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## Town council talks funding options for new shop

### Considering COPs, election

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

After about an hour of discussion Tuesday evening, the members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council elected to postpone giving staff direction about how the town intends to pay for a portion of the new town shop slated to be built. Instead, the council will again consider the matter at its meeting on Feb. 21, which is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

Funding discussion at the meeting primarily centered on two funding options: asking the voters for permission to go into debt, or using certificates of participation (COPs).

COPs, as an agenda brief prepared for the meeting explains, are, "A lease-financing mechanism where the government enters into

■ See Town A8

## On to State!



Photo courtesy Heather Miller

Lady Pirate Emma Heidelmeier takes a dive in the 100-yard breaststroke finals as part of regional action over the weekend. Heidelmeier finished with a final time of one minute, 20.44 seconds, good enough for 16th. More importantly, Heidelmeier also earned the distinction of being the first-ever Lady Pirate swimmer to compete at the state tournament as she qualified for state in the 100-yard breaststroke. The state tournament is Feb. 8-9.

## County takes action on new jail

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

At its regular meeting on Feb. 5, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously voted to adopt a resolution that proceeds with the construction and financing of a 54-bed, \$13 million jail.

The commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the resolution, which directs county administration and finance staff to:

- Proceed with the construction and financing of a 54-bed detention center located at Harman Park.
- Finance the \$13 million cost of jail construction through certificates of participation (COPs).
- Assume a 15 percent contingency from cash in the Justice System Capital Fund.

The proposed jail has been con-

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## Vehicle charging station coming to Centennial Park

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The La Plata Electric Association will be installing a vehicle charging station in the parking lot at Centennial Park in the coming months thanks to a grant and permission from the Town of Pagosa Springs.

At its Jan. 24 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved allowing LPEA to install a charging station in the Centennial Park parking lot.

That move came after council decided in December 2018 that the location approved for the project in 2017, the Mary Fisher Park parking lot, would lose too many parking spots (from three spaces to two charging spaces) in an area where there is already a demand for more parking.

At that December 2018 meeting, the council directed town staff to look at alternate locations for the charging station.

Then, on Jan. 24, those alterna-

tives were brought to the council for consideration.

"After discussions with department heads, we looked at alternative locations for the electric vehicle charging stations, considering granting entities preference of location's that are in close proximity to Hwy 160 corridor, downtown walking district, shopping and restaurants," an agenda brief written by Town Planning Director James Dickhoff reads.

Those locations presented for council's consideration were the bell tower parking lot, Centennial Park parking lot, Town Hall parking lot and an on-street location.

Dickhoff also informed the council that LPEA had received its grant for the project based on the Mary Fisher Park location, which is in walking distance from a number of things.

He also informed council of LPEA staff's thoughts on the new

■ See Station A8

## Girl Scouts' cookie munch-off

SUN photo/Randi Pierce  
Darren Lewis scarfs down cookies on Feb. 1 en route to his second victory in what has become an annual tradition — the Girl Scouts' cookie munch-off. The event is held to kick off cookie season.



## Counties team up to purchase child welfare software

Caseworkers to spend more time with families, reduce time on paperwork

Special to The SUN

Four rural county social services departments in southwest Colorado pooled resources to invest in new technology to help child welfare caseworkers spend more time with children and families and less time on paperwork.

The four agencies, the Archuleta County Department of Human Services (DHS), Dolores County Department of Social Services (DSS), Ouray County DSS and San Miguel DSS will equip child welfare caseworkers with the software to collect, view and share case content from anywhere at any time — from the office to the field.

■ See Caseworkers A8

SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Led by group moderator Robin Young, community members and stakeholders sit down to brainstorm about various aspects of Pagosa Springs. These sessions were a part of the Resilient Archuleta group meeting held on Jan. 30, in which ideas and the framework of a plan were discussed that involved how the local community will remain afloat in the event of economic or natural disasters.



## Planning for the unknown: Resiliency group gathers input

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

With any community comes social, economical and environmental components. The Resilient Archuleta group hosted a meeting on Jan. 30 for community members and stakeholders to discuss the local area and what measures to take to adapt to unforeseeable changes.

The group — headed up by Holly Metzler, James Dickhoff, Bill Trimarco, Robin Young and John Shepard — came together to create an organization that was focused on building a diverse

community that can also be resilient in the face of things such as economic and natural disasters.

The group attended a resiliency workshop hosted by the Sonoran Institute in the summer of 2017, Young explained.

Within the resiliency training, Archuleta County was the smallest of the three Colorado communities that were included in the Sonoran Institute training, Metzler noted.

"I am a concerned citizen, especially when it comes to wildfire here, because that is our greatest

■ See Resilient A8

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## EDITORIAL

### An exercise in tragedy

What started out as a beautiful morning Sunday quickly turned tragic.

We had watched CBS News Sunday Morning, had a leisurely breakfast and walked the dogs. Next, there was work to be done for the newspaper. Out of habit, we turned on the police scanner.

In no time at all, we were aware of a tragedy that had struck in the backcountry behind Treasure Mountain. An avalanche rescue was underway.

The scanner traffic was broken, but we recognized Echo 1, also known as Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Director of Emergency Operations Mike Le Roux. He has a distinct accent of a mixture of South African and Australian.

As the rescue continued, we realized three people were caught in the avalanche. Apparently one person had a beacon, which made finding her easier. Echo 2, Deputy Director of Emergency Operations Christina Kraetsch, informed that Mineral County had discovered one person alive and CPR efforts were underway.

We were sick just thinking of all of the people we knew who could have been out enjoying a day of backcountry skiing.

We could hear the Wolf Creek Ski Patrol on the scanner.

Soon, we understood that a Flight for Life helicopter had been dispatched.

But, there were two other people still buried who apparently had no beacons. Search dogs were dispatched, but were about 20 minutes out.

Finally, the dogs arrived. One team alerted. It seemed like forever before we heard more. Things did not seem to be hopeful for the last two skiers as they began being referred to as victims.

Around 3 p.m., it appeared that the rescue efforts had turned to recovery efforts and things were wrapping up. We composed a text message to Le Roux expressing our sadness over what he had experienced that day and asking him to contact us for a brief update so we could inform the public of the tragedy. Just before hitting send, we heard Le Roux say that the "exercise" was wrapping up and they would be meeting for a debriefing.

Exercise? We deleted the text and wrote: "Hey Mike. Was today an exercise or a real rescue?" He confirmed that our hours of waiting by the scanner and chewing our nails to the quick was thankfully just an exercise.

We had missed the original 9 a.m. announcement on the scanner stating, "This is an exercise."

Things are not always what they seem. Thankfully, Sunday's event was a multiagency training including Archuleta County Office of Emergency Management, Mineral County Emergency Management, Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, Wolf Creek Ski Patrol, and Mineral County Search and Rescue.

The agencies had simulated a multiple backcountry skier burial. The exercise was to simulate response time

frame, beacon searching, probing, strategic digging and patient extraction.

We can attest that they did just that. We sure thought everything that we heard on the scanner was real.

On Monday, Kraetsch offered some words of warning: "Before heading out please check with the Colorado Avalanche Information Center https://avalanche.state.co.us/blog/ for the latest Avalanche forecast."

"Carry a beacon, probe and shovel when in the backcountry. Make sure you go in with a buddy and you both know how to use your equipment. Pay attention to what Mother Nature is telling you. Take note of how much snow the area has received and is it still snowing, check the wind and temperature. Look for recent avalanche activity, collapsing or cracking snow."

When asked the overall result of the training, Kraetsch wrote in an email, "This was a successful multi agency training. We achieved what we set out to do. Considering we don't do this on a daily basis it was a positive experience and a relatively seamless operation. Communication between the different agencies was excellent and this is a testament to the great relationships we have developed over time."

We salute these agencies, their staff and volunteers, who spend countless hours and valuable resources training and coming to the rescue in the backcountry when tragedy strikes.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 8, 1929

A trade was recently completed between L.H. Birch and Jas. Fowler whereby the former secured the latter's dwelling on Seventh street, while the latter in turn becomes owner of the Birch homestead north of Pagosa Springs.

The continuous snow storm of the past week has provided about all the moisture that was needed in this section for some days to come. The heavy wind of yesterday has caused a blockade of Cumbres pass, and no tickets to eastern points were sold at the Pagosa Springs station this morning. Just when the pass will be reopened to traffic cannot be ascertained.

Mrs. Lucy Brown Day, formerly of Pagosa Springs, is now being frequently heard by Pagosa radio enthusiasts, who tune in on KNX of Hollywood, where her pipe organ selections are being broadcasted.

The Baptist Ladies Aid Society will serve a Hot Tamale lunch at the Arlington hotel on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 9th. Everybody invited to participate.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 11, 1944

The Purple Heart which was awarded Pfc. Juan A. Chavez from Pagosa Junction for wounds received on or about September 13th, was received last week by his mother, Mrs. Antonia L. Chavez. No details of his injury are known, but it is believed that he is back in action.

John Young took Mr. Simms' horses to Tom Flaugh's to feed them the rest of the winter.

James Young called his mother long distance from his camp in North Carolina and he expects to be home on furlough the last of this week.

Combined with all the numerous problems of the people now days, those out in the Wolf Creek Pass district are worried about their hay stacks. The elks are destroying too many of them.

Your income tax — including both the regular income tax and the temporary wartime victory tax — is a major part of the Federal Government's method of paying for the war and all other governmental costs. The 1943 returns are due not later than March 15, 1944, but taxpayers will find it in the best interests of both themselves and their Government to file as early as possible.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 6, 1969

Total snowfall on Wolf Creek to date this winter has passed the 300-inch mark and a new snowfall record for January has been set. Curtis Strain, snowplow boss on the Pass, reported a total fall of 133 inches of snow in January with 6.93 inches of moisture. The previous record was set last January when 93 inches fell. The highest snowfall until that time was 91 inches in January of 1963. The records that are available go back to 1959. No local record is available for the years prior to that time.

Town Board members met with the town water engineers at the regular February meeting Monday night. The engineers gave a report on the progress of the engineering work and presented a complete plat and plans for the new system. They said a meeting is being held next week with state health officials and representatives of the federal government agency making the grant for half of the cost.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 10, 1994

More than half of young Pagosans have used one or more illegal substances at least once, a recently completed drug and alcohol survey of local students shows. The survey of 609 students in grades six through 12 was commissioned by School District 50 Joint and conducted in December by RMBSI, of Fort Collins. The work was funded by a Drug Free America grant. A similar survey completed in 1989 gave district officials a base on which to assess trends in drug and alcohol use among the students. The latest results paint a brighter picture than those in 1989.

Pagosa schools and many local businesses were closed Tuesday when more than a foot of snow fell in the area. Wolf Creek Ski area was reported to have received 36 inches of new snow from the storm. It was estimated that the storm dumped from 10 to 14 inches of snow in town. Due to lack of a National Weather Service station in Pagosa Springs, no official measurements were made in town on the snowfall or its water content.

## WHADDYA THINK?

Have you had your flu shot?

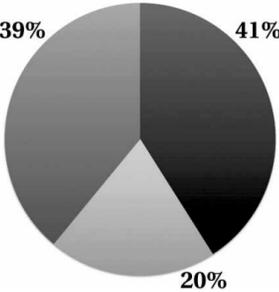
Poll results (195 votes) 39%

Yes — 41 percent

No — 20 percent

I will not get one. — 39 percent

This week online:  
Should local government use  
certificates of participation to  
fund infrastructure projects?  
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## LOOKING BACK



Photo courtesy Marsha Preuit  
Mrs. Seavy's class. If you have more information about this photo, please send us a Letter to the Editor at editor@pagosa-sun.com.



# 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.

## Doomed to repeat history

Dear Editor:  
Ruminations on a bad idea  
My country tis of thee, But for now it's not for me, We're off the track in a state of stall. Cause the man in charge wants a wall  
They built one once in old Berlin. It won't work now just like back then, So here's a mouthful, go ahead and eat it, You learn from history, or you're doomed to repeat it.

Charles Craig

## Preaching

Dear Editor:  
I hear former Lutheran Pastor Bolland preaching, but he sure is not reflecting Dr. Martin Luther. Bolland seemed to suggest that seeking social and economic justice was some sort of sin of covetousness. Perhaps he should meditate upon the fact that much, not all, wealth was built upon the backs of slaves and cheap labor. Perhaps he should meditate upon the fact that our system is rigged to make the wealthy wealthier. Perhaps he should do the math about who gets rich and benefits the most from welfare when a business gets away with not paying their employees a living wage. Who really are the coveters here? And why does the Bible say, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."? 1 Hmmm. Martin Luther's claim to fame was speaking truth to power, that is, condemning the wealthy church that was extorting money from the poor. Martin Luther advocated for compulsory education for all children, even poor children (socialism) even girls. Here is a quote:  
"My dear sirs, if we have to spend such large sums every year on guns, roads, bridges, dams and countless similar items to insure the temporal peace and prosperity of a city, [socialism] why should not much more be devoted to the poor neglected youth? A city's best and greatest welfare, safety and strength consist rather in its having many able, learned, wise, honorable and well-educated citizens." 2 Kinda reminds me of his namesake ... I have a dream.

I appreciate those politicians who seek fairness and a more perfect union. I have an idea that differs a little from 70% tax on the wealthy, one that maybe even Mr. Bolland would agree with as sounding fair. Those people who make their living sitting by the pool waiting for the dividend check to come in the mail? Let's tax capital gains at the same

rate as wages. Does that sound fair? Less covetous?

1 Jesus: Matthew 19:24  
2 University of Arizona News. April 4, 2017 Article: Martin Luther Was and Advocate for Education Reform by Lori Harwood  
Barbara Jetley

## Culture of honor

Dear Editor:  
Last week the State of New York passed the "Reproductive Health Act", expanding the state's late term abortion options. The law, cheered by New York State Senators and members in the gallery upon its passage, will allow abortion into the third trimester, up to the point of birth, removing protection of infants born alive through botched abortion procedures.

Somehow, it is immoral to build a wall, but it is okay to take the life of viable children in the womb under the guise of "women's choice."

As a woman, extensively involved in the women's movement prior to Roe vs Wade, I have personally experienced unwanted pregnancy, adoption choice, and single motherhood. I have carried the weight of overwhelming challenges and mixed rewards while raising a profoundly disabled child. Some would insist that this child should have been aborted. I have also listened to confessions from women, counseled women, and cried with women struggling with a life-long burden of conflict and guilt after their own choice to terminate a pregnancy.

Who has spoken with nurses who have watched a child come out alive and "flailing" during a saline abortion procedure? Who is willing look at photos of so-called "fetal tissue" and have the integrity to call it what it is? One can only imagine how our mental health system will carry the burgeoning number of cases resulting from expanded "abortion choice" laws now gaining momentum in other states.

Recently, the Chair of the Democratic National Committee stated that if you are "not pro-choice, you are not a Democrat." Really? What about life taken away from unborn females, stripped of their life potential, through this right to choice over a "woman's own body"?

I am not a Trump fan by any means, but in all my voting years I have never seen the erosion of the culture of honor, and the emergence of hatred as we are witnessing today. To simply blame one man, the president, is simplistic, shallow and lacks honesty. Neither party is guiltless, and erosion increases as citizens dig in their heels, judgmentally placing all blame on the "other side".

No, ladies and gentlemen, we have stooped to a new low in our

society. Will this letter be 'sanitized', because of weighty questions asked herein?

On behalf of women across our nation, bullied by cruel, convoluted "choice" ideology being forced upon us, it is my hope that the Pagosa Sun will not edit the truth away from this letter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Kelley

## Letter to the commissioners

Dear Editor:  
Dear Commissioners Maez, Schaaf and Wadley,

We write to express our opposition to the county borrowing money to fund the proposed 54-bed jail.

We feel that such borrowing is in direct conflict with the results of the Fall 2018 election, wherein the voters declined to approve borrowing [together with a sales-tax increase] for a new jail and sheriff's offices. Yes, we realize that the current proposal is less costly and is of lesser scope than that twice rejected by the voters, but the current proposal still requires borrowing.

We propose instead that we build what we can afford to build without borrowing. The new facility should be designed for expansion when the need arises and when county finances permit. The building's utilities should be designed to accommodate expansion. If this sounds familiar, it is because it is what we have been proposing for some time now.

