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SUN photo/John Finefrock

Numerous hot air balloons took to the skies both Saturday and Sunday mornings as part of the annual WinterFest celebration. This year, both launches were on the west side of town.

## Commissioners name one finalist for county administrator position

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) named one finalist for the Archuleta County administrator position at its Jan. 25 meeting.

The lone finalist is L. Scott Wall, who most recently served as city administrator for Willow Park, Texas, from August 2016 to August 2017.

Willow Park City Secretary Kan-

dice Garrett praised Wall's work in a quote from the Weatherford Democrat, the local newspaper in Willow Park.

"He is a good leader, most gracious in his dealings with people and had a wealth of information he readily shared. In the amount of time he was here, the city truly benefited from his expertise in helping us move forward," Garrett is quoted as saying.

■ See Administrator A8

## Town, residents talk snow removal

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Several residents, town staff and the Pagosa Springs Town Council discussed for almost an hour how to better clear snow from the town's sidewalks on Jan. 24.

In the end, direction given by the council was to:

- Move forward with snow removal in areas where property owners have been "grossly negligent" and charge that property owner for the work,
- Put out a request for proposal to gauge the cost of having a side-

walk snow removal contract with a private business, and

- Have town staff recommend individuals who may benefit from the town's help with snow removal due to their being elderly or disabled.

Currently, snow removal on town sidewalks is the responsibility of the adjacent property owners, with the exception of the sidewalks that serve as designated safe routes to school, such as on the west side of South 8th Street, and snow removed from sidewalks cannot be

■ See Snow A8

## Public meeting: Springs Resort exploring expansion, development

By David Dronet  
Special to The SUN

The Springs Resort ownership is exploring the possibility of expanding the resort and developing a portion of the vacant adjacent land.

Prior to undertaking any serious planning efforts, the resort ownership will hold an open meeting and invites Pagosa residents to join them and discuss the past, current and future feelings and desires about such a development.

The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, in The Springs Resort conference room.

## Teacher, coach, principal A legacy everlasting: Larry Lister

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

From being a teacher to a principal while also coaching youth sports for decades, Larry Lister truly wears a lot of hats in the community of Pagosa Springs. But one hat stands out: the impact that Lister has had on generations of individuals young and old.

Lister, for those who may be unaware, has had a career in education for 30 years and extended that knowledge and passion for youth into coaching sports.

"I think I spent a lot of time coaching youth athletics," Lister said. "And I'm still coaching. Over the years that includes football, basketball, baseball. Started the first girls' program in the middle school."

For Lister, coaching and working with the



Larry Lister

youth of the community is an accomplishment in itself.

"I always enjoyed watching a kid improve over time," he explained.

Educationally, Lister's resume becomes even more impressive and detailed, being a teacher from 1973-1980 and eventually becoming a principal from 1980-2003.

The majority of long-time Pagosa residents tend to know Lister from his influence as a principal or a teacher.

Lister described his experience as being a principal as a tough job, but the best part about it was always the kids.

"It seemed to me like when you were having a bad day one kid, somewhere, somehow, would do something to bring you out

■ See Lister A8

## Medical Center hires financial advisor after failing to meet bond covenant

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The board of the Upper San Juan Health Service District, which operates as the Pagosa Springs Medical Center, is engaging a financial consultant after failing to meet a bond obligation that required the district to have 60 days cash on hand at the end of 2018.

"So, the bottom line is — you just saw the December financials — we do not have 60 days cash on hand," said PSMC's chief administrative officer, Ann Bruzzese, at the board's Jan. 22 meeting.

Bruzzese explained to the board that PSMC has bonds from 2006 and bonds from 2016.

"The 2006 bonds are more restrictive, and they state if you have less than 60 days of cash, and that's happened a couple of times to us in our past

history, we must obtain a financial consultant who will work with us on written recommendations, who will provide those written recommendations to the board, on cutting expenses and cash management," she said.

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

■ See Advisor A8

## Town looks at helping charter school with grant

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs is continuing down the path toward becoming the fiscal sponsor for the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Building Corporation in its quest for a \$600,000 grant to help purchase a building for the school.

Now, the public will have the opportunity to chime in on town becoming the building

corporation's fiscal agent, with a public hearing set to be conducted on Tuesday, Feb. 5, during the town council meeting, which will begin at 5 p.m. in the council chambers in Town Hall.

According to a public notice appearing in this edition of The SUN, during that public hearing, council will be looking to "obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions" related to three areas: the proposed grant application for this project; community development

and educational opportunities; and the performance of the town and PPOS in carrying out its community development responsibilities.

Representatives of PPOS first approached the Pagosa Springs Town Council in November 2018 to request that the town consider applying for and accepting a Community Development Block Grant for community facilities on PPOS's

■ See Grant A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Bruce Young unsuccessfully attempts to avoid falling during Saturday's Sledz on Rez competition. Young is an annual participant in the WinterFest event, with the crowd chanting his name as he willed his sled to finish the run while staying upright.

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## EDITORIAL

### 'Is this a hill you want to die on?'

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) ended last year by demonstrating a complete lack of respect for the law and total disregard for the public's right to know.

The commissioners chose a candidate to be the new county attorney, the second-highest-paid county employee, while in executive session, which is against the law.

It all started in November, when the commissioners held two executive sessions to interview applicants for a new county attorney.

Then, in December, The SUN came across an agenda item which stated "the County Commissioners decided to offer the position of County Attorney to Todd Weaver."

During that meeting, then Interim Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr appeared to make an attempt to cover for the BoCC when he contradicted that agenda language by explaining that the board never made a decision to hire Weaver. He also said the board had instructed a negotiator and the range of that negotiation.

We beg to differ that there was not a decision already made. There was obviously a prior decision because Weaver had already been offered the job and he had already signed the contract.

The executive session in question was not called for the purpose of matters that may be subject to negotiation or to instruct negotiators, which, under state law, must be specifically cited to allow for such matters to be discussed.

When Wadley was asked just when the board directed him to go into talks with Weaver, Wadley said, "I can't remember the date, ... but it was done ... it's in the minutes, it's in the minutes somewhere."

Wadley added some further comments about when the direction was given. "We came out of, I don't know if it was after an executive session or it after a regular meeting, we did interview everybody in executive session and make a selection," Wadley said.

However, such direction was not included in any board-approved minutes of meetings regarding the county attorney position.

When The SUN asked for the recording of that executive session to prove that a decision had been made illegally, our multiple requests were denied.

Later, county staff confessed that the recording of the executive session, which is required by law, does not even exist.

Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition Executive Director Jeff Roberts

wrote in an email to The SUN regarding the matter, "It's the county's duty under the open meetings law to electronically record each executive session. The point of this provision is to have an official, word-for-word accounting of a closed-door session in case any member of the public wishes to challenge its legality. Without an audio recording, a judge has no way to determine whether the private discussion was appropriate or not."

Subsequent conversations regarding the inappropriate decision made in executive session resulted in a question being asked of The SUN by two county representatives three different times: "Is this a hill you want to die on?"

Apparently, the county doesn't think that making illegal decisions in executive sessions is something the community cares about. The public's right to know and our county leaders following the law should be a hill that we all want to die on. We are not willing to settle for less from our elected officials.

Do the commissioners see the public as their opponent rather than as the people they serve?

We hope this year, with a new sitting commissioner and a change in leadership, that the board will make it a top priority to follow the law.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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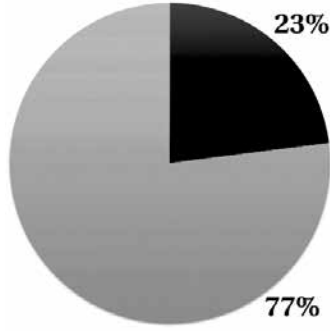
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## LOOKING BACK



Photo courtesy John and Jean Taylor

We aren't certain the date of this photo provided by John and Jean Taylor; we are guessing it was around 1980. If you have more information, please send us a Letter to the Editor at editor@pagosasun.com. Pictured, left to right, are Gary Baldwin, Angelo Sanchez, Clifford Lucero, David Cammack, Paul Gleason, Sedic Gurule, Melvin Chavez, David McBride, Mark Aragon, David Gallegos, Ricky Shahan, Tim Patterson and Mark Cress.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 1, 1929

**Boiler trouble** developing Saturday afternoon at the temporary light plant, it was necessary to send to Durango for the boilermaker at the smelter to come and make the repairs. Mr. Dornbass and helper arrived on Sunday morning, and early the following morning service was resumed.

**Sesario**, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Espinosa of the light plant, has been seriously ill this week.

**A nine-pound boy** was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. H. Beatty of Denver at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leidy Baker at the light plant. Mrs. Beatty is a daughter of Mrs. Baker.

**A passerby** yesterday morning discovered the roof of the residence of County Clerk Phillip R. Johnson to be afire; the alarm was sounded and the hose carts rushed to the scene, but a few buckets of water made their use unnecessary. A spark from the chimney had set a few shingles afire, but only nominal damage resulted.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 4, 1944

**Jose Benedito Martinez**, nearly 92 years old, a pioneer resident of La Plata and Archuleta counties, died at his home in Pagosa Springs on Sunday, January 20, 1944. "Ben Martinez" as he was commonly known was born at Taos, New Mexico, on February 4, 1852. Located near Tremble Springs in La Plata county, in 1874. Later he extended his livestock and ranch operations to Archuleta county. He was County Commissioner from 1885 to 1889 and was instrumental in forming Archuleta county. His wife, Maria L. Valdez, preceded him in death on July 4th, 1930. Funeral services were held at the Catholic church Monday morning with interment at Pagosa Springs cemetery.

**A baby boy** was born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bramwell on January 19, weighing 6 1/2 pounds and was named Douglas Rex. Douglas in honor of our hero, Douglas McArthur of today.

**Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bramwell** are the proud parents of a son born January 27. He weighed nine pounds and has been named Joseph Carl.

### 50 years ago

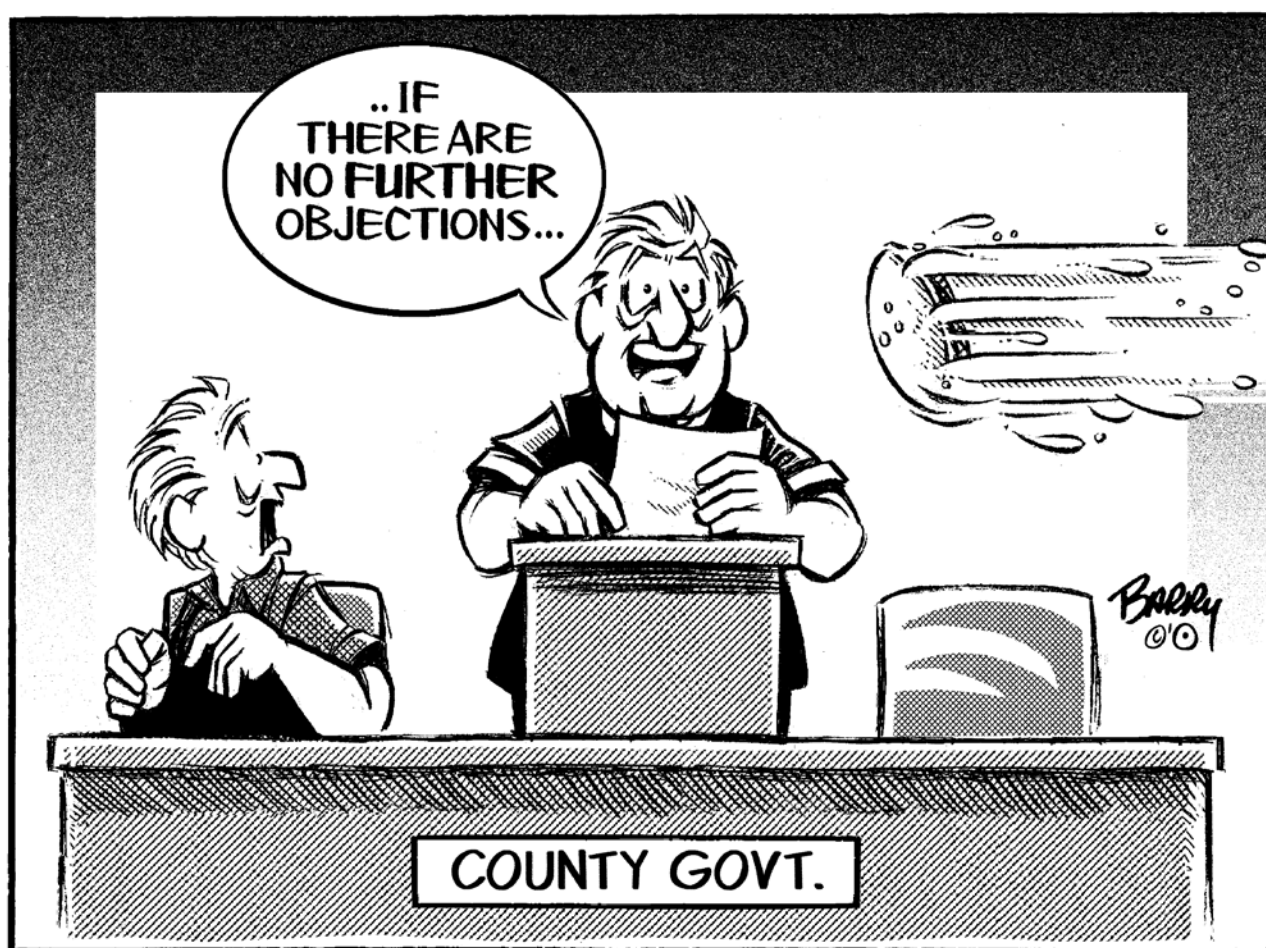
Taken from SUN files of January 30, 1969

**The PUC (Presidential Unit Citation)** is the country's highest military decoration an armed forces unit may receive. One week before Mr. Johnson relinquished the presidency, he presented the PUC to the Navy's SEAL Team One in a White House ceremony. It was the former President's last award ceremony involving the PUC and the first for the SEALs (sea, air and land commandos). Among those honored was Lieutenant Commander Franklin W. Anderson of Pagosa Springs, Colo., skipper of SEAL Team One from June 1966 through August 1968 — the year he was transferred to the Defense Intelligence School here as a student. The former President read to 20 members of the team the citation defining their "extraordinary heroism in action against the Viet Cong in the Republic of Vietnam, from July 16, 1966, to August 31, 1967." Lt. Cmdr. Anderson, who spearheaded SEAL Team One through an untold number of perilous missions, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd J. Anderson of Pagosa Springs, and husband of the former Martha A. Kuhnel of San Diego, Calif.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 3, 1994

**Cutting costs at the jail** and raising money at the landfill were two of the topics discussed during the morning session at Tuesday's County Commission meeting. Larry Holthus, county attorney, said he had been advised that rather than seek a release from the federal court order detailing exactly how the county jail should be run, the county can safely take it upon itself to simply follow the spirit of the court order. Holthus said the county has already completed a compliance period with no lawsuits or serious complaints, and it would be reasonable to make cost-cutting adjustments. One such adjustment, he said, could be simply serving nutritious meals at the jail rather than hiring a dietary nutritionist. The commissioners also discussed charging user fees for the transfer station and landfill.



# 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.

## Envy and covetousness

Dear Editor:  
Envy and covetousness have long been condemned by virtually every religion on the planet. In the Christian religion they are covered under the Ninth and Tenth Commandments (depending on how a particular church body happens to number them.) These sins are condemned because those who commit them fervently desire and seek to obtain the possessions belonging to others. At the root of envy and covetousness is a lack of contentment with what God has provided to you and a lack of trust in the sufficiency of His divine provision.

I have often told people in my former role as a Lutheran pastor that a person really can't understand the evening news unless they adequately know their theology. That has never been more true than it is now.

