonight will say goodbye to the departing seniors, namely Thomas, Ethan Evans, Paul Farrah, Hunter Smith, Ian Reinhardt, Connor Aragon, Caleb Janowsky and Carson Laverty.

Senior Night will begin at 6 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School. The Pirates face Monte Vista.

Then, on Saturday, the Pirates will return to tournament action, this time in Aztec, N.M., with competition beginning at 9 a.m.

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# BASKETBALL

## Critical stretch: Pirates sink Monte Vista, fall to Alamosa, welcome Bayfield and Cortez this weekend

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Much akin to last week, the No. 15 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' basketball team faced a tandem of league opponents and again were able to break even, going 1-1 in matchups against the No. 43 Monte Vista Pirates and the No. 14 Alamosa Mean Moose.

Starting on Jan. 18, Pagosa traveled to Monte Vista to battle the other Intermountain League (IML) Pirates and came away with a 58-50 win.

### Monte Vista

Pagosa came out hot on both ends of the floor, jumping to a 26-17 lead after the first half; having held Monte Vista to less than 10 points in each of the first two quarters.

However, the second half told a little bit of a different story, with Monte Vista coming out firing in the third quarter, outscoring Pagosa 17-13 and cutting Pagosa's lead to 39-34 entering the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Pagosa's offense kicked back into gear, scoring 19 points, but its defense still struggled, giving up 16 points to Monte Vista.

However, despite the second-half struggles, Pagosa was able to hold on for the 58-50 league win.

Three Pagosa Pirates finished in double-digit scoring against Monte Vista, with Ryan Lewis leading the charge with 14 points while also adding eight rebounds, a steal and a team-high four blocks.

Mason Snarr ended the night with a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Snarr also added a steal of his

own to go along with two blocks. Mitch Lewis contributed 12 points and eight rebounds.

Javier Mariñelarena and Jesus Pacheco each added eight points with Mariñelarena adding five assists and a steal while Pacheco contributed three rebounds and five assists.

Cade Cowan rounded out the scoring for Pagosa with three points, while also having three assists and a steal.

Coach Randy Sorenson acknowledged in an email to The SUN that Pagosa failed to finish well in the first half, leaving some points on the floor.

"This was important because we know Monte can get hot at anytime and get back in the game, which they did in the second half," Sorenson explained.

According to Sorenson, Monte Vista made seven 3-pointers in the second half, but also noted that Pagosa's defense was not bad that game as most shots were contested.

### Alamosa

The very next night, Pagosa was in for a league battle in its first home league game with the Mean Moose, and, despite a late surge in the fourth quarter, Pagosa could not make up for early mistakes, thus dropping an important league game.

At the end of the first quarter, Pagosa held a slight 14-13 advantage over Alamosa, but unforced errors and struggles down low defensively allowed Alamosa to outscore Pagosa 17-6 in the second quarter, taking a 30-20 lead at half.

The third quarter wasn't much better for Pagosa on either end of the floor, with Alamosa outscoring the Pirates 13-9.

Despite full-court pressure seemingly getting to the Mean Moose, allowing for the Pirates to potentially claw their way back into it late, the deficit was too much to overcome, leading to a 54-40 win for Alamosa.

Snarr led all Pirates in scoring with 15 points, while also adding three rebounds and a steal.

Pacheco followed with 10 points, two rebounds, six assists and two steals.

Mitch Lewis finished with seven points, three rebounds, a steal and a block.

Ryan Lewis added another four points with an additional two rebounds and a block.

Both Kyler Hammer and Cade Cowan ended with two points, with Hammer adding two rebounds and Cowan adding two steals.

Against Alamosa, Pagosa came out flat, and Sorenson explained that he really was not sure why.

"The second quarter was what really killed us in the game. We got into some foul trouble, we were impatient on offense, and we turned the ball over," he explained.

Per Sorenson, Pagosa turned over the ball 20 times against Alamosa, and he explained you can't do that against good teams and expect to win.

"We have talked all year about not being up and down and trying to get off of the roller coaster but for whatever reason we seem to have a hard time playing four quarters of basketball. We need to be more consistent," Sorenson explained.

### League powers collide

Coming out of last weekend's games with an 8-5 overall record, which includes a 2-2 IML record, the Pirates are fourth in the league standings.

The road does not look to be getting any easier for Pagosa as they once again have two tough league opponents coming up.

The first test comes tomorrow, as the reigning 3A state champion Bayfield Wolverines (8-4 overall, 3-0 in league play) come to town.

Varsity action against Bayfield is set for 7 p.m.

Bayfield is currently riding a five-game win streak that includes wins over Alamosa and the No. 6 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

In the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) standings, Bayfield is currently slotted at 20th out of 73 teams in the 3A classification.

Last season, Pagosa went 1-1 in two matchups against Bayfield.

"Bayfield is playing good basketball and they knocked off Alamosa on Tuesday night," he wrote.

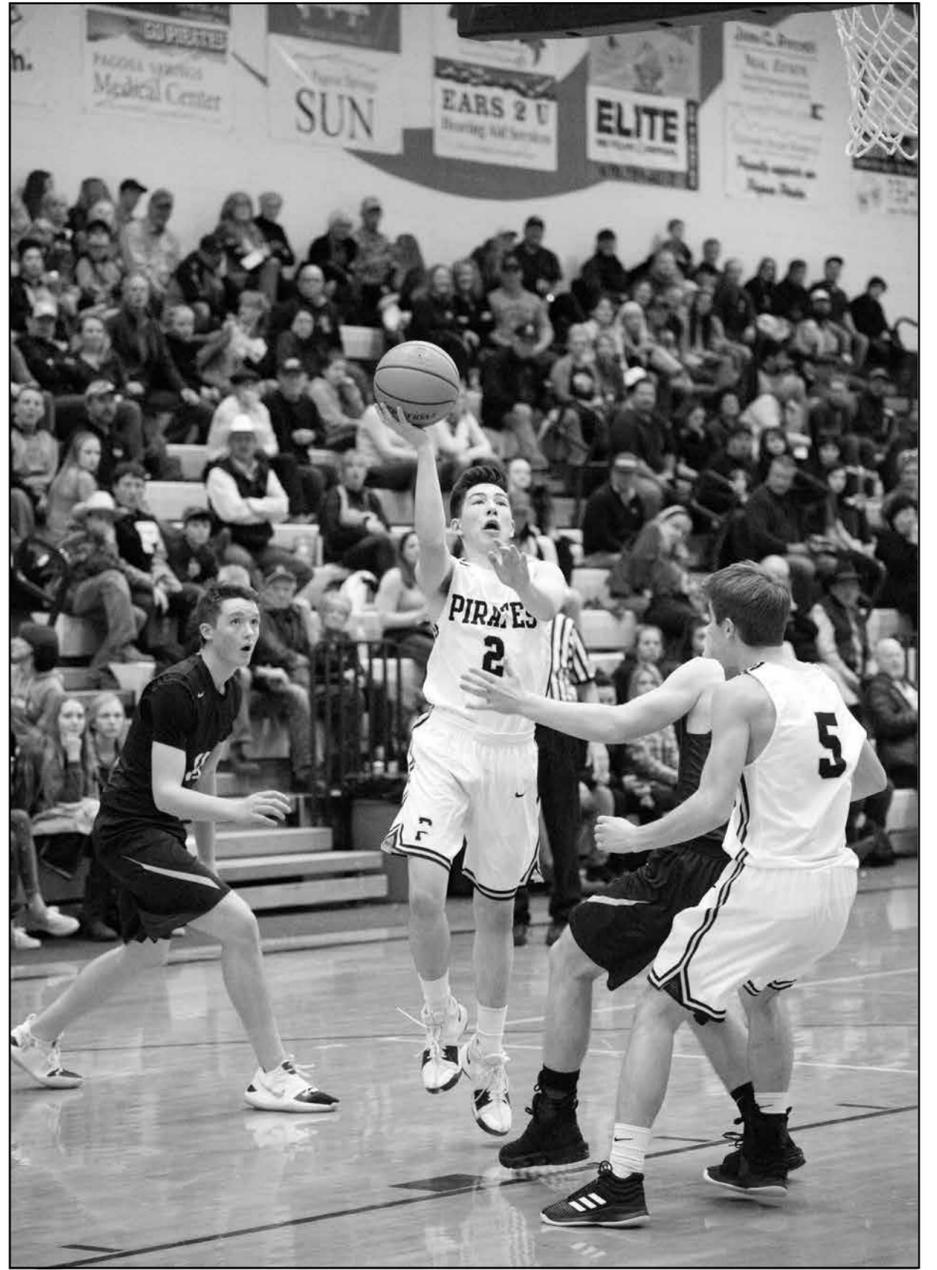
On Saturday, Pagosa will look to get some revenge against the Panthers (10-2 overall, 2-2 in league play) at home.

Cortez defeated Pagosa by a score of 58-53 earlier this season on Jan. 11.

Varsity tipoff against Cortez is set for 7 p.m.

"Cortez has already beaten us so we know we will have to play well to beat them," Sorenson wrote. "We have said that we need to improve every week in order to be successful. We feel like this is a critical part of our season and we are going to have to play well."

Saturday's game will also be a special "Pink Out" event in conjunction with the American Cancer Society's Coaches vs. Cancer/Suits



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Jesus Pacheco puts up a shot on Jan. 19 against the Alamosa Mean Moose. Pacheco ended the night with 10 points and six assists, but a slow start sunk the Pirates against the Mean Moose, ending with Alamosa stealing a 54-40 league win.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate Mason Snarr soars over Alamosa defender Ian Jackson during the battle between Pagosa and Alamosa on Jan. 19. Snarr finished with a team-high 15 points, but Alamosa defeated the Pirates on their home court by a score of 54-40.

## Pagosa Youth Rangers Soccer registration continues

By Dorman Diller  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Youth Rangers Soccer Club continues putting together coed teams for the 2019 spring soccer season. We will host an open gym for players and mandatory parent information meetings at the Community Center on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Players born in 2007-2011 are invited to attend from 1-2 p.m. Players born in 2004-2006 are invited to attend from 2-3 p.m. Parents will meet as follows: U10 (birth years 2009, 2010, 2011) at 1:30 p.m.; U12 (birth years 2007, 2008) at 2 p.m.; U15 (birth years 2004, 2005, 2006 and not in high school) at 2:30 p.m.

Players are asked to wear non-marking shoes to play on the gym floor. Players will run through a practice session. Join us on Saturday to play and learn more about soccer and the club.

If you cannot make the open

gym/parent meeting, please call and let us know of your interest in joining the club for the spring and to receive more information. You can also visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/pagosayouthsoccer](http://www.facebook.com/groups/pagosayouthsoccer).

Pagosa Youth Soccer is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that competes through Colorado Soccer Association with other teams from the Four Corners region. Teams

practice twice a week beginning in March. Two games are usually played on Saturday beginning at the end of March in the surrounding areas.

Practice, travel, fees and a uniform are required to join a team. A sliding fee schedule is available. Registration closes Feb. 2. For more information and to register, you may contact Stephanie at 769-2163 or go to [www.pagosasoccer.org](http://www.pagosasoccer.org).

and Sneakers week, explained Athletic Director Marcie Ham. Everyone is asked to wear pink.

The special event will include a moment at halftime of the boys' varsity game to honor people who have fought against cancer, speakers throughout the evening and donations will be collected for the American Cancer Society.

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# Outdoors



## Don't miss out on Pagosa Nordic WinterFest events

By James Dickhoff  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Nordic Club is hosting the season's second Learn to Cross-Country Ski Clinic this Saturday, Jan. 26, starting promptly at 9:45 a.m. and lasting until about 11:45 a.m. at Cloman Park. Classic cross-country skiing and skate skiing lessons for never-evers, beginners and intermediates will be offered by some of Pagosa's best cross-country skiers.

These clinics are a great way to learn tips on how to cross-country ski and improve your techniques, making the sport even more enjoyable. Local ski shops offer discounted rental gear for these clinics; just mention you are signed up.