Moreover, we feel that the finance charges [approximately \$21 - \$13 = \$8 million] associated with the proposed COP can be much better spent on other important items, such as law-enforcement salaries, etc.

Joanne and Victor Lucariello

## Challenges of our times

Dear Editor:

It is around 10 a.m. Sunday morning, and I am in the greenhouse when the snow turns to rain. It is not surprising; it was warm when I took the dog for a walk early on, a balmy 31 degrees or so. Immediately my mind races back to a speaker on the panel at the water resource meeting here in town a couple of weeks ago. Pat, a multi-generational rancher, had spoken of the previous summer, when a lack of water caused himself and his neighbors to question whether they and their cattle could survive another summer without water. Though I cannot recall the exact words, I distinctly felt his anguish as he told of fearing for his and his families' way of life; the rate of change is becoming a burden

which is difficult to bear.

As community members, both of Pagosa and of planet Earth, we are being confronted by change that will test our very ability to adapt and survive. Each and every one of us has the ability to affect positive outcomes in the face of extreme diversity or we can continue to turn a blind eye to the plight of our very existence.

Please call on our federal, state and local representatives to be our partners in meeting the challenges of our times.

Holly Metzler

## 'Willful ignorance'

Dear Editor:

On January 30, portions of ten states were gripped by a polar vortex so extreme that mail delivery was canceled. On cue, the President revealed his deliberate obfuscation about global warming. In response, meteorologists explained again that there's an important difference between "climate" and "weather." It won't matter how many times the distinction is made. Senior intelligence officers are now reporting that Mr. Trump engages in "willful ignorance" in response to anything with which he disagrees.

It's scary enough for the tweeter-in-chief to act befuddled when the country experiences weather extremes. But Mr. Trump also appears to be learning-disabled regarding national security. He apparently can't grasp the data meticulously gathered by our Intelligence profes-

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sionals who warn that Korea is hiding its nuclear agenda to get relief from sanctions, (Who's naïve?) that ISIS is alive and well-funded, (Who's ill-informed?) that illegal drugs are smuggled in semi trucks at established border crossings, (Who's in denial?) that tunnels can easily defeat walls, (Who's stupid?) and that Putin is no friend of the US. (Seriously.) No wonder Intelligence officials are sounding the alarm.

Is Mr. Trump truly incapable of absorbing new information, or is it even worse? One theory is that Mr. Trump doesn't feel the need to acknowledge incontrovertible facts because he believes his base will support him regardless. ("I could stand in the middle of 5th Avenue and shoot someone ...")

I think Mr. Trump is mistaken. I believe that people are beginning to reject the lies. P.T. Barnum may have claimed that a sucker is born every minute, but hard-working Americans are paying attention. And we aren't blind, deaf, or dumb. K. Muth

## Abortion discussion

Jews were not the first group Hitler eliminated. He cleared the German mental hospitals first using carbon monoxide exhaust from large vans. Later, using Zyklon B (cyanide), he killed Jews, gypsies, homosexuals, and communists in Auschwitz and other death factories in Eastern Europe. Now some of our American governors are in the news for advocating abortions right before and right after birth. What group might be next? Elderly folks? I am 79 now. I could be on some politician's list for elimination. Doesn't the Sixth Commandment count any more now that the Judeo-Christian religion is no longer politically correct?

John Penter

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

Dear Editor:

I read with interest, 'Is this a hill you want to die on?', your recent editorial about how our county commissioners need to do a better job keeping procedure aboveboard. It's a good civics refresher.

Franklin Roosevelt said the real safeguard of democracy is education. As we all know, safeguarding democracy is an ongoing process.

By communicating, honestly and insightfully, about the need for the commissioners to uplevel their integrity, The SUN continues to demonstrate exemplary community service.

Paul Roberts

## Friendly health care

Dear Editor:

Pagosa Springs Medical Center, the most family friendly hospital in Colorado

Nobody thinks very often about hospitals, until they need one. My high school football ruined knee, the one with no cartilage that had been bone-on-bone for about a half-century, that knee said to me: "I'm done. I quit. I'm not walking another step, cowboy".

It was time for me to start looking for a top orthopedic surgeon. Having seen the insides of hospitals in Denver and Durango, and a half-a-dozen members in my family with careers in medicine, I've developed a reasonably good picture in my head of what high quality healthcare looks like.

I chose Pagosa Springs Medical Center for my knee replacement. I am very glad I did. The whole experience was extraordinarily good in every way, starting with check-in and the choice of fresh salmon on the dinner menu. One thing I noticed very soon after arriving at PSMC, different from many other hospitals, was that everyone in the place had a smile on their face. Hospital visits can be exceedingly stressful at times, even just walking in the front door. Seeing a friendly face at that time and in that place really helps.

I hobbled into PSMC on Monday morning and walked out of the

hospital on my new knee Thursday (with a walker, of course). PT is coming out to my house to help me get better acquainted with my shiny new equipment, one of modern medicine's true miracles, and to guide me through the healing and recuperation process. PSMC's true specialty, where it really shines, all boils down to this: the last four letters in the word healthcare

George Rohrbacher

## Putting 'first things first'

Dear Editor:

I have enjoyed a very blessed life, which continues to this day. Young folks ask me how can you long live possibly last for a life-time (74 years for me)? Well, for one thing, our faith was strong—they already know that. So what do they want to know?

For my generation, the roles of husband and wife were built on a foundation of love respect, and goodness. There was not much money, but it was a partnership to build and support home and family. Troubling today is that entertainment and social media have become all-encompassing, leaving little time for free-thought, conversation and the togetherness that shaped the lasting values of "yore".

I am told that young couples today attempt to "keep love alive" with "scheduled" activities: "Gal's Night Out" — we did that, it was Girl Scout Meeting. "Guy's Night Out" — we did that too, it was Boy Scout Meeting. Then, I understand there is "Date Night Out" — instead of that, we had "Family Night In", always on Sunday Night. We would gather in front our 19-inch TV, adjust the rabbit ears and "get set" to share our favorite "family" shows. The evening always included a big bottle of Coca-Cola that was evenly divided into 5 glasses of ice served with a "special" little treat. It was our favorite night of the week. That "life-style", along with their Public School education, produced 3 very successful children, who freed us to be kids again and enjoy our retirement years.

We put "first things first" and God blessed us with 30 years to enjoy those "do later things". I believe our many years of love that lasted was bout working together

to support meaningful lives. Yes, "true love" is strong.

Live with the power of love.

Patty Tillerson

## Recovery of an addict

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank you for publishing Austin Walker's letter. I am a Pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church, my pastoral care focus is on jail/prison inmates and drug addicts.

Drug addiction is a family disease; families that care for drug addicts are constantly torn between feelings of compassion and anger. If you get angry at their behavior and kick them to the curb, you then worry that they may die in some flop house. If you keep them in your lives, before you know it your lives turn into chaos. We know it is a disease once they start using, the brain craves the drug but we still keep asking the question, why can't they just stop using? Families go bankrupt over trying to save their children. It is just not a black and white issue as no mental health issue is.

There are many young people in our community living on the edge of society, using heroin and meth, living chaotic and miserable lives. Few of them have any financial resources and limited family support, mostly only mothers, grandmothers and aunts, fathers are rarely to be found. Are we as a community to give up on them? Our community leaders have a lot on their plate and law enforcement is doing their best to control the problem. A lot more needs to be done though. I hope Austin with his letter can raise some awareness of the lack of resources we have in our town i.e. no detox center, no addiction clinic, not enough therapists, no DBT classes (Dialectical Behavior Therapy) and as we know too well no court and no jail and with that comes the reality that there is no possibility of a drug court.

God, faith and church play an important role in the recovery of an addict however it happens on God's time. In the meantime, we are given the tools to tackle the problem in our time.

John Widmer  
Pastor Lutheran Mercy Care Ministries

# LEAP offers heating assistance to help pay portion of heating bills

Special to The SUN

As the temperatures continue to dip further below freezing, one in four Colorado families will struggle to pay their home heating costs.

Colorado's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) can help many of these families by providing a portion of the heating bill to qualified individuals and families. LEAP's goal is to put warmth in every home.

Unfortunately, many who could qualify don't take advantage of the federally funded program. The shutdown has not impacted LEAP and the ability to provide resources to those in need. LEAP has a new online application process and is accepting applications through April 30.

As of early January, more than 47,200 applications across the state have been approved for LEAP benefits.

LEAP benefits are intended to

help pay a portion of heating bills to alleviate some of the burden associated with the colder months. LEAP does not provide financial assistance for any type of temporary or portable heating and, in most cases, the energy assistance benefit is paid directly to the energy supplier.

To qualify for LEAP assistance, the household must pay home heating costs, either directly to a utility company or a landlord as part of the rent. Applicants must also be permanent, legal residents of the United States and a Colorado resident or have household

members that are U.S. citizens. Residents qualify for LEAP earn a maximum family household income that does not exceed 165 percent of the federal poverty index. A list of eligibility requirements can be seen by going to <https://bit.ly/2FmmtZh>.

Those interested in taking advantage of LEAP should visit: <https://bit.ly/2Fs4fAH> to access the application form or call HEAT HELP at (866) 432-8435.

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# Obituaries

## Betty Jean Beasley

Betty Jean (Harrover) Beasley, 92, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away on Jan. 19 at Pine Ridge Extended Care Center. She was born on Oct. 31, 1926, in Alva, Okla., to Benjamin Franklin Harrover and Mary Lockhart Vest.



She is survived by her children: son Mark Beasley, of Pagosa Springs; daughters Jan Beasley, of Pagosa Springs, and Sue Jackson (John), of Mancos, Colo.; daughter-in-law Joan Landau (Michael), of Littleton, Colo.; grandchildren: Naomi, Dawn, Noah (Brittany), Ty, Jori (Tamara) and Jack (Camille); great-granddaughter Chenoa; and many beloved nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents, husband Earle, son Michael and brother Ben Harrover.

Betty married Earle Anderson Beasley in 1946 at the First Presbyterian Church in her hometown of Alva, Okla., where they met in 1943 at a Halloween church dance on her 17th birthday. They enjoyed a full life as a devoted couple during 70 years of marriage.

After high school, Betty earned a B.A. in Spanish in 1948 at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. She worked at the college library and was editor-in-chief of The Northwestern News. She was a life member of Delta Zeta sorority.

With Betty's encouragement and support, Earle served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950 to 1967, which provided the opportunity for the family to experience many different places and create lasting memories and friendships through work, school and church. Upon Earle's retirement from the Air Force, the family moved to Colorado, living in Gunnison and the Denver area. In 1974, they settled in Pagosa Springs, which fulfilled their dream to live in the mountains of southwest Colorado, near Betty's childhood family cabin in South Fork.

Throughout the years, Betty worked as a school secretary, first at Sheridan High School, and in Archuleta School District 50Jt., where she retired after many years. She especially enjoyed working with the kids and their families.

Betty was an accomplished seamstress and excelled at all types of needlework; she was a member of the Embroiderers Guild of America (Four Corners Chapter and Manos Encantadas de Santa Fe Chapter). Her special creative touch was always evident in making handmade gifts,

personalizing clothing and beautifying the family home.

A passionate music lover, Betty played the piano and sang in many church choirs and community choruses throughout her life. She was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church, and also attended Community United Methodist Church in Pagosa Springs and volunteered in the church thrift store.

As the daughter of the local hardware store owner who had ridden in a wagon as a young boy in the Oklahoma Land Rush, she grew up proud of her pioneer heritage and this sparked her lifelong interest in family history and genealogy.

In their retirement years, Betty and Earle traveled throughout the country, and she especially enjoyed going to Nova Scotia, which she was drawn to by her Scottish roots. She loved nature: sitting by a rushing river, cross-country skiing, camping, picnicking, exploring mountain trails or walking on the beach.

Betty will be remembered as a caring and loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt. She also treasured many lifelong friendships. As a military spouse, she fulfilled many responsibilities and duties while lovingly raising four children. She loved being a grandmother, and her playful spirit brought much joy. She was a loving, sweet, generous spirit with a beautiful smile who blessed the lives of everyone who knew her; she will be deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St., Pagosa Springs, Colo. The Rev. Don Strait will officiate. Burial will take place later in the spring, alongside her late husband at Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Community United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 300, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

## Richard Bond

Dr. Richard Bond passed away peacefully at home with his family in Albuquerque, N.M., on Jan. 2 after a very long and difficult struggle with ALS. He was born in Rock Springs, Wyo., on May 6, 1940, to the late Elfrida and Elmo Bond.

Dick graduated from Pacific University in 1966 with a degree in optometry and served in the Air Force from 1966 to 1968 in Tachikawa, Japan, where he met Mary, his wife of 50 years. He began his practice of optometry in Rock Springs and then spent 35 years in Los Alamos, N.M., until his semiretirement in 2008. He loved his career and his patients and when asked if he worked at the Los Alamos Lab, he said, "No, I just make sure they can see what they

are doing!"

Dick is survived by his wife, Mary Chabrisson Bond; sons Kevin Bond, of Anchorage, Alaska, and Brian Bond (Karen) of Prescott, Ariz.; daughter Kristen Wilcox (Scott), of Albuquerque; and 15 lively, wonderful grandchildren.

All who know Dick remember him as a kind, gentle man who loved serving others in Rotary for 50 years, as well as many other community and charitable organizations. He was passionate about outdoor activities in the beautiful mountains of New Mexico and Colorado, especially skiing, volunteering as a tour guide at Chimney Rock National Monument and traveling all over this wonderful world.

The family would like especially thank all our friends and the ALS society and Hospice of New Mexico for their care and support. If you would like to remember Richard, a donation to the ALS society would be appreciated.

## Bridget Castolenia Smith

Bridget Castolenia Smith passed away Monday, Jan. 28, at her home in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Bridget was born March 24,



1965, in Beaumont, Texas. She moved to Pagosa Springs in 2015. Bridget graduated from Lumberton High School in Lumberton, Texas, in 1983. She trained and worked in the medical field as a respiratory therapist and physician's assistant.

She is survived by her parents, Lawrence and Kaye Castolenia, of Pagosa Springs; son Brinton Castolenia, of Pagosa Springs; daughter Chelsea Smith, of Vidor, Texas; grandson Stratton Guidry, of Vidor, Texas; sister Colette Gardner, of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A visitation will be held at the home of David and Carolyn Harper at 11491 FM 421 in Kountze, Texas, on Feb. 23 from 1 to 5 p.m.

## Arlene (Lillie Rose) Robbins Wheeler

When someone passes from this life, there should be something more to the memory of that life than the usual template that simply says, born here, died there. Here is how some of us remember the remarkable person from Durango's class of 1966 known as Arlene Robbins Wheeler.

Born Feb. 7, 1947, in Grand Junction, Colo., to William Robbins and Maria (Clouse) Robbins—a little girl who would become one of Durango's own. Arlene was not only a talented musician, but also a gifted artist who loved to paint and design exquisite jewelry.



As Arlene grew to adulthood, she developed a keen sense of compassion. Her unique gift allowed her to spend time with those suffering from depression. She was simply always available for long talks, long walks, gentle hugs and firm holding of hands — something that depressed individuals need in today's world.

She knew her strengths and decided she could serve best by becoming a nurse. Sometimes life gets in the way and her thoughts of graduating from high school and pursuing a degree in nursing were put on the back burner when she met and married after her junior year at DHS.

She married one Terry Wheeler in haste and became the mother of four beautiful children while she was hardly more than a child herself. She left high school and that nursing goal in the rearview mirror as her husband moved their family from place to place frequently. There would always be time, she thought, but time and opportunity never came for her.

Arlene passed peacefully at her home in Monroe, Mich., on Jan. 26 in the company of her longtime companion, John Sullivan. She had been ill for several years.

Welcoming her to her heavenly home is especially her little sister Billie Jean Robbins. Releasing her from her earthly bonds are her brothers, Neil and Joe; her sisters, Scootie and Juanita; her children, Teresa Rene LaFontaine, Teri Lynn Wheeler Hellman III, Michael Wheeler and Matthew Wheeler; along with grandchildren Robert Pitchford, Sean Myers, Rhiannon Hellman, Samantha, Shania, Jacob,

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# Blood pressure checks to be offered at 9Health Fair

By Constance d'Angelis  
Special to The SUN

Did you know that 103 million Americans have high blood pressure? That means that 46 percent of the adult population is at high risk for strokes, heart failure, vision loss, dementia and kidney disease.