Loud and demanding voices from the extreme political left in our country are now openly touting an economic system which is fundamentally based on envy and covetousness. It is called Socialism. We have heard the suddenly popular voice of newly elected congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez declare that becoming a rich person should be considered immoral when other people are poor. She has even said that no one should be permitted to be a billionaire. She has indicated that the rich should be taxed at a 70% rate. Many others on the far left are joining the chorus: Representatives Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), Lynn Woolsey (D-CA), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), and many others. While some are openly claiming the label of Socialist or even Communist, others use the term "Progressive". Some are also members of the Democratic Socialists of America, a political party founded on Marxist-Leninist philosophy.

It must be understood that "Progressive" = "Socialist". More are publicly claiming the label Socialist and I commend them for their honesty. The rest are, in fact, Socialists but don't want to publicly claim the label that accurately describes their philosophy. In other words, they are deceiving the American people. According to the website of the Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC) there are now 101 members of congress who have joined.

The CPC has a bold agenda for universal healthcare, economic

equality, open borders, free college and all of it will be paid for by taxing the rich. Of course, even if every millionaire in the country were taxed at 100% not even one third of this year's deficit would be covered by the income produced, let alone the items listed above. The Congressional Budget Office has said that the top tax bracket folks already pay 69 per cent of all taxes paid in the U.S.  
Envy and covetousness are evil whether practiced by individuals or by governments. Socialism has demonstrated itself to be a failure time and time again in history. We really do not need a new sign welcoming people to the "United States of New Venezuela".

Richard Bolland

## Solutions to big picture problems

Dear Editor:  
This is the second in a series of letters to the Sun. This letter will focus mostly on some potential solutions to the big picture problems identified in my 1st. Three large-scale problems bear revisiting.

1. The "dumbbell shape of our Town (limits) is what it sounds like ... stupid and one of the fundamental problems that in a variety of ways contributes to all our other shortcomings.

2. The existing administrative structure and lack of real leadership, compounds this problem on many levels.

3. Two related issues are the proudly touted conservatism of our population and our elected officials. And our demographic and housing makeup.

Real solutions are going to take some real guts on the part of our business and political leaders. And our activists and voters. But I have had conversations with people across the political and ideological spectrum. And there is actually a lot of common ground. But full-time residents should be prioritized in all policy decisions. While tourists and part-time residents are critical to our economy they should not come first.

1. A growth management area needs to be established. Anyone who lives here knows that the real Pagosa Springs really extends well beyond our Town limits (about 1700 people versus about 13,000 county and maybe 7-10,00 in the "Greater Pagosa Springs" (GPS) area.) Eventually, perhaps a joint governmental structure should be established.

2. A GPS area needs to be defined and established and some growth management plan needs to be adopted so that we can grow smartly and sustainably. We need an effective visioning process. Our citizens need to decide what we want this place to be 10, 20 and 30 years from now. We are wasting our \$ and energies by pulling against each other far too often.

3. Both the County and Town have been working hard on getting real broadband and that will help solve a number of problems simultaneously. The narrow economic base, lack of living wage and better wage jobs, and skewed demographics of this area for example. But that is not sufficient. We need policies that provide incentives for people to live here full-time. We need to tax (yes, the dreaded socialist, liberal word "tax") part-timers so they contribute their fair share. Ballot initiatives keep failing partly because such a skewed proportion of part-time and retirees leaves little support for school funding, and other essential community needs.

4. The fact is that most of Pagosa (housing) isn't in Pagosa and that 40-60% is part-time. This is not a model for smart, sustainable growth. Key elements in Pagosa have been working on the housing problem. However, the proposed solutions are timid. Developers should be required to build a minimum of 10% affordable housing. Other seemingly radical approaches are essential.

5. Our mill-levy should be doubled. Our impact fees and other taxes should all be progressive. So-called "conservative free-marketers" are wrong. Government can and must set the stage for how we grow

and how fast we grow.

David Karan

## Vote when there is an opportunity

Dear Editor:

The voting is done.

This is typical of how we the people keep getting ourselves ripped off by the powers that be. The recent vote to approve the PLPOA budget had only 1293 (13.6%) of all owners vote. That is like giving carte blanche to those that run the show. This vote wasn't so much about a budget that determines how much is spent of the existing PLPOA income, but about the PLPOA being able to take more money out of each of our pockets. They have successfully now approved an increase in our membership rate by \$25.00 a year. They knew going into this vote that there would not be the required vote to veto this raise. Historically we the people do not get out and vote. The Colorado State Statute that requires a vote to veto the budget as written requires 50% + 1 vote of all property owners. When is the last time we have seen 50% of all voters turn out for an election? So in this case only 13.6% chose to participate and of those that participated, only 918 people agreed with the budget while 375 disagreed. The total number available to vote was 9477. So once again, less than 10% of the owners in this community have now determined that we each get to spend more to live in this beautiful area. Those of us on fixed incomes get to cut back on more important requirements for our money. Not voting is the same as making no choice, which is the same as allowing others to make the choice for you based on their perceived needs for your money.

I am just suggesting that everyone pay more attention to every referendum, election or whatever that allows 'we the people' to have a say in the results. So please vote whenever there is the opportunity to do so.

Jim Oliver

## Apology to Pagosa Springs

Dear Editor:

I'd like to offer my most sincere

apologies for the events that took place the night of Jan. 2nd and Jan. 3rd. I'm very unhappy with the decisions I decided to make that night.

I would like everybody to know that's not the person I really am. My addiction got the best of me that night, and cohered me to make those decisions. In all honesty I truly regret what I've done, but there's no changing that. Only try and fix what I've "broken," which I will do everything in my power to accomplish.

Also I am in the process of getting the help I need to manage and overcome my addiction. This is a promise to the people of Pagosa. I will never ever think of doing something like this ever again. I wasn't in my right mind, by no means is that an excuse for what I did. Only an influence, a very strong one.

Again I truly do apologize, and I will make this right, that's a promise. The people of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, I'm sorry for breaking your trust. I will prove myself in saying that's not the kind of person I am and one day you will be very pleased to have me a part of your community.

Thank you for your time.  
With my most sincere apologies,  
Austin Walker

## Drilling in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Editor:

If you care about wildlife and wild places, you should be concerned about a proposal to open the coastal plains region of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling for oil and gas. This fragile environment is an important nesting habitat for thousands of migratory birds, some of whom spend part of the year here. It is a calving area for caribou and a denning area for polar bears. It is one of our last truly wild places.

Drilling in this area will mean irreparable damage and makes no sense as we recognize the need to move away from the burning of fossil fuels.

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Year	Arrests	Inmate Days per Year	Yearly Average	Number of Days Over Capacity
2000		7,123	20	0
2001	630	10,122	28	42
2002	654	11,476	31	110
2003	706	11,242	31	70
2004	654	16,251	45	340
2005	613	15,759	43	359
2006	546	14,986	41	11
2007	563	12,599	35	213
2008	573	14,395	39	312
2009	505	11,403	31	144
2010	401	9,619	26	11
2011	430	7,789	21	0
2012	467	8,796	24	2
2013	514	6,698	18	1
2014	484	5,904	16	0
2015	305	3,537	10	0
2016	520	4,373	12	0
2017	521	6,970	19	0
2018	298	4,477	23	0

A \$13M, 54 cell facility, will cost \$21M over 25 years via a 'Certificate of Participation,' which allows the county to establish a long-term debt without voter permission.

The Commissioner Vote takes place this Tuesday, February 5. You have the opportunity to save our community from incurring this debt by reviewing the proposed "Plan B" and voicing your concerns to the commissioners by Monday, February 4.

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In 2018, the county placed \$2M in reserves for Justice. The following proposed "Plan B" funding option would require the same annual allocation for just three more years.

### PLAN B

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
\$2M	\$2M	\$2M	\$2M	\$2M
Total	\$4M	\$6M	\$8M	\$10M
	Start Build June 2019		Finish Build Dec. 2021	Occupy Spring 2022
Real Estate Tax revenue in hand by June of each year	Investment interest income each year	Progress payments monthly to contractor on a percentage of completion basis	Private Placement Certificate of Participation as a backstop	

Plan B includes infrastructure for 54 cells, but the initial build would fulfill today's need - 32 cells - with a budget of between \$8-10M. Financed by doing exactly what the commissioners did last year, putting \$2M in Justice, allocating money to our most important project, first.

**Your phone call or email, telling our commissioners to adopt Plan B, will help us avoid indebting our county to \$21M over 25 years.**

**Voice Your Concern Before Feb. 4.** Final decision is made on Feb. 5.

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## Local man sentenced after stealing thousands from local pet store

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

A local man has been sentenced after entering a guilty plea to theft in the range of \$2,000-\$5,000 after stealing money from a local pet food and supply store.

According to Chow Down Pet Supplies Owner Kristi Bush, former employee Timothy Leo Johnson pleaded guilty on Nov. 20, 2018, to a class 6 felony of theft in the range of \$2,000-\$5,000 and was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$6,000.

According to the sentencing order, Johnson was sentenced on Jan. 15 and was required to report to the La Plata County Detention Center on Jan. 25 at 9 a.m. for two days. He was also sentenced to two years probation and 200 hours of community service.

According to Bush, it was discovered that Johnson had been stealing money from Chow Down when a customer requested cash back on a purchase.

"And he let them, which is fine, but that took the cash that he was going to put in his pocket that day. So, he actually refunded his own personal bank card and that's the first that I ever thought something was going on," Bush explained.

As an example, Bush described a situation in which a customer would come into the store to buy dog food and a cat tree, would pay for both items, and Johnson would ring up the customer for both items and give them a credit card receipt.

After the customer left, Johnson would, for example, take the cat tree off the customer's invoice, with the invoice now only stating that the customer had only bought one item instead of two, taking the amount for the removed invoiced item.

"So, I had to call numerous customers and ask them about their purchases," Bush said.

In those calls, Bush asked customers if they really had spent that amount of money at the store.

From a business perspective, Bush explained that regular customers of Chow Down had grown to know Johnson as the store's manager and that the store's integrity was called into question from having to call customers to ask about their purchases.

"A couple of them thought we were overcharging them," Bush said, explaining that in an effort to apologize for the calls she gave money back and gift cards.

In regard to specific dollar amounts, Bush explained that

Chow Down's sales grew by \$400 per day after Johnson was fired at the end of April 2017.

"The impact was huge. Just not having the money to buy more stock, inventory. It might not all have been theft, it might have been we just didn't have the money to buy more product now and then that hurts," she explained.

Aside from the fiscal impact that this had on the business, it also affected how Bush vets her employees, she explained.

Slowly but surely, Bush is regaining trust in her employees, she explained later.

"I'm getting that back slowly, because I don't want to think that everyone is like him," he said. "It's affected my relationship with my staff a lot."

What took so long in tracking down every last dime that was stolen was looking at things that have tangible records of sale, Bush explained.

"If somebody paid with a credit card I can track that money. But the way to track it is I had to go through every single invoice for a year, sale by sale," she explained. "But we did spend the time and we did go through invoice by invoice, day by day, to find every last penny that we can prove."

The only transactions that can be proven to be theft were credit card transactions, she explained, and later added that Johnson admitted to stealing, "about half and half" of cash and credit card transactions.

"So, you can imagine how much more money was actually stolen than what we could prove," she said. "Because when somebody paid cash, I have no record of what he did, the way he was stealing it."

For current business owners that may have concerns or are looking to further protect their businesses, Bush explained that they should have systems in place for these types of things in addition to trusting your gut.

Sixth Judicial District Attorney Alex Lowe explained that these types of crimes are not extremely rare.

For business owners, Lowe encouraged them to report this kind of behavior to law enforcement immediately and also to make sure they keep good daily business records.

"The best step to prevent it is to make sure the business owners are reviewing those records just to make sure nothing looks off," Lowe said.

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## Lack of snowfall reflected in updated snowpack totals

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

With Pagosa Springs experiencing a bit of a dry spell in terms of snowfall over the past week, local basin snowpack totals have fallen.

Down from 96 percent of median last week, the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins, as of Jan. 30, have totals equaling 90 percent of median, according to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The Upper San Juan site is 69 percent of median this week, when last week the site was 76 percent of median.

Another decrease was recorded at the Upper Rio Grande Basin, with totals sitting at 89 percent of median this week, compared to last week's total of 95 percent of median.

The Gunnison River Basin is 106

percent of median, down from 110 percent of median last week.

Snowpack totals remain unchanged at 109 percent of median for the Yampa and White River basins; snowpack levels also remain stagnant for the Upper Colorado River Basin, with totals staying at 113 percent of median.

The Arkansas River Basin's snowpack levels dropped slightly, going from 131 percent of median last week to 129 percent of median this week.

It wasn't all decreases in snowpack, however, as we saw the Laramie and White River basins go from 104 percent of median to 106 percent of median this week.

A slight increase was also recorded for the South Platte River Basin with levels of 114 percent of median, up from last week's total of 113 percent of median.

The Wolf Creek summit is currently 82 percent of the Jan. 30

median and 48 percent of the median peak.

Last week, the summit was 82 percent of last week's median, and it was also 48 percent of last week's peak.

"They're dropping, which is expected since we have had sunny weather," NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta said. "Still not satisfied with where our snowpack is at right now."

The National Weather Service (NWS) indicates a 30 percent chance of rain showers on Saturday and later that night those showers turn into snow showers.

Additionally, the NWS predicts a chance of snow on Sunday, as well.

On Wolf Creek Pass, there is a 20 percent chance of snow during the day on Saturday, while on Saturday night and Sunday those chances rise to 60 percent, according to the NWS.

With weather forecasts noting

possible rainfall locally, Archuleta explained that any moisture is beneficial.

The NRCS's target goals for the basins and specific sites are always the averages, Archuleta added.

"We're hoping to see us at that 100 percent throughout the season, so that's kind of our target, to at least be average," Archuleta said.

As close to 100 percent as possible means that it has been a decent year, Archuleta added, "so, we feel comfortable that at least we'll have a reasonable amount of water supply for the upcoming season."

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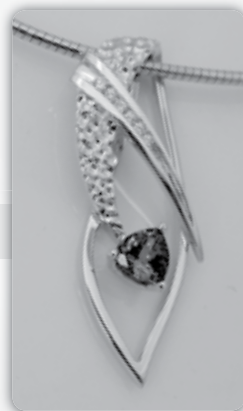
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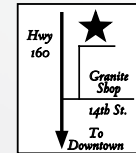
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# Education

## Funding for renovation of the Wings Early Childhood Center at 100 percent

By Jan Santopietro  
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Education Center (ACEC) is pleased to announce that it has received funding approval for its Early Childhood Education Program from the Trustees of the Buell Foundation (\$225,000), the Gates Family Foundation (\$40,000) and the El Pomar Foundation (\$25,000).

The \$200,000 funding from the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County in 2018 leveraged rent-free use of a \$345,000 building, \$100,000 in private donations and \$290,000 in grants. The renovation project is now 100 percent funded and start-up is funded at 25 percent.

In response to the grant funding, ACEC Board President Julie Loar said, "This is a stunning confirmation of the hard work and dedication of this group. We now have the ability to confidently move forward



Photo courtesy Jan Santopietro

The Archuleta County Education Center Board of Directors hold the checks received for building renovation. Pictured in the front row (left to right) are Julie Loar and Jan Santopietro; in the back row (left to right) are Garry Lassman, David Smith and Katharine Frisbee.

with construction and do what's necessary for the next phase of this exciting journey."

Wings Early Childhood Center is targeted to open in the fall of 2019

for 40 toddlers (ages 1 up to 3 years) and preschoolers (ages 3-5 years). But there is much to be done. The ACEC Board of Directors began 2019 with discussion about strate-

gies for addressing this formidable project and aligning them with the work of the ACEC committees.