Registration is available at PagosaNordic.com under the events tab. Space is limited, so sign up today.

The next and last scheduled clinic is on Feb. 9. Please note that late arrivals disrupt classes, so please plan on being on time and checked in with your skis, boots, poles and clothing ready to go by 9:30 a.m.

Don't miss the fat tire bike races on Saturday, Jan. 26, in Yamaguchi Park starting at 9 a.m., with registration between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m. This is a great spectator venue. Race courses include a 16 km, 8 km and Kid-K.

Also, the Pagosa Nordic Club is hosting our popular Red Ryder BB Gun Biathlon on Sunday, Jan. 27, in Yamaguchi Park starting at 9 a.m. with registration between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m. The event includes a competitive 16 km course, citizens 4 km course and a Kid-K course. This is a great event for all ages and abilities. Racers shoot at targets between laps with Red Ryder BB guns (supplied). Yamaguchi Park provides easy access and viewing for spectators.



Photo courtesy James Dickhoff

Pagosa Nordic Club is hosting the popular Red Ryder BB Gun Biathlon on Sunday, Jan. 27, in Yamaguchi Park starting at 9 a.m., with registration between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m. Pictured are last year's Nordic biathlon ski racers aiming and shooting at targets with Red Ryder BB guns between ski laps.

### Groomed trails

With the recent new snowfall, a number of cross-country ski trails are now being groomed for skate skiing with set tracks for classic cross-country skiing.

Wolf Creek Ski Area continues to groom Alberta Park offering 6-10 km of groomed trails accessed from the far east end of the parking lots.

The Pagosa Nordic Club is grooming the following trails: Cloman Park offers about 10 km of groomed trails with portions entering private property where dogs are prohibited due to wildlife and livestock concerns. West Fork

offers up to 15 km of groomed trails.

The Lavery Ranch offers up to 10 km of groomed trails on private property which allows Nordic skiing only, with no dogs allowed on this trail system. Fall Creek Nordic trail grooming has stopped and will resume in late winter as our other close-to-town venues begin melting away. Trail details and grooming reports can be accessed at PagosaNordic.com.

The Pagosa Nordic Club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, 100 percent volunteer organization with a mission "To enhance winter recreational opportunities in Pagosa Springs by maintaining accessible

groomed winter trails for skate skiing and classic cross country skiing for all ability levels and to encourage and promote the use of these winter trails through education, marketing and events."

The Pagosa Nordic Club serves as the local advocate for groomed cross-country ski trails and you can find current cross-country ski trail grooming reports, trail maps, activity and event schedules at PagosaNordic.com. Pagosa Nordic Club relies on annual club memberships, business sponsorships and trail use donations to cover expenses associated with providing groomed Nordic ski trails.

## Pagosa Paw sled dog event had a good run for final year

By Jennifer Martin  
Special to The SUN

We had a good run at our final year of the Pagosa Paw Sled Dog event.

Pagosa Springs got its mush on this weekend at the annual Pagosa Paw Sled Dog Race. The Nordic event and sled dog race took place at Cloman Park. Over 120 happy dogs entertained spectators that gathered for the two-day event. The race drew in mushers from Utah, Arizona and all over the state, as

well as loyal spectators from Texas and New Mexico.

The Pagosa Nordic Club, along with the Rocky Mountain Sled Dog Club, sponsored the event and races included a six-dog and four-dog sled race divisions, 5-mile skijor race (dog pulls you on skis) and sportsman's events.

Local mushers JD Kurz, Curtis Door and Jennifer Martin participated amongst many world-class mushers. In fact, one of our longtime participants, John Perry, boasts the record holding fastest

six-dog team in the world with an average speed of 24.7 mph. Musher Drake Benson drove John's team this weekend winning both the six- and four-dog races.

"We have had a good run," said race founder Martin of the final Pagosa Paw event. "It is such a beautiful thing to see all those dogs running their heart out for their mushers. They are born to run ... and they know it. I will miss their sweet howls and unbridled excitement before it is their turn to race."

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whose mission is to enhance the winter recreational opportunities in Pagosa Springs by maintaining accessible groomed winter trails for skate skiing, classic cross-country skiing and snowshoeing for all ability levels and to encourage and promote the use of these winter trails through education, marketing and events.

Our final event of the season will be the Winterfest BB Gun Biathlon taking place at Yamaguchi Park this Sunday, Jan. 27.

For more information, visit pagosanordic.com.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Fun Race results announced

By Julie Martinez  
Special to The SUN

Wolf Creek Ski Area hosted our annual Martin Luther King Jr. Fun Race on Sunday, Jan. 20. Sunny weather and great snow conditions drew 77 racers to the course from the local area, as well as several surrounding states.

There were racers in almost every age group from 3 years old to 71-plus. The fastest time of the day went to Corbin Horrocks, of South Fork, who raced in the Boys 9-11 age bracket. Corbin's time was 31.57 seconds. Medals were presented to all first-, second- and third-place finishers in each bracket.

Alden Soden placed second in the Boys 3-5 with a time of 63.94.

In the Boys 6-8, Ryland Soden placed second with a time of 54.87.

Jaxon Cizek placed first with a time of 36.97.

The next race in the Fun Race series will be the Super Bowl Fun Race, which will be held on Sunday, Feb. 3. The race will be open to all ages and ability levels and is free with the purchase of a lift ticket. Race your friends or just challenge your own fastest time. Registration will be at Raven's Nest between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and the race will begin at 11 a.m. on Charisma run, with the course open through 1 p.m. Medals will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place finishers in each

bracket at 3:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 26, our Wolf Creek Challenge Series begins with a giant slalom race on a 40-plus gate course on Middle and Lower

Charisma. The race is open to both teams and individuals, and all proceeds support the Wolf Creek Ski Team. For skiers 18 years old and under, the entry fee will be \$15 with

a \$27 lift ticket. For all ages over 18, the entry fee will be \$25 with a \$50 lift ticket.

The Fun Race on Sunday, Jan. 27, has been canceled.

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SENIOR NEWS

# Caregiver support group meeting tomorrow

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
SUN Columnist

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If you are a caregiver of a friend or family member in your home or outside your home, please join us for support and respite (adults 18 and older are eligible to participate).

A support group can have significant positive effects on caregivers' well-being. It is a chance to speak with other caregivers who have common experiences with caregiving, learn about resources available in our community, learn how to keep yourself healthy so you can continue to help the care recipient and a chance for respite. This free support group will meet monthly and will be facilitated by Ana Sancho Sama, Ph.D.

The next group meeting will be Friday, Jan. 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

The support group is limited to 12 individuals, so please call 264-2167 as soon as possible to reserve your place or need to request a different starting time.

## Memberships

2019 Senior Discount Club Memberships are now offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## VITA tax preparation

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The planned dates are Feb. 23 and March 16, 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.

## Free legal document preparation

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging will provide legal services for seniors through the program attorney, Daniel Fiedler. Fiedler will be spending the day at the Senior Center on Friday, Jan. 25.

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

## San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Two House bills in Senate

By Kay Kaylor

I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge, a 24-hour extended care home, and BeeHive, an assisted living residence, as the part-time long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life.

First, I wish to express sympathy for their loss to the family and friends of Donna Audetat, who retired last fall from Pine Ridge as the admissions and social services director.

An act in the Senate mentioned here Dec. 27, H.R. 7217, to improve

Medicaid programs, has had no action since, but the U.S. House has passed a similar bill, the Medicaid Extenders Act of 2019 (H.R. 259), and moved it to the Senate. The ongoing government shutdown prevents predicting whether the Senate will pass either of these bills.

H.R. 259 makes appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019 and revises the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program. Since December 2016, the MFP program has transitioned more than 75,000 people with chronic conditions and disabilities from institutions back to the community. The bill also temporarily extends the protection against spousal impoverishment for spouses who live in the community while their husband or wife is in a nursing home.

It does reduce the funding available for the Medicaid Improvement Fund beginning in Fiscal Year 2021. This fund is for the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services to improve managing Medicaid, for oversight of contracts/contractors and for evaluating programs such as MFP.

For further information, you may call me at 403-2164 or send an email to ombudsman2@sjbaaa.org.

## Medical alert system

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## Menu

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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, Jan. 24 — Pork posole, squash calabacitas, whole-wheat tortilla, milk, salad bar and flan.

Friday, Jan. 25 — Barbecued chicken, cauliflower mashed, oven fried okra, milk, salad bar and banana cream pie.

Monday, Jan. 28 — Turkey sausage soup, green peas, milk, salad bar and peach cobbler.

Tuesday, Jan. 29 — Mahi mahi tacos with coleslaw, cilantro lime rice, Parmesan baked zucchini, milk, salad bar and lemon dessert.

Wednesday, Jan. 30 — Pork sausage with biscuit and gravy, roasted asparagus with lemony bread crumbs, milk, salad bar and oven-baked apples and pears.

Thursday, Jan. 31 — Chicken broccoli rice casserole, squash medley, milk, salad bar and blueberry sour cream pie.

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

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Matter Amount  
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Lot (Unit) Number: 7831-7832  
UDI Points: 200,000  
Lien Amount \$2,249.69  
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Lien Amount \$1,669.63  
Peregrine Townhouses Phase VII  
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Owners: KATHRYN MAY-HUME & ALBERT R HUME  
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UDI Points: 105,000  
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VIII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20010666, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
Lien Amount \$1,950.16  
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/s/ Christopher B. Conley  
Christopher B. Conley  
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700 South 21st Street  
Fort Smith, AR 72901  
Atty. Reg. No.: 51651  
Published in January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Mineral County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at Creede Town Hall, 2223 N Main St., Creede, Colorado, beginning at 5:30 PM, Thursday, January 24, 2019 to consider an application for a Conditional Use.  
The application was prepared by Bootjack Ranch to process and crush river rock for construction and road base with the intent to sell and move off of the property. The raw material is a result of fish habitat restoration and rehabilitation.  
The general location of the project is the SE corner of Section 29, T37N, R1E, NMPM, Mineral County, Colorado. The property is zoned Rural. The property's address is 12500 S. Hwy 160, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.  
Questions may be addressed to the Land Use Administrator at the Courthouse, 625 Forest Rd 504.1A, Creede, CO.  
Published in the Mineral County Miner, January 17, 2019  
Published January 17 and 24, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*.

Pagosa Secure Storage  
80 Bastille Drive  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Sunetha Property Management  
970-422-7122  
Notice of disposal of contents  
Unit #22 - Virginia Buck  
Date of disposal January 31st, 2019  
contents: misc.  
Published January 17 and 24, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
MORGAN W. THOMPSON  
3522 FIRE SIDE DRIVE  
CHEYENNE, WY 82001-9112  
MORGAN W. THOMPSON  
6801 MONARCH DRIVE  
CHEYENNE, WY 82009  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2009, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 521 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74884.**  
Account Number: R010261  
Schedule Number: 569919426036  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-924  
and said County Treasurer assigned a certificate of purchase to JEFFREY C. & ARTIS A. HARRISON-RAINS on the 21st day of August 2018 at ARCHULETA COUNTY.  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2008  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of MORGAN W. THOMPSON for said year 2008.  
That on the 21st day of August 2018, said ARCHULETA COUNTY assigned said certificate of purchase to JEFFREY C. & ARTIS A. HARRISON-RAINS;  
That said JEFFREY C. & ARTIS A. HARRISON-RAINS on the 19th day of December 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to JEFFREY C. & ARTIS A. HARRISON-RAINS  
On the 29th day of May 2019, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
Witness my hand this 4th day of January 2019  
/s/ Elsa P White  
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
Published January 17, 24 and 31, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*.