Recently, numerous studies have shown that high blood pressure (hypertension) is greatly affected by high stress. According to the American College of Car-

diology, it is important to identify psychosocial stress as a risk factor.

Reduce stress and drop blood pressure: Patients with high blood pressure who were on blood pressure drugs and had made significant lifestyle changes, but their hypertension was difficult to manage, added a special program of stress-reduction techniques. Blood pressure was lowered due to lessening their stress.

Hypertension is defined as resting blood pressure persistently over

130/80, which means that almost 50 percent of adults have an increased risk for heart attacks and strokes. It appears that the greatest impact is among younger people. The prevalence of high blood pressure has tripled among men under age 45 and doubled among women under 45.

American Heart Association categories: Normal blood pressure is less than 120/80. Elevated is systolic between 120-129 and diastolic less than 80. Stage 1: Systolic 130-139 or diastolic 90 or above. A hy-

pertensive crisis is when systolic is over 180 and/or diastolic over 120.

The 9Health Fair will offer blood pressure screenings and other testings on April 27 at Pagosa Springs High School.

Come to the high school on April 27 from 7 to 11 a.m. Get a whole battery of tests for a minimal cost of \$35, free blood pressure checks and education.

For questions or to volunteer, contact Sharee Grazda at 731-0317 or sgrazda@gmail.com.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, Feb. 7

**The Springs Resort ownership community meeting to discuss expansion and development.** 5 p.m., The Springs Resort Conference Room, 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Monday, Feb. 11

**San Juan Water Conservancy District regular meeting.** 5 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

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

### Tuesday, Feb. 12

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

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

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

**Joint town/county special work**

**session.** Noon, Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

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

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

**Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission.** 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

### Wednesday, Feb. 13

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

**Archuleta County Planning Commission policy meeting.** 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration

building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

### Tuesday, Feb. 19

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

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

### Wednesday, Feb. 20

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

### Thursday, Feb. 21

**Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District/Town of Pagosa Springs joint work session.** 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.** 6:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Tuesday, Feb. 26

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30

a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

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

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

### Wednesday, Feb. 27

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

### Thursday, Feb. 28

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

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

# Veterans to speak at Republican women's meeting

By Sandy Artzberger  
Special to The SUN

Is it "fake news" or reality that the Afghan Burn Pit issue is being ignored and that veterans in southwestern Colorado are in need of help?

These topics and other vet related issues will be discussed by Jim Huffman and Tom Zilhaver, retired service men, at the Feb. 12 meeting of the Archuleta County Republi-

can Women's group from noon to 1 p.m. at Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

Keeping our tradition of "Share the love," we will give 12 boxes of food to Vets for Vets to distribute, a project spearheaded by Betty Diller. Our speakers' short bios only reflect a part of all their involvement in vets activities and the community.

Huffman joined the Army in 1966, where he served in three branches (infantry, military intel-

ligence and special forces) before he retired with 22 years of service in 1988. He did two combat tours in Vietnam, first as an infantry platoon leader in 1968, when he was wounded, and then as a Special Forces A-Team leader in 1971-72. Huffman is well known in Pagosa for his involvement with veterans organizations and the community.

After graduating from Durango High school in 1961, Zilhaver

joined the Navy and was assigned to electronics training school, from which he was sent to Miramar Naval Air Station serving in fighter squadron VF121 until honorably discharged in 1965 and then attended CU and worked part-time in aerospace labs building. A background of accounting, computers, electronics and mathematics has enabled Zilhaver to be treasurer and grant administrator for the Veterans for Veterans organization since 2013, plus website person for the Vets4Vets up to this year.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and all are welcome.

# Save the date: 10th anniversary of Empty Bowls Saturday, Feb. 23

By Kirsten Le Roux  
Special to The SUN

The Empty Bowls community program in Pagosa Springs is preparing for the 10th anniversary of its event, where you can "Buy a bowl to feed a soul."

Tess Garcia, the organizer of this annual charity event, recently retired as the art teacher for Pagosa Springs Elementary School, where the event has traditionally been hosted.

In honor of the 10th anniversary, she teamed up with Shane Lucero at

The Springs Resort and Spa to create a special evening affair. Lucero also manages Pagosa Peaks Volleyball and members will be volunteering their time to serve food and help out.

There is a \$10 entry fee to choose your favorite handmade clay bowl and then if you would like, you can also fill it with one of the delicious soups or chilis donated by volunteers.

"Empty Bowls Pagosa is all grown up," said Garcia. "We're holding it this year in the beautiful atrium of the Luxury Lodge (EcoLuxe hotel) at The Springs Resort from 5 to 7 p.m.

on Saturday, Feb. 23. Their bar will be open and we will have some fun specialty cocktails to celebrate like 'Seize the Clay' and the 'The Clay Lady,' just a bit of fun. Bob Hemenger will be entertaining us as we enjoy the soups, chilis, chowders and stews bought by our volunteers."

Empty Bowls is an international project to fight hunger, personalized by artists and art organizations on a community level. Every year, money raised at the Pagosa Springs event goes to local community food and hunger programs to assist them with funding their programs.

## In Memoriam

### Clifford E. Lucero

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Landon and Logan Wheeler.

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# Business



## Regional livable wage data updated by Region 9 Economic Development District

By Terry Blair-Burton  
Special to The SUN

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado has released its latest livable wages for the communities throughout southwest Colorado which shows the cost of living continues to rise in most communities. Region 9 has calculated livable wages since 1999 and all five coun-

ties show an increase in their livable wages. Only the town of Rico shows a slight decrease (70 cents) for a single individual from the last report.

A livable wage is defined as the level of income necessary to support a given size of household. When one earns less than a livable wage, he or she is forced to make undesirable choices such as working two or more jobs, longer hours or giving up basic items such as

health insurance or licensed child care.

For a single person renting, the livable wage for each community is as follows: Silverton \$13.40, Pagosa Springs \$12.11, Dove Creek \$11.64, Rico \$11.69, Bayfield \$12.32, Durango \$13.47, Ignacio \$11.77, Cortez \$10.90, Dolores \$10.68 and Mancos \$11.81.

The livable wage numbers are based on a basic expenditures bud-

get from the Self-Sufficiency Standard for Colorado 2018. Rent and child care costs are specific to each community, and a mileage allowance is added for the communities such as Rico, where residents must travel for basic goods and services.

The document is now on Region 9's website and can be downloaded from the homepage at [www.scan.org](http://www.scan.org). For more information, please call Region 9 at 247-9621.

### CHAMBER NEWS

## Two important business workshops to be held this month

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

If you have been thinking of opening a business — store front or home-based — or you are in the developmental stages, this Starting Your Business workshop could be very beneficial to you.

It is not often that you can get a range of experts in one room to give you advice on how to avoid some of the early business pitfalls and to set things up right the first time.

The class will be held on Friday, Feb. 15, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The workshop will be held in the Chamber of Commerce conference room at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. The cost of the class is only \$25 and a light lunch will be served.

We will have professionals from the Small Business Development Center — our co-hosts, accounting, legal, Region 9, banking and the Town of Pagosa Springs to cover items such as building and signage codes, registering your business, licensing and much more.

There will be time to ask questions of each presenter. You will also leave with resource materials

to use as reference tools. There are new business tools to work with both at a state and local level, so learn these new tricks of the trade to make opening your business easier. To register for the event, go to the Chamber website, [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com), and click on the Starting Your Business graphic under Chamber and Community Events or in the Calendar of Events under Feb. 15. You can also call the Chamber at 264-2360 to reserve your space in the class.

### Opportunity Zone Forum

The federal government has been working for years on a way for investors to invest their capital gains into qualified economic development projects. While there are still bugs to work out, communities nationwide have been working on developing their "Opportunity Zones." Pagosa and southwest Colorado are no exceptions. In fact, many investors feel that Colorado is ahead of the curve in developing investment projects throughout the state. The state of Colorado has actually developed a website, [www.colorado-invest.com](http://www.colorado-invest.com), to attract investors to our state.

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation and Region 9 will host a free Opportunity Zone Training Forum at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse. Representatives from the Office of Economic Development and International Trade and Four Points Funding along with Region 9 will be on hand to offer an informational and educational opportunity to learn more about Opportunity Zones.

Who should attend? Basically, it is open to the public. However, realtors, developers, investors, accountants, estate planners and the like would highly benefit. Where is the Opportunity Zone in Archuleta County. How might you put an investment package together utilizing a piece of land or project in an Opportunity Zone? How can you "stack" investment opportunities in our community to give an investor more incentive to build here? What do you have to do with the project to qualify for the tax incentives? How do I find out about qualified projects in Archuleta County? These and so many more questions will be

discussed at the forum.

To register for this training session, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-opportunity-zone-info-session-tickets-55164521569>. The session is free, but we ask that you register for the event. A light networking breakfast will be held at 8:30 a.m., with the presentations starting at 9 a.m. There will also be plenty of time for questions and answers. For more information, contact Mary Jo Coulehan at the Chamber at 264-2360.

### Membership news

We welcome our renewing members this week: Two Chicks and a Hippie, Axis Heath Systems Archuleta Integrated Health Care, Heart to Heart Mobile Massage, Motivation, the Durango Herald and Voice of Wilderness Inc.

There is still time for you to sign up for the free February Maximizing Your Membership class to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 9 to 10 a.m. A light breakfast will be served while you learn more about how you can reap the benefits of your Chamber membership. Please call Rick at 264-2360 to hold your spot.

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## Black Hills Energy requests rate review

By Carly West  
Special to The SUN

Black Hills Energy recently submitted a regulatory rate review proposal to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission to consolidate the rates, tariffs and services of its existing gas territories in Colorado. The rate review also proposes to recover investments in safety, reliability and system integrity for natural gas service to its 186,000 Colorado customers.

Over the past year, Black Hills Energy embarked on a comprehensive review of the various policies and services of the utility systems that were acquired by the company over the years to determine the best practices that should be adopted for the benefit of all Colorado gas customers. Additionally, with this filing, the company is proposing to consolidate its three existing base rate areas and consolidate its seven existing Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) areas into three GCA regions. "Black Hills Energy is committed to being the energy partner of choice for our Colorado communities and customers — a commitment we've demonstrated through invest-

ments in our infrastructure and in our communities," said Susan Bailey, vice president of natural gas operations for Black Hills Energy in Colorado. "By aligning our policies and services across all of Colorado, we will be able to provide an even higher level of service and reliability to our natural gas customers."

As proposed, some residential customer bills will decrease while others will increase slightly as various rates are consolidated. The increase for commercial customers will vary, based on rate class, load factors and total usage. The rate review does not affect the cost of the natural gas delivered by Black Hills Energy. The natural gas com-

modity cost is a direct pass-through to customers, meaning there is no mark-up or profit.

If approved, the new natural gas service delivery rates would take effect late 2019 for Black Hills' natural gas customers in over 100 Colorado communities, including Glenwood Springs, Montrose, Fountain, Castle Rock, Frederick, Pagosa Springs, La Junta and Burlington.

Customers who would like information about saving energy, or bill payment assistance, should call Black Hills Energy at (888) 890-5554 or visit [www.bhesavemoney.com](http://www.bhesavemoney.com).

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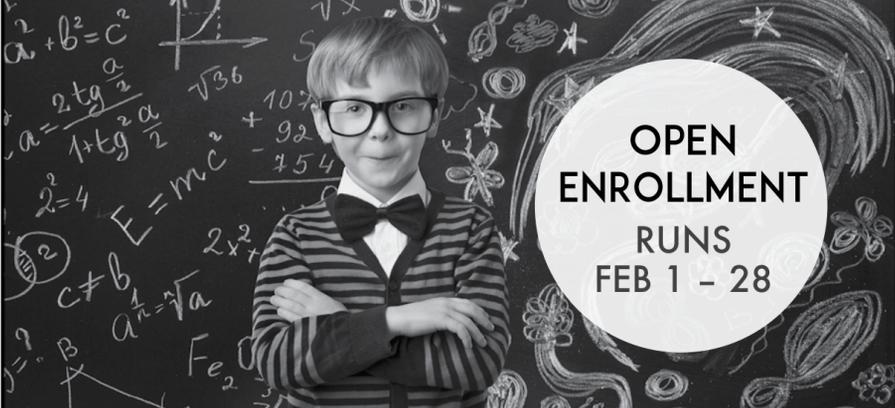
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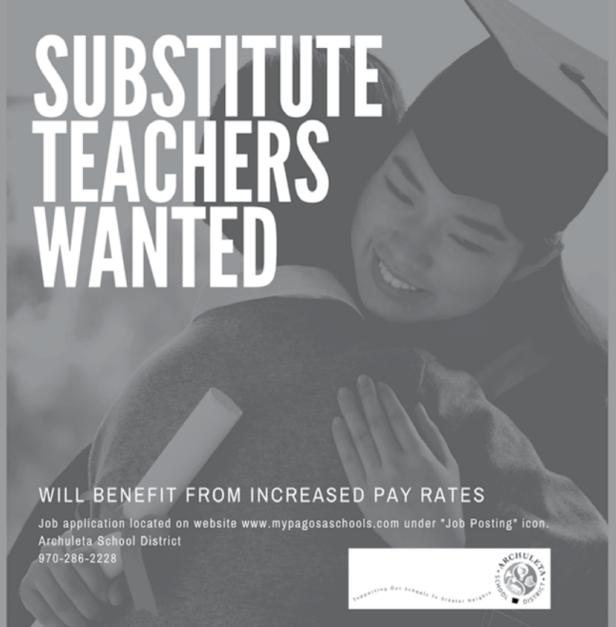
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traversal in the community, as was illustrated by a spirited public comment section of the meeting where citizens spoke passionately both in favor and against the proposed jail.

Just prior to voting, each commissioner made their cases for their decisions.

Commissioner Steve Wadley stated, "Jail space costs an inordinate amount of money. It has to be built right. There's federal standards that protect the prisoners and the correctional officers. Fifty-four beds, to do it any better, any smaller, would be remiss. We build a smaller jail, throw a bunch of money away and we would be fools."

Commissioner Ron Maez said, "I'm looking out for the future. I'm not here to build something that we already have."

"This jail is a must. Not only just for the consideration of the people who work here, but for the inmates. It's not fair to them. It's not fair to somebody's mother or wife who has to go to Durango," said Commissioner Alvin Schaaf, adding, "We have to look toward the future. We can't just do what's gonna get us by today. There's been too much of that in the past."

Schaaf noted that he worked for the jail when it was functioning and that the facility "wasn't adequate."

Archuleta County's jail has not been in use since 2015, when flooding during work on the roof caused the facility to close permanently.

The adopted resolution indicates that the jail construction will be financed through COPs, which is a lease-purchase option that many counties and municipalities use to finance projects without voter approval.

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

Following the process described in that document, Archuleta County will transfer its interests in the proposed jail site at 125 Harman Park Drive to UMB Bank, which was designated as the bank trustee at Tuesday's meeting.

UMB Bank will hold title to the property and collect annual lease payments from the county, estimated at around \$840,000 per year.

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

Mark Weiler, local resident, spoke during the public comment section of the meeting in opposition to COP financing.

"There's a lot of irony that I would be on the opposite side of certificate of participation, because I've made millions for my banks trading those and buying those and holding those and so forth," Weiler said, adding, "I take note that you're writing a check for \$45,000 this month for [housing inmates in] La Plata ... for the next 25 years you'll be writing a check for \$70,000 a month to guys like me to service your debt."

If the county takes the full 25 years to pay off its \$13 million principal, the interest to UMB Bank will be \$12 million, making the total cost for the jail \$25 million.

Larry Walton, Archuleta County finance director, doesn't think the county will take that long to pay.

Clifford Lucero, former county commissioner, stated during public comment that Walton told him the county could pay off the jail in 10 years, saving the county millions in interest payments.

"[Larry] thinks we can pay this off within 10 years. And you know, Larry knows his numbers," said Lucero.