Determining the specific tasks for each committee and coordinating those with the other committees is at the forefront of this phase of project management. Needless to say, a busy year lies ahead for the ACEC.

The top three priorities for the first quarter of 2019 are starting renovation construction on the building, seeking a director for the center and securing funding in addition to the \$40,000 approved by the Buell Foundation for start-up costs.

The Start-Up Committee is creating a job description and will post the position for the director accordingly. The Fund Development Committee will work closely with the Start-Up Committee in developing budgets and seeking appropriate funding sources for start-up costs.

Stay tuned for more information about Wings as we soar to new heights in 2019.

## Rotary scholarship application period opens for high school seniors

By Meg Wempe  
Special to The SUN

If seniors have not started thinking about how to fund their schooling in the fall, it is a great time to begin. Many students are eligible for different types of scholarships and one of them may be from the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club.

Each year, a committee of Rotary members reads through scholarship applications and selects worthy students. In many years, these scholarships have totaled up to \$20,000. As of 2018, the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club has awarded scholarships to 162 graduates

of Pagosa high schools, totaling \$413,000. That's a lot of money for continued education.

These scholarships are not limited solely to those attending Pagosa Springs High School. It is open to students at GOAL, those being home-schooled, or those GED graduates who have completed or are planning to finish their GED by spring. The scholarships are available to any senior who plans on attending a college/university/vocational school in the fall. There are separate scholarship forms for those planning on a four-year school and those looking at vocational schools.

Scholarship applications were

provided to the high school as well as GOAL Academy in mid-January. These scholarship applications have a hard deadline of March 20. Scholarships are based on several criteria, including scholastic accomplishment, extracurricular activities, financial need, personal interview, letters of recommendation, personal essay and resume quality.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club was chartered in May 1979 and has approximately 75 local members. Throughout the year, various events are held in the community in order to raise the monies for these scholarships. In addition, several Rotary members contribute to help seniors

pay for further education.

Applications can be picked up at Pagosa Spring High School, GOAL Academy or by emailing livia.pagosa@gmail.com.

Applications must be returned by March 20. They can be returned by dropping them off at the counselor at your school at Pagosa Springs High School or GOAL. If you do not attend either of those high schools, please make individual arrangements by sending an email to livia.pagosa@gmail.com.

We look forward to reading these scholarship applications, so we hope you (or your senior) will apply.

## Apply for County Sheriffs of Colorado scholarship program

Special to The SUN

Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez announced this week that County Sheriffs of Colorado Inc. (CSOC), the state sheriffs' association, will award a \$500 scholarship to a deserving Archuleta County student in the spring.

CSOC established the scholarship program in 1978. Since then, this effort has continued as a meaningful expression of the sheriffs' confidence in and respect for education and

training. CSOC considers this an investment in the future and believes that our membership is helping to provide deserving students with an opportunity to make a positive contribution to society.

Scholarship announcements have been mailed to all high school offices in the eligible counties and to all Colorado higher education institutions. Applications are available online at [www.csoc.org](http://www.csoc.org), or at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, which is located at 777 County Road

600 (Piedra Road).

Valdez explained that this is the 40th (since 1979) year that CSOC has made such scholarships available. A scholarship will be awarded in more than 30 Colorado counties this year. Applications will be reviewed by a local citizens committee appointed by Valdez and a selection will be made on the basis of criteria established by CSOC. This criterion includes leadership, merit, character, involvement and career purpose.

Any legal permanent resident of

Archuleta County enrolled in, or applying to, a vocational training program or institution of higher learning in Colorado as a full- or part-time student is eligible to apply. There are no restrictions as to the course of study or training which may be pursued and no restrictions are placed upon applications by reason of race, creed, age, sex or national origin.

For more information, contact your local high school, college, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office or CSOC.

## Weminuche Audubon Society announces scholarship

By Becky Herman  
Special to The SUN

For the fifth year, the Weminuche Audubon Society is offering a scholarship to the American Birding Association's Camp Colorado in Estes Park, July 27-Aug. 2, for a student age 13-18 who resides within southwest Colorado.

This week-long science camp offers students an opportunity to meet other young people with similar interests, explore careers in birding and ornithology, and learn about the bird life and natural history of northern Colorado. A

description of the camp is available at the American Birding Association website: <https://www.aba.org/camp-colorado>.

The Weminuche Audubon Society will provide financial assistance for travel to Denver for the scholarship recipient if requested. The American Birding Association provides round-trip shuttle service between DIA and Estes Park.

Two items are required from applicants. Students who are interested in applying should submit a letter of recommendation from an adult who is not a relative. Students should also submit a 400-600 word

essay describing his or her experiences in the outdoors and reasons for wishing to attend the camp.

Submissions should be sent to [weminuche.audubon@gmail.com](mailto:weminuche.audubon@gmail.com) or Weminuche Audubon Society, P.O. Box 1087, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 by March 1. After attending camp, the student selected by the Weminuche Audubon Society Scholarship Committee is expected to meet with Weminuche Audubon representatives to share highlights of the camp experience.

Please contact board member Jean Zirnelt at 731-2985 with questions.

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# Goals & Accomplishments

## Archuleta County Commissioners

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.

### Ron Maez, Commissioner, District 2 - Board Chair



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

1. We created and implemented a Short Term Rental policy to address the compliance for lodgers and sales tax collection as well as a standard to be set for the protection of the neighbors that are full time residents.
2. We completed the paving of East Golf, Monument, Butte, Back Swing, and are substantially complete with the paving of Piedra Road.
3. We worked to bring a ballot issue to the people of Archuleta County for the funding of a Justice Facility. Unfortunately, it failed again. We also received a \$200,000 grant award for a feasibility study to be done on the old facility.

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

1. Build a jail facility with the hope of breaking ground in the spring of 2019 upon the completion of the transfer of property graciously donated by Mrs. Harman in honor to her late husband Fred Harman.
2. Continue to work on the Town and County Joint Strategic Priorities if resources are available. We still need to stay focused on the preparation for the 2020 budget with the progress of moving forward with building the jail facility. We might need to adjust the revenues to facilitate the expenditures of paying the debt service of the jail.
3. Maintain a focus for the future funding of the Archuleta County Courts, as well as the funding for the Sheriff's admin-

istration offices. We also need to keep in mind that the County Clerk, Assessor, Treasurer, and Health and Human Services Departments all need facilities.

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

As I've stated in the previous year, goals and decisions do not get implemented on a singular level. All of the community's goals as well as the decisions to implement them happen on a majority. In the future, I will continue to collaborate, communicate, and make the necessary compromises that will move us forward as a whole community – making good decisions that will benefit all of the majority.

### Steve Wadley, Commissioner, District 1



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

1. Archuleta County continued our partnership with the town of Pagosa Springs to address the needs of our joint community priorities. As a result local governments working together alongside our other community partners, as well as a generous donor, we will see a new early childhood center open in 2019.
2. The county pledged vacant land on Hot Springs to assist Archuleta Housing in a grant application to help with the affordable housing issue that almost all of Colorado is facing.
3. The county was able to repave a portion of Piedra, Backswing, Golf, Monument and Butte.

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

1. Jail.
2. Improved Broadband.
3. File vacant county manager.

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

1. The BoCC will have a very difficult decision to make in the next month. We must build a jail ASAP how big and how to pay for it will be a huge challenge. The county does not have the luxury of time. LA Plata County no longer has the space to house our prisoners. The county has a large number of facility needs that cannot be met under our current funding.
2. The County has budgeted \$100,000 to address broadband improvements. High speed internet is critically important

to attracting commerce to our county. Access to high-speed internet connection is absolutely expected by tourist who are visiting Pagosa.

3. Last year our County manager took a job closer to family. Our next hire only stayed 6 weeks. We are lucky that we have Greg Schulte who has been able to fill in. Greg has the ability to jump in and keep things moving, we are grateful to have him. I am writing this on 1/11/2019, Monday 1/14/20019 the BoCC will interview 4 candidates, I have high hopes we will be able to hire a quality manager and let Greg go back to retirement.

### Alvin Schaaf, new Commissioner, District 3



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

Work towards maintaining good working relationships between all county elected officials, and department heads. Be open to new ideas and embrace change. Be accountable to the community.

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

- 1) I will research all current affair issues and be accountable for the decisions I have made. Developing relationships takes time and effort. I consider my role to be a full time job and will devote the energy and time into developing and maintaining these relationships, as I have throughout my career as a law enforcement officer.

2) Being open to new ideas and embracing change requires a 50,000ft view of where the County is heading. With evolving technology and a vibrant population, it is critical to listen, understand, plan and prepare for the ever changing dynamic of leading the County responsibly and successfully, now and into the future.

- 3) I will actively engage and communicate with local businesses, local communities and stakeholders to understand their needs and issues.

### Michael Whiting, previous Commissioner, District 3



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

My first goal for my 8th and last year in office was to continue to improve our operational excellence, on the great staff and corporate culture we have built in all the services we provide. I think we moved the needle there in spite of turnover. The BoCC simply set that direction and high standard. In 2018, we finally brought real resources (money and land) and coordinated action to bear on our core economic challenges of Early Childhood Education, Workforce and

Affordable Housing, and Broadband. With Mayor Volger and Town Council as our partners, we invested \$400,000 in Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (Broadband), Archuleta County Housing Authority and Pagosa Housing Partners (Housing), and the Archuleta County Education Center (Early Childhood). The result is a new uptown early childhood center under construction, a new workforce housing project under way downtown, and new broadband deployment to thousands of residents and businesses. That's a milestone for Pagosa, and a benchmark for where we could go.

On the County Jail problem, I was less able to help. I voted to

take the final jail measure that was presented to me to the ballot in November of 2018. The need for a jail is well established and absolute. But I was in the minority on size and cost. I was also in the minority on how to take an effective campaign to the voters. In the end, the measure failed in a near tie. The County needs to go back to the ballot with a jail project people can say yes to.

"All things are impermanent, imperfect, and incomplete", so diligence and vigilance are required to maintain our progress. Don't let cynicism or pessimism be the "isms" we choose. Have it be optimism and activism.

It has been an honor to serve.

### Greg Schulte, Interim County Administrator



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

I'm pleased to be serving as Interim County Administrator since about August, 2018. Examples of the wide variety of work the County engages in for 2018, include:

- Adoption and implementation of the Short Term Vacation Rentals Ordinance
- Completion of several road construction projects on Piedra Rd., East Golf, Backswing, Monument, and Butte.
- Construction of Cell 4A at the Landfill
- Continued offering of a multitude of programs for the community at the Extension Office and 4-H programs
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Finally, while not an "accomplishment," the failure of the sales tax ballot measure in November 2018 will have a significant impact on County operations and finances for some time. We are well on our way into the planning and execution of our plans to deal with the outcome of the election to ensure we meet our designated responsibilities.

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

Now that we know the results of the November ballot

measure, and consistent with our statutory obligation to have a detention facility, our choices have narrowed significantly. We will have to pay for the facility within existing resources. This will prove to be a difficult dilemma, as we still need to immediately find appropriate facilities for the Courts. Further, we need facility improvements for other County services including, also in the near term, the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Human Services. Inevitably, addressing these immediate needs will mean less money for the other services the County provides.

That said, please rest assured the Commissioners and County staff are committed to providing as many services as efficiently and quickly as possible.

Photo courtesy Justin Cowan  
These students were recognized by Pagosa Springs Elementary School staff for their commitment to reading and meeting goals in the Accelerated Reader program. Pictured are Juliana Ortiz, Daria Fiorenza, Madison Stretton, Emma Jackson, Chloe Gantt, Gabriel Torres, Colby Ross, Kasen Limebrook, Cooper Laner, Remington Mitchell, Terrick Carter, Oliver Samu, River Wilson and Zaden Bahr.





Photo courtesy Brian Collabollotta

First- and second-grade students from Pagosa Peak Open School visited the ice rink at South Pagosa Park, where coach Kathy Woodward from the Pagosa Multi-Purpose Pavilion provided instruction for the children this past week. Most of the kids had never been on ice skates prior, and the ones who were the most scared were the hardest to get off the ice at the end of the session due to how much fun they were having.

## Planning commission recommends no changes in building codes

By John Finerock  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Planning Commission voted to recommend that the county should not adopt new building codes at this time after hearing public testimony at its Jan. 23 meeting.

Archuleta County currently uses the 2006 IBC (International Building Code) and 2006 IRC (International Residential Code).

The Town of Pagosa Springs has adopted the 2015 IBC and IRC, with amendments, and the planning commission was considering whether or not to recommend that the county do the same.

Some builders had previously advocated that having the town and the county on the same codes would simplify things for builders.

This was not the consensus from citizens at the planning commission meeting.

Every resident who spoke during public comment said adopting the 2015 codes would make building more expensive and make construction take longer.

"Why fix it if it's not broke?" said Bob Hart. "What's going on now is working well," referring to the county having 2006 building codes and the town having 2015 codes.

Commission Chair Michael Frederick followed up Hart's statement by asking him if he saw

"much difference between the construction requirements in the county as compared to the town," to which Hart replied that additional inspections in the town add time and cost to construction projects.

Local contractor Eddie Dale echoed Hart's statements, saying the new codes make building more expensive.

"I think we build a pretty darn good house now," said Dale, adding, "So, what you're going to do is cause a moratorium, because only the very wealthy will be able to afford to build."

During a follow-up phone call with Frederick, he explained the planning commission take citizens' public comments to heart.

"Any time we get a citizen group like that turn up at our meetings, it will have an effect on our meetings. We don't ignore the public. We don't come into those hearings thinking that we know the answers. We think in a democracy and, in a small county like this, we need to listen very carefully to the citizenry. So, we do."

The planning commission is required by law to review any proposed changes to building codes and make a recommendation to the county commissioners.

The planning commission's recommendation is nonbinding.

When the town was considering adopting the 2015 codes, it worked

with an independent building committee for two years, with that committee making recommendations as to what sections should be removed to fit the local community.

Larry Ash was president of that independent committee, which has since become Build Pagosa.

Ash said the committee was meticulous in ensuring the 2015 codes would not increase costs for builders.

"We've put our heart and soul in trying to make this fit this community and not raise costs," said Ash.

Ash strongly disagreed with the sentiments expressed during public comment and stated the builders who spoke had the wrong information.

"The people that spoke were misinformed," Ash said, noting that the assumption that the 2015 codes make projects more costly and restrictive is incorrect.

Ash noted that he believed if the county adopted the 2015 IBC and IRC with the same amendments as the town, it would make things easier for builders.

He also noted that the number of building inspections is not dictated by the code, but is determined by each jurisdiction as to how to enforce the intent of the building code.

The planning commission ultimately voted unanimously to recommend no action, to continue with the 2006 IRC and IBC codes,

and conduct further research on 2018 International Code Council (ICC) codes.

"There was some testimony that [adopting the 2015 codes] would actually complicate or delay some procedures in getting building approval within the county," said Frederick.

"I think that probably weighed on the decision of the commissioners," Frederick said, adding, "Essentially, they weren't seeing a good reason to adopt [2015 codes] right now. And the people that have to deal with it every day, that is, the builders and the contractors in the county, seem to be and have good reasons for being against the adoption."

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider updating the building codes on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 1:30 p.m. at the commissioners' meeting room at 398 Lewis St. [john@pagosasun.com](mailto:john@pagosasun.com)

## Thanks MyPI Disaster Training

This program was a huge success, but it couldn't have come together without all the hard work by all involved. A big thank you goes out to our key instructors: Archuleta County Emergency Managers Mike Le Roux and Christina Kraetsch, Pagosa Fire Department Captain Kelly Robertson, Pagosa EMTs Connie Cook, Nicole LaGioia, Nikki Stephens, Sheriff Deputy Craig Anderson, Sergeant Mike Sindelar and Ado the amazing search K-9. Another huge thanks to the volunteers that came to help with the search and rescue efforts: Donna Wynn, Greg Wynn and Tom Strang. And, last but not least, the people who prepared and delivered food for our hungry group, Renee Gentry and the Homemakers, and April Forrest and her 4-year-old daughter, Nora. Thank you all for such hard work and commitment.