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MEADPROP UNITS, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
1133 NORTH 18TH STREET  
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2009, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 81 IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 30, 1979 AS RECEPTION NO. 94867.**  
Account Number: R010339  
Schedule Number: 569919435012  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-599  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2007.  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of MEADPROP UNITS, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY for said year 2007.  
That on the 21st day of August 2018, said Archuleta County assigned said certificate of purchase to JEFFREY C. & ARTIS A. HARRISON-RAINS;  
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**LOT 80 IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 30, 1979 AS RECEPTION 94867.**  
Account Number: R010340  
Schedule Number: 569919435013  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-600  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2007  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of MEADPROP UNITS, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY for said year 2007  
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Tel. 970.264.2400  
**Town Landing Property Owner's Association, Inc.**  
Plaintiff  
v.  
**William M Meyers, et al**  
Defendants  
**Case No.: 2018CV30093**  
Attorney for Plaintiff:  
Christopher B. Conley  
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC  
700 South 21st Street  
Fort Smith, AR 72901  
Tel. 479.242.6817  
Email: chris@hjcllegal.com  
Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):**  
**William M Meyers**  
**Marion R Meyers**  
**Larry B Kuopus, Trustee**  
**Elizabeth L. Kuopus, Trustee**  
**Joe B Martínez, Jr**  
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of

this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.  
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.  
This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Teal Landing Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Teal Landing Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.  
Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.  
Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions:  
Exhibit A  
Teal Landing Condominium Phase Two  
Matter Amount  
Property Owner: WILLIAM M MEYERS & MARION R MEYERS  
Building Number: 12  
Lot (Unit) Number: 1211-1216, 1221, 1224-1226  
UDI Points: 49,000  
of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Two - as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20105850, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105851 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
Lien Amount: \$1,596.02  
Teal Landing Condominium Phase Five  
Matter Amount  
Property Owner: LARRY B KUOPUS & ELIZABETH L KUOPUS  
Building Number: 15  
Lot (Unit) Number: 1511-1516, 1521-1523, 1525-1526  
UDI Points: 105,000  
of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Five - as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20204764, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20204765 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
Lien Amount: \$1,682.15  
Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven  
Matter Amount  
Property Owner: JOE B MARITNEZ, JR  
Building Number: 17  
Lot (Unit) Number: 1711-1716, 1721-1726  
UDI Points: 77,000  
of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven - as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20204766, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20204765, Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20206614, First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20211905 and Sixth Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20209497 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
Lien Amount: \$1,754.79  
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**Invitation for Bid - Magnesium Chloride Supply and Application:** Notice is hereby given that Archuleta County will accept sealed bids for the supply and application of magnesium chloride to various County Roads.  
THREE SETS (ONE ORIGINAL AND TWO COMPLETE COPIES OF THE SEALED BID), clearly marked with "Supply and Application of Magnesium Chloride," and the name, address and phone number of the bidder will be received by Larry Walton, Finance Director of Archuleta County, 388 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, until 2:00 p.m., Thursday February 7, 2019. Bids must be hand or courier delivered. Bids conveyed by fax, email or regular mail will not be accepted. As soon as practical after the closing time, the bids shall be opened in public and read aloud at the Archuleta County Administration Building, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO. Bids received after the closing time shall be returned unopened to the bidder.  
The bid specifications are available from the Archuleta County Road & Bridge Department, 1122 S. Hwy. 84, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Please refer all questions regarding this bid to Yari Davis, Road and Bridge Engineering Technician at (970) 264-8404; e-mail yarideneau@archuletacounty.org. Answers to all questions, inquiries, or requests for additional information will be issued in the form of Addenda. The County will not be responsible for the authenticity or correctness of oral interpretations of the contract documents or for information obtained in any other manner than through the media of addenda. Bidders in their bids shall acknowledge receipt of each Addendum, and each Addendum shall be considered a part of the contract documents. Failure to acknowledge receipt of any Addendum issued may invalidate a bid as incomplete. Questions must be received no later than the close of business 7 days prior to the Bid Opening.  
The bid shall be awarded by the Board of County Commissioners. It is the Bidders' responsibility to verify the exact date of the award. Bidders may, but shall not be required to, attend the award of bid. A bid tab shall be forwarded to all bidders as soon as practicable thereafter. The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Board, to be in the best interest of Archuleta County.  
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# Goals & Accomplishments

## Town of Pagosa Springs

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

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

### Don Volger, Pagosa Springs Mayor



Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to share my answers to your questions about our 2018 accomplishments and 2019 goals. Last year the Town Council, Town staff, along with other public service entities, and many private citizens contributed countless hours pursuing ways to make Pagosa Springs a better place to live, work, and recreate. It's an honor, and a privilege, to serve alongside these dedicated individuals.

#### What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2018?

I'd like to list all of the Town's accomplishments, but since I'm limited to three, here goes. Our most important achievement was the establishment of six goals and objectives for 2018

through 2020, and in 2018 we made significant progress. Two examples are: We chose the location for the Town's new consolidated maintenance facility, and developed feasible action steps to accomplish the project within the next few years. Also, the Town and County moved forward with our three joint priorities; early childhood care and education, workforce and affordable housing, and broadband improvement.

#### What are your three top goals for 2019?

The most important goal is to complete as much as possible, following the plan previously mentioned. In addition, a suggestion has been made to form some kind of a "community facilities advisory group" that could include representatives from; the town,

the county, the school district, the fire district, the Hospital District, PAWS, etc. The collaborative effort could result in overall cost savings for all community citizens. I'd like to see local leaders talk more about the idea.

#### What is your action plan to meet your goals?

I plan, along with the other council members, to provide the necessary resources and approve policies, ordinances, resolutions, and regulations which will enable staff, and volunteers, to provide the best public service possible. I will also continue to encourage more cooperation between our local leaders and public service entities.

### Andrea Phillips, Pagosa Springs Town Manager



#### What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2018?

I am so proud of Town staff and all that they have accomplished this year for residents and visitors. We have a great team with the Mayor and Council, employees and partners in the community who are goal oriented, collaborative and dedicated. I am excited about Council's direction and support to move forward on building a new Consolidated Maintenance Facility. It is a badly needed project and doing the analysis, selecting a site, conducting initial site planning and programming was a big accomplishment in 2018. We are applying for grant funding and seeking other financing options to build the facility in stages. We finished infrastructure projects such as reconstruction of S. 8th St., repaving and drainage on S. 5th St., and paving and sidewalk reconstruction at Hermosa St., around Town Park and N. 4th St. We also implemented new internal procedures and technology to streamline invoicing, payment processing, and online application and tracking of building permits. Our intention is always to innovate to provide services better, faster and cheaper.

#### What are your three top goals for 2019?

With the exception of the new sidewalks project on N. 8th St. and Florida through Safe Routes to

School funding, the Town won't be doing a lot of new construction in 2019. We'll be focusing on street maintenance, improving parks and trails upkeep, addressing drainage issues, and building repairs. In 2018, Council adopted a Pavement Plan, which rated the condition of all streets in town limits along with a ten year capital plan to address ongoing maintenance. This year and moving forward, Streets Division staff will be doing a lot of the work in house to save money. It may look strange to the public, but we will be applying seal coats to streets that are in good condition as well as addressing maintenance of those that are in a lesser state. By keeping newer asphalt in good condition, we can lengthen the life of those roads, and save taxpayers money in the long run. Second, we continue to address odor and other issues with the sanitation pipeline project, which was completed three years ago. While the project has been successful in some aspects, there is noticeable odor and potential corrosion in the pump stations and in the vent areas along the pipeline. We are piloting technology that will reduce the amount of hydrogen sulfide gas in the system. Finally, we are engaging in public conversations, planning, design and engineering in 2019 for several projects to tee them up for construction or development in 2020 and beyond. These include, but are not limited to: Town to Pagosa Lakes Trail-Harman

Hill Phase, Cottons Hole Park and Hermosa Street Riverwalk Trail, Pike to Eagle Drive road connection, and redevelopment of the Yamaguchi South Park (the old "lagoon" property).

#### What is your action plan to meet your goals?

We utilize a work plan that guides the work of staff throughout the year and is used to communicate on our progress. The plan includes aims of Council from their 2018-2020 Goals and Objectives and activities generated by the departments. This plan is updated on a regular basis and is shared with Council and the public each quarter. It includes status updates, assigned departments and budget information. We rely on excellent partnerships with stakeholders like CDOT, Archuleta County, the Department of Local Affairs, and local organizations to help us accomplish these goals for the community. We have six joint priorities with Archuleta County that have already seen traction. I am also thankful for our partnership with the school district. We will be placing a School Resource Officer/Community Liaison Officer in the district to complement the school safety efforts already underway with the Pagosa Springs Police Department and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. Our action plan in 2019 will continue to build on these partnerships to achieve mutual success.

### EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

## Resilient Archuleta meeting set for Jan. 30

By Robin Young  
SUN Columnist

I recently participated in a grant-awarded Sonoran Institute "Resiliency" workshop with four other Archuleta community representatives who have now formed "Resilient Archuleta," a grassroots group that is working toward engaging our community in discussions in preparation for creating resiliency planning within our community.

Resilience is the capacity of our organizations and community systems, programs and services to survive, adapt, bounce back and grow in the face of unforeseen changes/disruptions. These changes could include natural disasters, economic downturns, drought, etc.

Our lives depend on the three main factors: our social, economic and our environmental well-being. By identifying our resources, partners and collaborative efforts, we will be better prepared and able to face potential future disruptions we may face as a community.

You are an important, active and engaged community member and we would like to invite you to attend a meeting on Jan. 30 at 5 p.m. to introduce the topic and discuss the next steps in developing resiliency planning within our community. We will be serving finger foods and adult beverages.

Your insights will be invaluable to the discussion and in our efforts to help the community develop a vision and plan for a vibrant and

resilient county economically, socially and environmentally.

Please contact me at 264-5931 if you have any questions or know of other individuals you feel would be beneficial to the discussion and process of developing a community resiliency plan.

#### Archuleta County 4-H fundraiser

This year, the local 4-H members are selling Frontiers Soups. With over 30 varieties to choose from, these soups are sure to make those busy nights easier. Soups are made with all natural ingredients, no salt added and MSG free, with a large amount of mixes being gluten-free as well. Recipes are included; you'll just need to add in a protein and liquid.

Soup mixes cost \$8, and don't forget to check out the cornbread mixes and party dip mixes, too. Contact a local 4-H member or the Extension office to place your order today. All orders are turned in on Feb. 13, with delivery to occur around March 1.

#### San Juan Basin Beef Symposium

This annual event will be held in Cortez at the fairgrounds on Feb. 6. Please call the Montezuma County Extension office to register (970) 565-3123. There is a \$25 fee.

#### Leaving a lasting legacy

Have you formalized your succession, retirement and estate plans? Come learn what you need

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## BoCC names Maez as chair, reorganizes committee assignments

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

At its regular meeting on Jan. 15, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted to name Ron Maez the new chair and reorganized the commissioners' board and committee assignments.

Maez has served on the BoCC since November 2016. According to his biography on the Archuleta County website, Maez graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 1982 and his "entire life has been here in Archuleta County."

Commissioner Steve Wadley, the former chair, was approved as vice chair.

The BoCC also reorganized its

commissioner boards and committees.

Wadley now serves on the Archuleta County Housing Authority board, Growing Water Smart Workgroup, the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and the strategic priorities expenditure advisory board.

Maez now serves on Archuleta Seniors Inc., the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, Southwest Colorado Council of Governments and the Southwest Transportation Planning Region board.

Alvin Schaaf now serves on the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging, Colorado Workforce, San Juan Basin Public Health, and the San Juan/Dolores/San Miguel River

Basins Roundtable.

All three commissioners will serve on a number of steering committees with Colorado Counties Inc.

In other business at the meeting, the BoCC also:

- Designated Ethan Proud to serve as Archuleta County weed and pest supervisor.

- Authorized the BoCC to certify any unpaid amounts billed to a property owner for the costs to the county for carrying out the noxious weed management plan.

- Approved a new date for the fair board's regularly scheduled meetings, which have been changed from the third Wednesday of each month to the second Wednesday of each month.

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## Snowpack

### ■ Continued from A16

5 inches of new snow from the latest storm, bringing the all-natural base depth to 75 inches at the mid-stake.

In addition, on the morning of Jan. 18, WCSA had an avalanche triggered while WCSA was conducting avalanche hazard-reduction measures, according to an email from WCSA CEO Davey Pitcher.