Walton is quoted in the Jan. 24 edition of The SUN as saying, "An asteroid would have to hit the earth or something for us to literally be paying on this for 25 years. From my point of view, it's likely it will be paid off somewhere between seven to 10 years if revenue is good."

In follow-up conversations after the meeting, Wadley and Maez agreed they are focused on getting the debt paid off closer to Walton's projections.

"My opinion would be I would like to see what we can do to pay this off sooner," Maez said, adding, "By doing the COP, we're getting started,

we're building this thing. There's nothing in that COP that says we can't pay this debt off early if we have the ability to do so."

Wadley stated, "We left room so we could pay it off early and it was the county's option."

Some criticized the proposed 54-bed jail as too big for the average inmate population, which is currently around 30 per day.

In a follow-up phone call, Under-sheriff Derek Woodman explained the courts may also be helping to keep that number down.

"It wouldn't surprise me if, because of the known issue of the jail not existing, that the courts are being a little bit more lenient on their sentencing because they understand the burden that we're experiencing," he said.

Both Woodman and Sheriff Rich Valdez noted at the meeting that if the 54-bed jail was open today, it would probably be full.

Valdez stated, "A-54 bed facility, I believe, is adequate at this point, for the future."

The county also voted to approve:

- Contracting with Ehlers Inc. for municipal advisor services relating to COP financing at a cost of \$21,000.
- Amending the county's existing contract with Kutak Rock LLP to serve as bond counsel for COP financing at a cost of \$60,000.
- Amending an existing contract with Reynolds Ash + Associates for architectural services related to the jail construction at a cost of \$953,000.
- Releasing a request for qualification and request for proposal for construction management services for the new detention facility.
- Assuming the required debt reserve for COP financing through existing cash or by purchasing a surety bond.

All costs and contracts approved at the meeting were included in the county's \$13 million price tag for the new detention facility.

"In April, I finish my eighth year as commissioner," said Wadley. "I've had some very difficult votes; I think this was the hardest."

Commissioners hope to have shovels in the ground in June.

# Town

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an agreement to make regular lease payments for the use of an asset over some period, after which the title for the asset transfers to the government. Since the government can decide, at any time, to discontinue the lease, COPs do not constitute a multi-year fiscal obligation and so can be issued without voter approval."

Town Manager Andrea Phillips asked for direction in order for the funding information to be included in a grant presentation in March, with the town seeking \$1 million in Energy Impact Fund money from the state.

Last fall, council directed staff to move forward with a grant application to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DoLA) and preparing financing options for building a new consolidated maintenance facility at the current site of the town shop.

Estimated costs provided to council for Tuesday's meeting show that the total project cost estimate is \$5,979,435, with the project anticipated to be split into two phases "To strategically leverage limited Town capital funds."

But, before council tackled the topic of funding any remaining portions of the facility, Phillips reminded council of the scope of the project and updated them on a few changes.

Phillips explained to council that feedback from the DoLA regional representative had led to adjustments in the phasing of the project in order to strengthen the grant application and reduce costs.

Phillips explained those modifications, which are also outlined in an agenda brief she composed: "A major change in the scope is that Phase I will include the bulk of construction costs, including the main building (Building 1), a large portion of site work (for the eastern side) and a portion of uncovered space (Building 2b). All engineering and design will be done in Phase I. Phase II will include the remainder of the site work, demolition of the main existing building, construction of remaining off-site improvements and storage buildings. The bulk of the \$5.9 million estimated total project cost (including off site improvements) will now occur in Phase I, which is estimated at \$4.5 million."

After reminding council of other aspects of the plan, such as site remediation, offsite improvements that include making the South 6th Street extension permanent and improving the dirt parking lot adjacent to the facility and Golden Peaks Stadium to create a paved,

shared parking area, Phillips explained town staff wants to also include nearby residents in the design process.

Phillips noted the goal is to use a team approach for the design and engineering work, with an architect serving as the team lead.

That work, she noted, would "ideally" start this year.

Phillips told council that, depending upon the funding mechanism chosen for the facility, the town could hopefully break ground in 2020, with the first phase taking a year or two.

Too, the town manager informed council that the town would be trying to borrow the least amount possible, probably about \$3 million.

She then outlined the basic funding options for the town:

- Issue COPs, of which there are two types: publicly backed and privately backed, though both would have an overall cost of about \$3.9 million.

While acknowledging that some don't like the use of COPs because they feel it goes against the intent of the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR), Phillips said the town has used COPs on a pair of projects in recent years — the Lewis Street road construction and the South 8th Street road construction.

- Hold a special election to ask for a new funding stream for the project and the issuance of a general obligation (GO) bond.
- Hold a special election to seek approval for the issuance of a GO bond to be paid for with existing town revenue.

Phillips noted that a special election would cost \$7,000 to \$10,000.

- Pay for the remainder with capital funds, which would require more phasing since the town's cash capacity is about \$750,000.

That, she noted, would require putting off other town projects and would affect the town's level of service, but would avoid debt and interest.

Council then began discussing the funding options, with council member Madeline Bergon opening the discussion by suggesting a survey to see what the public thought about an election before pursuing an election.

"I like where your head is," fellow councilor Mat deGraaf said before stating that, while he wants democracy to work, when he's broached topics with people, he has encountered that they don't care.

He added, "Debt is slavery," and that he liked paying for the project with town funds.

Council member Matt DeGuise

noted that while he is not "enthralled" with COPs, paying out of the town's fund had problems.

Tracy Bunning spoke next, noting that he thought they could all agree there is a real need to have a facility that meets the town's current and future needs and is safe for staff, and that while he is not a big fan of debt, sooner is better and would offer more benefit to residents.

David Schanzenbaker noted that it is a lot easier for governments to spread payments out on large projects and that he agrees with taking on as little debt as possible.

He also noted that he does not like TABOR and wishes it weren't there, but that while COPs are legal, they go against the intent of TABOR.

He stated that he is not as comfortable with COPs over \$1 million and that it removes the public. He suggested asking permission for debt, but without a new funding stream.

In response to a question from Mayor Don Volger, Phillips suggested going to an election would push the project out a year and would put the DoLA funding at risk.

She also noted in the course of the discussion that she had been floating the idea of funding the project with COPs since the beginning and that the town can handle the debt within its capital fund.

Schanzenbaker suggested the timing due to a county decision earlier in the day was poor public relations.

Mentioned several times at the meeting was the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' decision earlier that day to use COPs to finance the building of a new detention facility. For more information on that decision, see related story.

Later in the discussion, Volger suggested that the council had been democratically elected to be representatives of the people and that he is in favor of the COPs, which have been used for the benefit of the community in the past.

Council considered to weigh the options throughout the rest of the discussion, with council considering what the threshold for using COPs versus going for public approval would be.

Bunning suggested it could be tied to the town's financial health.

In the end, council decided to hold off on giving staff direction until its next meeting, with staff potentially providing additional information to inform the decision.

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# Resilient

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natural threat," Trimarco said.

This group will focus on being able to "bounce back" from any unforeseen events by relying on the social, economical and environmental sections of the community, Trimarco explained.

"From a planning perspective, it's pretty important for our community to kind of look down the road, look forward and do some planning on how we can bounce back from adverse impacts to our community," Dickhoff said.

It is important for all Archuleta County organizations and the community as a whole to look at resiliency planning to make sure core services can still be provided in the face of adverse situations, Dickhoff added.

Being able to respond to change, whether that change is due to population growth or climate and weather is also a part of this group's goals, Shepard added.

"Let's look at the hard data. Let's look at the hard facts and figure out if we can actually make this a community that we can all afford to live in," Shepard said.

Wildfire was identified by the Resilient Archuleta group as the most immediate threat to the Pagosa Springs economic community, while drought and snowpack levels were labeled as undermining economic security, Metzler noted.

While referencing the impacts that the 416 Fire from last summer had on the La Plata County community, Metzler explained later that even a fire miles away had impacts on businesses in Pagosa Springs.

Also using the Camp Fire in Paradise, Calif., as an example, Metzler explained that the town of

Paradise had a plan and evacuation routes, but underestimated the ferocity of the fire.

"Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County already has a ton of these elements in place to build a resiliency plan," Metzler said, adding that the conversation needs to continue to build this plan further.

Being aware of the worst- and best-case scenarios, being able to adapt to either one, will better allow a community to adapt to unforeseen events, Shepard explained.

Part of the discussion also centered around half of the Pagosa Springs companies being single proprietors, Shepard added.

Many of the people within the community brought their jobs here and can take them away, which can lead to problems within a community like Pagosa Springs, which does not have a lot of buffers for hard times or disasters, Shepard explained.

## The biggest threat

After taking a moment to allow the audience to answer a survey that addressed important challenges facing the community and what individuals valued the most about the community, Archuleta County Director of Emergency Operations Mike Le Roux spoke on the importance of a resiliency group.

"Right now, we're living an unsustainable model in terms of what we're up against," Le Roux said.

Last year, the county had finalized an upgrade to its five-year, \$65,000 hazard mitigation plan, which allows the county to leverage federal funding in the event of an emergency or disaster, Le Roux added.

Wildfire was also noted by Le

Roux as a major concern.

"The responsibility comes back to the community. We can't, as the agencies, be responsible for everybody's mitigation around their property," Le Roux said.

The Archuleta County Office of Emergency Management is responsible for emergency planning and preparedness, but there is only so much that can be done, he added.

"It's great to have a plan. Does everybody read that plan? I can write a plan and put it online, but not everybody reads that," Le Roux said, urging the community to create a plan for itself, adding, "And we'll help whenever we can. We just don't have the resources at this point."

From the surveys collected, Young explained that responses indicated that wildfire was the biggest threat to the community, but cyber attacks and water levels were among a list of others mentioned.

Some of the things valued by community members included things such as: diversity, outdoor beauty and the town's natural resources.

Some of the challenges identified through the survey included: well-paying jobs, cellphone and Internet service, as well as the need to attract younger families.

## Future meetings

Young explained in an interview with The SUN that the Resilient Archuleta group is planning a follow-up meeting, but isn't sure what that meeting will look like.

"We're digesting some of the survey information and looking for our next steps to get the community involved again," Young said. *chris@pagosasun.com*

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# Student aid programs can help pay college costs

By Tim Ballard

Special to The SUN

The federal government sponsors numerous financial aid programs that can help students and their parents pay college expenses. This brief summary describes the more common federal grant and loan programs. Grants generally do not have to be repaid, but loans do.

- Federal Pell Grant: Pell Grants will provide up to \$6,195 for the 2019-2020 school year for undergraduates with financial need. The amount may change each year.

- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant: Grants that provide up to \$4,000 per year for undergraduate students who have exceptional finan-

# Caseworkers

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"My concern is that child welfare is becoming more of a compliance-based system that is geared toward spending more time in our office doing documentation and data entry as opposed to working directly with families. I'm looking forward to decreasing the time caseworkers spend at their desks so that time can be directed to families and children," said Matthew A. Dodson, LCSW, director of Archuleta County DHS.

The technology will help caseworkers manage and access the volume of content in case files more efficiently, so they can spend more time doing high-value work with children and families. Caseworkers will use the Web-based application in the office to scan and upload documents and a companion mobile app to easily take photos, complete forms and view case information

during home visits.

"With this fast-paced work in the field we need to make decisions quickly and we need data to do that," said Carol Friedrich, LCSW, director of Ouray County DSS and San Miguel County DSS.

Access to information in the field is critical in child welfare, but especially in rural areas with limited Internet connection or Wi-Fi making it impossible for caseworkers to retrieve case data. The software works in a disconnected mode so caseworkers can access and collect information even without a connection.

"We don't have Internet, Wi-Fi or even phone data in some areas when our staff are in the field. The offline capability in Traverse is going to be helpful to capture data in the field to be downloaded later," Friedrich said.

The agency directors are proud to be among the first in Colorado to

# Station

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potential locations, including that the power available at the bell tower is not sufficient and the increase in infrastructure required for that location would exceed the funding for that project.

He also relayed that there was sufficient power at Centennial Park and that the theme of sustainability with the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's presence would be appropriate.

Dickhoff stated that the Town Hall location was not well received due to its location.

Dickhoff suggested Centennial Park, and several council members stated their approval of that site.

That was followed with a unanimous vote by town council, leaving LPEA to obtain approval for the change of location from the state

of Colorado.

On Tuesday, Ron Meier, LPEA manager of engineering and member relations, told The SUN that the grant has been extended until May and the new location approved.

"The grant is still viable," he said.

Now, he explained, it is a matter of finalizing the paperwork with the town for use of the location and installing the charging station when conditions allow.

"It's actually a better location," he said, noting that the infrastructure at Centennial Park, from an electrical point of view, is stronger.

Meier and Indiana Reed, LPEA spokesperson, explained that a dual-port level two charging station will be installed, meaning two vehicles can be charged at a time

and it will take about four hours for a full charge.

Charging at the station will be free through the end of 2019, Meier stated, with the rate structure for after that not yet set.

He added that the charging stations at LPEA's office are also still free.

One of the charging ports will be handicapped-accessible, Meier and Reed explained, although it will not necessarily be designated for handicapped-only.

The new station is being paid for in part by a state grant from the Colorado Energy Office's Charge Ahead Colorado.

Through that grant, LPEA received about \$9,000 toward the project, with LPEA estimated to contribute approximately \$5,700. *randi@pagosasun.com*

## Appeals Court rules plaintiffs must pay county's legal fees

By John Finebrock  
Staff Writer

A Colorado appeals judge has granted a request by Archuleta County for payment of attorney fees stemming from a 2016 lawsuit. The suit alleged the county illegally prevented 11 initiatives from getting on the 2014 ballot.

The proposed initiatives concerned a variety of matters, including gun rights, the Affordable Care Act, grand juries, the writ of habeas corpus, a proposal to empower juries to nullify law and a demand for creation of an Archuleta County credit union.

The original suit was dismissed by Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Raymond Wilson, and, ultimately, the plaintiffs were ordered to pay \$18,565.50 in attorney fees to the defendants.

More specifically, the defendants in the lawsuit are former county commissioners Clifford Lucero and Michael Whiting, current commissioner Steve Wadley, and former County Attorney Todd Starr.

The plaintiffs are listed as Dave Brackhahn, Wayne Bryant, Greg Giehl, Cole Graham, Vernon Greenamy, Bill Gottschalk, Sue Gottschalk, Stephen Keno, Tom Kramer, Jeffrey Maehr, Sharon Parker, Denis Spencer and Dave West.

The plaintiffs brought the lawsuit pro se, meaning they represented themselves without an attorney.

The plaintiffs appealed the mandate that they should have to pay attorney fees to the Colorado Court of Appeals. A recent Jan. 24 court order rules on that appeal.

In that court order, by Judge Jerry N. Jones, he states the plaintiffs' appeal is "frivolous as argued" and that they fail to cite "any legal authority that supports their argument."

The court order continues, "We affirm the district court's order

awarding attorney fees."

The case will now go back to the Sixth Judicial District Court to determine the exact amount that the plaintiffs will pay the county in attorneys' fees incurred on the appeal.

In a statement to The SUN, Maehr wrote, "... The attorney fee issue is but one element of the actual controversy, but it is the only one the defendants focused on, and even that issue was awarded contrary to standing Colorado Statutes ..."

Maehr also indicated the plaintiffs are not done fighting the case. [john@pagosason.com](mailto:john@pagosason.com)

## Commissioners updated on proposed building code changes

By John Finebrock  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard updates on adopting new building codes at its work session on Feb. 5.

The commissioners were updated by Archuleta County Chief Building Official John Ruyle and Build Pagosa President Larry Ash.

The Town of Pagosa Springs has already adopted 2015 International Code Council (ICC) codes, and Archuleta County is considering whether or not to do the same.

Once the town adopted the new codes, Ruyle explained he started to hear murmurs about the county adopting them, too, but it wasn't coming from contractors or the public at large.

"[The building codes] didn't seem to change too much when [the town] decided to go to the '15 and there was some alignment comments being made. It wasn't coming from contractors in this area, and if it was,

... I wasn't hearing it. I was presented with, 'We need to go to a new code,' ... so I started looking at it," said Ruyle.

County Commissioner Ron Maez said the county approached Ruyle to look into the building codes after getting asked what the county's long-term plan would be.