## Stabbing suspect's bond raised to \$300,000

By John Finerock  
Staff Writer

Alex Dimitrijevic, the suspect in the Jan. 17 stabbing of two adults in the Aspen Springs neighborhood, had his bond raised to \$300,000 at a bond hearing on Jan. 25.

The bond was initially set at \$50,000 when he was booked into the La Plata County Detention Center by Archuleta County sheriff's deputies.

On Jan. 17, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) deputies were dispatched to Pit Court in

the Aspen Springs area, where they found two adults and a juvenile.

Both adults had been stabbed and the juvenile was not injured, according to a press release by ACSO.

The press release states that "information gathered from victims indicated that the assailant was a known neighbor ... Aleksandar Dimitrijevic, a 40 year old male ..."

Sheriff's deputies went to Dimitrijevic's home and arrested him. Dimitrijevic sustained fairly severe injuries, and was transported to the

hospital for treatment, according to the press release.

He is currently in custody on the following charges:

- Criminal attempt homicide (two counts).
  - Assault in the first degree (two counts).
  - Assault in the second degree (two counts).
  - Menacing.
  - Harassment.
  - Reckless endangerment.
- Dimitrijevic is scheduled for filing of charges on Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. [john@pagosasun.com](mailto:john@pagosasun.com)

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# Sports

## BASKETBALL

### Pirates look to close out regular season home games strong

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

In two league matchups played over the weekend, the No. 14 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team was deflated by the No. 16 Bayfield Wolverines, but bounced back on its home court, upsetting the No. 10 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

#### League rivals meet again

On Jan. 25, Pagosa traveled into the No. 16 Bayfield Wolverines' (10-5 overall, 5-1 league record) den to take on the reigning 3A state champions.

Initially, the game had all the makings of a classic, with Bayfield holding a narrow 22-20 lead going into halftime.

However, Pagosa's offense took a nosedive in the second half, scoring eight points combined in the final two quarters, compared to Bayfield's 25.

That scoring drought eventually led to Bayfield capturing the nearly 20-point victory over Pagosa with a final score of 47-28.

Only one Pirate finished in double figures in scoring against Bayfield, with Mason Snarr finishing with 17 points to go along with 11 rebounds and two blocks.

Jesus Pacheco followed with seven points, two rebounds and a steal.

Rounding out the scoring, Mitch Lewis and Kyler Hammer added two points each, with Mitch Lewis add-

ing four rebounds and a steal while Hammer also had four rebounds.

Pagosa ended the game shooting 54 percent from the charity stripe, converting seven of 13 attempts.

To add insult to injury, Pagosa turned over the ball 19 times against Bayfield, the third highest turnover mark of the season for the Pirates.

In an email to The SUN, coach Randy Sorenson did not have much to say about the Bayfield matchup, but he did describe the second half as "horrendous."

"You are not going to beat anyone turning the ball over seventeen times and only scoring eight points in a half. I wish I had an explanation but I don't," he wrote.

#### Taming the Panthers

However, spirits would be lifted as Pagosa returned to its home floor on Jan. 26 and got revenge on the No. 10 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers (11-3 overall, 3-3 in league play) in a nail-biter by a score of 64-62.

The Panthers had previously defeated Pagosa by a score of 58-53 on Jan. 11.

After a high-scoring first quarter, which featured Cortez holding a 17-16 lead going into the second quarter, Pagosa was able to outscore Cortez 13-9 to take a 29-26 lead into halftime.

Despite being outscored 37-34 in the second half, Pagosa was able to hold on to capture an important league victory.

Ryan Lewis led all Pirates in scoring against the Panthers with

17 points, but also stuffed the stat sheet in other manners, adding eight rebounds, three assists, a steal and a team-high four blocks.

Pacheco also had 17 points while adding three rebounds, six assists and a steal.

Both Hammer and Snarr added nine points each, while Hammer tacked on three rebounds and Snarr grabbed eight rebounds while also notching a steal and a block.

Mitch Lewis scored eight points, grabbed two rebounds, dished out four assists and also added a steal and block.

Triston Oakes rounded out the scoring with two points.

Pagosa shot a bit better from the line this time around against the Panthers, converting 59 percent of their attempts, good for 16 of 27 at the free-throw stripe.

The Pirates also cut down on the turnovers, only giving away eight against Cortez.

Despite talking at the half about closing out the game strong, Sorenson noted that Pagosa came out slow in the third quarter and allowed Cortez to take the lead in the third by hitting shots beyond the arc.

"It was a win that we really needed and we are really proud of the kids for bouncing back after such a poor performance on Friday night and finding a way to beat a good team," Sorenson wrote.

A loss against Cortez would have put Pagosa behind the eight ball, Sorenson added.

Following the weekend of games, Pagosa is currently 9-6 overall with a 3-3 league record. The Pirates are currently fourth in the Intermountain League (IML) standings.

The Centauri Falcons currently hold top billing in the IML, followed by Cortez and Bayfield.

Under Pagosa, Alamosa and Monte Vista fall into the final two slots in the IML standings.

#### Home stretch conclusion

In its next two games, Pagosa will again take on two more league foes, and also close out its final two home games of the season.

On Friday, Pagosa will play host to the Centauri Falcons (11-3 overall, 3-2 in league play), with action set to begin at 7 p.m.

Pagosa previously defeated Centauri on the road by a score of 43-42 on Jan. 14.

The Falcons are riding a two-game win streak, having beaten both Alamosa and Bayfield.

Currently, Centauri is ninth out of 73 teams in the 3A classification in the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) standings.

On Saturday, Pagosa will host its final home game of the season and honor its seniors for Senior Night as they take on the Monte Vista Pirates (4-9 overall, 0-5 in league play) at 7 p.m.

Pagosa defeated Monte Vista on Jan. 18 by a score of 58-50.

Monte Vista is riding a three-game losing streak, with losses coming against Bayfield, Pagosa and Cortez.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate Ryan Lewis tries to corral a rebound during Pagosa's league contest against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Jan. 26. Lewis had himself a game against the Panthers, finishing with 17 points, eight rebounds, three assists, a steal and a team-high four blocks. Pagosa was able to come away with a nail-biting 64-62 victory over Cortez.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce


Driving to the bucket, Pirate Kyler Hammer attempts to create space between himself and Bayfield Wolverine defender Keyon Prior. Hammer ended the night with two points and four rebounds, but Bayfield thumped Pagosa at home 47-28 in a battle of league rivals on Jan. 25.

Monte Vista is currently No. 43 in the RPI standings.

Despite having some players out due to injury or sickness, Sorenson hopes the team will have them back soon.


"As we know the IML is tough with any team having a chance to win on any night. We hope to have a good week of practice and will hopefully be prepared," Sorenson explained. "Hopefully we can use the home court to our advantage. We need to find ways to win games if we are going to keep pace with the other teams in the league. It will be no easy task."

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### Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

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Basketball



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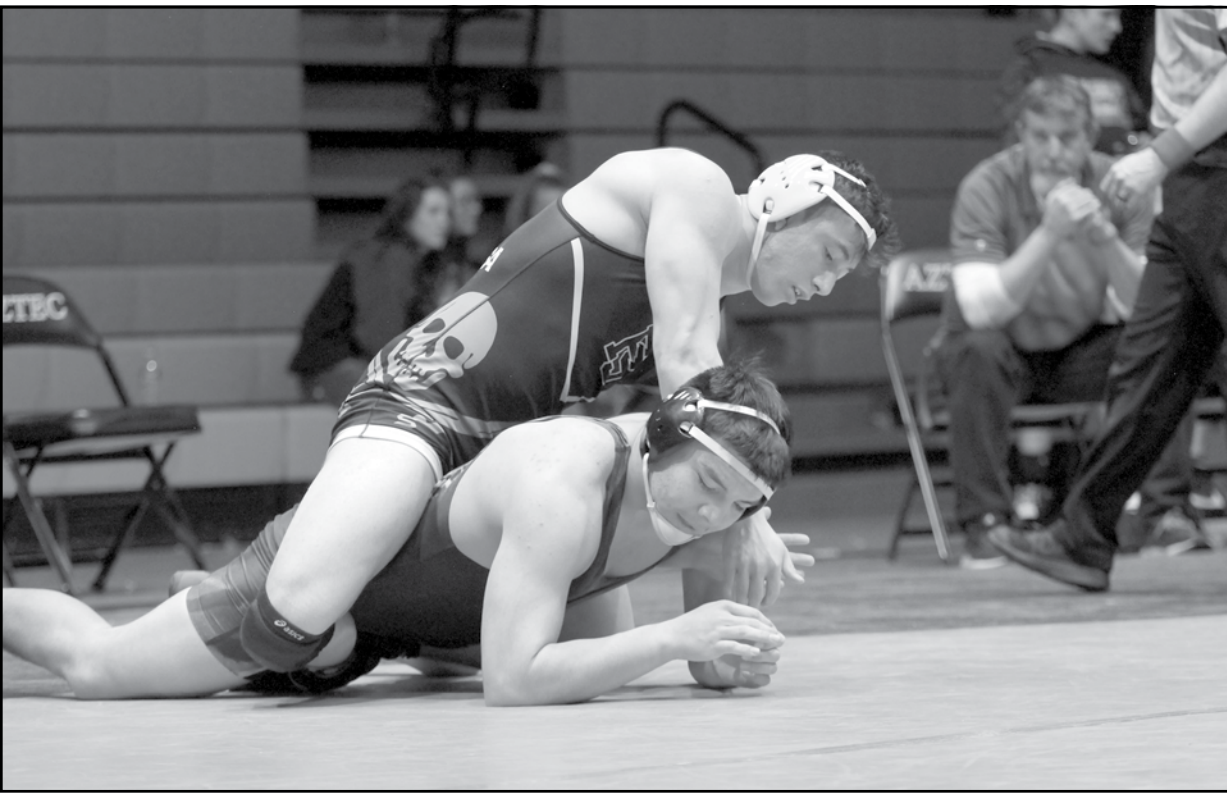


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Pirate senior Caleb Janowsky reaches for position at the 37th annual High Desert Tiger Duals tournament in Aztec, N.M., on Saturday. Janowsky went 4-1 at the tournament. The Pirates came in second place, losing to Aztec High School in the championship round.



Photo courtesy Stacia Aragon

Pirate senior Ian Reinhardt grapples with an opponent at the 37th annual High Desert Tiger Duals tournament in Aztec, N.M., on Saturday. Reinhardt finished 4-1 at the tournament.

# Pirates trounce Monte Vista, finish second at dual tournament

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team steamrolled Monte Vista High School on Jan. 24, winning 12 of 14 matches to win 70-9, and finished second at the High Desert Tiger Duals on Jan. 26 in Aztec, N.M.

The match against Monte Vista was deemed "Senior Night" because it is the last time that the seniors would wrestle in their home gym, and the team did not disappoint.

"We have a group of seniors that have done a lot to elevate our program," said coach Dan Janowsky, adding, "They're a special bunch, for sure."

Three seniors launched the Pirates to a raucous start. Ian Reinhardt (in the 182-pound weight

class), Caleb Janowsky (195-pound weight class) and Connor Aragon (220-pound weight class) all won their matches.

Aragon and Reinhardt won by forfeit, earning three points apiece, and Caleb Janowsky won by fall, pinning Monte Vista's Ethan Hotz in just 37 seconds, earning six points for the team.

Trevor Torrez (113-pound weight class) and Erik Wyman (120-pound weight class) continued the Pirates' roll, each winning by fall in the third minute.

Dylan Tressler (126-pound weight class) won with a 10-2 decision, earning four points for the team.

Senior James Thomas drew a very difficult opponent in the 132-pound weight class.

"That guy is a top-three guy in

his division," said Janowsky.

Thomas lost the match by decision, 5-3, but his coach noted he wrestled very well.

"I really felt like James controlled the action and the tempo and all of that throughout the match," said Janowsky. "The last maybe 20 seconds we had one little slipup that cost us. He did a great job. I thought he wrestled extremely well. That guy is tough."

Brae Bergdolt pinned Monte Vista's Pablo Rivera in just 25 seconds in the 138-pound weight class.

Cameron Lucero pinned Monte Vista's Zach Hinder at 2:49 in the 145-pound weight class, and Ethan Evans (152-pound weight class) pinned Monte Vista's Jason Ross at 3:44.

Paul Farrah (160-pound weight class) and Hunter Smith

(170-pound weight class) closed out the victory for Pagosa by winning on forfeit, sealing Pagosa's largest win of the season, 70-9.

Two days later, the Pirates traveled to Aztec for the High Desert Tiger Duals tournament on Jan. 26.

Erik Wyman (113 pounds), Cameron Lucero (145 pounds) and Connor Aragon (182 pounds) were all undefeated at the tournament, each going 5-0.

"Cameron continued his impressive run. He's winning in impressive fashion," said Janowsky.

Aragon and Wyman did not place in the top five at their last tournament, and Janowsky noted

that they "rebounded extremely well with good performances."

EJ Monterroso (132 pounds), Reinhardt, and Caleb Janowsky all went 4-1 in the tournament.

Pagosa knocked off Bloomfield, Volcano Vista, Valencia and Kirtland to face Aztec High School in the championship dual in the tournament.

"Aztec, I believe is the top-ranked 5A team in New Mexico," said Dan Janowsky, adding, "They wrestled very well, it was their home tournament, their home duals. They came out on fire and we did not wrestle poorly by any stretch. They won a lot of close

matches."

Aztec won the match 48-24, earning first in the tournament and landing Pagosa in second.

"Winning is funner than losing, but when you lose and the matches are intense and close and the kids are really giving it all they have, it's pretty fun," said Dan Janowsky on the loss to Aztec and the second-place finish.

Pagosa will face No. 1-ranked Alamosa today, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m. at Alamosa High School and participate in the Butch Melton Invite tournament at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at Ignacio High School.

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### RECREATION NEWS

## Open gym, youth volleyball and adult coed volleyball offered

By Darren Lewis  
SUN Columnist

Do you have free time on Wednesdays and want to have some fun? Join us at the Ross Aragon Community Center for adult coed volleyball.

We play every Wednesday in the winter from 1 to 4 p.m. We have all levels of players, from those who have played in high school and college to players just learning the sport. It is an opportunity to meet some great people and get your exercise in all at the same time. We keep score, but the points truly don't matter. What matters is learning about the game of volleyball, working as a team and mostly having some laughs.

There is no cost and no special equipment required, although a good pair of knee pads could save you some bruises if you're a digger. Join us for all three hours or for as much time as you can spare.

Come join us for a bit of bump, set, spike. Hope to see you next Wednesday.

### Youth volleyball registration ages 9-12

The Recreation Department is accepting youth volleyball registration for the 9-10 and 11-12 age groups through Feb. 20. The 9-10 division will be an instructional league held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The 11-12 division will be held on Monday

and Wednesday evenings. The cost is \$35.

Please call the recreation department with any questions, 264-4151, ext. 232.

### Community Center open on Saturday

The Community Center will be open Saturday starting Feb. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for open gym. This will continue through April 20. Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the town's website, Facebook page and in the newspaper.

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## BASKETBALL

# No. 3 Pagosa improves to 12-2, 6-0 in league

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The No. 3 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates basketball team is on a roll, starting its second round through the Intermountain League by extending its win streak to seven games.