However, that avalanche was actually triggered by a hand charge placed by WCSA Route Leader John Morrison, Pitcher's email

notes.

There have been over 200 documented avalanches at WCSA due to its avalanche hazard-reduction measures, Pitcher notes.

"The prior storm cycle brought in over 3 inches of water which combined with a deeply buried persistent weak layer (facets) made for the right combination of [sic] factors," Pitcher wrote.

In a follow-up email, Pitcher clarified that this was not the first time that an avalanche of this size and type has occurred at WCSA. "As a matter of act we will begin

rebuilding the terrain by doing mechanical winching -breaking down the Crown line and pushing up the stock wall," Pitcher explained. "Then its up to the next forecasted storm to fill in this avalanche — this is part of the process when you receive 465" inches of snow."

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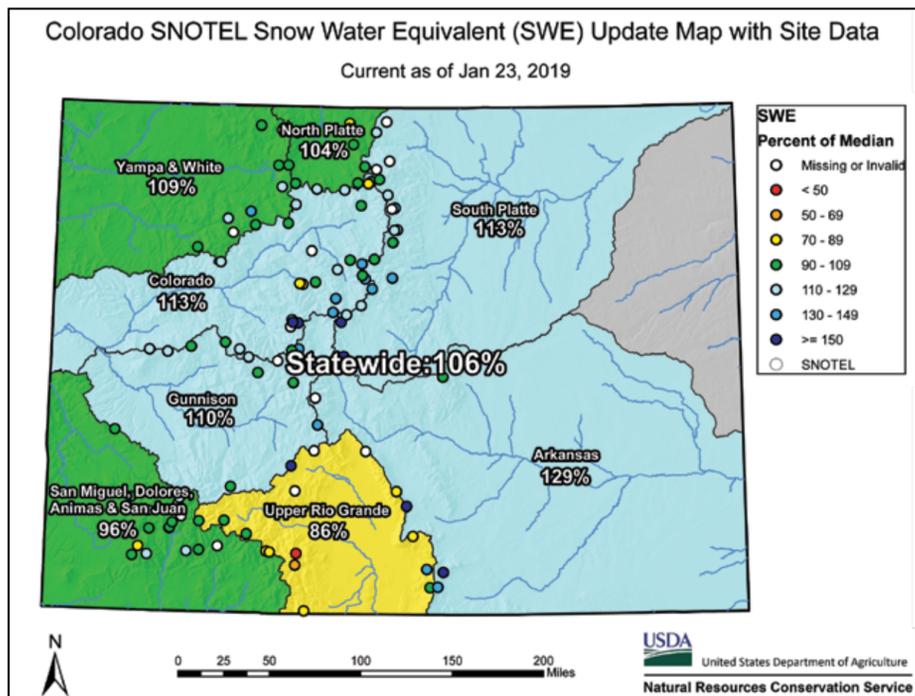


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The month of January has been good to Pagosa Country in terms of snowfall, and a result of that has been increased snowpack levels in local basins. Local basins currently sit at 96 percent of median, with the Upper San Juan SNOTEL site is 76 percent of median, up 10 percent from last week.

## Local snowpack increases to 96 percent of median

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

More snowfall has been reflected in the local snowpack basin totals, with the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins coming in at 96 percent of median as of Jan. 23, compared to last week's total of 84 percent of median, according to data from the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Individually, the Upper San Juan site has again seen a 10 percent increase much like last week, with current totals being recorded at 76 percent of median last week.

A decent increase was recorded in the Upper Rio Grande Basin, with snowpack totals going from 80 percent of median last week to 95 percent of median this week.

The Gunnison River Basin shot up 15 percent from last week, going from 95 percent of median to 110

percent of median.

The Yampa and White River basins also saw a solid increase, going from 95 percent of median last week to 109 percent of median this week.

An increase of 10 percent is indicated for the Laramie and White River basins, jumping from 94 percent of median to 104 percent of median this week.

In the Upper Colorado River Basin, snowpack levels jumped 12 percent, from 101 percent of median last week to 113 percent of median this week.

The South Platte River Basin also has snowpack totals of 113 percent of median this week; however, that basin's totals are up from 110 percent of median last week.

An increase of 9 percent for the Arkansas River Basin has been recorded, moving snowpack levels from 122 percent of median last week to 131 percent of median this week.

The Wolf Creek summit is 87 percent of the Jan. 23 median and 48 percent of the median peak. Last week, the summit was 80 percent of last week's peak and only 40 percent of the median peak.

However, locally and on Wolf Creek Pass, snowpack levels could see a slight dip with no snow being forecasted through Sunday by the National Weather Service (NWS).

Currently, the snowpack is "holding steady," according to NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta.

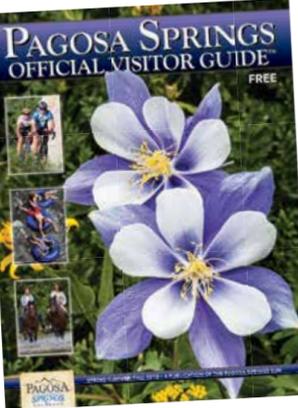
"That's a good thing. We need it to keep climbing. January was a good month for us," he said.

### Wolf Creek update

As of Jan. 23, Wolf Creek Ski Area (WCSA) has eclipsed 200 inches of snow this season, according to a press release.

Specifically, the ski area received

■ See Snowpack A15



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## ARTS & LIFE

# WinterFest: 'Snow Much Fun!'

Friday through Sunday



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January 24, 2019

# Have ‘Snow Much Fun’ at this weekend’s WinterFest

By Katie Dobbins  
Special to The PREVIEW

WinterFest 2019 is sure to be “Snow Much Fun!”

Friday, Jan. 25, will kick off this event with the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce 43rd Annual Gala at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse. The Community Award winners of Citizen, Volunteer, Small Business and Non-Profit of the year will be announced, while guests enjoy catered selections. After dinner, put on your dancing shoes as Tim Sullivan takes the stage. Tickets are still available and can be purchased online at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com).

Saturday, Jan. 26, bundle up and head uptown as the hot air balloons take to the skies at 8 a.m. This picturesque event allows for some stunning photographic opportunities of Pagosa in the winter with snow-covered mountains and frozen lakes.

The Fat Bike Fun Race will be in Yamaguchi Park. Participate in the

Kids-K, 6K or 12K races. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the race begins at 8:45 a.m. Cheer on the racers while enjoying killer crepes, hot chocolate or coffee. This is fun for the whole family. Proceeds will benefit DUST2.

If you have ever wanted to learn to skate ski or the classic cross-country ski, the Pagosa Nordic Club is having a clinic in Cloman Park at 10 a.m. Basics will be shared by some of Pagosa Springs best skiers. This is a great clinic for the never-overs, beginners and intermediates.

Get out your creativity for the fourth annual Barkus Parade in downtown Pagosa Springs. Beginning at Town Park at 11 a.m., bring your costumed pet and parade down the Riverwalk. Make a donation to the Humane Society and get a free cup of gumbo. Proceeds will benefit the Humane Society.

The infamous Penguin Plunge takes place at 1 p.m. along the banks of the San Juan River at Davey’s Wave across from the Visitor Center. The Penguin Plunge is for those willing to brave swimming in the frigid San Juan River to benefit their favorite nonprofit agency. Prizes will be awarded for the most money collected, the best costuming and who knows what else. Participants will register and jump from the Visitor Center side of the San Juan River. Spectators may watch the event and cheer on the plungers from the Riverwalk. Music and lineup begin at noon and the plunge begins at 1 p.m. The event is fast, furious and funny, so don’t miss it.

Continuing with the festivities, the Sledz on Rez Race will take place on Reservoir Hill with registration beginning at 2 p.m. and the races starting at 2:30 p.m. Hosted by Build

Pagosa, this event touts homemade or modified store-bought sleds. You may use skis, snowboards and parts of a manufactured sled as part of your sled; however, a manufactured sled cannot be the entire sled. The range of creativity is endless. Prizes will be given for best decorated sled, fastest time and, of course, best crash. Concessions will be available on site. Registration is \$10 per sled the day of the event. This event is fun for spectators and participants alike.

Head on over to the Nomad Lounge at Motel SOCO at 4 p.m. DUST2 is hosting a WinterFest After Party. There will be live music by Brooks-i and Robin Davis. Pick up some swag, beer, cocktails or tasty apps.

The weekend festivities continue on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. when the hot air balloons take to the air again uptown.

Head on over to Yamaguchi Park where the Pagosa Nordic Club is hosting a BB Gun Biathlon with Red Ryder BB guns. No shooting experience is needed. This is great for all ages. The event is a freestyle ski event in which participants can either classic cross-country ski or skate ski. You may sign up for the citizens 6K course or the competitive 16K course. The Kid-K will be determined based on the kids that enter. They love this race. Registration and check in is from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. The race starts at 9 a.m.

All events during WinterFest are weather contingent, so for the latest information, visit us on Facebook or the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce website at [www.pagosachamber.com/winterfest/](http://www.pagosachamber.com/winterfest/).

Whether you are a participant or spectator in one of the many events happening over this weekend, it’s sure to be “Snow Much Fun!”

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**Riff Raff downtown:**  
Brooks-i Duo, 6 p.m.  
**Riff Raff on the Rio:**  
Michael Kirkpatrick, 6 p.m.

### Friday

**Pagosa Brewing Company:** The San Juan Mountain Boys, 5:30 p.m.  
**Riff Raff on the Rio:**  
Bob Hemenger, 6 p.m.

### Saturday

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

### Tuesday

**Pagosa Brewing Company:** Open Mic hosted by Emily Tholberg, 6 p.m.

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# Karl Isberg is back at Thingamajig Theatre with 'Cerebrotini,' opening Feb. 8

By Tess Wisner  
Special to The PREVIEW

Karl Isberg, author of "Welcome to Siberia, Now Go Home," has written another sidesplitting show for Thingamajig Theatre Company, "Cerebrotini: Stirred, But Not Shaken." Rehearsals for the show began last week with a cast of longtime residents and recent transplants. The show runs from Feb. 8-17.

This new Isberg show is filled with the same dark, yet charming humor quintessential to his writing. "Cerebrotini" opens up on a hospital room where Fiona, played by Kathy Lemons, is being treated for a coma. Surprisingly, Sylph, played by Rodger Organ, can communicate with her despite her medical condition. Through strange cocktails and a cacophony of some outlandish Pagosa Springs tales, we walk through Fiona's life and ask the ever-present question, "Are there cocktails in the afterlife?"

Isberg has lived in Pagosa Springs for over 30 years. In 1987, Isberg began writing for The Pagosa Springs SUN and became editor in 2001 before retiring in 2014. He now runs the blog "Siberia With a View." Last year, "Welcome to Siberia, Now Go Home" was met by rave reviews and received an extended run to accommodate the intense demand for tickets. "Cerebrotini" is saturated with the same Isberg wit as his Siberian hit.

The cast, made up of a variety of Pagosa Springs residents, is led by Laura Moore and Boni McIntyre. Laura Moore is the co-founder of Thingamajig Theatre and was recently on stage in "A Christmas

Carol" as the Ghost of Christmas Present. McIntyre has music directed multiple musicals at Thingamajig and played a variety of roles including Paulette in "Legally Blonde" and Marmie in "Little Women."

"Cerebrotini: Stirred, But Not Shaken" opens on Feb. 8. Tickets are available at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. You can purchase tickets by calling 731-SHOW (7469) or visiting pagosacenter.org.

Would you like to join Thingamajig for opening night? Tickets are still available for the Champagne Opening. Each ticket to the Champagne Opening includes a drink and dessert.

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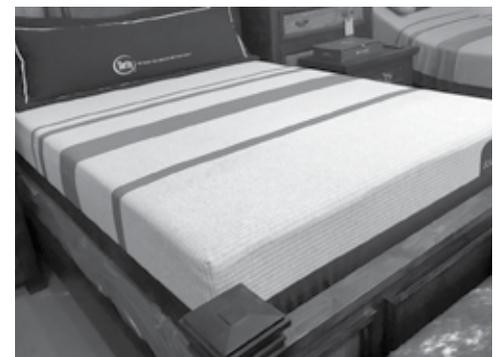
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On Tuesday, Jan. 29, the Americana Project class and the Intro to Guitar classes will be holding a free concert at Pagosa Springs High School. The Intro to Guitar classes, with 14 students in each class, teaches students to play guitar in a school year.