"I think it was just after I got into office, both me and Steve [Wadley] got calls on, 'Where are we at? Why haven't we [adopted new building codes?]' Because the previous commissioners agreed to, 'Let's look into this,' but nothing was done."

Maez also said the reason the county wanted to update to the 2015 codes was that it was an upgrade and "we gotta keep up with the times."

Maez stated that the 2015 codes have the potential to lower building costs for builders and homeowners.

Ash, president of the independent builders' committee that advised the town for two years on how to customize the 2015 codes for the local community, stated at the work session that there are minimal differences between the 2006 and 2015

codes.

"There is no change to foundations, joists and sheeting, wall framing, headers, trusses, rafters, stairs, railings, ground rail, egress, tempered glass, etc. The builder on this would not see much of a change. We have been building good, sound houses on the 2006 codes, and we'll continue to build on the 2015," said Ash.

Wadley and Maez suggested they would be in favor of adopting the 2015 codes.

"My grandfather came here way back in the day. I live in that house, and I don't want to talk about that," joked Maez.

He added, "I do think that the one thing people always fear is change. Once we understand the change, we begin to move forward together in unison. I still would like to move forward with this, and the adoption of the '15."

Wadley had a similar sentiment, stating, "[The builders] want to move forward, they want to get it done, they want everyone on the same page," adding, "When new

techniques, new technology come along, we need to make room for it."

At its Jan. 23 meeting, the Archuleta County Planning Commission voted to recommend to the BoCC that they take no action, to continue with the 2006 codes and conduct further research on the 2018 ICC codes.

The planning commission made its decision after hearing public testimony that builders thought the new codes would add inspections and make building more expensive.

Ash stated in a follow-up phone interview that the builders who spoke at that meeting "were misinformed."

By law, the planning commission must make a recommendation to the county commissioners if building codes are proposed to change. The planning commission's recommendation is nonbinding.

The BoCC will hold a public hearing to consider updating building codes on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room at 398 Lewis St.

## Upper San Juan snowpack totals increase by 14 percent

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Recent weather has increased local snowpack basin totals by almost 10 percent from last week.

According to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins were 99 percent of median as of Feb. 6, up from last week's total of 90 percent of median.

The Upper San Juan site has seen a major jump since last week, increasing by 14 percent, going from 69 percent of median to 83 percent of median this week.

"It jumped a bunch. There was some good moisture in these storms that came through the last few days. It's fantastic," NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta said.

The Upper Rio Grande Basin jumped from 89 percent of median to 97 percent of median this week, while the Gunnison River Basin went

from 106 percent of median to 110 percent of median.

Snowpack levels rose slightly for the Yampa and White River basins, with current totals sitting at 111 percent of median, up from last week's totals of 109 percent of median.

For the Arkansas River Basin, snowpack levels actually dropped, going from 129 percent of median last week to 126 percent of median this week.

Snowpack totals for the Laramie and North Platte river basins remain unchanged at 106 percent of median.

The South Platte River Basin's snowpack totals fell slightly, with current totals being recorded at 111 percent of median, a decrease from last week's total of 114 percent of median.

The Wolf Creek summit was 93 percent of the Feb. 6 peak and 56 percent of the median peak.

The summit last week was 82 percent of peak and 48 percent of the median peak.

Despite early thoughts that the month of January would lead into a dry spell that carried into February, these winter storms have been encouraging, Archuleta explained.

The National Weather Service (NWS) indicates scattered snow showers today for Pagosa Springs while tonight through Saturday it is expected to be mostly sunny.

Saturday night could hold a chance for snow showers in Pagosa Springs, the NWS reports.

On Wolf Creek Pass, the NWS is indicating a 30 percent chance of snow today, then mostly clear through Friday.

On both Saturday and Saturday night, Wolf Creek Pass is projected to have a 30 percent chance of snow, according to the NWS.

Despite the Upper San Juan site having snowpack totals in the mid 80s, Archuleta explained that even with storms on the forecast for this week, he does not think that total will break into the 90 percent range

by next week.

"I'd be happy to be at that 85, 86 percent after this storm," Archuleta explained.

According to Archuleta, the Upper San Juan site is at what it was last year at peak.

"We're going to be definitely better than last year unless we get a long dry spell," he said.

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## Conservation Helping Hand assists local property owners

By Cynthia Purcell  
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Conservation District is proud to offer a program we started 13 years ago, Conservation Helping Hand, to assist landowners with property in the Archuleta County, Pine River and La Plata County areas.

Are you interested in implementing a conservation practice on your property, but need help with the cost? We will be awarding

grants to pay for 50 percent of your project, up to \$3,500.

Conservation practices to promote the use of planned grazing systems, more efficient irrigation systems and healthy forest restoration that will benefit both livestock and wildlife will be considered.

We will be accepting applications until March 31. Applications will be reviewed by the elected board members and prioritized based on the targeted resource concern, environmental ben-

efits and cost of implementation. Funded project applicants will be notified by April 12. All projects must commence by July 1 and be complete by Sept. 30.

Technical assistance will be provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and all approved projects must meet NRCS standards and specifications.

Applications are available at the NRCS Office in Pagosa Springs (505A County Road 600), 731-3615. Please stop by or call for more information.

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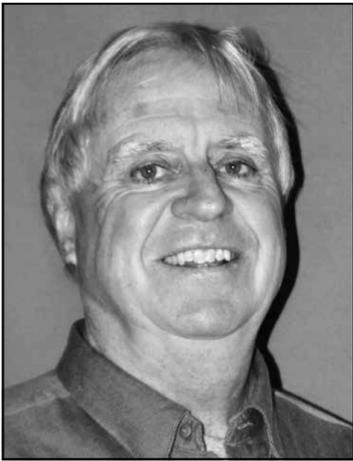
# Goals & Accomplishments

## Archuleta School District 50 Jt.

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.

### Greg Schick, DVM, President of the Archuleta School District 50 Jt. Board of Education



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

1. The passage of the MLO was our most important accomplishment in 2018. I am proud of our administrators, staff, community, the board members and the general public for overwhelmingly passing the MLO, that will allow us to compete with surrounding districts in teacher pay, improve safety for our students and staff and fund full day kindergarten.
2. The continued success of Pagosa Family School, and expansion of our Career Technical Education Program is another accomplishment. The Pagosa Family School has offered additional educational programs that are available to home school, private school, part time students, as well as students enrolled full time in our public schools. The Career Technical Education program is bulging at the seams and our students are very interested in this program.
3. The success and helpfulness of the Planning Assessment Team. The PAT put in long hours in discussing and coming up with suggestions on our physical facilities and what is going to be needed as our district continues to grow

and change. Also, the Task Force put in many hours in determining the best way to present our needs to the public.

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

1. Proper implementation of the MLO money to be fair to teachers and staff and meet the expectations of our community in being fiscally responsible with the additional tax monies
2. Continue the revision and subsequent implementation of our Strategic Framework for our schools and district.
3. With two new school board members, strive to work together as a team that can attain the goals for the school district. The November 2019 election could see even further changes in board makeup so we need to set a good example of working together so as to help the new board function efficiently.
4. Continue school safety improvements

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

1. We are already doing much on implementa-

tion of the MLO monies. We have had input from teachers and staff on how best to use the MLO money. We have heard from community members, parents and administrators. It is important to show the community that we are very responsible in the use of the additional tax dollars from the MLO

2. We review our Strategic Framework at annual board summits to constantly evaluate where we are and where we need to go.
3. We work with new board members, encouraging them to present their ideas and thoughts> we all strive to be respectful in our discussions, whether we agree or not.
4. By working with the Pagosa Springs Police Department and the Archuleta County Sheriff's office, we plan to increase the number of School Resource Officers to three total officers. Additionally, we are in the process of completing the installation of access controls at the elementary, middle and high school buildings as well as the Maintenance and Transportation Building and the Administration Office. We are fortunate to have received funds from Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) that are helping to fund the improvements at the high school.

### Linda Reed, Superintendent for Archuleta School District 50 Jt.



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

As was the case in 2017, our three biggest accomplishments were tied directly to the goals we set for 2018. Our first goal was to increase vocational and technical course offerings at Pagosa Springs High School. For the 2018-2019 school year, we added the following courses: Building Trades 2; Woodworking; Drafting/Design; Interior Design; and Culinary Arts. These courses are in addition to the following courses we already offer: Agriculture; Shop Mechanics; Technical drawing; Introduction to Firefighting; Wildland Firefighting; Computer Programming; Advanced Computer Technology; School to Work Placement; Office Applications; Workplace Skills; Multi-Media Design; and Building Trades 1.

Our second goal was to offer additional Advanced Studies options for high school students who are interested in a collegiate pathway. In the summer of 2018, teachers from Pagosa Springs High School attended a week long Advanced Placement (AP) Courses training in Denver. They attended training for courses in Statistics, Biology, Physics, Language and Composition, Literature and Composition, US History, Government and Politics, and Computer Science. In order to prepare students for the demands of AP courses, our teachers have increased academic rigor, this year, for underclassmen. During the 2018-2019 school year, the team who attended the training are developing a rigorous and far reaching scope and sequence that they will be implementing in the 2019-2020 school year. In addition to the courses they were trained in, the school may also be adding additional courses in Advanced Placement Computer Science.

Our third and final goal, as outlined in last year's article, was to increase compensation for all teachers and staff. Because of the overwhelming support from the voters of Archuleta County, with the passage of the Mill Levy Override, we began providing additional compensation to most staff in their January 2019 paycheck. This has allowed us to be competitive with neighboring districts in a way we have not been able to in the past. Because of a critical teacher shortage in this country, we are now better positioned to recruit and retain the highest caliber educators and staff.

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

- Our three goals for 2019 are the following:
- Improve the safety and security of our facilities.
  - Complete the revision of our Strategic Framework
  - Continue to expand pathways and offerings for students at the secondary level that lead to post-secondary and workforce success, as well as personalized learning and competency based education at all levels.

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

To achieve our goal of improving the safety and security of our facilities, in early 2019, we are going to complete the installation of access controls for the elementary, middle and high school buildings, as well as the Maintenance and Transportation and Administration Offices. With support from the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) program, we will be completing a comprehensive project at Pagosa Springs High School that will provide access control to all of the buildings on the campus

as well as a security office at the main entrance to the school. At Pagosa Springs Elementary and Middle Schools, the district is funding similar projects that will allow for control of all entrances to the buildings. Additionally, working with our local law enforcement agencies, we plan to have two more full time School Resource Officers (SROs) in place for the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, to complement our existing SRO.

Following a School Board Summit in early summer 2018, the district leadership team met for a facilitated planning process, to begin identifying ways to address the ideas presented at the board summit, as well as further define the key initiatives we believe will improve student learning, student agency, and the increased rigor necessary to ensure the district reach the highest level of accreditation and become a District of Distinction. That process will be completed within the next months and will be shared with the board and community.

Our third goal for 2019-2020 already has a firm foundation in place at Pagosa Springs High School with the implementation of AP courses and the expansion of the CTE pathways. The high school staff and administration recently completed polling students to see what other courses have a high degree of interest among students. They will be examining this data and begin making course selections for the 2019-2020 school year in the next month. At the middle and elementary levels, we are implementing a variety of personalized learning platforms, among them Summit Learning at the elementary level. We will examine data and gather feedback from teachers, students and parents, before proceeding with additional platforms and processes. If students and parents find these innovative ways of learning valuable, we will consider expanding their use.

## The Blotter

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

**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**  
Calls for service over two weeks: 203.  
Jan. 22 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.  
Jan. 22 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, County Road 600.  
Jan. 22 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.  
Jan. 22 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.  
Jan. 22 — Information only, no location listed.  
Jan. 23 — Violation of restraining order, Pineview Road.  
Jan. 23 — Theft/intending to deprive, crimes against at-risk adult/juvenile-robbery, Colo. 151.  
Jan. 24 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, Bobwhite Drive.  
Jan. 24 — Warrant arrest, Gila Drive.  
Jan. 24 — Criminal mischief, Gila Drive.  
Jan. 25 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.  
Jan. 25 — Failure to comply, County Road 600.  
Jan. 25 — Glass in vehicle did not permit normal vision, violation of restraining

order, failed to display valid registration, false reporting to authorities, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, South 8th Street/San Juan Street.  
Jan. 25 — Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, Chimney Rock Court.  
Jan. 25 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.  
Jan. 25 — Agency assist, South 8th Street/Apache Street.  
Jan. 26 — Under investigation, Oldham's Place.  
Jan. 26 — Criminal mischief, Catchpole Drive.  
Jan. 26 — Agency assist, Enchanted Place.  
Jan. 26 — Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, felony drugs, North Pagosa Boulevard.  
Jan. 27 — Disturbance, Hot Springs Boulevard.  
Jan. 28 — Fraud in effecting sales, all other thefts, Chelwood Park Boulevard, Albuquerque, N.M.  
Jan. 28 — Second-degree criminal trespass, all other thefts, Divide View Place.  
Jan. 28 — All other thefts, County Road 982.  
Jan. 28 — Sexual assault, no location listed.  
Jan. 29 — Dumping trash-public or private property, Navajo Circle.

Jan. 29 — All other thefts, Bill's Place.  
Jan. 30 — All other thefts, Midiron Avenue.  
Jan. 31 — Identity theft/uses identity, County Road 500.  
Jan. 31 — Harassment-insults taunts challenges, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Kay's Court.  
Feb. 1 — Second-degree burglary/second-degree criminal trespass, Deer Trail.  
Feb. 2 — All other thefts, no location listed.  
**Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**  
Calls for service over two weeks: 167.  
Jan. 21 — Theft, South 2nd Street.  
Jan. 23 — Theft by receiving, San Juan Street.  
Jan. 25 — Warrant arrest, South 8th Street.  
Jan. 25 — Eluding an officer, South 8th Street.  
Jan. 25 — Warrant arrest, South 8th Street.  
Jan. 25 — Possession of drug paraphernalia, South 8th Street.  
Jan. 26 — Theft, South 6th Street.  
Jan. 26 — Traffic/license/insurance/equipment, U.S. 160.  
Jan. 27 — Agency assist, Hot Springs Boulevard.  
Jan. 27 — Harassment/menacing,

South 6th Street.  
Jan. 28 — Death/no crime, South 9th Street.  
Jan. 28 — Criminal trespass, South 9th Street.  
Jan. 28 — Traffic/insurance/license, U.S. 160.  
Jan. 29 — Assault, East Pagosa Street.  
Jan. 30 — Theft, South 8th Street.  
Jan. 30 — Harassment/credible threat, South 8th Street.  
Jan. 30 — Possession of marijuana, under 21, Lewis Street.  
Jan. 31 — Fraud by check, Periwinkle Drive.  
Jan. 31 — Death/no crime, Hot Springs Boulevard.  
Feb. 1 — Information only, Lewis Street.  
Feb. 2 — Violation of restraining order, Country Center Drive.  
Feb. 3 — Assault, Loma Street.  
Feb. 3 — Warrant arrest, Loma Street.  
**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Clayton M. Buchner**  
Jan. 23 — John Smith, unsafe backing, one point on license, total fines and costs — \$72.  
Jan. 23 — Alexandra Saeger, failed to yield, two points on license, total fines and costs — \$116.  
Jan. 24 — Sarianna Vale, parking during inclement weather, total fines and costs — \$35.