The Lady Pirates finished the first run through the Intermountain League (IML) with a 57-21 win over the Bayfield Wolverines Friday and dealt the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers a loss for the second time this season on Saturday, this time with a 58-20 score.

The Lady Pirates remain atop the IML with a perfect 6-0 league mark (and 12-2 overall record) and are followed by No. 11 Alamosa, who owns a 5-1 league record, and No. 6 Centauri, who holds a 3-2 record against league opponents.

No. 37 Bayfield is 2-4 in league matchups, No. 38 Montezuma-Cortez is 1-5 and No. 48 Monte Vista has yet to win a league game this season.

"Glad to be undefeated halfway

through league," coach Wes Lewis said following the team's win over Bayfield. "We kind of control our own destiny. If we can take care of business the rest of the way through, that's big for us."

As has been the trend for the team, the Lady Pirates took the lead early in the game, despite a slow start, and went on to outscore the Wolverines 15-7 in the first quarter.

The team's defense locked in in the second, with Pagosa allowing three while scoring 13 to hold a 28-10 lead at halftime.

That continued in the second half, with Pagosa outscoring its visitors 14-8 in the third and 15-3 in the fourth to log the 57-21 win.

"When you look at the whole game, our defense wasn't bad. I mean, 21 points, they never had a double-digit quarter. They got close in the first and the third, but, you know, held them to single digits every quarter. To only allow them 21 points, there isn't anything wrong with that," Lewis said.

But, offensively, things were not as smooth, the coach indicated.

"I thought we were sloppy on our side," Lewis said, adding, "Too many turnovers, too many bad passes, too many late passes. We had a lot of steals that we didn't convert to points which we should've. I thought there were times we had kids open ahead, we wouldn't throw the ball to them."

But the coach doled out credit to the Wolverines in the game, including to Bayfield's Macee Schultz.

"She's a bit of a game-changer. She gave our post players some fits, made us miss some shots, blocked several shots. She did a nice job for them tonight," he said following the game.

Offensively, the Lady Pirates were led by 24 points from Hailey Griego, with six of those points coming in seven opportunities from the charity stripe.

"Our system has always been complementary to post players, you know, and I guess we've had a lot of good post players come through. ... The system's kind of designed for it, so she gets the benefit of the system in a lot of cases," Lewis said, adding that Griego had a nice night.

Griego paired her 24 points with six rebounds, two assists and seven steals.

Teagan Stretton followed with 14 points, including a 3-pointer, and also contributed two rebounds, four assists and four steals.

Devin Wilson notched 13 points in the affair, also logging four rebounds, an assist and five steals.

Lewis noted that he likes to see the balanced scoring of having three players in double digits.

Adelyn Dozier landed a 3-pointer in the game and added a rebound and a steal.

Taylor Lewis put up a pair of points, also tallying four rebounds, four assists and six steals.

Elsa Lindner rounded out the team's scoring with a fourth-quarter free throw, also adding four rebounds, three assists, a block and three steals.

Molly Graham pulled down two rebounds for her team in the game and stole the ball twice, but exited the game due to injury.

The team made 10 of 16 attempts from the free-throw line for a success rate of 63 percent.

The coach indicated the up-and-down success from the charity stripe depends on which shooters make it to the line, but added, "Whoever gets there needs to make them."

The Lady Pirates turned the ball over 15 times in the game.

The next evening, Pagosa was

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Pagosa's Molly Graham looks to time her shot during the team's 57-21 win over the Bayfield Wolverines. With the win, the Lady Pirates ended their first time playing through the league with a perfect win record.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Devin Wilson works to dribble around a Montezuma-Cortez defender during Pagosa's 58-20 win over the Panthers. Pagosa improved to 12-2 with the win and will host another pair of league games this weekend.

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## SWIM

### Lady Pirates take fourth at Gunnison, set for regional action this weekend

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

After a brief hiatus away from the pool, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team made its return to the waters on Jan. 25, competing in the Gunnison meet and garnering a fourth-place finish with 225 total points.

Along with Pagosa, the Durango Demons, Gunnison Cowboys and Delta Panthers all participated in the meet, with Durango taking the top spot among all teams with 518 points.

In the 200-yard medley relay, the Lady Pirates cracked the top three, finishing third with a time of 2 minutes, 23.18 seconds. That relay team featured Nell Taylor, Emma Heidelmeier, Sierra Liverett and Mackenzie Wedemeyer.

Liverett and Taylor both also placed in the top five in the 200-yard individual medley, with Liverett taking fourth and Taylor fifth with times of 2:56.91 and 3:18.24, respectively.

Wedemeyer finished fifth in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 31.36.

The 100-yard fly also featured two Lady Pirates in the top five, with Taylor finishing third with a time of 1:36.62; Valeria Monteroso finished right behind her Lady Pirate teammate with a time of 1:40.50.

Again finding herself within the top five, this time in the 500-yard freestyle, Liverett placed fifth with a time of 7:09.91.

Two Lady Pirate relay teams finished in the top 10 in the 200-yard freestyle relay event.

The first team, which featured Beatrice Polczynski, Cheyenne Booth, Sydney Kohler and Monteroso, placed ninth with a time of 2:30.47.

The other relay team, which finished 10th with a time of 2:56.27, featured Kiera Schertz-Munoz,



Photo courtesy Heather Miller

**Lady Pirate Nell Taylor powers through the waters in the 200-yard individual medley at the Gunnison Meet on Jan. 25. Taylor finished fifth in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 3:18.24, while Pagosa captured fourth at the meet with 225 points.**

Amelia Laverty, Michelle Saucedo and Marina Guillen.

Three Lady Pirates placed within the top 10 of the 100-yard backstroke, with Wedemeyer finishing highest at seventh with a final time of 1:33.47.

Guillen placed ninth in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:47.16, while Polczynski rounded out the top 10 with a time of 1:49.22.

Heidelmeier had a strong outing in the 100-yard breaststroke, finishing fifth with a final time of 1:20.62.

Finally, in the 400-yard relay, two Lady Pirate teams finished within the top 10, with one cracking the top five.

The first team, finishing fourth, included Liverett, Wedemeyer, Dar-

ian Dominguez and Heidelmeier and ended with a time of 5:24.61.

The next team, which took sixth, finished with a time of 6:22.43 and included Booth, Ivory Carpenter, Schertz-Munoz and Taylor.

"Overall we swam great with a majority of the swimmers continuing to drop significant time," coach Heather Miller wrote in an email to The SUN.

Specific praise was offered for Heidelmeier, who, according to Miller, dropped close to four seconds off her 100-yard breaststroke time to be .19 seconds away from qualifying for the state competition.

"From a quick count the team collectively dropped over 150 seconds in individual events that is an

amazing accomplishment," Miller wrote. "I am very happy and proud of how hard the whole team has been working and it really showed in the meet!"

As the Lady Pirates look to close the door on their inaugural season, they will look to capture some of the top spots at the Western Slope Regionals.

Pagosa will compete in regional action tomorrow and Saturday at Colorado Mesa University, with action on both days starting at 9 a.m.

For their first time competing in regional action, Miller looks to see the Lady Pirates continue to focus on swimming with speed and great technique.

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## Pirates

Continued from A14

back at it, this time against Montezuma-Cortez.

But, it didn't take long for the Lady Pirates to find themselves in choppy waters, with foul trouble affecting the team for the majority of the game.

"It was a little bit of a shaky start. ... The one thing we were really concerned about tonight was foul trouble because we'd lost Molly and it just shortens the bench and it kind of changes rotations a bunch. And, lo and behold, we got in pretty deep foul trouble," the coach said following the game.

But, despite that foul trouble, Pagosa outscored its guests 14-5 in the first quarter and 9-7 in the second.

"We were able to get into half-time with an 11-point lead, which wasn't great, but it was better than being down or tied or anything," the coach said.

The foul woes continued for the Lady Pirates in the second half, with Lindner picking up her third foul of the game on the first play of the second half.

Despite that, the Lady Pirates outscored their visitors 12-8 in the third quarter and 23-0 in the fourth to seal the 58-20 win.

"We had a really, really strong fourth quarter. It was good defensively," the coach said, adding later, "It was a good team win."

But, Wes Lewis indicated that the foul trouble opened the door for several of the team's other players to log big minutes.

## Thanks

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The Olin family would like to thank the PLPOA, Rotary Club, Veterans Memorial board, Gray Wolves Ski Club, Friday morning Shooting Club and Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, and all the members of these organizations. My family saw the love and support of a wonderful small community come together and show their love for my husband. The stories were wonderful and hilarious. It was truly a Celebration of Life for a life lived to the fullest with compassion for all. Our children now understand why I must stay here with these cherished friends and community support. Ten years here together full time was way too short. Forty-nine years together as a couple seems short. Lassie Olin and family

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# Outdoors



## Bear injured in summer fire near Durango now back in the wild

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Special to The SUN

The bear cub injured in the 416 forest fire in southwest Colorado last summer is now back in the wild, hibernating in a "den" in the mountains west of Durango.

On Friday, Jan. 25, the bear and another female cub orphaned in the Durango area were placed together in an ideal location — deep in the forest where they'll find plenty of food when they wake from hibernation.

Colorado wildlife officers captured the bear on June 21, 2018, after receiving reports from firefighters that a cub was wandering alone in a burn area about 15 miles north of Durango. The bear was then taken to Frisco Creek, the wildlife rehabilitation facility operated by Colorado Parks and Wildlife near Del Norte.

"Black bears are an important native species in Colorado," said Matt Thorpe, area wildlife manager for the Durango area. "Taking it to rehab and giving it a second chance of surviving in the wild was the right and humane thing to do."

Photos of the bear went viral last summer and media around the world reported the story. The bear's feet were badly burned and her mother had not been seen in the area; she was born early in 2018 and weighed only about 10 pounds when captured.

At Frisco Creek, Michael Sirochman, veterinary technician and manager of the facility, applied dressings to the bear's feet and wrapped them in bandages a few times each week. The young bear healed quickly and within a month she was ready to go outside with other orphaned cubs.

The primary purpose of wildlife rehabilitation is to mimic, as much as possible, the conditions an animal will face in the wild to prepare it for a successful release. So, for bears at Frisco Creek, that means that contact with humans is minimized. Bears live in a secure enclosure with other bears, which helps them to develop physically and socially. Large tree branches, stumps, boulders, platforms and metal shelters allow the bears to develop the skills they need to survive in the wild.

The bears are also fed in a way that imitates life in the woods. During summer and fall in the wild, food is abundant and bears eat almost constantly in order to put on the fat they need to get them through the winter. At Frisco Creek, they were fed generously and the 12 cubs at the facility all grew to about 100 pounds.

As the weather cools in the fall, the amount of food available to bears in the wild declines — that also provides a signal that the hibernation season is near. So, at Frisco Creek, the quantity of food the cubs were given was cut back and eventually cut off.

In early January, the cubs settled into hibernation in the metal containers they'd used for shelter and where they'd slept and hid. The containers — about 4 feet square — became their dens.

On Friday, Jan. 25, the "den" of the 416 bear and her companion was closed and taken by truck to the remote trailhead where it was loaded on a snow cat and hauled deep into the mountains. At the location selected by wildlife officers, the den was placed and covered with hay bales, pine boughs and snow. Within a few weeks a wildlife officer will go back to the site and remove the den door. Bears usually emerge from hibernation in mid-April.

"We've found that putting bears into hibernation before moving them has been pretty successful," Sirochman said. "They are fat enough to survive the winter and have their familiar home. We try to re-create the natural conditions as much as possible."

The once 10-pound, injured, orphaned bear cub now weighs 90 pounds. When the weather warms, she and her crate mate will emerge into good black bear habitat — and they'll be wild bears again.

"Making it in the wild is tough for young bears," Thorpe said. "We've done everything we can to give the 416 bear a second chance at a good wild life."



Photos courtesy Colorado Parks and Wildlife



The bear cub injured in the 416 forest fire near Durango last summer is back in the wild, hibernating in a "den" in the mountains. On Friday, Jan. 25, the bear and another orphaned female cub were placed together in an ideal location — deep in the forest where they'll find plenty of food when they wake from hibernation.

## Water production up slightly, snow water equivalency down

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

This week, lake levels and diversion flows have seen minimal changes, if any, since last week.

A press release crafted by Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey notes that Lake Hatcher is 34 inches from full, when last week it was 37 inches from full.

Stevens Lake has also seen a slight increase, sitting at 133 inches from full, compared to last week's total of 134 inches from full.

Levels at Lake Pagosa remain the same at 24 inches from full.

Village Lake was recorded at 9 inches from full last week; however, that total has now dropped to 14 inches from full.

Last week, Ramsey noted in an interview that he did not believe that Village Lake's levels were correct due to a potential malfunction in the lake's gauge; this week he confirmed that was the case, explaining that the gauge had frozen.

Lake Forest remains at 6 inches from full.

Diversion flows also remain the same with total flows staying at 6 cubic feet per second (cfs), with both the West Fork and Four Mile diversion flows adding 3 cfs each.

However, Four Mile flows are still inconsistent due to ice dams and fluctuating river flows.

Total cumulative available lake water for treatment and delivery has increased this week, albeit by 0.1 percent, going from 73.7 percent to 73.8 percent.

From Jan. 18 through Jan. 24, water production totaled 10.06 million gallons, compared to the Jan. 11 through Jan. 17 total of 9.80 million gallons.

During the Jan. 18 through Jan. 24 time frame, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 3.06 million gallons, while the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 7 million gallons.

Last year, also within Jan. 18 through Jan. 24, water production totaled 9.36 million gallons.

As of Jan. 28, snow water equivalency (SWE) was recorded at 13.7 inches, up from last week's total of 13.1 inches.

The SWE median has also increased from 17.3 inches to 19.2 inches.

The median and averages are based on data from 1981 through 2010. Therefore, the SWE this week is 71.4 percent of median, compared to last week when it was 75.7.

Precipitation has also risen since last week, going from 17.6 inches to 18 this week.

The precipitation average has also increased from 20.1 inches to 21.2 inches, making the precipitation this week 84.9 percent of median when last week it was 87.6.

"We're down a little bit. We just didn't get a whole lot of moisture this last week, unfortunately," Ramsey said. "It doesn't look like we'll get a whole lot this week; so, it's probably going to look even worse next week, I'm guessing."

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## PAWSD sets meeting posting locations

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

In accordance with state statute, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors approved a resolution regarding annual posting of meetings on Jan. 17.

That resolution, specifically titled Resolution No. 2019-01, follows Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402 (2)(c), which requires

special districts to designate annually at the first regular meeting of each calendar year the locations at which notices will be posted at least 24 hours prior to each meeting.

The resolution adds that the notice of time and place for regular and special meetings will be posted in at least three public places within the limits of the special district, but also one notice will be posted in the office of the county clerk and recorder. Specifically for PAWSD, the

resolution highlights that the posting areas for meetings shall be: the PAWSD offices, the Archuleta County Courthouse, Pagosa Springs Town Hall and Pagosa Fire Protection District Station 1.

The notices of the meetings will be posted within the boundaries of the district at least 24 hours prior to each meeting, and for special meetings notices will be posted 72 hours before each meeting.

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# WinterFest

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Last weekend's WinterFest festivities celebrated the season in numerous ways, including warming under the blowers of hot air balloons, cooling down by jumping into the freezing San Juan River for the Penguin Plunge and racing fat tire bikes in the snow.



# preview

## ARTS & LIFE

# 'Cerebrotini: Stirred, But Not Shaken'

Thingamajig Theatre • Opens Friday, Feb. 8 • Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts



Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

# ‘Cerebrotini: Stirred, but Not Shaken’ opening Feb. 8

By Tess Wisher  
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company’s “Cerebrotini: Stirred, But Not Shaken” opens at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Friday, Feb. 8. This hilarious new play is from Karl Isberg, the same mind as “Welcome to Siberia, Now Go Home!” and includes his quintessential dark humor.