## Americana Project, Intro to Guitar classes to hold free concert Jan. 29

By Bob Hemenger  
Special to The PREVIEW

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, the Americana Project class and the Intro to Guitar classes will be holding a free concert at Pagosa Springs High School. The show starts at 7 p.m. and will feature both covers and original songs written by the Americana Project students.

This year's group has many exceptional songwriters and mu-

sicians. The Intro to Guitar class is led by Dan Burch. This class was added seven years ago as a way for students with no experience to learn to play guitar in a school year. It has been very successful and currently has two sections with 14 students in each.

One of the prerequisites of the Americana Project class is to be able to accompany yourself on an instrument. The guitar class has helped students meet that require-

ment. Each guitar class will be performing two group songs. This will be the first time many of them have performed in front of an audience. Please come out and support all of these amazing young Pagosa Springs musicians.

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# A look back at The Chair

This year, I selected some of my favorite articles from the past 10 years. In 2009, I wrote about The Chair, which began the saga of My Sweet Al.

Reclining has become a habit. Everything gives in to comfort. Shopping in a furniture store, a chair on the showroom floor caught Al's eye and took over his mind. A romance began. My Sweet Al wanted nothing else. This chair was bigger than life: dark brown, overstuffed, Italian leather. It rocked. It reclined. The footrest spread out 3 feet in front and the chair pushed back to an inviting sleeping position. It belonged in the massive room of a hunter's lodge filled with elk heads and wild pig trophies.

So, can a man have what he wants? Is he the king of his castle? He can and he is, except not in my bedroom! Until then, the bedroom was ours. The chair prompted me to re-label the bedroom "mine." That didn't stop Al. He ate, read, watched television and slept in there. Yes, in The Chair. I loved our bedroom and Al loved his new chair.

My sacred room was an artist's masterpiece which showcased beauty and was a place to dream. Our bed was covered with a white goose down comforter and a dust ruffle that touched the floor. The off-white armoire with hand-painted cabbage roses hid an entertainment center. The bathroom showed off a marble vanity and a large oil painting of a lady in pink that hung above the fireplace.

When we purchased The Chair, I lost the artistic battle. I tried to steer him to two dreamy aqua rockers perfect for a bedroom.

He said, "I know what I want. A man works all day and he should be able to enjoy his chair in the evening."

Al brought The Chair home in a blizzard. I begged him to wait for

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



our son-in-law to help him move The Chair into the house. Al struggled and pole-vaulted The Chair from the truck. I ran to the phone to call our daughter. "Your daddy is trying to move that monster alone. He is going to kill himself."

She said, "We will be over there in two hours. Tell him to wait." In the background, Al yelled, "I don't need any help. I can do it myself."

I watched him manhandle the bigger-than-life Goliath and squeeze it through the front double doors. Excitedly, he pulled off rolls of plastic, tape and cardboard and bemoaned, "Oh no. It's the wrong chair. How could it be? It has to be the right chair. I saw the men put it on my truck."

Al called the furniture store. He was exasperated, irate and on a first-name basis with Stephanie, the sales person. She apologized. The men at the warehouse were reprimanded. Al re-wrapped and single-handedly squeezed the big lump of comfort through the front doors again back onto his truck. He left for Albuquerque, more than four hours away, in the fierce snowstorm.

This unbelievable ordeal happened before my eyes. Being the good wife I am, not a word passed my lips. You can imagine the look I gave him, which was worth a thousand words. With my uplifted brow, twisted mouth and nod of my head, I let out a loud huff.

Our bedroom was designed to be a Victorian showpiece. Not any more. Now we have this big brown

elephant in the middle of the room, and Al is as happy as punch. He said to me, "Baby doll, your chair is so small compared to mine." Dwarfed by the presence of Al's big eyesore, I retort, "I am sitting in a petite chair meant for a bedroom."

The king of the castle marked his territory and is sitting in it.

In the evening, Al sinks into The Chair and is engulfed in leather. He adoringly looks over at me with loving eyes and says, "Sweet Face, I love my chair. I am a happy man."

Final brushstroke: With age comes wisdom, so I nod and think, "Yes, Dear! It is better to have a big chair with a happy husband than to sit alone in a beautiful room."

Current day: Now I have my own brown leather eyesore. It is easier to join them than to fight them.

### Readers' comments

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# Stimulate your brain at Tuesday hand-drumming session

By Paul Roberts  
Special to The PREVIEW

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The old adage “music is medicine,” is receiving verification from research by music therapist and scientists.

Neuropsychologist Charlotte Loveday said, “Music reaches parts of the brain that other things can’t ... It’s a strong cognitive stimulus that grows the brain in a way that

nothing else does.”

Scientific studies are showing that learning a musical instrument increases grey matter volume in various brain regions and strengthens the long-range connections between these regions.

Music increases the size of the massive bundle of nerve fibers that connects the two sides of the brain, the corpus callosum, refining integration between left and right brain hemispheres.

By integrating information from senses like vision, hearing, touch, and fine movements, music has been shown to change brain struc-

ture and function, improving other seemingly unrelated abilities.

Whether you’re motivated by accruing benefits of stimulating your brain, or simply because music makes you happy, the family-friendly drumming class offers an opportunity to venture into the world of music. It’s a welcoming environment that encourages fun, creativity, playfulness and connecting with others. No previous experience is necessary. Drums are provided for those who do not have one.

For more information, call 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.

# Your health matters: 9Health Fair set for April 27

By Constance d’Angelis  
Special to The PREVIEW

By caring for the health of your mind and body you create a cascading effect on the world around you. Those who care about you and depend on you are not the only ones affected. It’s like a snow fall that covers the earth, trees, buildings and mountains, or a pebble dropped into a calm pond of water and ripples out. Your good health creates an effect that is felt throughout the community. You are offering a gift to others, including your pets, animals you care for and how the world considers its health. Take charge of your health.

We at 9Health Fairs recognize the importance of your good health to you, those close to you and our community. As a health service, we’re offering special testing, screening and educational opportunities. This year the fair will be held at the Pagosa Springs High School on April 27 from 7 to 11 a.m.

For a minimal cost of \$35, get a general blood chemistry, which

includes a blood sugar test.

Did you know that over 100 million Americans, with seniors topping the list at over 25 percent, of the population are diabetic; and close to 50 percent of seniors are pre-diabetic?

This potentially life-threatening and painful malady can be nipped in the bud through shifts in lifestyle that can be made without drugs and surgeries. You can do this before having to become involved with substantial medical intervention like insulin shots, loss of peripheral nerve function requiring surgery including amputations, and other horrible effects of this disease.

But, first, you need awareness. Glucose testing is part of the Health Fair basic testing package.

Life-shifting awareness: A patron and friend was undergoing tingling in his feet and hands, urinating often, feeling very thirsty and fatigued. Through glucose testing he discovered that he was pre-diabetic. He opted for an optional, more extensive glucose test that cost \$30 (hemoglobin A1c). It was worth it.

He, in conjunction with his medical provider set up lifestyle changes including increase in exercise, weight loss and a better diet. He’s eating more legumes, cold water fish, blueberries, cinnamon, eggs, cherries, cashews, dark chocolate (85 percent cocoa), and kale. He started drinking green tea in addition to his morning coffee and has replaced sugar with stevia.

These shifts were effective. He lost 20 pounds and has more energy than he has for 10 years. He’s feeling quite well with no need for drugs. He started skiing again.

Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Sharee Grazda 731-0317 or email sgrazda@gmail.com. Visit 9HealthFair.org.

You can reach Constance at 7LawsOfHealth@gmail.com.

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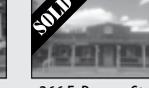
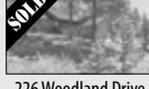
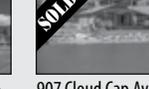
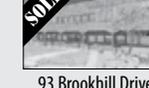
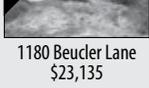
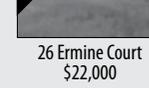


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**Moors and McCumber will kick off the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation fundraising efforts with a concert held on March 8 in the high school auditorium.**

## Newly formed Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation to kick off with Moors and McCumber concert

**By Cindi Galabota**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The staff and Board of Trustees of the Upper San Juan Library District are pleased to announce the formation of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation (the Library Foundation).

Fundraising efforts begin with a concert you will not want to miss, performed by the singing duo Moors and McCumber. Local festival-goers will remember Moors and McCumber from their past visits to Reservoir Hill. They craft beautiful story songs that walk the line between rootsy folk and melodic pop.

On March 8, the Library Foundation will host Moors and McCumber for one night in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the concert starts at 6:30 p.m. with an opening show by the Pagosa Springs High School Americana Project students. Moors and McCumber will start at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Entry to the concert is by donation, with a suggested donation of \$10 per person or \$25 per family. All proceeds from the event go toward the Library Foundation.

The mission of the Library Foundation is to support and enhance the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library by raising funds for

information resources, programs, services and facilities. The foundation is led by a volunteer board of directors and supported by individual donors and community partners. It is currently pending its 501(c)(3) status; unfortunately, with the government shutdown, the application is on hold.

The Library Foundation was formed to provide critical support to the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library by enhancing high-caliber programs and services that nurture literacy, the imagination and lifelong learning by expanding the library collections and by increasing the footprint of the library.

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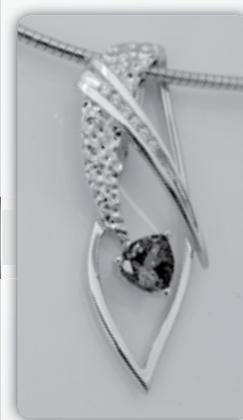
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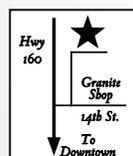
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# Judging in the best sense of the term

By Jessica Tanner  
Special to The PREVIEW

Most of us recoil in horror at the idea of being “judgmental.” My Bible wisdom verse this morning argues for a near 180 on that idea. Judge if you must, but do it right.

“A gracious woman retaineth honor, and strong men retain riches.” — Proverbs 11:16 (KJV).

These Bible proverbs often put things side by side, like a good idea next to a bad one to get us to decide what they mean.

This one took a while to unpack, but the meaning is worth it. One has to look hard to find where good trumps evil in real life. This tells me to look harder. Stand this woman next to these men and judge.



Neither has done anything wrong, but one shines. Outnumbered and weaker, she displays the stubborn will and the inner decency to win something better. In life's battles, she reminds us to preserve honor with a gracious heart.

Wise people look for those who do better with less. It happens a lot and is easy to miss. This is judging in the best sense of the term, because it is not the number or the strength of those in a conflict we

need to see. It is who has the better soul and the better goal.

I sat under a female pastor for a number of years in Oakland. Widowed, and coming from a town in Canada that had lost all its men to war, she came to California to start a church in this bad part of town. She took a fair amount of flak for being female, but as the streets got darker, the church grew bigger. Turning those of us who made it through the door to righteousness was no small task. Gutsy as anything if you ask me.

## Correction

Last week's “Matter of Faith” was incorrectly attributed to Jan Davis when, in fact, it was written by Jeff Smith. The SUN regrets this error.

# UU topic: The responsible exercise of freedom of religion

By Dean Cerny  
Special to The PREVIEW

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution establishes freedom of religion. Most people would view this amendment as

a guarantee to the right of religious freedom. However, there is a growing populace that would emphasize a view of this document that guarantees the right of freedom from religion. The exercise of “freedom from religion”

versus “freedom to religion” is but a part of many a spiritual journey. Which aspect of this journey you accentuate determines your future spiritual path.