Jan. 24 — Cody Caler, parking during inclement weather, total fines and costs — \$85.  
**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Diane E. Knutson**  
Jan. 23 — Juvenile, unsafe backing, two points on license, total fines and costs — \$85.  
Jan. 23 — Michael Heilhecker, animal running at large, total fines and costs — \$65.  
Jan. 24 — Juvenile, criminal trespass, 12 months unsupervised probation, total fines and costs — \$35.  
**Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**  
Jan. 23 — Blaine C. Herrmann, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$258.50.  
Jan. 23 — Carol Eads Bailey-Medwell, careless driving, 10 days jail suspended imposition, total fines and costs — \$304.83.  
Jan. 23 — Justin A. Treptow, driving while ability impaired, 10 days electronic surveillance, one year probation, 24 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$1,512.83.  
Jan. 23 — Richard A. Berlanti, careless driving, total fines and costs — \$346.50.  
Jan. 23 — Mario F. Salazar, wildlife-fail to locate wounded game, wildlife-illegal possession, total fines and costs — \$1,591.50.  
Jan. 23 — Robert Truitt Ammons,

violation of stage 1 fire ban, total fines and costs — \$111.  
Jan. 23 — Shay D. Hoog, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$193.50.  
Jan. 24 — Nathan Edward Smith, violation of stage 1 fire ban, total fines and costs — \$136.  
Jan. 24 — Calvin David Sandoval, driving while impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, one year probation, total fines and costs — \$1,421.50.  
Jan. 24 — Ernest James Romero, criminal mischief-\$750-\$1,000, driving under the influence, 10 days jail, 48 hours community service, one year probation, total fines and costs — \$2,097.50.  
Jan. 24 — Andrea Theresa Burch, harassment, 12 months unsupervised probation, total fines and costs — \$247.50.  
Jan. 24 — Benjamin James Barovier, theft-\$300-\$750, 18 months probation, total fines and costs — \$1,164.50.  
Jan. 24 — Ernest Romero, harassment-strike/shove/kick, one year probation, total fines and costs — \$892.50.  
Jan. 29 — Shona M. Sanchez, passing on left improperly, total fines and costs — \$137.50.  
Feb. 1 — Donaldo Medrano Cristales, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$193.50.

# Education

## Winter NWEA tests show growth at Pagosa Springs Elementary

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Through the implementation of a new learning platform, among other practices, Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) has already begun to see improvement from fall to winter on standardized tests given to fourth-grade students.

That platform, titled the Summit Learning platform, described by Principal Justin Cowan in a newsletter, is a platform that allows teachers to have real-time data which helps teachers re-teach concepts and see if students are meeting goals, among other things.

"With any new initiative, we are always eager to see if results meet our expectations for our kids taking ownership, and being challenged with rigorous work," Cowan explained in the newsletter.

In an interview, Cowan explained further that the Summit platform is new to PSES, but he described the platform as allowing teachers to see into their students' achievement on a daily basis.

"I think it's forcing them to become better teachers, and it's asking our kids to take a lot more ownership," Cowan said.

The Summit platform can certainly be attributed to educational growth at PSES, but it's

not the entire reason why, he added.

With the implementation of the Summit platform, PSES has seen growth from fall to winter in its fourth-grade students in the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), specifically in the math and English language arts (ELA) portions of the test.

According to Cowan, on the math portion of the NWEA test, fourth-grade students from fall to winter this year grew 7.8 points in math, going from 194.5 to 202.3.

Last year's fourth-grade students from fall to winter only improved by 4.4 points on the math portion of the NWEA test, going from 197.7 to 201.1.

In ELA, this year's fourth-grade students grew by 6.7 points from fall to winter, an increase from 194 to 200.7 points, while last year's fourth-graders only grew by 4.3 points, going from 197.4 to 201.7.

Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) does not administer the NWEA winter test due to a decision made by the Archuleta School District Board of Education a couple of years ago, according to PSMS principal Chris Hinger.

In an email to The SUN, Hinger explained that, while PSMS may not administer the NWEA winter test, it still has students take the NWEA fall and spring assessments.

Using those two tests allows PSMS to track

the same growth data, but just using two different seasons, Hinger explained.

Pagosa Springs High School, according to Principal Sean O'Donnell, is not taking the NWEA test this year.

The reason behind PSES opting to take this test during the winter was due in part to staff recommendations, Cowan stated.

"I look for reasons to not test kids, actually," Cowan said, explaining that he would rather have that time for instruction.

However, NWEA tests only take an hour at most, which cuts down on time spent administering tests, Cowan explained.

Ultimately, Cowan left the decision up to his staff, giving them the choice to take the winter test in addition to the fall and spring tests.

That choice has been left up to PSES staff every year, Cowan added.

"What they decided as a whole group is it doesn't take that long and they like to know, more frequently than the fall and the spring. If we're going to use it, let's use it as frequently as we can," he said.

This is one piece of data that PSES uses within their What I Need clubs, he added later.

However, the data only provides a snapshot, Cowan noted, adding, "But it is one thing that does tell us our kids are doing better."

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## Foundation for Archuleta County Education plans for summer STEM camp

By Lynne McCrudden  
Special to The SUN

FACE (Foundation for Archuleta County Education) was pleased to fund over \$5,000 in grants to teachers for educational programs for K-12 students in the community in 2018.

The Pagosa Peak Charter School was given money for its math program for grades three through five. Our Savior Lutheran School received a grant for curriculum training for its teachers and the Homeschool Connection was given a grant so it could acquire whiteboards for the group teaching programs in science, English and social studies.

Pagosa Springs High School was given two grants to help with elective programs: in Wildland, Fire-fighting and Land Management and in the new culinary arts program.

The culinary arts program was a collaborative grant with Pagosa Springs Middle School's life skills class and Bridge Skills Program, where they shared equipment purchased through the grant.

The Pagosa Springs High School English Department received a grant for two document cameras, which are assisting the students in writing skills and prep for SAT testing.



Photo courtesy Lynne McCrudden

Archuleta School District Food Service Director Todd Stevens demonstrates mixing techniques to high school students. The Foundation for Archuleta County Education helped purchase the equipment used in the culinary arts program.

The Pagosa Family School, an after-school program for both home-schooled students and district students, was strongly supported in its arts program and its new life

science classes. It is exciting to see how this after-school program has developed and expanded.

The FACE board has made "Enhancing Summer Education" as a

program goal for 2019. The board is working with the Town of Pagosa Springs and the Ross Aragon Community Center to provide a one-week science camp for kids ages 9 to 12 at the K.I.D.S. Day Camp. All students in the designated age group enrolled in the K.I.D.S. Camp will have access to the one-week science camp. Additionally, the hope is that there will be space for children from the broader community who are not enrolled in K.I.D.S. camp to participate in the science camp.

The curriculum and instructors are still being decided and further information will be available as these decisions are made. This is a pilot program and, if well received, the FACE board's hope is to expand the science camp in following summers. If you are interested in keeping up to date on what is happening with this program or wish to support it financially, please go to the FACE webpage at Facepagosa.com.

FACE was established in 2012 as a 501(c)(3) Colorado nonprofit corporation to act as an independent source of funding for curricular and extracurricular activities involving students at various educational institutions within Archuleta County. Since 2012, FACE has granted \$36,873 to educational institutions in Archuleta County.

## Open enrollment for Pagosa Peak Open School underway

By Ursula Hudson  
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) is the community's first district-authorized public charter school, open to all Archuleta County families on a tuition-free basis.

The school is intentionally small, with a 1-to-15 teacher/student ratio and mixed-age classrooms — qualities that lend themselves to a personalized, student-centered education.

Over the next few weeks, School Director James Lewicki will offer several enrollment open house meetings at PPOS, 7 Parelli Way, just

north of Walmart in Aspen Village. These roundtable meetings will be held during the following dates and times in month of February:

- Thursday, Feb. 7, at noon.
- Wednesday, Feb. 13, at noon and 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 19, at noon.
- Thursday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m.

The open house meetings will provide instructions to parents who wish to enroll children in grades kindergarten through sixth-grade for the 2018-2019 school year, as well as an overview of the project-based learning model currently being used at the year-round

school. Lewicki will go over the school philosophy, requirements and enrollment process, and offer time to answer any questions.

Children must be age 5 by Sept. 15 to qualify as a kindergartener for the 2019-2020 school year.

If PPOS receives more applications than slots available for 2018-2019, students will be chosen by a random lottery.

Charter schools in Colorado have been operating at the request of the state legislature since 1992, are publicly funded, and are intended to provide families and communities with a local educa-

tional choice of the public school they wish their child to attend.

Due to the unique nature of this school, your child(ren)'s enrollment application(s) will not be considered complete unless you can attend one of the February enrollment meetings or else make special arrangements to meet with the school director or a school board member. Please contact Board President Ursula Hudson at 946-6204 or email uhudson@ppos.co to arrange a special meeting.

Enrollment packets will be available at every presentation and in the school office at 7 Parelli Way.

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# Outdoors



## Ernie O'Toole: Why I became a Chimney Rock guide

By Ernie O'Toole  
Special to The SUN

I moved to Pagosa Springs in December of 2014, after "living in the woods" of North Park, Colo., for most of the previous 21 years. I was not a stranger to Pagosa, having hunted in the area on first moving to Colorado from Boston in 1968, and I felt I really wanted to get involved in the community upon my move to the area. I had previously worked seasonally with the U.S. Forest Service in North Park and had it in my mind to do some volunteer work for them here in Pagosa. Upon looking into that possibility, I found out about Chimney Rock National Monument and its need for volunteers.

I had been intrigued by the ancestral Puebloans and their extensive civilization in the Four Corners area ever since my first visit to Mesa Verde in the early '70s. I had read a number of books on the subject and had visited several of their archaeological sites in the ensuing years, and although I was not an expert on ancestral Puebloans by any means, the subject really held my interest.

I attended the training sessions three years ago and immediately decided I would like to be a tour guide. I like to interact with the public and to be able to pass on to the public what is known and hypothesized about the ancestral

Puebloans, and I feel that it is a valuable public service. It conveys respect, understanding and acceptance of different peoples. It would be a means to give back to society.

The training that I received through Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) was excellent. I really enjoyed reading about the latest findings about these people and was astonished to learn just how advanced they really were. The training involved both the latest scientific analyses of archaeological findings and Native American interpretations of who these people were.

I am particularly grateful to my guide mentor, John Richardson (with 19 years of volunteering experience), and all the other "seasoned" guides whom I "shadowed" throughout my training. My own research on the subject brought me to Chaco Canyon, the Canyon of the Ancients, back to Mesa Verde, Aztec Ruins, Comb Ridge, Moon House and some of the traditional Pueblos in New Mexico. I am back on a quest for learning more and more about these fascinating people, not just for my own edification, but to be able to share this knowledge with the public.

Another rewarding aspect about being a tour guide at Chimney Rock is interacting with the other volunteers. I have met and become friends with a number of wonderful people who enhance my life here in Pagosa Springs. That, along with meeting the interesting people

who take the tours, kind of makes it complete. I look forward to continuing as tour guide for the foreseeable future and serving on the CRIA Board of Trustees.

Please consider joining our band of enthusiastic Chimney Rock volunteers. To help community members learn about the exciting volunteer opportunities at Chimney Rock National Monument, CRIA will host two open houses. The first will take place on Friday, Feb. 22, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the EcoLuxe building at The Springs Resort and Spa located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd. The second will take place at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library on March 22 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

There will be a host of CRIA volunteers on hand who are eager to introduce guests to the variety of roles that support this unique program and the flexibility in level of commitment. Some of the volunteer positions include visitor cabin host, mesa host, tour guide and maintenance team.

CRIA offers a great, in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers. This year volunteer training will take place on April 26 at the PLPOA Vista Clubhouse at 230 Port Ave.

For more information, please visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call the CRIA office at 731-7133.

## Great Backyard Bird Count: Help count the birds

By Becky Herman  
Special to The SUN

The 21st annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) will be held Friday, Feb. 15, through Monday, Feb. 18. Please visit the official website at [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org) for more information and be sure to check out the latest educational and promotional resources.

The GBBC is a free, fun and easy event that engages bird watch-

ers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the four-day event and report their sightings online at [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org). Anyone can take part, from beginners to experts, and you can participate from your backyard, or anywhere in the world.

Checklists submitted during

the GBBC help researchers at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society learn more about how birds are doing and how to protect them and the environment we share. Last year, more than 160,000 participants submitted their bird observations online, creating the largest instantaneous snapshot of global bird populations ever recorded.

"This count is so fun because anyone can take part — we all

learn and watch birds together — whether you are an expert, novice or feeder watcher. I like to invite new birders to join me and share the experience. Get involved, invite your friends and see how your favorite spot stacks up," said Gary Langham, chief scientist.

Bird populations are always shifting and changing. For example, 2014 GBBC data highlighted a large irruption of snowy owls across the northeastern, mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes areas of the United States. The data also showed the effects that warm weather patterns have had on bird movement around the country. For more on the results of the latest GBBC, take a look at the GBBC Summary and be sure to check out some of the images in the 2017 GBBC Photo Contest Gallery.

Visit the local Weminuche Audubon Society's website, [weminucheaudubon.org](http://weminucheaudubon.org), or the society's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon> for more information.

## Spring hunter education classes announced

By Don Volger  
Special to The SUN

Spring 2019 hunter education classes will be held March 2 and 16 (Internet conclusion class); March 4, 6, 8, 9 and 16 (youth class); and March 11, 13, 15 and 16 (regular class).

For the Internet conclusion class on March 2, the time will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; for the March 16 class (range), the time will be 8 to 10 a.m.

For the youth classes on March 4, 6 and 8, the time will be 6 to 9 p.m.; the March 9 class will be from 8 to 11 a.m.; and the March 16 class (range) will be from 10 a.m. until noon.

For the regular classes on March 11, 13 and 15, the time will be 6 to 9

p.m.; the March 16 (class and range) time will be 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Range day will be March 16 and students from all three classes must attend to receive a hunter education card.

Classes will be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center, South Conference Room, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. (north of the Town Hall).

There is no charge for classes.

If you were born on or after Jan. 1, 1949, you are required to have a hunter safety card before you can purchase a hunting license. Persons interested should register online by going to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) website, click on "LEARN" at the top, and follow the directions.

Please note: The range day for all classes will be held on March 16. Conclusion class and youth class students should be finished no later than noon on range day. Students taking the conclusion class must successfully complete the online course (\$24.50) and bring proof of completion on March 2. Cards will be awarded on March 16.

All programs, services and activities of the CPW are operated in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need accommodation due to a disability, please contact Don Volger at 264-2197. To assure that the CPW can meet special needs, please notify Volger at least seven days before the class.

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EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

# Annie's Project Pagosa retreat announced

By Robin Young  
SUN Columnist

Agricultural ventures for women are generating a cultural tide in American agriculture that is moving management, assets and opportunities to a new wave of farmers across the country. At Annie's Project courses, farm and ranching women become empowered to be better business partners or sole operators through networks and by managing and organizing critical information.

The Annie's Project Pagosa Retreat is an 18-hour course that is a discussion-based workshop bringing women together to learn from experts in production, financial management, human resources, marketing and the legal field. There's plenty of time for questions, sharing, reacting and con-

necting with presenters and fellow participants. It's a relaxed, fun and dynamic way to learn, grow and meet other farm and ranch women.

No matter what your agricultural venture is, or if you are new or experienced, understanding the five areas of agricultural risk and knowing how to navigate them is vital. Learning them in a friendly environment where questions and discussion are welcomed allow the learning process to flourish.

With generous support from local sponsors, this 18-hour course is very affordable. The cost for the course is \$75 per person, which includes meals, a workbook and support materials for all sessions. Course size is limited to 35 participants, so please sign up as an interested person in the program.

Annie's Project courses have successfully reached more than

9,000 women in agriculture in 33 states.

Linda, an Annie's Project alumna said, "I took the class to gain a better understanding about agribusiness and how financial decisions impact our farm operation. I have a better understanding of balance sheets and the futures market ... this class has improved communication with my spouse on concerns he works with on a daily basis."

The program will be held at the CSU Extension office at 344 U.S. 84 in Pagosa Springs on Feb. 28 from noon to 7:30 p.m. (lunch and dinner provided), continue on March 1 from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (breakfast, lunch and dinner included) and will wrap up on March 2 from 8 to 11 a.m.

For more information about the Annie's Project Pagosa Retreat,

contact the CSU Extension office at 264-5931. This educational program is made available through Colorado State University Extension and partners.

### CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

We will also attempt to schedule classes on additional dates with five or more registrations. Cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. The type of first aid information provided will vary by the needs of the audience.

# Snow water equivalency shows slight increase

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Local lake levels have seen minimal increases since last week, per a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Hatcher Lake is sitting at 31 inches from full as of Feb. 4, compared to last week's total of 34 inches.

Stevens Lake remains at last week's total of 133 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa has risen slightly, going from 24 inches from full to 23 inches from full.

Village Lake sits at 12 inches from full, compared to 14 inches from full last week.

Lake Forest is 4 inches from full, when last week it was 6 inches from full.

There is even a bit more lake water available for treatment and delivery this week, with 74.7 percent being available this week when last week there was only 73.8 percent available.