“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 entertaining and laugh-out-loud hilarious stories, 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 years. He began his writing career in Pagosa Springs as a contributor and journalist for The Pagosa Springs SUN before he became editor in 2001. Since his retirement from journalism in 2014, Isberg has run the blog “Siberia with a View.”

Last year, Isberg wrote his first play for Thingamajig Theatre, “Welcome to Siberia, Now Go Home!” This hilarious show was met with rave reviews and was an instant success. “Welcome to Siberia, Now Go Home!”

was filled with dark, Pagosa Springs-flavored humor. Luckily, “Cerebrotini: Stirred, But Not Shaken” is saturated with the same deliciously dark humor. While this new Isberg show is not as Pagosa Springs heavy, it still has that special local flair audiences adored in “Welcome to Siberia, Now Go Home!”

Thingamajig Theatre is a professional theater company and generally brings in talent from around the country to produce its captivating shows. “Cerebrotini: Stirred, But Not Shaken” is different. The cast is made up of Pagosa Springs residents that do not live the nomadic regional actor life like many of the Thingamajig performers. It’s a wonderful opportunity for locals like Jefferson Quinn and Laura Hamilton to act on the Thingamajig stage in a show written by a Pagosa Springs writer, performed by Pagosa Springs for Pagosa Springs.

Join Thingamajig Theatre and the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts and laugh your way through “Cerebrotini: Stirred, But Not Shaken.” To get tickets, visit [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW (7469). Want to be among the first to see this hilarious show? There are still tickets available for the Champagne Opening on Feb. 8.

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.

# Earth Community to meet Feb. 6 at library

By Joan Mieritz  
Special to The PREVIEW

Many in Pagosa Springs have been waiting for this day. There will be a gathering of people at the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library on Wednesday, Feb. 6, beginning at noon for a discussion of the Earth

Community’s national magazine called YES.

We will discuss the most recent issue on inequality — learning about five opportunities to solve inequality. The most important concept is that power doesn’t have a finite limit with just so much to go around. If women become more powerful, men do not need to give up their power. We can have two powerful genders on this planet, and just think of what can be accomplished.


I know that I may be sabotaging myself if 100 people show up, but as we discuss, we will be enjoy-

ing a delicious cup of homemade chicken soup. It is the best, with dumplings.

The Earth Community will be discussing recent issues of YES Magazine in March and April also while we formulate plans for some important projects that will greatly improve the quality of life in Archuleta County.

We have some great ideas, but if you have one also, please plan on sharing it.

See you Wednesday, Feb. 6, at noon at the Sisson Library. There will be free copies of Yes Magazine while they last.



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# John Motter guest speaker at next Archuleta County Genealogical Society meeting

By Deneice Stacy  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Archuleta County Genealogical Society is pleased to welcome John Motter to its February meeting. Motter will present on the topic of "The Influence of Native Americans on Archuleta County." His presentation will be filled with photographs and include a question-and-answer period.

Motter began his knowledge of the history of this area around 1976 when he joined "old-timers" in their morning coffee rituals. He listened to their stories and those they had been told by their parents and grandparents. He spent innumerable hours looking at old photo albums and documents and poring over old Pagosa SUN articles. Motter's research culminated in the publishing of his book, "Pagosa Country: The First Fifty Years."

Motter was born in 1934 in Kansas and moved to Oregon when he was 2 years old because of the dust bowl and depression in Kansas. He said that in his early years his family could have starred in "Grapes of Wrath." John Steinbeck is his favorite author. Motter graduated high school in Grants Pass, Ore., did a short stint pulling green chain in a sawmill, then served four years in the Korean War in the U.S. Air Force.

He attended San Diego State on the GI Bill majoring in electrical engineering. Since then, he has been a jack of all trades including sound engineer, audio-animatronics at Disneyland and Disney World, conservation aide at Navajo Lake in

Arboles, a photographer, reporter, editor and general manager for three newspapers in Texas and The SUN. In Texas, Motter received several newspaper awards, including first place in humorous column writing, first place in news writing, best weekly newspaper in Texas and some second- and third-place finishes.

Motter moved to Pagosa Springs circa 1970 and started working for

The SUN in 1976. He has held many positions with The SUN, including general manager and writer. He has written approximately 12 travel guide books about various cities from San Antonio, Texas, to Piedmont Triad in North Carolina. He currently writes a weekly column for The SUN titled "Pagosa's Past."

He has been married to Vicki for 34 years and they have resided in  
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Sophie Martinez, featured soloist in “When I Grow Up,” a “Kid Konzert.” The concert will be on Feb. 23 at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church.

## CUP to present ‘When I Grow Up’ on Feb. 23

Dale Johnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is adding more productions to its 2019 schedule in celebration of its 30th anniversary in 2019.

Starting off the year will be a “Kid Konzert,” “When I Grow Up,” to be performed on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. It will be held at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, a longtime supporter of CUP and the performing arts in Pagosa.

Save the date for this wonderful celebration of our kids, music and CUP. Dale Scrivener and Robert Neel are music directors, with Sally Neel as vocals coach and Dale Johnson as producer.

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## Enjoy the moment at Tuesday hand-drumming class

By Paul Roberts  
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa

Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at noon.

“Paul’s class allows me to tap into my creativity and sense of enjoyment, as well as adding to relaxation,” said retired professor and social worker Beverly Sondag. “It is helpful to not always focus on production or outcome, and just enjoy the moment.”

Sondag continued, “For the last year, I have been reading Paul’s articles in The SUN and have enjoyed the integration of brain science and therapy into the drumming experience. As a social worker for 47 years, I have watched the development of using brain science in therapy and the use of music to allow healing that is not possible with talk therapy.

“My family was very musical and I had a number of aunts and uncles who played instruments by ear. Some of my earliest memories

are related to watching my paternal grandfather sing in church. In my family, we all took piano lessons and then other instruments later.

■ See Drumming on next page

## Meeting

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Dulce for the past 18 years, where they pastored the Dulce Baptist Church, she taught public school and he taught GED and adult ed to the Jicarilla Apache Nation.

Archuleta County Genealogical Society meetings are held at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street every other month. The next meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, at 11 a.m. Visitors are welcomed and encouraged.

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# What's happening under the snow?

I woke up New Year's Day to snow, snow and more snow. Through our glass patio doors stood leafless trees in their winter fleece.

I said to my Sweet Al, "The trees look ghostly, like they could die under all of that weight." Of course, if winter has taught us anything, it's not what we see but what we can't see that tells a story.

I remember the harsh winter seasons of the '70s and '80s. It wasn't uncommon to have no less than 3 to 4 feet of snow on the ground. For a period of time, there was no phone and no electricity. We didn't have a four-wheel drive and had no way of removing the heavy snow. Our kids walked 2 miles along the Lower Blanco to reach U.S. 84 to catch the school bus. In the evening, the family would gather around a glowing woodstove to keep warm.

Those days were harder than hard. Could anyone possibly understand what we were going through? We were not much to look at, had no money and were simply just not prepared for Pagosa. We had eagerly moved from hot, dry Arizona to live "the mountain life."

I can still envision Ruby Sisson

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



driving her 1965 green Chevy to the school where she worked. I would shake my head in disbelief every time I saw her. Now, that was a tough woman. Rain or snow, I don't think she ever missed a day of work.

I was not as tough. I cried out to God in desperation, "Have you turned your back on us? Will we ever get through the winter?" We were too broke to move, yet too broke to stay.

In my pathetic state, I felt like Isaiah running through the streets of Israel with his buttock showing. He surrendered to God, "Here am I. Send me." Did he really understand what he was saying? After all, things didn't go exactly the way he expected either.

As I sit back and think through those days, I am understanding that our story is not just about "the state" that we are in. Philippians 1:6

says, "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

Even the leafless trees understand this. Although they may hunker down and cozy up to winter's blast, it won't be long before their outstretched roots find themselves strengthened, limbs bursting with fruit. Come to think of it, it's not any different from the promise God plants in our hearts.

How often do we only see the cold and uninviting obstacles in our path, rather a strength that weathers even the most difficult of days?

Final brushstroke: Today is where we are, but it is not where we are going. While we have to experience the here and now, we are more than the value of any given moment. There will come a time when all our todays will mean something. Not because we survived them, but because they are a part of that which completes us.

## Drumming

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I learned to play the clarinet and bass clarinet, which was my favorite instrument. I've also tried my hand at oboe and cello. Through all of these years, I have continued to sing in a variety of choirs.

"My father continued his love of music, even as his dementia progressed. The music therapist at his facility in Minnesota even had him make some CDs with his own singing. Our family treasures those artifacts of his singing, making sounds and playing rhythm instruments. He also participated in Mneme therapy, a creative use of music, movement and art, which stimulates parts of the brain that are otherwise unreachable during the progression of dementia. He produced a number of beautiful paintings from this process.

"I have worked in a diversity of settings in my social work career. In my experiences working with Native Americans, I learned to appreciate native music, the use of music

in ceremony and pow wows and in sweat lodges. I regularly listen to various native drumming groups and circles, and while I cannot speak the language, it has always been a pleasure to sing along and learn the melodies. Integrating music into my professional and personal life has been a helpful component of my personal growth and in my work assisting others."

Devoting herself to the well-being of others, Sondag exudes a sense of wisdom and joyful goodwill. Playing on her Native American drum, singing and strumming the Chinese guzheng, her music in the drumming class radiates enthusiasm and delight.

An opportunity for people of all ages to unleash their creativity, the drumming class is a family-friendly activity. 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.

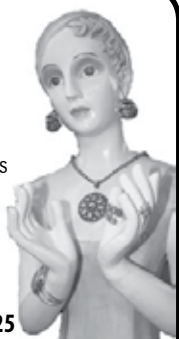
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Photo courtesy Robin Young

Archuleta County youth pose with instructors and practice dummies following a two-day training. Twelve youth participated in the MyPI Disaster Training recently, putting in 12 hours of training in areas such as fire safety, disaster medical operations, CPR and AED training, search and rescue, disaster psychology, terrorism and emergency management organization.

## 12 youth take part in disaster preparedness training

By Robin Young  
Special to The PREVIEW

If you went by the CSU Extension office the weekend before last, you probably saw what looked like an avalanche recovery effort by emergency responders. Well, you would be right.

Twelve youth from Archuleta County participated in the MyPI (My Preparedness Initiative) Disaster Training in a partnership with CSU Extension, the Archuleta County Office of Emergency Management, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office,

Pagosa Fire Protection District and Pagosa Springs Medical Center EMS.

These youth were trained in fire safety, disaster medical operations, CPR and AED training, search and rescue, disaster psychology, terrorism and emergency management organization. The participants spent an intense 21 hours of training over two days that included the disaster simulation of finding buried victims in an avalanche. This was also an opportunity for them to explore career tracks in emergency management, whether it's as a

firefighter, in law enforcement or in medical services.

The 12 youth will continue the education in our community by working with seven families to help them prepare an emergency supply kit and a family emergency communication plan. This is the final component for each student to complete in order to graduate from the program.

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# Medicare 101 class set for Feb. 13

By Christina Knoell and Kay Kaylor

Special to The PREVIEW

Medicare is complicated. It is important that you know your rights, options, deadlines, possible penalties and where to find the information you need.

Did you know that assistance is available in Pagosa Springs through the nationwide State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)? Trained and certified Medicare counselors are available by appointment to guide you when dealing with Medicare enrollment, questions and problems.

One of the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA) volunteer Medicare counselors, Theresa Snyder, will offer a free Medicare 101 class Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the Ruby Sisson Library to help you get started. The class will start at 1:30 p.m. and will run until about 3 p.m. Please call Kay at 264-0501, ext. 1, to reserve your spot because space is limited.

Medicare help has been offered in Archuleta County at the Senior Center for more than 15 years. SJBAAA is the sponsoring agency for free Medicare counseling services at the Pagosa Springs Senior

Center (the west end of the Ross Aragon Community Center). On most Mondays, called Medicare Monday, counselors are available by appointment. Counseling occurs on additional days during the annual Part C and D Open Enrollment Period, Oct. 17-Dec. 7, and sometimes by phone or appointment on other days.

Please call the phone number above to make an appointment or to ask questions. Some SJBAAA counselors are also trained as Senior Medicare Patrol counselors, and they can help with possible health care fraud, errors and abuse.

Medicare eligibility begins at age 65 unless you are younger and have been on disability for almost two years. Three months before (and until three months after) your birth month you can enroll in Medicare and start making decisions about your options. Some of the questions you need to consider follow:

- Are you eligible for Medicare Part A and Part B? Do you need both?
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• Do you want a Part D drug plan to avoid a monthly penalty? If so, which plan would work best for you? This varies depending on which drugs you take.

• Do you qualify for help with Part B or D premiums?

Generally, you can enroll in Medicare online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or by calling the Social Security Administration in Durango, (888) 472-6115. If you are already receiving a Social Security check, you will be automatically enrolled in Part A and Part B, but you will need to enroll in Part D and Part C or supplements yourself. You can also find valuable information at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

If you are already on Medicare and have a Part D drug plan or a Part C supplement, you need to review that plan each year during the open enrollment period because plan premiums and coverage of drugs change each year. Medicare counselors can help you during that time or you can go to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) to review your plan.

Also, contact Medicare at (800) 633-4227 if you have not received your new Medicare card and number, since the mailing for Colorado and nearby states was completed in mid-November. You also can sign into [MyMedicare.gov](http://MyMedicare.gov) to see if your card was mailed and, if so, print out an official card.

If you are receiving Social Security disability, you will probably be eligible for Medicare starting 23 months after your disability begins and will have a limited period to enroll in a Part D drug plan. It is important to know all enrollment deadlines to avoid penalties. Also, depending on your income and assets, you may be eligible for Extra Help with drug plans or Medicare Savings Programs for Part B.

# PCNT topic: 'Building Bridges Through Surrender'

By Lisa Burnson

Special to The PREVIEW

All are welcome to join the Rev. Janet Wyrick and Pagosa Community of New Thought on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 10:30 a.m. for our presentation of "Building Bridges Through Surrender."

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# Healthy balance can save your life: 9Health Fair set for April 27

By Constance d'Angelis  
Special to The PREVIEW

Did you know that cardiovascular disease kills over 800,000, which is one in three deaths per year, or

one death every 40 seconds. And, an American has a stroke about once every 40 seconds.

Over 92 million Americans live with cardiovascular disease or after-effects of stroke.

Don't want to part of this statistic? Neither do I.

Shaping a healthy, balanced lifestyle can shift the odds that these conditions will kill or incapacitate you.

Cholesterol screening is important in detecting the risk for cardiovascular problems and possibility of sustaining a stroke. This testing is included in the general blood chemistry offered for the minimal cost of \$35 at the 9Health Fair April 27 at Pagosa Springs High School.

A colleague of mine, we'll call him Dave, suffered a debilitating loss. Confused and highly stressed, he bought a small motorhome and with his dog started traveling across the country. Previously, he was diligent in care of his physical and mental health, but his heartache, grief and doubt were taking its toll. The result was yet to be discovered. He stopped in our fair mountain town and, as luck would have it, he had a blood screening

■ See 9Health on next page

## PCNT

■ continued from previous page 6 p.m. All are welcome. Instruction is provided for beginners.

### Thursday evening lecture

All are welcome to join Shayla White Eagle McClure for a presentation, "Tapping Into Your Intuition and Higher Self Connection," on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 6:30 p.m. She will be sharing "Into Your Genius" with Bob Proctor and Mary Morrissey. Donations are appreciated.

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On Sunday, Feb 3, 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.