Unitarian Universalism is one of  
■ See Religion on next page

# Foundation

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The Library Foundation and the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library work together, in a strong partnership, to determine where private funds can have the greatest impact for everyone in our community. It does not raise money for day-to-day library operations; instead, it complements the funding provided by property-tax payers of Archuleta County. This work is made possible because of the generosity from the people, foundations, community organizations and businesses that give to the Library Foundation and share our belief in the transformational power of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

Foundation Board President Rick Stinchfield shared his thoughts on the formation of the Library Foundation: “In addition to fulfilling traditional and digital age roles, a library should serve as a gathering place for its community. The library building is small by Colorado standards, and if we are to provide more opportunities for Archuleta county residents and visitors, the fundamental need is for more space.

“Over the last several years, the library staff has worked to increase the efficient use of current space to accommodate basic functions, but there is not much more that can be done by rearranging. Given the

many pressing needs in the county, the library board felt that the best path forward would be to create a foundation not only to enhance programs and services, but also to prepare for the future.”

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# Beyond Words International: Triumphant over trauma and healing through art

By Casey Crow  
Special to The PREVIEW

We are thrilled to announce the official launch of Beyond Words International (Beyond Words or BWI), a newly formed 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Pagosa Springs. Beyond Words aims to promote healing in survivors of trauma, in the U.S. and abroad, through the arts.

## Our mission

At Beyond Words, we believe art is a universal language, a powerful vehicle for healing and trauma release, and a means of building a strong local-to-global community.

In addition to serving Pagosa Springs, BWI aims to cultivate hope

and healing for survivors of severe trauma including refugees, survivors of sexual violence and those with special needs.

BWI's initial project is to bring healing through art to women and children in a refugee camp located outside of Patras, Greece, in the summer of 2019.

According to board president Casey Crow, "The dream of Beyond Words began seven years ago when I first witnessed the impact of movement-based therapy on young students in Kenya. Nearly all of these children were physically disabled, displaced from their home countries or survivors of sexual violence (some all three), yet they found a visible, transformational release through dance and

movement. As a dancer myself and passionate human rights activist, I had found a life-changing intersection of the things I love most. I piloted a dance therapy program in Greece for refugees in 2016 with great results and I am thrilled to return this summer with such an incredible team."

## Why it is important

Since the beginning of the Syrian civil war in 2011, nearly 12 million Syrians have been forced from their homes, either internally displaced or seeking asylum abroad. It has been deemed one of the worst humanitarian crises in modern history, and half of those affected are children.

■ See Beyond on next page

# PCNT to discuss 'The Gift of Intuition to Enhance Your Soul's Consciousness'

By Lisa Burnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

"Intuition is the spirit knowing itself." — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

All are welcome to join Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 10:30 a.m. as we present the topic: "The Gift of Intuition to Enhance Your Soul's Consciousness." Our guest speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

## Meditation circle

PCNT holds Meditation and Healing Circle each Wednesday at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Instruction is provided for beginners.

## Science of mind classes

On Sunday, Jan. 27, at 9 a.m., PCNT will hold a Science of Mind 101 course. This is an introductory eight-week course. We will learn to transcend limits and to live without boundaries. There will be study of

the basic principles of Science of Mind. You will experience a life-enhancing personal awakening that will be cultivated.

PCNT is a New Thought center based on fostering living a spiritually centered life and promoting the philosophies of the Centers for Spiritual Living and the Agape Centers.

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

PCNT events are held at 40 N. 15th St., in the Momentum Fitness building.

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Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or our website, www.PagosaNewThought.org.

# Religion

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a few religious organizations that walks the "razor's edge" of freedom from religion and freedom to religion. This "edge" will be the focus of the Sunday service on Jan. 27 at 10:30 a.m.

In particular, the question will be raised concerning the possible pitfalls of a faith that places undue emphasis upon freedom from religion. Unitarian Universalism can be fearless in its attempt to identify, understand and befriend the elephants in her sanctuary. Join us in this process of discovery. This service will be navigated by Pastor Dean Cerny.

The Religious Exploration program for 2- to 9-year-olds begins in January on Jan. 20 and 27. For more information, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis\_@hotmail.com.

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

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

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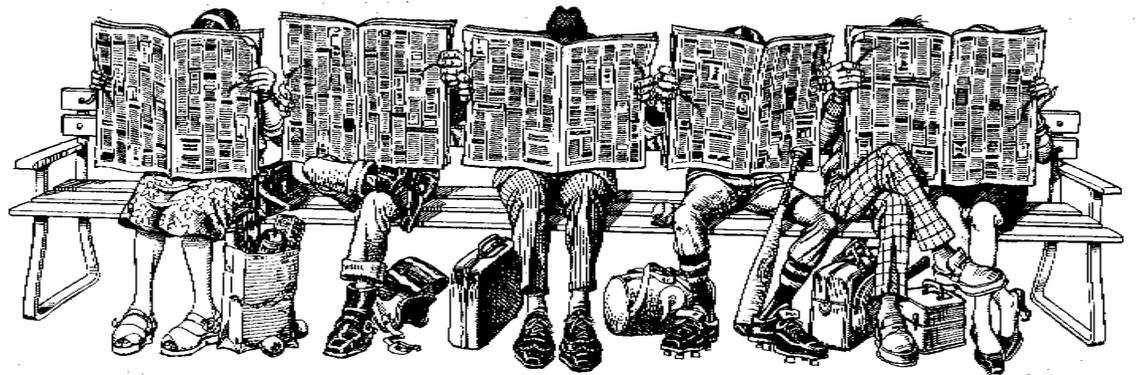
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# Beyond

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Since the closing of European borders in 2015, more than 60,000 refugees have been trapped in Greece awaiting resettlement. This incomprehensible trauma is largely ignored by the humanitarian system, which unfortunately has finite resources to service basic human needs. Beyond Words strives to fill this gap by providing healing through art and other psycho-social support.

Board member Dr. Mary Jen Meerdink stated, "Over the decades that I have worked in the arena of personal growth, I have found that a key element in the process of moving beyond trauma and loss and into healing is having the safe space and support to tell one's deep and personal story. Often, such crucial storytelling defies words and rather, can best be facilitated through nonverbal means. The mission of BWI, to offer these expressive pathways to empowerment, aligns deeply with my belief in the power of art, movement and creative experience to transmute trauma and challenge into empowerment and dignity."

## Our team

Our seven-person team has been carefully crafted to offer a comprehensive set of skills and experience in the arts, teaching, mission and refugee work abroad, psychotherapy, nonverbal therapy, education, data collection/evaluation, film production, nonprofit management, fundraising, financial management, relationship building and more.

The team will help women and children of the refugee camp work through the wide range of challenges associated with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Art therapy has proven to be a powerful healing tool with the ability to transcend language and cultural barriers as



Photo courtesy Casey Crow

**Beyond Words International will send a team to Greece this summer to do arts-based therapy with Syrian refugees. From left to right, the team includes: (back row) Jenna Gannon, Leslie Santee and Paula Jo Miller, (front row) Casey Crow and Mary Jen Meerdink. Not pictured: Kelly Ziemer and Addie Thompson.**

it transforms anxiety, depression, fear and anger into positive expression, heightened self-esteem and self-empowerment.

According to Paula Miller, local abstract artist and secretary of Beyond Words, "From the moment I talked to Casey about her experience teaching dance in a refugee camp, I knew I wanted to join her. I believe that when I add my skills as a teaching artist to the amazing talents of the women on our team, we

can help the women and children in this camp heal from their trauma and regain a sense of hope. I'm very grateful for this opportunity."

In partnership with The Schoolbox Project, an organization working long-term in Greece, Beyond Words will facilitate art therapy workshops for six weeks from July through August 2019 in LM Village refugee camp. Together, we will collaborate with women ■ See Beyond on page 13

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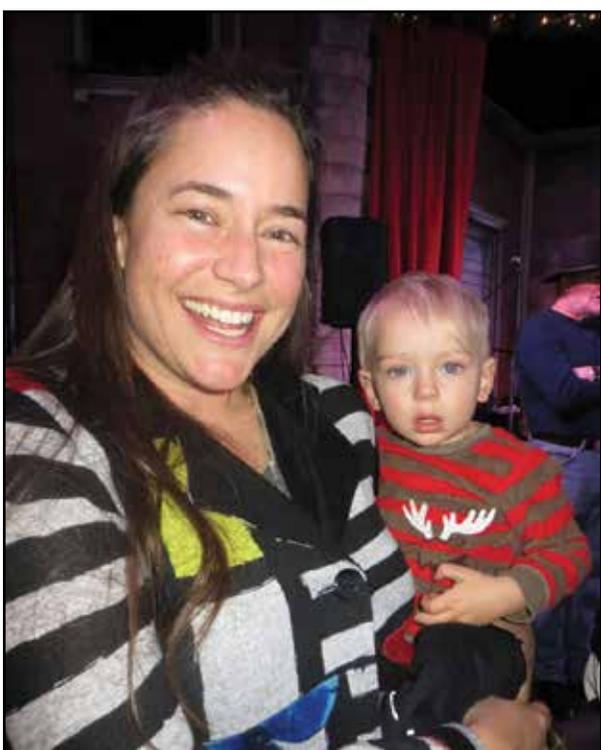


# PAGOSA SCENE . . .

## FRIENDS OF THE THINGAMAJIG THEATRE

Photos courtesy Tess Wisner, Carole Howard and Simon Fuger

Scene ... at the Friends of the Thingamajig Theatre's farewell dinner and dance for the Thingamajig Theatre Company Christmas cast. Tim Sullivan and his band played country and pop music for enthusiastic dancing. Thingamajig Theatre is a professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts producing musicals, comedies and dramas year-round.



# Beyond

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and children who are dealing with trauma through dance, drawing, painting, collage, yoga, meditation, self-defense, and both verbal and nonverbal therapy.

In addition, BWI will provide therapy to humanitarian workers serving long-term in the refugee crisis, offer training to members of the community who are inter-

ested in continuing art therapy workshops, and partner with local artists and therapists within the refugee and resident communities.

## Local-to-global impact

As members of the Pagosa Springs community, our team is passionate about bringing healing through the arts at home as well as abroad. Beyond Words will partner with a variety of community organiza-

tions, schools and local volunteers to bring hope, healing and a love of the arts to Pagosa Springs. We will join forces with young people in the community in effort to raise awareness of global issues, encourage civic engagement and cultivate a sense of shared humanity.

Upcoming collaborative efforts include a student-led art supply drive at Pagosa Springs High School for the LM Village Project, a community tapestry weaving shared by Pagosa Springs and LM Village, and a Kid's Art Camp modeled after our art therapy curriculum to encourage creative expression and positive self-image in the youth of Pagosa.

## How to donate

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 to allow five members of our team to participate in our project in Greece. This amount does not include funding for the two students on our team who might receive university funding. It is our hope that we will raise this amount in its entirety. If we are unable to raise the full \$25,000, our entire team will not be able to participate in the program.

You can make a tax deductible donation by:

- Donating on our Facebook page at @beyondwordsintl.
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## Learn more about BWI

- Facebook: @beyondwordsintl.
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# Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the song sparrow.

Sparrows in the taxonomic family passerellidae are one of the most common types of birds found across North America, and the song sparrow is one of the most widely distributed. Identifying sparrows can be tricky business. Song sparrows are medium sized, about 4 to 7 inches in length, with a wingspan of 7 to 10 inches. Their beaks are short and stout and their tails are long and rounded. Their body pattern of gray to brown streaking is common in many sparrows, but the warm, red-brown color of their crown is a distinguishing characteristic.

Here in Pagosa country, song sparrows can be found year-round along bodies of water, in open fields, in shrublands, along forest edges and at backyard feeders. They tend to stay near the ground, making short flights from branch to branch and occasionally venture out in the open to prey on small insects, ripened fruits or a variety of seeds. They characteristically "pump" their tails downward while flying.

Song sparrows remain widespread and common across North America, although populations have declined over the past 50 years, likely due to habitat fragmentation and predation by domestic cats.