Total diversion flows have dipped to a total amount of 5

cubic feet per second (cfs), down from the 6 cfs total that had been consistent in previous weeks.

The Four Mile diversion still has a flow of 3 cfs; however, the West Fork Diversion flow has dropped from 3 cfs to 2 cfs.

Within the press release itself, Ramsey explains that the West Fork diversion flow dropped intentionally due to two things. The first reason is that production had been reduced at that diversion, leading to the gate at the West Fork diversion being closed, the press release explains.

In addition to reduced production, the press release indicates that in previous weeks, the estimate of the West Fork diversion flow being at 3 cfs may have been a little too high, so the 2 cfs marker is a little closer to accurate.

Once again, the press release notes that Four Mile flows are inconsistent due to fluctuating river flows and ice dams.

From Jan. 25 through Jan. 31 this year, water production totaled 10.23 million gallons.

Contributing to that total is the

Snowball water treatment plant, which produced 3.06 million gallons, and the Hatcher water treatment plant, which produced 7.17 million gallons.

Last year, from Jan. 25 through Jan. 31, water production totaled 9.22 million gallons.

Last week's water production totals, which encompassed Jan. 18 through Jan. 24, totaled only 10.06 million gallons.

Snow water equivalency (SWE) totals are up from last week, with totals being recorded at 15.1 inches as of Feb. 4, up from last week's total of 13.7.

The SWE median has also risen only slightly, going from 19.2 inches to 19.5 inches this week.

The median and averages are based on data from 1981 through 2010.

Those two increases have also increased the SWE percentage of median this week, with the SWE being 77.4 percent of median currently, compared to last week's 71.4 percent of median.

Precipitation totals have risen from 18 inches to 19.4 inches and

the average has also increased from 21.2 inches to 22.4.

Currently precipitation totals are 86.6 percent of median, up from 84.9 percent of median.

Ramsey indicated in an interview with The SUN that he hopes that SWE data will break above 80 percent with snow in the forecast this week.

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# Sports

## SWIM

### Heidelmeier first Lady Pirate swimmer to qualify for state

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Making their first splash (pun intended) in the Southwest Conference Championship meet this past weekend on Feb. 1 and Feb. 2 in Grand Junction, the Lady Pirates showed that they can compete, placing in the top 20 in many events whilst also having one Lady Pirate qualify for the state tournament.

That Lady Pirate, Emma Heidelmeier, qualified for the state tournament in the 100-yard breaststroke, earning the distinction of being the first Lady Pirate to compete in the state tournament.

Heidelmeier initially had a preliminary time of 1 minute, 20.16 seconds in the 100-yard breaststroke and finished with a time of 1:20.44, good enough for a state bid.

Coach Heather Miller described Heidelmeier as a fighter and a true competitor in an email to The SUN.

At regional action this past weekend, Heidelmeier was also battling illness, but still managed to drop time off of her events.

"I hope we can get her healthy this week to work on a few things to see if we can shave more time," Miller wrote.

The state swimming and diving

championships for the 3A classification will be held Feb. 8-9 at the Edora Pool/Ice Center in Fort Collins.

On Feb. 8, swimming preliminaries will begin at 4 p.m., with tickets going on sale on-site at 2:30 p.m.

Diving preliminaries begin on Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m.

The swim and dive finals will also take place on Feb. 9, with tickets going on sale at 1:30 p.m. and the finals beginning at 3 p.m.

Of the 11 teams that competed at regional action, Pagosa finished in 10th place with seven total points.

The Glenwood Springs Demons captured first place in regional action, finishing with 428 total points, a full 69 points higher than the runner-up Grand Junction Tigers.

In the 200-yard relay event, a team featuring Nell Taylor, Heidelmeier, Sierra Liverett and Mackenzie Wedemeyer placed 14th out of 16 teams with a time of 2:19.93.

Liverett, in the 200-yard freestyle preliminaries, placed 22nd out of 37 swimmers with a time of 2:32.44.

Wedemeyer placed 24th out of 40 swimmers in the 50-yard preliminaries with a time of 30.98.

In the preliminaries for the 100-yard fly, three Lady Pirates cracked

the top 25 out of 26 swimmers.

Liverett took 21st with a time of 1:21.52, Taylor finished 24th with a time of 1:36.74, and Valeria Monterroso finished with a time of 1:38.23.

Cheyenne Booth finished 28th out of 29 swimmers in the preliminaries for the 500-yard freestyle event with a time of 8:34.31.

Two Lady Pirate 200-yard freestyle relay teams finished 17th and 18th in the preliminaries for that event, with a team consisting of Sydney Kohler, Booth, Catalina Aguilera and Monterroso taking 17th with a time of 2:30.28.

The other relay team that took 18th featured Ivory Carpenter, Kiera Schertz-Munoz, Amelia Laverty and Beatrice Polczynski, with that team ending with a time of 2:51.01.

Guillen also finished 34th out of 37 teams in the preliminaries for the 100-yard backstroke, specifically with a time of 1:39.06.

For the preliminaries in the 400-yard freestyle relay, one Lady Pirate team finished 17th out of 20 teams with a time of 4:56.56.

The Lady Pirates within that team were: Liverett, Taylor, Wedemeyer and Heidelmeier.

Reflecting on the team's first-ever regional competition action, Miller explained that she, overall, thought the meet went well and that she again saw significant im-

provements from the Lady Pirates.

"Technique and race strategies improved as well as times, we saw about 105 seconds of time dropped. I was very impressed with how well the swimmers handled the pressure and anxiety that comes with bigger meets, they really stepped up and rose to the occasion," she explained.

Looking back on not only the program's first season, but her first season behind the helm, Miller noted that the season went really well.

"It is really hard for me to put into words how impressed I am with each and every swimmer, we went from [sic] many girls not knowing how to swim to very proficient swimmers," she wrote.

Miller praised the Lady Pirates' collective willingness to put themselves in situations that may be uncomfortable while also racing against more seasoned swimmers.

"These girls have inspired me to push the boundaries of my comfort zone to be a better teacher, and coach. With how hard these girls are willing to work it makes me really excited to see what next season holds," she wrote. "I anticipate having more swimmers make it finals at the conference meet and more state qualifiers next year as well!"

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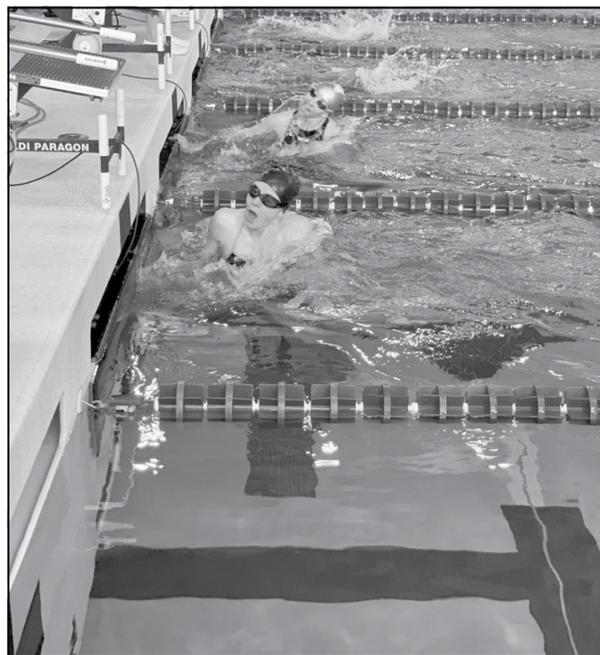


Photo courtesy Heather Miller

Lady Pirate Emma Heidelmeier comes up for air during the 100-yard breaststroke finals as part of the Southwest Conference Championship meet over the weekend. Heidelmeier finished 16th in the event and became the first Lady Pirate in program history to qualify for the state tournament. State tournament action will take place Feb. 8-9 at the Edora Pool/Ice Center in Fort Collins.

## WRESTLING

### Pirates fall to No. 1 Alamosa, finish second at Butch Melton Invitational

By John Finerock  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School wrestling team lost a dual to No. 1-ranked Alamosa on Jan. 31 and came in second at the Butch Melton Invitational tournament on Feb. 2.

"They're the No. 1 team in the state. They're defending their state championship from last year with a lot of the guys that won that title last year. They're tough," said coach Dan Janowsky of the dual against Alamosa.

The Pirates lost 52-24, but the score didn't reflect how well Pagosa wrestled against Alamosa.

"A lot of those matches were really tight until one thing would happen that would win it for them. We're gonna go to work to fix those things," said Janowsky.

Trevor Torrez (113-pound weight class), EJ Monterroso (126), and Erik Wyman (120) all wrestled opponents that were ranked No. 1 in the state and lost.

Match victories from Cameron Lucero (145) by pin in the third minute, Ian Reinhardt (170) by pin at 1:54, Connor Aragon (182) by pin at 6:46 and Caleb Janowsky (195) by pin in just 49 seconds earned Pagosa's 24 points.

Dan Janowsky noted that Alamosa's team is stacked with top-ranked guys, explaining their lineup up to the 152-pound weight class are all

in the top five in the state, and their 285-pounder is ranked No. 2.

"We wrestled some of their ranked guys really well. In one situation they'd gain the upper hand, and they're good enough to finish up and close the door," said Dan Janowsky, adding, "[The team is] irritated because they don't like to lose, but nobody was dejected about it. That's from the coaches on down."

Two days later, the Pirates wrestled in the Butch Melton Invitational in Ignacio.

With 14 teams, including No. 1 ranked Aztec, N.M., the competition was fierce. That didn't seem to stop a few of the Pirates from winning the championship in their weight class at the tournament.

Wyman (113) placed first in his weight class and went undefeated at the tournament.

"He's just getting better," said Dan Janowsky. "He did extremely well in showing his improvements. It was a good tournament for him."

Lucero (145) also went undefeated and earned the championship spot in his weight class.

"He's so dominant. He's just really aggressive and relentless in his attacks. He's got a lot of wrestling in his blood and his own experience, so he has a great feel for wrestling, for where his opponents' weaknesses are," said the coach, adding, "He's relentless."

Monterroso (126) placed second

in his weight class, losing by decision, 10-2, in the championship round.

Torrez (106) placed third in the tournament, winning his third-place match after losing in the semifinals.

James Thomas (132) and Skyler Hill (220) both placed third, also.

Caleb Janowsky (195) was tearing through opponents at the tournament. The No. 2-ranked wrestler looked on pace to win the championship in his weight class, until his match with No. 3-ranked John Foutz from Bayfield.

"He was up 12-0 in that match, wrestling lights out," said Dan Janowsky. "He had the guy in a cradle and when he went to lift the guy up, heard a pop in his left knee ... We were in the control position, it wasn't like he fell on it or anything."

The Pirates pulled Caleb Janowsky from the tournament, trying to avoid further damage to his knee.

Even with the injury, and the medical forfeit to Foutz, Caleb Janowsky finished fourth in the 195-pound weight class.

The Pirates earned 163.5 team points at the tournament, coming in second to Aztec's 209 points.

The Pirates' last Intermountain League (IML) dual of the season is against Cortez on Friday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. in Cortez.

The regional wrestling finals begin on Feb. 15.

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Pirate Paul Farrah grapples for the upper hand during the Butch Melton Invitational in Ignacio on Feb. 2. Farrah took fourth in the tournament.

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## BASKETBALL

# Lady Pirates log two big wins in league play, now 14-2

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The No. 3 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team logged two big wins in the last week — one in terms of competition and the other in terms of points — to improve to an 8-0 Intermountain League (IML) mark and 14-2 overall record.

The team finished out its regular-season home games by welcoming the No. 6 Centauri Falcons and the Monte Vista Pirates to town.

First up for Pagosa was a battle with Centauri, with Pagosa looking to log a second win over the top-10 team this season. And, in the end, Pagosa's Lady Pirates did just that in the back-and-forth affair.

"At their place we were ahead at the end of each quarter, and tonight we were down at the end of the first three quarters," coach Wes Lewis said following the game.

The Lady Pirates trailed Centauri by one at the end of the first two quarters, 10-9 at the end of the first and 20-19 at halftime.

Lewis explained four things were highlighted in the team's half-time talk as needing to be improved upon in the remainder of the game: play defense without fouling, make free throws, stop turning the basketball over as much and rebound the basketball.

The team did the first three better in the second half, he added.

Centauri led by two at the end of the third, 36-34. But, Pagosa was able to outscore Centauri 16-9 in the fourth quarter to pull out a 50-45 win.

"I thought that Centauri played well. I think you've got to give them some credit, and I think that we didn't play as well as we should have and needed to," Lewis said. "I think there's some things that just jump out at you on the stats sheet. For one, we gave up 16 offensive rebounds."

The coach noted that cutting that in half, if not more, "helps an awful lot."

Lewis explained also cutting turnovers from 16 to about eight to 10 would have helped a lot.

"We can fix those two things, we're certainly giving ourselves a lot better chance to win," he said.

Lewis noted that while Pagosa was good in transition at Centauri, it was not as good in the home game, with Centauri's offensive rebounds limiting Pagosa's transition opportunities.

In talking to the team after the game, the coach said the two things that came to mind were "sticktoitiveness" and "intestinal fortitude."

"You know, we were down, hadn't been in that situation a lot this year — or when we have been down this year, it's been out of reach where we couldn't quite climb out of a hole — so being down in those two-, three-point



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

**Pagosa senior DeAnn Schaaf looks to the basket during the Senior Night game against the Monte Vista Pirates on Saturday. Schaaf, playing with an injured knee, drew a foul on the play and hit both resulting free throws to help Pagosa to a 72-25 victory.**

margins, you know, I just feel like they had some toughness, some intestinal fortitude, and they really fought through it and found a way to win," he said.

Lewis pointed out a situation late in the game that proved his point in which Teagan Stretton had the ball and everyone was yelling for her to take the 3-point shot, but she held the ball — a move he noted showed a lot of maturity.

"You know, you look at that, she was able to understand the game and the situation," he said, adding that while it would have been great had she shot it and it went in, and while he may have pushed for that early in the game, most kids shoot only 33 percent from the 3-point line. Centauri winning the rebound on a missed shot could have changed the outcome of the game.

Then, he continued, the team was able to run its horns offense and "milk another minute off the clock, then we got into stack."

He said, "I was really proud of her maturity in that situation, to not worry about 'me' and worry about 'us' and the team."

Hailey Griego led her team in scoring in the game with 17 points. She also led in rebounding with seven. In addition, Griego notched an assist and a steal.

Devin Wilson also logged double-digit points in the game with 10, which she complemented with three rebounds, three assists, a block and two steals.

A pair of Lady Pirates put up seven points in the game, Elsa Lindner and Taylor Lewis. Lindner also tallied five rebounds, a block and a steal, while Taylor Lewis also added a rebound and an assist.

Stretton followed with six points, as well as two rebounds, an assist, a block and two steals.

Adelyn Dozier rounded out the team's scoring with a second-quarter 3-pointer.

The coach also highlighted Dozier's defensive work.

Molly Graham, playing with an injured ankle, tallied one assist in the game's first half.

While the team only hit one of seven attempted free throws in the first half, good for a 14 percent success rate, the team was 19 for 23 in the second half — a success rate of 83 percent. Overall, the team's success rate from the charity stripe was 69 percent.

Following play last weekend, the Falcons now sit third in the IML with a 4-3 league record and 12-4 overall record.

Then, on Saturday, Pagosa closed out the regular-season home

portion of its schedule against Monte Vista's iteration of the Lady Pirates.

Despite Monte Vista scoring first in the affair, Pagosa took control of the game early, scoring 21 in the first while allowing seven.

That trend continued throughout the rest of the game, with Pagosa outscoring Monte Vista 24-10 in the second, 20-5 in the third and 7-3 in the fourth for a 72-25 win.

"The kids played well," the coach said, admitting there were some turnovers that didn't need to happen and some offensive rebounds early that were "a little disappointing. But, for the most part, we just took care of business."

The coach also noted several positives after stating he was glad to get the win: "I thought the kids did a pretty good job of sharing the ball and running in transition and things like that."

Eight of Pagosa's Lady Pirates put up points in the game, led by Wilson.

Wilson logged 24, which included a trio of 3-pointers, as well as eight rebounds, seven assists, two blocks and five steals.