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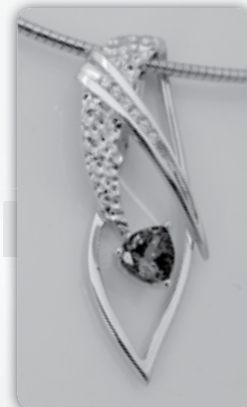
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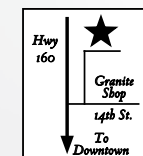
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# 9Health

■ continued from previous page that included cholesterol testing.

The results indicated that he was a traveling time bomb for a heart attack or stroke. His cholesterol risk ratio was off the charts. Now what? Quite a “wake-up call” for Dave. He had to make some

massive shifts in his lifestyle and/or start on statin drugs to lower the LDL cholesterol (lousy stuff) and raise the HDL (good/helpful).

He opted for a change in his diet, including more fish, lean meat, vegetables, fruits and nuts. He increased his exercise regimen and

received regular massage therapy sessions. Daily, he sat quietly for 20 minutes in mindful meditation and took up writing for 10 minutes in a journal. Dave’s new focus helped him out of his depression and minimized his stress. He was able to get the total cholesterol, and the lousy and helpful into normal limits. He walks daily by the river, which is instrumental in calming his demeanor, too. His dog is really thriving with the added activity rather than driving in the motorhome for days on end with a grouchy master.

I’m not sure if it’s his smile, rosy cheeks or deep laugh that identifies his transformed heart life.

You can fashion a healthy balance in your life, too.

Come to the high school on April 27 from 7 to 11 a.m. for screenings and education.

Want to volunteer? Have a working brain and a good attitude? Most volunteers don’t need special medical skills.

Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Sharee Grazda at 731-0317 or email sgrazda@gmail.com. Visit 9HealthFair.org. You can reach Constance at 7LawsofHealth@gmail.com.

## 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 spotted towhee.

If you have some thick oakbrush or shrubby understory around your home or live at forest’s edge, chances are you’ve witnessed this large member of the sparrow family doing its token two-footed “backscot.” This dance move, though showy, is all function as towhees work to scratch back leaf litter (and snow) to expose seed in fall/winter. You may notice them feeding alongside other ground-harvesters such as juncos, bushtits and fellow sparrows. Like an Oregon form of dark-eyed junco, spotted towhees have a dark hood, only blacker and with a red eye. What really differentiates them is their size among sparrows. They are quite rotund with rufous flanks, white breast and a distinctly long, black upright tail, visible as it hops to and from food sources. Further, they have distinct white spots on their backs, creating bars across their upper wings. In flight, outer tail feather corners are white. Juvenile birds are initially streaky in the classic sparrow vein, but can be identified by subtler wing bars, long tail and conical bill.

Come spring, during breeding season, these birds become more audibly noticeable. The males will move into visible high spots to sing their trill-heavy song to attract mates. Their single-note calls have been likened to a scratchy catlike mewwee. These are used for the purpose of harassing other birds and defending nesting territory as they compete for an increasing diversity of insects in spring/summer.

For information on local bird-watching events, visit [www.weminuche-audubon.org](http://www.weminuche-audubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/](https://www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/).

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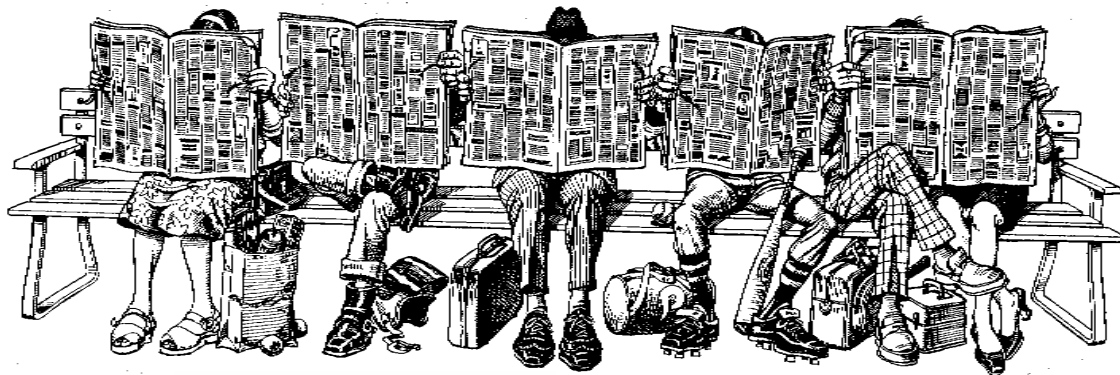
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# Dutch Henry Born: Wild West legend

As you learned last week, Dutch Henry Born performed an almost impossible, totally unbelievable turnabout with the final years of his life. He purchased a 160-acre homestead on the West Fork of the San Juan River just a few miles from the foot of Wolf Creek Pass, married his childhood sweetheart Ida



## Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

Dilabaugh, built a log cabin on his homestead and with the love of his life, raised a family.

The hardworking couple turned what became known as Born's Lake into a resort focused on trout. Trout raised in the lake were sold to other fisheries, caught and sold through butcher shops for people in Pagosa to eat at home, and Pagosa folks visiting the lake fished while enjoying the surrounding mountain grandeur.

Pagosa newspapers in the 1890s and early 1900s contained a number of stories reporting that "Dutch Henry Born was in town today buying supplies" or "the Dutchman came through town today carrying a load of fish."

It was not uncommon for the editor to lavish praise on Born's resort by describing how many a local family enjoyed a wonderful time celebrating at Born's Lake, catching trout and then dining on the tastefully prepared, lip-smacking meals served with plentitude midst the splendor of the wondrous mountain scenery." Born's Lake was truly the "in" place for locals to eat out.

According to his daughter, Mabel Bennett, during his later years Dutch talked little about his past and for the last seven years did not even keep a gun in his house, claiming that he had "had all of the killing he wanted." Charles Siringo and Oklahoma lawman Bill Tighlman were among his friends who took advantage of standing invitations



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

Posing for the camera with buffalo rifle in hand and six-shooter on his waist, Dutch Henry Born serves as a classic picture representing the legendary frontier West he knew so well.

to fish with Born at the lake.

One day, it is said, Tighlman and Born showed up together in Pagosa Springs. As Dutch Henry and the famous lawman clopped into town from the east, even before they hitched their horses on Pagosa Street, word of their arrival circulated to such an extent that large numbers of Pagosa's finest, worried about the possibility that Tighlman might have a stash of wanted posters in his saddlebags, vacated the bars and other public venues, grabbed a week's grub, cinched up their saddles and galloped off for unknown hideouts while waiting anxiously for the Oklahoma lawman to get out of town.

Dutch Henry died of pneumonia on Jan. 10, 1921, and is buried, along with his memories of the wild and woolly west, in Hilltop Cemetery in Pagosa Springs.

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# Humane Society of Pagosa Springs selected for innovative training program to increase cat adoptions

By Mike Stoll  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs (HSPS) has been selected by The Jackson Galaxy Project (JGP), a Signature Program of GreaterGood.org, to participate in the spring 2019 semester of Cat Pawsitive, a life-saving initiative that introduces positive-reinforcement training to cats in shelters and rescues.

This innovative training program for cats aims to increase feline adoption rates and maintain cat “mojo.”

Galaxy (star of the television show “My Cat from Hell” on Animal Planet and founder of JGP) developed Cat Pawsitive with a team of feline behavior experts. Highlights of the program include:

- Maintaining cat “adoptability” and feline social skills by enriching cats’ day-to-day lives.
- Increasing adoptions.
- Decreasing length of stay.
- Engaging and empowering volunteers and staff.
- Showing potential adopters that cats are cool and can even be trained.

“The genesis of Cat Pawsitive stemmed from the simple desire to duplicate the ‘AHA!’ moment I had in the early stages of my life with cats as a shelter worker,” said Galaxy. “By utilizing the training concepts that were, to that point, only used for the dogs in our care, not only were the cats stimulated, motivated and energized, but so was I. That, along with the most important result, lives being saved, was the win-win I envisioned passing on to as many cats, shelters and rescues as I possibly could. So today I am filled with an indescribable mix of joy and anticipation as we enter the spring 2019 semester of The Jackson Galaxy Project’s Cat Pawsitive program.”

The Cat Pawsitive program is designed to keep adoptable cats mentally and physically active in a shelter or rescue environment. The focus is on fun, positive reinforcement-based training sessions that go beyond playtime as usual to help cats maintain their mojo and connect more quickly with potential adopters. From teaching high fives and head bumps to “sit” and “come when called,” caregiv-

■ See Training on next page



Photo courtesy The Jackson Galaxy Project

Jackson Galaxy, founder of The Jackson Galaxy Project, which helps introduce positive-reinforcement training to cats in shelters and rescues through its Cat Pawsitive program. The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs will participate in the spring 2019 semester of the Cat Pawsitive program to help improve feline well-being and increase adoption rates.

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# Producers encouraged to submit info for the Colorado Farm Fresh Directory

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Colorado Department of Agriculture annually publishes the Colorado Farm Fresh Directory, which promotes Colorado farmers markets, roadside stands, u-picks, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) producers, agritourism activities, wineries and farms and ranches that sell direct to the public. The 2019 edition is being organized, and producers are encouraged to submit their information for inclusion.

“We are celebrating the 35th anniversary of this popular publication this year,” said Wendy White, marketing specialist at the Colorado Department of Agriculture. “We hope to make it the biggest and best edition ever.”

More than 100,000 copies of the publication will be distributed in June to consumers through libraries, extension offices, farmers markets, welcome centers, chambers of commerce, home milk delivery services and other businesses. In addition, Farm Fresh will be available as a mobile app for smartphones and online at [www.coloradoagriculture.com](http://www.coloradoagriculture.com).

## Extension Viewpoints

The fee to be included in the directory is \$25, and the listing deadline is Feb. 15. For more information or to request a listing form, contact Loretta Lopez at (303) 869-9175 or visit [www.coloradoagriculture.com](http://www.coloradoagriculture.com).

### 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.

### Annie's Project

Annie's Project is an educational program dedicated to strengthening women's roles in modern farm and ranch enterprises. The mission is to empower farm and ranch women to be better business partners through networks and by managing and organizing critical information.

The cost is \$75, and it will be held from Feb. 28 to March 2. Materials and meals will be provided. Please come by the Extension office to pick up an application or visit the Facebook page, CSU Extension-Archuleta County, to download. Applications are due on Feb. 15.

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## Training

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ers at Cat Pawsitive participating organizations engage with cats in a brand new way to really help cats to “click” with adopters.

“We're thrilled to have been selected by JPG to participate in the Cat Pawsitive program. Enrichment activities are very important for keeping our shelter animals physically fit and mentally healthy, and this program will add a significant new tool to our cat enrichment toolbox. Liz Andreas, our shelter manager, and Sommer Davidson, our Cat Pawsitive team leader, will be working intensely with staff and volunteers over the next 14 weeks to implement the program and enrich the lives of our shelter cats. They're excited to get going and have some serious fun with the cats. This is a program that we envision as an ongoing part of our enrichment activities at the shelter, so anyone interested in learning more and becoming a future cat enrichment volunteer should contact Sommer or Liz at the shelter at 731-4771,” said Mike Stoll, HSPS executive director.

Galaxy will be sharing highlights of the program on The Jackson Galaxy Project Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

### About HSPS

HSPS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that operates Archuleta County's only licensed animal shelter. The shelter provides a

safe haven for homeless and stray dogs and cats and provides community services through spay/neuter programs, financial aid for emergency veterinary care and pet retention programs that strengthen the human-animal bond and keep families and pets together.

The HSPS thrift store supports shelter activities through the sale of gently used clothing and household goods, new furniture and more. Additional information about programs and services is available by calling our administration office at 264-5549 or visiting [www.humanesociety.biz](http://www.humanesociety.biz).

### About JGP

The JGP, founded in 2014, is a Signature Program of GreaterGood.org, a public 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The project is the realization of Jackson's long-standing dream of improving the lives of animals at risk and helping the people who care for them.

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# PAGOSA SCENE . . .

## SLEDZ ON REZ

PREVIEW photos/Randi Pierce

Scene ... enjoying the sun, snow and Sledz on Rez. Build Pagosa presented Sledz on Rez Saturday as part of the Chamber's Winter-Fest festivities. There were 17 entries in the contest, which featured homemade and modified sleds careening, and crashing, down Reservoir Hill.







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# Preview Calendar

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

## 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.

**Computer Class: Saving and Finding Files.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. You will learn how your computer is organized, including files and folders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**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.

## 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.

**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.

**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.

## Saturday, Feb. 2

**Archuleta County Democratic Party Reorganization Meeting.** 8:30 a.m. registration; meeting starts at 9 a.m. Open to the public. Call Becky Herman at 903-0788 if you plan to attend or for more information.

**Open Gym.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the town's website, Facebook page and in the newspaper. Call 264-4152, ext. 521 for more information.

**Archuleta County Genealogical Society.** 11 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The speaker this month is John Motter. John will discuss "The Influence of Native Americans on Archuleta County." His presentation will be filled with local photographs. For more information, contact Carolyn Paschal at 946-3255.

**Girls' Varsity Basketball.** 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Monte Vista High School.

**Boys' Varsity Basketball.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Monte Vista High School.

## Sunday, Feb. 3

**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, Feb. 4

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

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

**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.

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

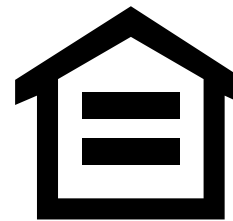
**Bingo.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

**Weminuche Audubon Society.** 4 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Board meetings are open to any interested parties. If you are attending and

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**Tuesday, Feb. 5**

**Tai Chi Class.** 8 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

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

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

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

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

**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.

**Men's PTSD Group.** Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church library. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Vets for Vets at 507-3005 for more information.

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

**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.

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lency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Pi Beta Phi Chinese New Year.** 5 p.m., Shanghai Restaurant. Alumnae and husbands will celebrate at a no-host dinner. RSVP to Carole Howard by Feb. 1.

**Let's Dance Pagosa.** 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn night club two-step. Not to be confused with country two-step, this is a smooth, flowing dance to be danced to slow ballads and love songs, both pop and country. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

**Wednesday, Feb. 6**

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

**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. 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. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**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.

**Red Hat Meeting.** 11:30 a.m., Boss

Hogg's Restaurant.

**Earth Community.** Noon, Sisson Library. There will be a gathering of people for a discussion of the Earth Community's national magazine called YES. We will discuss the most recent issue on inequality and learn about five opportunities to solve inequality.

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

**Open Volleyball.** 1-4 p.m., Community Center. We have all levels of players from those who have played in high school and college to players just learning the sport. We keep score, but the points truly don't matter. What matters is learning about the game of volleyball, working as a team and, mostly, having some laughs. Call 264-4152 for more information.

**Spanish Instruction.** 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us in this basic course to improve your ability to speak and understand Spanish. 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.  
**Teen Knitting-Plus Club.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. It's called the knitting-plus club because it includes not only knitting, but also crochet products, needle-

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point and more. Bring your knitting, crochet or needlepoint projects and hang out with other crafters. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

**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, Feb. 7**

**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.

**Women's Wellness Program.** Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. For women ages 21-64. Facilitated by San Juan Basin Public Health. There will not be any actual physical examinations. Rather, the sessions will provide education on about where and how to access cancer screenings, assess barriers to screening for breast and cervical cancer, and how to help with information about women's sexual health. Light refreshments will be served. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**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.

**Duplicate Bridge.** 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.

**Teen Advisory Board.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**PALS Adult Education.** 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equiva-

lency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**San Juan Outdoor Club.** 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Todd Holman will present "How to Make Excellent Wine." Guests welcome. For more information, visit our Facebook page or go to sanjuanoutdoorclub.org.