And now for the obvious — how did they get their name? The song sparrow has a varying repertoire of songs, with a single male mastering up to 20 different "tunes" with multiple variations. In fact, some erudite birders liken the opening of the song sparrow call to the first four notes of Beethoven's Symphony No. 5. If you are able to recognize the melodic pattern, please let us know.

For information on local bird-watching events, visit [www.weminuche-audubon.org](http://www.weminuche-audubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/).

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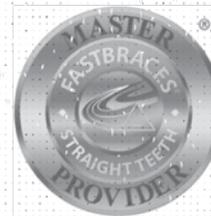
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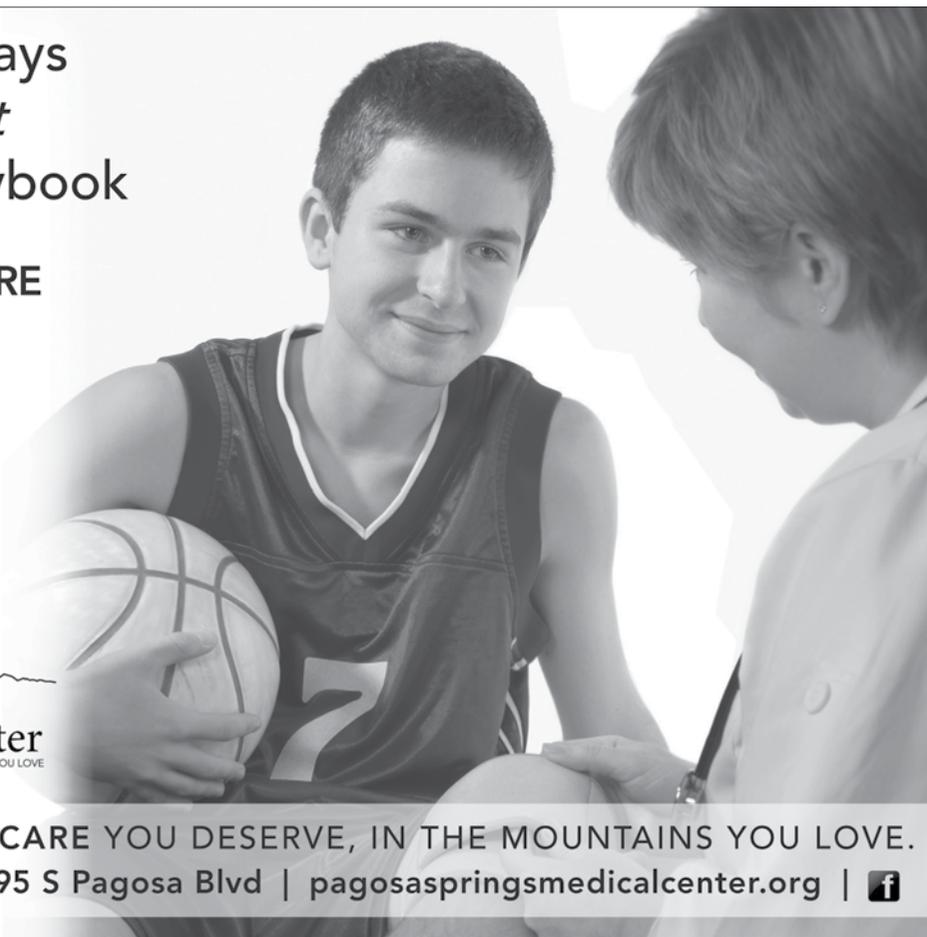
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# Dutch Henry Born: Wild West legend

The life of Dutch Henry Born, “The most notorious outlaw in the West,” took a sharp turn toward the better circa 1870 when he showed up in Summitville and Creede while prospecting for gold in the San Juan Mountains. It’s a good bet he’d gone back to visit Ida Dilabaugh, “the girl he’d left



## Pagosa’s Past

John M. Motter

behind” in Michigan and she told him, “Yes, I want to marry you, but you’ll have to give up your life of crime. We don’t want our kids to have an outlaw daddy.”

In the 1870s, Summitville turned out more gold than any other mines in the San Juan Mountains. Summitville was located on South Mountain at an elevation of about 11,800 feet, the highest gold mine in the United States.

By 1887, Summitville had at least 14 saloons and a complete inventory of other businesses including a weekly newspaper which at one time reported that the snow

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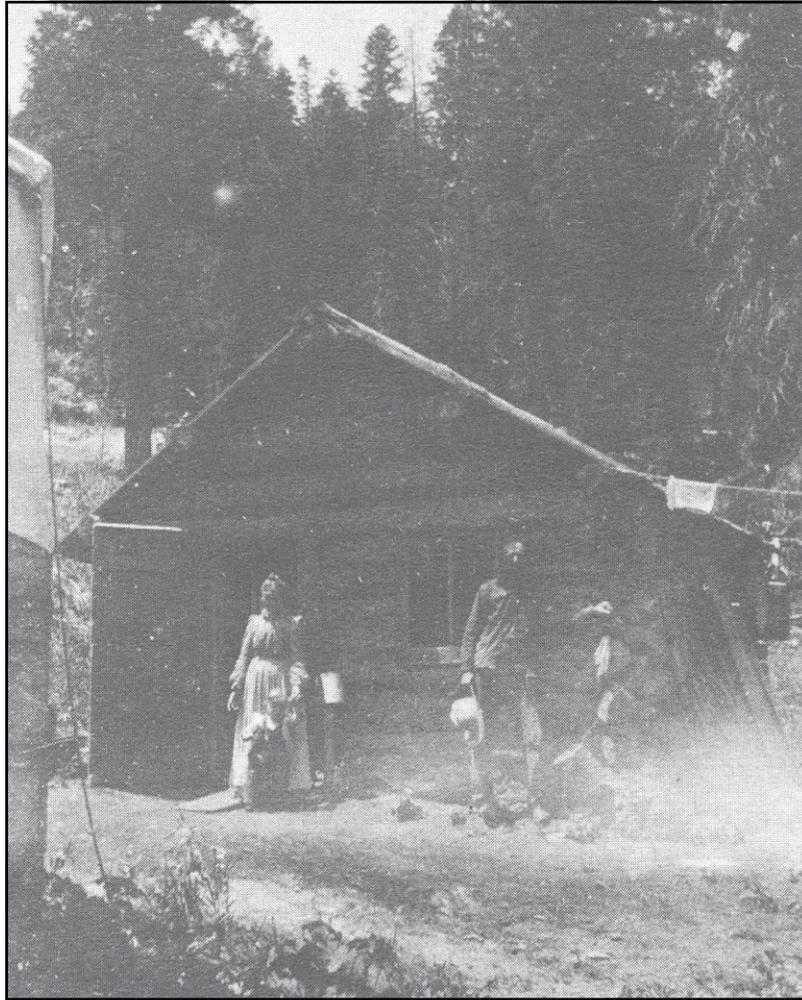


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Dutch Henry and family at Born’s Lake homestead cabin.

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## Thursday, Jan. 24

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

**Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

**Pickleball.** Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

Senior Center.  
**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.** 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Boys' Varsity Wrestling.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Monte Vista High School.

**San Juan Stargazers.** 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. We will be studying the Sombrero Galaxy. Call 335-8286 for more information.

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## Friday, Jan. 25

**Free Legal Services.** Senior Center. Daniel Fiedler, attorney at law, will be assisting with various legal services. Call the Senior Center to schedule an appointment, 264-2167.

**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., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

**Literary Ladies Book Club.** 10:30 a.m., Sisson Library. The club will discuss "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann. Stop by the library to pick up your copy. Call the library at 264-2209 for more information.

**Tai Chi.** 11 a.m.-noon, Community

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## Past

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In any case, Dutch Henry joined a passel of miners with a pick over their shoulders, gold pan in their packs and a burro to carry the heavy stuff, and started looking for his fortune in the rocky Southern San Juan Mountains. I've heard it said that when the heavy snows (average 40 feet deep) came in the winter, the Summitville miners dropped down the San Juan River East Fork to Pagosa Springs, cut their burros loose, and spent their winters thawing out in the hot springs and drinking whatever they could afford. Pagosa had plenty of bars in those days and the town marshal was kept busy

corralling the abandoned burros. Old abandoned buildings remain at Summitville to this day, now considered a ghost town.

Dutch's family says he discovered one of the richest mines at Summitville, but somehow was cheated out of it. Later, he opened the successful Happy Thought Mine at Creede, the center of a silver strike which attracted an estimated 40,000 or more fortune hunters. In the 1890s, he filed a 160-acre claim on the West Fork of the San Juan River near the foot of what became Wolf Creek Pass.

In 1899, he accomplished a lifelong dream by marrying Ida and the couple developed a business based on a fishing lake and raised a family. The lake became known as Born's Lake. More next week.

If you look up Dutch Henry Born on the Internet, you will find a considerable number of stories replete with a considerable variety of "facts." My main source of information was Mable Bennett, of Pagosa Springs, one of Dutch's daughters.

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

**Gaming.** 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Teen Book Club.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book, "Reign of Shadows" by Sophie Jordan. Stop by and pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Girls' Varsity Basketball.** 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Bayfield High School.

**Caregiver Support Group.** 5:30 p.m., Senior Center. For caregivers of friends or family members, adults age 21 and older. Speak to other caregivers who have common experiences with caregiving, learn about resources available in our community and more. Facilitated by Ana Sancho, Ph.D. Call 264-2167 if you plan to attend or need to request a different starting time.

**Boys' Varsity Basketball.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Bayfield High School.

**Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala.** 6 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Along with a delicious dinner and a cash bar, there will be the community awards, fun networking activities, a silent auction and live music and dancing. Tickets are \$40 per person and available online at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com).

**Saturday, Jan. 26**

**Winterfest 2019 Snow Much Fun: Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascension.** 8 a.m., uptown. Enjoy the spectacular winter view as balloons fill the sky.

**DUST2 Winterfest Fat Bike Fun Race.** 8:45 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Registration is at 8 a.m. \$10 race entry fee. Rentals are available for \$20.

**Family Storytime.** 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Nordic Club: Learn to Cross-Country Ski Clinic.** 10

a.m., Cloman Park. This introductory clinic is great for never-evers, beginners and intermediate level cross-country skiers. Learn skate ski and classic cross-country ski basics from some of Pagosa Springs' best skiers. Come learn how to make these outdoor winter activities even more enjoyable. Bring your ski gear, skate skis or classic kick and glide. Donations of \$5-\$10 per person are encouraged. For more information and to register, visit [pagosanordic.com](http://pagosanordic.com).

**Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk.** 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Suite B-15. All are welcome.

**Crafting Club.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Winterfest 2019 Snow Much Fun: 4th Annual Barkus Parade.** 11 a.m., Town Park. This wonderful event is a benefit for the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs. Bring your costumed pet and parade with us.

**Pagosa Youth Soccer Registration.** 1 p.m., Community Center. Open gym for players and mandatory parent information meetings. Players born in 2007-2011 are invited to attend from 1-2 p.m.; players born 2006-2006 are invited to attend from 2-3 p.m. The parents will be as follows: U10 at 1:30 p.m., U12 at 2 p.m., U15 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Stephanie at 769-2163 or go to [www.pagosasoccer.org](http://www.pagosasoccer.org).

**Winterfest Snow Much Fun: 10th Annual Penguin Plunge.** 1 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. Registration is at noon. Support your favorite nonprofits by raising money and plunging into the freezing cold San Juan River or enjoy the view from the San Juan Riverwalk. For more information and to register, go to [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com).

**Winterfest 2019 Snow Much Fun: Sledz on Rez. Build it. Ride it. Wreck it.** 2:30 p.m., Reservoir Hill. Registration is at 2 p.m. Bring your homemade or modified store-bought sleds and try to ride them down Reservoir Hill. Prizes will be given for

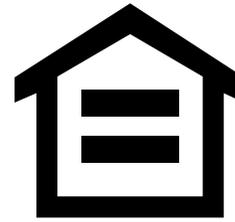
Best of Show, Best Team and, of course, the Best Crash. For more information and to register, go to [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com).