**Friday, Feb. 8**

**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.

**Free Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Please check in at the front desk. Everyone will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a free legal clinic via computer link for parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veterans benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Movie.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. When the heroine is struck by a meteorite, she is suddenly transformed into a giant and imprisoned by the US government, along with a group of other monsters. Then, an evil alien mastermind threatens to take over earth. Who better to stop him that a team of monsters? Call 264-2209 for more information.

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

- 1 In need of a map
- 5 Bank heist, e.g.
- 10 Wished, as a farewell
- 14 Feedbag fill
- 15 Way past plump
- 16 Responsibility
- 17 Teachers at the prom, perhaps
- 19 Revival setting
- 20 Airline's home base
- 21 Early 20th-century art movement
- 22 Walk like a show horse
- 24 Hang back
- 26 Happen upon
- 28 Pricy wheels, slangily
- 31 Street-smart
- 32 Highest point
- 33 Bite off too much
- 35 Pipe material
- 38 Snack bar?
- 40 Military bigwig
- 42 Work on a tan
- 43 "Always on My Mind" singer
- 45 Way to pay
- 46 Copycat
- 47 Like some birthday parties
- 49 Some three-digit numbers
- 53 Before, in verse
- 54 Type of owl
- 55 Gyro holder
- 57 Harbor vessel
- 60 Every which way
- 61 Kirk's ship
- 64 Potatoes, perhaps
- 65 Lord's subject
- 66 Doomsayer's sign
- 67 Follow, as advice
- 68 Shopping binge
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**DOWN**

- 1 Ness, for one
- 2 Where Pearl City is
- 3 Ranch worker
- 4 Cooking meas.
- 5 Elizabeth McGovern's character on "Downton Abbey"
- 6 Home
- 7 Sinner's punishment
- 8 Opposite of WNW
- 9 Defendant in a lawsuit
- 10 Horticulturist's study
- 11 About, old-style
- 12 Conical-cap wearer
- 13 Fragrant compound
- 18 Perimeter
- 23 Talk a blue streak

- 25 Congregation's cry
- 27 Freight
- 28 Overhead items
- 29 Shade of beige
- 30 Example-setters
- 34 Bona fide
- 35 8 to 11, on TV
- 36 Flower holder
- 37 Outfitted
- 39 Chilling, say
- 41 \_\_\_ and anon
- 44 Sovereign's staff

- 46 Like a cheater's deck
- 48 Run-down car
- 49 Put to shame
- 50 Textile fiber
- 51 Lose ground
- 52 Military blockade
- 56 Nursery purchase
- 58 Kind of ID
- 59 Actor Wilder
- 62 Quick drink
- 63 Theater section

**Answers to Last Week's Crossword:**

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cocktails in the afterlife?" For tickets and more information, go to [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

## Saturday, Feb. 9

**Open Gym.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the town's website, Facebook page and in the newspaper. Call 264-4152, ext. 521 for more information.

**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.

**Fundamentals of Buddhism: A Practice and study with Debra Quayle.** 10 a.m., Universalist Unitarian, Suite B-15, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are welcome.

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6 to 12 years old. We've got the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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## Sunday, Feb. 10

**DUST2 Fat Bike Race.** 9 a.m., Old Wolf Creek Road (Forest Service Road 725). Registration is at 8 a.m. Adults \$25, under 18 \$20. There will be chili, cinnamon rolls, coffee and hot chocolate after the awards ceremony.

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**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, Feb. 11

**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.

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

## Tuesday, Feb. 12

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**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the

library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Archuleta County Republican Women.** Noon-1 p.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Several topics will be discussed. All are welcome.

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# Pagosa Springs Senior Center caregiver support group to meet Feb. 8

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

By Ana Sancho Sama, Ph.D., licensed psychologist

Depending on the source cited, it is estimated that somewhere between 44 and 66 million Americans ages 18 years and older provide unpaid assistance and support to older adults in need of care while saving billions to our national health care system. The average length of a caregiver's involvement is approximately 4.3 years.

The altruistic sacrifices made by caregivers are an invaluable gift to those in need and exemplify the most noble human virtues of loyalty, respect, compassion and love.

Rosalyn Carter once said, "There are only four kinds of people in the world — those who have been caregivers, those who are currently caregivers, those who will be caregivers and those who need caregivers."

Because being a caregiver is inherently stressful and, at times, overwhelming, a support group can have significant positive outcomes for the caregiver's overall health. Caregiving brings about many, if not all, elements of a chronic stressor over long periods of time and can affect the individual's functioning in other areas such as family, social or workplace relationships.

Our support group is free of charge and is facilitated by Ana Sancho Sama, Ph.D., licensed psychologist. Those attendees who made a reservation and attended the first group will meet again for our second meeting on Friday, Feb. 8, at 3 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Please arrive at 2:45 p.m. to socialize and to start on time.

Due to the overwhelming success of our first group meeting, the group is currently closed, having reached its maximum group size. If interested in attending future meetings, please call the Senior Center to include your name on a waiting list. As space becomes available, you will be called on a first-time, first-served basis.

## Memberships

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

## VITA tax preparation

VITA will be returning to prepare federal and state income tax returns at no charge as part of the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

The planned dates are Feb. 23 and March 16, by appointment only. The gross income limit this tax season is \$54,000.

## Senior News

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

### Free legal document preparation

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging provides legal services for seniors through the program attorney, Daniel Fiedler. Fiedler will be spending the day at the Senior Center on June 14.

Following are the legal services Fiedler can assist with:

- Public benefits and utilities shut off.
- Landlord-tenant problems, such as persons being evicted.
- Simple wills, power of attorneys, medical durable power of attorney and living wills.
- Consumer issues such as advocating for persons harassed by debt collectors.
- Emergency limited long-term care guardianship and domestic problems, such as abuse.

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

### Health and wellness

The Senior Center has a pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring, or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

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

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

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

The next health and wellness date is Feb. 20.

### San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Resident and family councils

By Kay Kaylor  
As the part-time long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge, a 24-hour extended care home, and BeeHive, an assisted

living residence. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life.

Among the resident rights supported by such laws is the right to organize and participate in resident councils. These monthly meetings empower residents to express their needs and to feel connected to their community. They can participate in decision making, voice grievances and resolve differences from their perspective, with feedback from staff members who attend. Resident councils also provide opportunities to praise staff, suggest activities and menu items and comment on changes.

However, for the past three years it has been discouraging how few residents attend the meetings held at Pine Ridge on the final Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m., currently in the back end of the dining room. The date is shown on the large activity calendar in the hall. All residents are invited to attend, and, for those who cannot, others may speak for them. Staff members help bring residents to these meetings.

Similarly, in assisted living residences, quarterly family councils are more common, attended by residents, family members and friends, with the benefit of linking residents to the outside world. In smaller homes, residents might be more reluctant to voice concerns, and councils give them and family members a forum to share problems and suggest changes. BeeHive Homes had one scheduled last weekend.

If you know a resident and others close to them, please encourage attendance at these meetings, which also are a means to lessen feelings of helplessness.

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# Do I really need this?

By Richard Gammill  
Special to The PREVIEW

There are many products on the market today that I simply don't understand. This is a real problem for the manufacturer and vendor. I will not buy their product if I am not sure exactly what it does and why I need it, no matter how often I see their commercials.

I must belong to a "lost generation" for Apple, Google, Amazon, Microsoft and other high-tech companies. I have lived more than seven decades without buying and using products they now insist I deserve to own.

I can still flip switches, push buttons, turn dials, start my car and many other things on my own. I can brew coffee, heat a pan of water, and turn on lights without telling some device to do these things for me. I'm hopeless.

Then I remember that in 1980, many of our friends owned microwave ovens. My wife insisted, "I don't need one and we can't afford one." Today, it is hard to imagine any household not having a microwave oven. How did I ever heat my soup for a quick lunch? Are some of these new products destined to fill an essential place in my life in time to come?

James 4:2 says, "You have not because you ask not." Why is that? In many cases, it is that we think we don't need what Jesus offers: salvation, peace with God, peace within

## A Matter of Faith

ourselves. Life is what it is and I am making it as well as I can, thank you. I can push my own buttons.

In fact, what I really need is a high-paying job, a beautiful house with low payments, a luxurious SUV that will take me on great vacations. Jesus never promised me any of these things, but that is what it will take to satisfy my needs.

A resident of Beverly Hills is quoted as saying, "There is a lot of pleasure in my neighborhood but not much joy." Isn't pleasure enough? Why do we need joy (whatever that is) when we have all it takes to make us happy? Besides, there are many ways to find pleasure — and some of them are legal. What more should I ask?

Deion Sanders, the only athlete in history to win two Super Bowls and also play in baseball's World Series, had it all. Yet, when he wrote his autobiography, he titled it "Power, Money and Sex: How Success Almost Ruined My Life." Following a bitter divorce from his first wife, he attempted suicide by driving his car over a 40-foot cliff, from which he emerged unscathed. His 29,000-square-foot home in

Prosper, Texas, had every luxury feature imaginable. When he put it on the market, he listed it for \$12.7 million.

Deion said, "I was empty, no peace, no joy. Losing hope with the progression of everything." After his suicide attempt, he decided his life was worth living after all. "I finally just got on my knees and gave it all to the Lord."

Now, after what he calls "switching teams," Deion says, "I don't believe you can be at your optimum without your faith, sports is sports, it's a game. My faith is everything. It's the gas that propels the courage, the truth, keeps me going. It's the wind, it's the wings, it's the air that pumps into my lungs, that provokes me to live. Faith is everything."

A man with everything discovered what he had not admitted needing.

Today, Sanders is a member of Vision Regeneration Church in Dallas and has teamed up with Stand Together, a Dallas agency working to eradicate poverty and

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Wednesday, Feb. 6 — Sliced ham with pineapple sauce, baked sweet potato, roasted cauliflower, milk and salad bar.

Thursday, Feb. 7 — Chicken cacciatore with whole-wheat penne pasta, eggplant medley, breadstick with butter, milk and salad bar.

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# New circulation system and two new programs

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

## Library News

Like all 110 members of the Colorado Library AspenCat Consortium, your library is switching to a new circulation system effective next Monday, Feb. 4, at 9 a.m.

Most of what happens after the migration will be behind-the-scenes and invisible to you, our patrons. But there will be one new feature we think you will like — as well as some overall service improvements.

Note that in order to accomplish this migration, your library will be closed Saturday, Feb. 2, as records are moved over the weekend. It seemed to be most practical and efficient to just close for the day since very little normal business can happen during the transition process — no check-ins, no check-outs, no holds placed or filled, no reports run, etc.

Operating with the new system should mean less downtime, faster updates and the ability for staff to pull holds more than once a day. As well, we'll now have auto-renewals. That means instead of needing to renew items through the online tool or through library staff, your items will automatically renew.

We hope all goes according to plan over the weekend transition and the new system is up and running perfectly next Monday.

### Library closing

Your library will be closed next Monday, Feb. 4, as we migrate to a new circulation system. See article above for more details.

## Faith

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youth violence. He continues his sports career as a commentator with the NFL network.

Will I ever have Echo or Alexa around to answer to my every request? I may or may not decide I need that. But faith in a living God is what I do need.

Postscript: On Thursday, Jan.

### New Knitting-plus Club for teens

Next Wednesday, Feb. 6, a new free club is being launched from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for seventh- through 12th-graders. It's called the Knitting-plus Club because it includes not only knitting, but also crochet projects, needlepoint and more. But note that teaching will be available only for knitting.

This club is being formed at the request of several teens and the plan is to have the group meet monthly. The next couple of months will be a test period. Bring your knitting, crochet or needlepoint projects and hang out with other crafters. If you don't know how to knit, come anyway, and we'll get you started on some of the basics.

### New women's wellness program

Join us next Thursday, Feb. 7, from noon to 2 p.m. for a new free women's wellness program for women ages 21-64 facilitated by San Juan Basin Public Health.

Please note that there will not be any actual physical examinations at the library. Rather, the sessions will provide education on about where and how to access

cancer screenings, assess barriers to screening for breast and cervical cancer, and help with information about women's sexual health.

You'll also hear about free or low-cost services offered by San Juan Basin Health such as women's, children's and infants' services; Connect for Health CO, Nurse-Family Partnership and SafeCare.

We plan to host this program on the first Thursday of February and March — and possibly beyond, depending on response. Light refreshments will be served. No registration is required.

### New date for Paws to Read

Because your library is closed this Saturday, Feb. 2, as we migrate to a new circulation system (see top article above), Paws to Read is moved to Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to noon.

### All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 1, 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.

### Tween gaming

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

### Teen gaming

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

### Spanish instruction

Join us for this free basic course Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 3 to 4 p.m. to improve your ability to speak and understand Spanish. No registration or previous attendance is required.

### Teen advisory board

Next Thursday, Feb. 7, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5

p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

### Computer classes

Join us for free sessions from 1 to 2 p.m. on alternating Thursdays to learn a useful technology skill or application. Feb. 14 is Google Drive Basics, when you will learn how to create documents, save your files online and collaborate with others on Google Drive. Feb. 28 is YouTube Basics, when you'll learn about channels, subscriptions, play lists and uploading your own videos to YouTube. 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.

### 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. Note no storytime Saturday, Feb. 2.

### Activities calendars

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

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*Love is in the air.*

Valentines Day approaches. Expressing love with words is good. Putting love into action is better. **I Corinthians 13** describes ways to put love into action:

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# What it costs to raise kids today

Special to The PREVIEW

A generation ago, it was common to see families with four or more children. But things are a bit different today.

Pew Social Trends indicates that parents now have 2.4 children on average, a number that has remained fairly stable for two decades. In addition, since 1976, the share of mothers at the end of their childbearing years who have one child has doubled, from 11 percent to 22 percent.

While shrinking families may be based on many different factors, including postponing having children until later in life, the rising costs of raising kids may have something to do with it as well.

The U.S. Department of Agricul-

ture says the cost of raising a child today has climbed to \$233,610, which excludes the expenses of college. A 2011 article that appeared in the Canadian publication MoneySense estimated child-rearing costs to be \$12,824 per year, which adds up to \$243,656 by the time a child reaches age 18.

It's also well documented that more adult children are living with their parents for longer than kids used to stay with mom and dad. Pew Research has found that roughly one-third of women and half of men between the ages of 18 and 34 are still living at home, surpassing records set in the 1940s. This means expenditures on child-rearing may continue long after kids reach adulthood. As a result, it is easy to see how

having multiple children can be a major source of financial stress for the average middle-income family.

The financial planning resource NerdWallet estimates that the cost of raising a child today is higher than the DOA figures, coming in at roughly \$260,000 — and that is just for the basic essentials. Throw in tiered levels of care, including everything from more expensive choices for food and clothing, and extras for early childhood care, sports lessons, music instruction, and electronics/gaming, and the cost can get as high as \$745,634.

Many different factors impact the size of modern families today, and the rising cost of raising children may be the most influential of such factors.

## Library

### continued from previous page 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.

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### How-to and self-help

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### CDs

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following a dream is like jumping off the high diving board into the deep water and having to learn to swim all over again. It can require sacrifice. Doing something we've never done before. Learning, asking, seeking. Sometimes taking two steps forward and one step back. But constantly and unwaveringly moving toward the goal." — Country music musician Charlie Daniels in his book "Let's All Make the Day Count."

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### Cognitive Decline

Adults\* with hearing loss experience a **30-40% faster decline in cognitive abilities** than their peers with normal hearing.

\*75 years and older

### Osteoporosis

Osteoporosis can adversely affect the **three tiny bones** in the middle ear, which can lead to hearing loss.

### Depression



In a recent survey, adults\* with untreated hearing loss were **more likely to report depression**, anxiety and paranoia than peers who wore hearing aids.

\*50 years and older

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