**DUST2 Winterfest Fat Bike Race After Party.** 4-6 p.m., Motel SOCO. Live music with Brooks-i.

**Girls' Varsity Basketball.** 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez High School.

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**Sunday, Jan. 27**

**Winterfest 2019 Snow Much Fun: Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascension.** 8 a.m., uptown. Once again, see the balloons fill the winter sky, this time over the Pagosa Lakes area.

**Pagosa Nordic Club BB Gun Biathlon.** 9 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Participants have three opportunities to shoot at targets in between ski laps. Great event for all ages, abilities and spectators. \$5 KidsK, \$20 4 km, \$25 16 km. To register, visit [pagosanordic.com](http://pagosanordic.com).

**Pagosa Uke Jam.** 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All levels welcome. Come sing and share in the fun. Instruction for beginners provided.

**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, Jan. 28**

**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](mailto:richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com) or call 731-2040.

**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. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Caregiver Support Group.** 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association. For more information, call 731-1033 or 259-0122.

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

Center.

**Otaku.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 5th-12th grades. If you are into anime or manga, this is for you. Come and watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga.

**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.  
**Incredible Years Parenting Class.** 5:30-8 p.m., Seeds of Learning. An 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 3 and 8 years. A free dinner and child care will be provided.

**Tuesday, Jan. 29**

**Tai Chi Class.** 8 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

**Pagosa Springs Medical Center Blood Drive.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room. There are a few appointments still available; walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the blood drive. For more information or to schedule an appointment, email Diane Levison at [Diane.Levison@PSMedicalCenter.org](mailto:Diane.Levison@PSMedicalCenter.org), call 507-3826 or go to [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org) and enter code [pagosamedical.com](http://pagosamedical.com).

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

**Radon Testing Workshop.** 10 a.m., CSU Extension Office, 344 U.S. 84. Presented by San Juan Basin Public Health and CSU Extension office. Workshop participants will receive as many free short-term radon test kits as they need and the confidence to use them correctly. Preregistration is strongly encouraged. Individuals can preregister for the workshop by emailing name and address to [eh@sjbpublichealth.org](mailto:eh@sjbpublichealth.org). More information can be found at <https://sjbpublichealth.org/radon/>.

**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., Riff Raff on the Rio. All ladies are welcome. Lunch will be \$12. Please RSVP to 946-1895.

**Hand-Drumming Class.** Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230

Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, call 731-3117.

**Pickleball.** Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

**Mahjong.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Teen Gaming.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**PALS Adult Education.** 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Let's Dance Pagosa.** 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn nightclub two step. Not to be confused with country two step, this is a smooth, flowing dance to be danced to slow ballads or love songs. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

**Wednesday, Jan. 30**

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Com-

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**Flow Yoga Class.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

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

**Spanish Conversation.** 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. This information meet-up allows you to increase fluency by speaking with other Spanish language learners and speakers. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Jelly Beans After School Club.** 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. Free to all ages. For information, call 903-8104 or (702) 556-5649.

**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.  
**Steampunk Crafts.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. You'll make crafts and jewelry from gears, keys and whatever else we can find. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Resilient Archuleta.** 5-7 p.m., CSU Extension office. A community meeting to allow residents to share what it is that they value about this area and to begin discussions about how we can adapt to changes that can affect our lifestyle here. To be resilient to the effects of unforeseen events and thrive economically, socially and environmentally can be challenging for our community. All are welcome to participate in this discussion. Finger foods, refreshments and adult beverages will be available. Call 264-5931 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, Jan. 31**

**A Course in Miracles Study Group.**

10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

**Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

**Pickleball.** Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

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

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## Friday, Feb. 1

**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., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

**Tai Chi.** 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. 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.

**Gaming.** 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Girls' Varsity Basketball.** 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Centauri High School.

**Boys' Varsity Basketball.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Centauri High School.

Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Like some points
- 5 Desert Storm missile
- 9 Cries a river
- 14 Farm unit
- 15 Nonchalance
- 16 Work \_\_\_\_
- 17 Ground grain
- 18 Uno + dos
- 19 "All My Children" vixen
- 20 Buccaneer's buddy
- 22 Excursion
- 24 Ledger entry
- 25 Buttercup's cousin
- 27 Search blindly
- 29 Makeup bag item
- 31 Greedy one
- 34 Grant
- 37 What hunting dogs do
- 39 Teen spots?
- 40 Facebook option
- 42 Indian bread
- 43 Desktop icon, e.g.
- 45 Crib plaything
- 47 Scatter seeds
- 48 Starting point
- 50 Impudent
- 52 Go through again
- 56 Cream additive
- 58 Comparative word
- 60 Cunning ways
- 61 Three-seater, e.g.
- 63 Hankering
- 65 GM make until 2004
- 66 Warm-water ray
- 67 Hunt for
- 68 Took the train
- 69 Furnish with a fund
- 70 Aesop's also-ran
- 71 "Mr. Roboto" band

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- 2 Neptune's realm
- 3 Make a speech
- 4 Surveyor's tool
- 5 Movie backdrop
- 6 OPEC, for one
- 7 Manipulator
- 8 Fashion bigwig
- 9 Quilting party
- 10 Take \_\_\_\_ (travel)
- 11 1949 Cagney film noir classic
- 12 Scalp misery
- 13 Cheat
- 21 Toy that does tricks
- 23 Past tense
- 26 Nightly TV fare
- 28 Bobby of hockey
- 30 Fit to be tied
- 32 Face shape
- 33 "Star Trek" creator
- 34 Stereo knob

- 35 Canyon effect
- 36 Wintry poem by Whittier
- 38 Decorator's domains
- 41 Super-secret
- 44 As yet unscheduled: Abbr.
- 46 Over again
- 49 Stay a while
- 51 Right-hand page

- 53 Parcel out
- 54 Presidential nickname
- 55 Roaring Twenties auto
- 56 Crowning point
- 57 Bank offering
- 59 Code starter
- 62 Hem and \_\_\_\_
- 64 Barely make, with "out"

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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# Why reading books should be a high priority

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

You're not doing yourself any favors if you're in the 26 percent of American adults who haven't read even part of a book within the past year.

That number came from a recent Pew Research Center study. If you're part of this group, you should know that science supports the idea that reading is good for you. In fact, several different research projects have documented the value of reading. Here are a few of their conclusions:

- Reading fiction can help you to be more open-minded and creative. A University of Toronto study followed participants who read short-story fiction and found they tested as more open-minded compared with readers of essays.

"Although nonfiction reading allows students to learn the subject matter, it may not always help them in thinking about it," the researchers concluded.

- People who read books live longer. A Yale research project discovered people who read books for 30 minutes daily lived an average of 23 months longer than nonreaders or magazine readers. That's because reading creates cognitive engagement that improves lots of skills, including vocabulary, thinking and concentration.

- Reading 50 books a year is something you can actually accomplish. People who do it have found it much less daunting than you might expect. They trade wasted time on their phones for reading in bed, on trains, during meal breaks and waiting in line.

- As fans of biographies and memoirs know well, successful people are readers because high-achievers are keen on self-improvement. While Bill Gates has a schedule that's planned to the minute, the entrepreneur-turned-billionaire still reads about a book a week. Aside from a handful of novels, they're mostly nonfiction covering his and his foundation's broad range of interests. Among his

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favorites is "Tap Dancing to Work" by Carol Loomis, a collection of articles and essays about and by Warren Buffet, which is available at our library for your reading pleasure.

### All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 25, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family.

### Teen book club tomorrow

Friday, Jan. 25, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the free teen book club, seventh-through 12th-graders will discuss "Reign of Shadows" by Sophie Jordan and enjoy free snacks. Stop by the library to pick up a copy.

### Literary Ladies tomorrow

This free book-lovers' group — formerly the Senior Book Club — meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 25, they will discuss "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann. Stop by your library to pick up a copy. For more information, contact Marilyn Stroud at Bakestroud@aol.com.

### LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

### Otaku Club

The Otaku (Anime/Manga) Club meets Monday, Jan. 28, from 4 to 5 p.m. Join us to watch anime, talk about manga and Asian cultures, and enjoy snacks. This free club is for those in the fifth through 12th grades.

### Teen gaming

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

### Teen steampunk crafts

Steamboat crafts takes place Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for seventh- through 12th-graders. You'll make crafts and jewelry from gears, keys and whatever else we can find.

### Spanish conversation

Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 3 to 4 p.m., practice your Spanish with others at this free informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. No registration is required.

### Computer classes

Join us for free sessions from 1 to 2 p.m. on alternating Thursdays to learn a useful technology skill or application. Thursday, Jan. 31, is Saving and Finding Files, when you learn how your computer is organized, including files and folders. No registration is required.

### Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) takes place on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 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 9:30 to 10 a.m., join us for free great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. This is an excellent way for kids of all ages to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

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.

### Expanded policy on DVDs

You now can check out 10 DVDs at a time. Also, new DVDs will be a separate category and you can check out two new DVDs in addition to the 10 from the regular offerings. We believe our DVD fans will appreciate this additional checkout number. It's a win for your library as well, as we project it will create additional shelf space as more of our collection is checked out.

### Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Daughter of War" by Brad Taylor is a Pike Logan thriller. "Liar Liar" by James Patterson and Candice Fox features a good cop gone bad.

### Novels

"Turning Point" by Danielle Steel follows four American trauma doctors involved in a mass-casualty training program in Paris. "The Treasure of Cythera" by Victoria Rose, a local author, is a murder mystery set on an island in the Aegean Sea.

### Nonfiction

"The Truths We Hold" by Sen. Kamala Harris explores the core truths that unite us and how best to act on them. "The Longest Line on the Map" by Eric Rutkow documents the birth of the Pan-American Highway and the quest to link North and South America. "UnDo It!" by Dean and Anne Ornish shows how simple lifestyle changes can reverse many common chronic diseases. "The Mayo Clinic Diabetes Diet/second edition" by Dr. Donald D. Hensrud is a weight loss and lifestyle program. "The Clean Plate" by Gwyneth Paltrow provides more than 100 recipes and six cleanses. "Fire and

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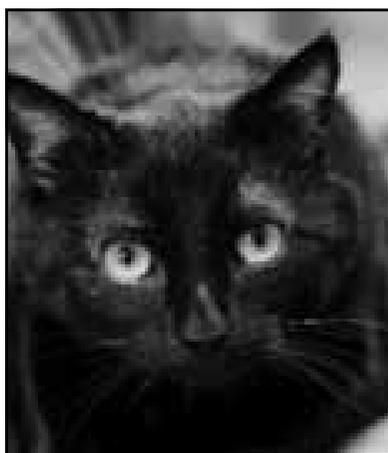
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**BOB:** Hey there! The name is Bob and I have been patiently waiting for my Forever Home since July '18. I love snuggling on the laps of my human buddies and enjoy taking care of the younger cats here at the shelter! Are you looking for the best cuddler in town? Well, your search ends here! Come up and meet me today! Adopt from the Humane Society 731-4771.



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# Super Blood Wolf Moon



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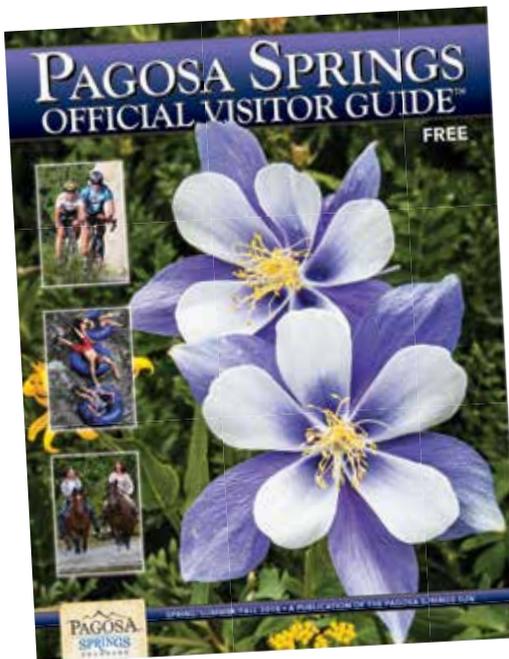
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