Lindner followed with 15 points, as well as four rebounds, an assist and four steals.

Griego put up 11 points, eight rebounds, an assist, a block and a steal.

Stretton tallied seven points, which included a 3-pointer, and two rebounds, four assists and a steal.

Dozier added six points to the board, as well as an assist and two steals.

Kori Lucero contributed four points, two rebounds and a steal.

Taylor Lewis put up three points, pulled down four rebounds and logged six assists, a block and two steals.

Senior DeAnn Schaaf, taking to the floor for Senior Night despite an ongoing injury that has kept her out this season, added two free throws and a rebound.

Miah Schoffner also pulled down a rebound.

"It's just ... lucky to have a game like that on Senior Night," the coach said. "We kinda got to showcase them a little bit, and with DeAnn's knee having blown out, it was good to get her some time, so that was nice for her and good for her, and good to get that done."

The team was not as successful from the free-throw line as the previous evening, making 14 of 27 attempts — 52 percent.

Pagosa again turned the ball over 16 times.

Monte Vista pressed Pagosa and Pagosa had a few miscues, the coach explained.

Monte Vista now sits at the bottom of the IML standings with an 0-7 league record and 3-12 overall tally.

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Plaintiff v. **INTERMOUNTAIN COACH LEASING, INC., et al.**  
Defendants

**Case No.: 2018CV30091**

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Property Owner: JOE B MARITNEZ, JR  
Building Number: 17  
Lot (Unit) Number: 1711-1716, 1721-1726  
UDI Points: 77,000  
of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven - as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20209496, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880, First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20110747, Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765, Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20206614, First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20211905 and Sixth Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20209497 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Lien Amount \$1,754.79  
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/s/ Christopher B. Conley  
Christopher B. Conley  
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC  
700 South 21st Street  
Fort Smith, AR 72901  
Atty. Reg. No.: 51651  
Published January 24, 31, February 7, 14 and 21, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**Request for Qualifications:** Archuleta County is seeking Statements of Qualifications from interested and qualified Aviation Consultants for professional planning services in the development of an Airport Master Plan. This project is anticipated to be funded in part by the Federal Aviation Administration. All work is required to comply with FAA requirements and regulations. Interested parties must obtain and follow the detailed instructions provided by the County in RFQ No. 5502-19-001, which is available on the County website at <http://www.archuletacounty.org/bids.asp> or, who may be contacted by contacting Larry Walker, Finance Director at [lwalker@archuletacounty.org](mailto:lwalker@archuletacounty.org). Submittals must be received no later than Feb. 13, 2019 at 2:00 pm. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are encouraged to participate.  
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Archuleta County Combined Courts  
46 Eaton Drive, Suite 1  
P.O. Box 1147  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Case No. 19C1

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public notice is given on January 18, 2019, that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta Combined Court.  
The Petition requests that the name of Shelly A. Sinclair be changed to Shelly Spotsen Sinclair.

/s/ Robin Bow  
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk  
Published January 31, February 7 and 14, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

## NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record or in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
DOROTHY F. EDEN, TRUSTEE OF THE DOROTHY F. EDEN REVOCABLE TRUST DATED APRIL 9, 2002  
3020 QUAIL CREEK ROAD  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73120  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2013, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

LEROY B ORTIZ  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**Lot 679, Amended Aspen Springs Subdivision No. 6, according to the plat thereof filed January 31, 1974, as Reception No. 79307, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.**

Account Number: R015267  
Schedule Number: 589315201044  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2013-02661  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to LEROY B ORTIZ

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2012  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DOROTHY F. EDEN, TRUSTEE OF THE DOROTHY F. EDEN REVOCABLE TRUST DATED APRIL 9, 2002 for said year 2012.  
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That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to LEROY B ORTIZ  
On the 26th day of June 2019, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
Witness my hand this 30th day of January 2019  
/s/ Elsa P White  
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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DIXIE D SANDOVAL  
23 ANDREWS LANE  
PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147  
GERALD SANDOVAL  
410 SUNSET TRAIL  
ARBOLES, CO 81121

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2015, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

LEROY B ORTIZ  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**Lot 1 and the N1/2 of Lot 2, Andrews Subdivision, No. 2 according to the plat thereof filed May 20, 1963, as Reception No. 63882, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.**

Account Number: R017326  
Schedule Number: 616104301009  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2015-03523  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to LEROY B ORTIZ

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DIXIE D SANDOVAL and GERALD SANDOVAL for said year 2014.  
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## Archuleta County Road and Bridge Department Advertisement for Bid 2019 Aggregate Supply

Notice is hereby given that Archuleta County will accept sealed bids for aggregate supply for 2019.

THREE SETS (ONE ORIGINAL AND TWO COMPLETE COPIES OF THE SEALED BID), clearly marked with "2019 Aggregate Supply Bid," along with the name, address and telephone number of the bidder, will be received by **Larry Waller, Finance Director, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 1, 2018.** As soon as practical after the bid closing time, all bids shall be opened in public and read aloud. Bids received after the closing time shall be returned unopened to the bidder.

Bid specifications must be obtained from the Archuleta County Road & Bridge Department, 1122 S. Hwy. 84, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Please refer all questions regarding this Bid to Yari Davila, Engineer/Technician at (970) 264-8404, fax (970) 264-6815; e-mail yaridavila@archuletacounty.org. Answers to all questions, inquiries, or requests for additional information will be issued in the form of Addenda. The County will not be responsible for the authenticity or correctness of oral interpretations of the contract documents or for information obtained in any other manner than through the media of addenda.

Bidders who win their bids shall acknowledge receipt of each Addendum, and the Addendum shall be considered a part of the contract documents. Failure to acknowledge receipt of any Addendum issued may invalidate a bid as incomplete. Questions must be received no later than the close of business 7 days prior to the Bid Opening. The bid shall be awarded by the Board of County Commissioners. It is the Bidders' responsibility to verify the exact date of the award. Bidders may, but shall not be required to, attend the award of bid. A bid tab shall be forwarded to the Bidders' address as practicable thereafter. The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Board, to be in the best interest of Archuleta County.

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## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING ON February 19th

Pat Bullinger, Shooting Star Pagosa, LLC, of Boerne, Texas, has applied for Variance from Section 3.2.6.2 of the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations, on Lot 191, Colorado's Timber Ridge Phase Four Subdivision, at 220 Shooting Star Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN19-018). Applicant is requesting variance to permit a hot tub enclosure (an accessory structure) to remain located closer than ten (10) feet to a principal structure (the Single Family Dwelling).

Comments may be submitted to the Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on February 19, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.

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## PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON February 27, 2019

Ronald Beckman and Philip Culver have applied to rezone approx. 11.5 acres northeast of County Rd 146 (Turkey Springs Rd), Pagosa Springs, which was created by Resolution 2000-55 and a small remainder in S3 T34N R3W N1/4P1 from Agricultural/Ranching (AR) to Agricultural Estates (AE) to match adjacent property in Aspen Springs Subdivision No. 2.

Ronald & Bernice Beckman, and Philip Culver on behalf of the Philip F. Culver Revocable Trust, have also applied for Final Plat review of Aspen Springs Subdivision No. 2 Amendment 2019-01 re-plot, located in the SW1/4 of S2 & SE1/4 of S3 T34N R3W, N1/4P1. This includes Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 25X of Amended Aspen Springs Subdivision No. 2, the tract created by Resolution 2000-55 and a remainder tract subject to Decree Quiet Title (Dec No. 21702690). The Amended Plat is intended to correct boundary issues and would result in no increase in permitted residential density.

Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to the Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on February 27, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.

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## VILLAGE POINTE – PHASE I

Matter Amount  
Property Owner: LARRY J TERRY & DEBORAH A TERRY  
Unit Number: 7517  
Building Number: 005D  
Unit Week Number: 46  
Unpaid Assessments: \$3,165.83  
Costs: \$384.00  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,542.25

Property Owner: WILLIAM R O HAIR, JR & ADZEL JEAN O HAIR  
Unit Number: 7502  
Building Number: 001D  
Unit Week Number: 36  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,191.71  
Costs: \$384.00  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,575.95

Property Owner: BETTY J DEGRAFF & CLIFFORD D DEGRAFF  
Unit Number: 7506  
Building Number: 002D  
Unit Week Number: 19  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,191.84  
Costs: \$384.00  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,576.08

Property Owner: BOBBY B TAYLOR  
Unit Number: 7503  
Building Number: 001D  
Unit Week Number: 30  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,158.01  
Costs: \$384.00  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,542.25

Property Owner: SUE E ROPER & BOBBY S ROPER  
Unit Number: 7503  
Building Number: 001D  
Unit Week Number: 39  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,158.01  
Costs: \$384.00  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,542.25

Property Owner: GREGORIO OLAGUE  
Unit Number: 7511  
Building Number: 003D  
Unit Week Number: 12  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,158.01

Property Owner: HAROLD HEDGES, TRUSTEE & GLORIA HEDGES, TRUSTEE Unit Number: 7514  
Building Number: 004D  
Unit Week Number: 39  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,173.20  
Costs: \$384.00  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,557.44

Property Owner: WILLIE E MINOR & JANN MINOR  
Unit Number: 7512  
Building Number: 004D  
Unit Week Number: 51  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,231.58  
Costs: \$384.00  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,615.82

Property Owner: PATRICK GERARD GEIS & NATALIE MCKOWN GEIS  
Unit Number: 7516  
Building Number: 004D  
Unit Week Number: 14  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,158.01  
Costs: \$384.00  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,542.25

Property Owner: KENNETH R SLATEN & ROSEMARY E SLATEN  
Unit Number: 7511  
Building Number: 003D  
Unit Week Number: 21  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,127.15  
Costs: \$384.00  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,511.39

in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase II recorded in Plat File No. 332-332A-E, under Reception No. 171189 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to the First Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase II recorded May 3, 1990, Reception No. 171190, Book 20, Page 242, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder

## BASKETBALL

# Pirates drop two league games, take on Alamosa tomorrow

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

In closing out its final two regular-season home games, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys basketball team fell flat in two league matchups on Feb. 1 and Feb. 2 against the No. 8 Centauri Falcons and No. 43 Monte Vista Pirates, respectively.

### Centauri

Pagosa struggled from the jump against the Falcons, allowing 19 first-quarter points while only scoring 18 in the entire first half.

Down 30-18 heading into the second half, Pagosa's struggle defensively continued, with the Pirates being outscored 33-22 in the final half, leading to the league-leading Falcons cruising to a 63-40 win over Pagosa.

Only two Pirates finished in double figures against the Falcons, with Ryan Lewis leading the team with 14 points and Mitch Lewis following with 10 points.

Ryan Lewis grabbed four rebounds, while Mitch Lewis corralled two rebounds and dished out seven assists.

Mason Snarr added eight points and seven rebounds, and Javier Mariñelarena contributed five points, two rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Kyler Hammer rounded out the scoring for the Pirates against the Falcons, finishing with three points.

Pagosa finished four of nine from the free-throw line against the Falcons, only good for 44 percent.

The Pirates finished with 11 turnovers against Centauri.

Coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email that Centauri had 11 players score during the Feb. 1 matchup.

"They pounded us on the boards. We did not do a very good job of rebounding the basketball," he wrote.

### Monte Vista

For Senior Night on Feb. 2, Pagosa could not close out its final regular-season home game strong either, falling to Monte Vista by a score of 50-34.

Down 28-20 at the half, Pagosa looked to complete the second half with a strong offensive performance, but only mustered 14 points combined in the final two quarters while giving up 22 to Monte Vista.

Two Pirates again scored in double figures, this time with Snarr leading the charge with 13 points and seven rebounds.

Ryan Lewis added 11 points to go along with four rebounds, while



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

**Eyeing his options, Pirate Javier Mariñelarena prepares for an incoming double team during the Feb. 2 league matchup between Pagosa and the Monte Vista Pirates. Mariñelarena notched a point, two rebounds, a couple assists and a steal in a losing effort by Pagosa as Monte Vista took the game by a score of 50-34.**

Mitch Lewis followed with nine points, two rebounds and seven assists.

Mariñelarena added a lone point, two rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Pagosa shot a bit better from the line against Monte Vista, making five of seven attempts, good enough for a 71 percent success

## Baseball training offered for student athletes

By Tina Remlinger  
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Springs High School baseball is offering pre-season training for student athletes in grades 9-12 interested in improving their baseball skills.

Participants will be working on batting, fielding, throwing, strength building and agility.

Sessions will be held at Pagosa Springs Middle School on the following dates:

Week two — Feb. 11, 13, 14 and 15.

Week three — Feb. 18, 19, 20 and 21.

High school baseball tryouts begin Feb. 25.

Contact coach Mike Remlinger for more information at mikremlinger@aol.com or (602) 677-6988.

### Closing the door on the regular season

With the two losses last weekend, Pagosa's record now sits at 9-8 overall with a 3-5 record in Intermountain League (IML) games.

In the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) standings, which helps determine postseason seeding, Pagosa has dropped to No. 18 out of 73 teams in the 3A classification.

Last week, Pagosa was No. 14 in the RPI standings.

Those two losses also affected Pagosa's place in the IML standings. Going by league record, Pagosa is now fifth in the IML standings, sitting only above Monte Vista.

However, going by overall record, Pagosa moves up to fourth in the IML standings ahead of Monte Vista, but tied with Alamosa.

Pagosa now faces just two more regular-season games, both on the road, before league tournament action begins.

The Pirates will begin the two-game road trip by making the trip over Wolf Creek Pass on Friday to take on the No. 22 Alamosa Mean Moose (9-8 overall, 4-4 in league play).

Varsity action is set for 7 p.m.

Alamosa has already defeated Pagosa this season, on Jan. 19, by a score of 54-40.

The Mean Moose are currently coming off of a 55-52 loss to the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Feb. 2.

According to Sorenson, Pagosa is having a much better week of practice, and, hopefully, that translates into some of the Pirates' problems being solved.

"It will be another great test in Alamosa on Friday night," he wrote.

Next up, Pagosa will head the opposite direction on U.S. 160 to close out the regular season with a Valentine's Day matchup against their rival the No. 23 Bayfield Wolverines (10-7 overall, 5-3 in league play).

Bayfield got the best of Pagosa earlier this season on Jan. 25 by a score of 47-28.

The Wolverines are currently second in the IML standings.

Varsity tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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**Rio Grande Hospital** is ever-changing to meet the needs of the region and surrounding areas.

Rio Grande Hospital (RGH) recently opened a new department for wound care. Knowing that there was a need for this service in the communities served, RGH built a new specialty clinic building in 2018, which included designated exam rooms for wound care and hyperbaric oxygen (HBO) treatment. "We knew that wound care and hyperbaric oxygen were needs in our area, and we wanted to make sure our community not only had the services locally available but also could receive expert care from personnel, certified in wound care and HBO," said RGH Chief Executive Officer, Arlene Harms. The wound care staff includes an experienced RN in wound care and treatment, an HBO technician and two wound care certified physicians. Since opening in October, numerous people have been successfully treated for wounds which had been a problem for a long time. There are a variety of treatments available for the non-healing wound, and the RGH wound care team will design a treatment plan unique for each patient. If you know someone who may need specialized wound care or hyperbaric oxygen therapy, please let us know. RGH personnel will walk you through the process of being seen in the clinic. Please call 719-657-3277, or for more information, please visit our website at [riograndehospital.org](http://riograndehospital.org).

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  - Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment

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## Play

### Continued from front

This Friday, Pagosa will take on the No. 9 Alamosa Mean Moose in Alamosa and will again be looking to log a second win this season over a top-10 team.

Alamosa is second in the IML standings with a 7-1 league record and 13-4 overall mark.

"It's a big game, obviously. They're playing really well. They haven't lost since we beat 'em here," Wes Lewis said. "We jumped out early on 'em and then they had a really good second half against us. We're anticipated full-court man with some jump-trap stuff comin' at us, so we're going to prepare for that this week. And, I think if we can take care of the basketball and take our opportunities when we get them in transition and recognize when we don't have opportunities and go ahead and set offense, I think we should be fine."

The game is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Then, on Thursday, Feb. 14, Pagosa takes on the Bayfield Wolverines in Bayfield, with the game scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Bayfield is 2-6 in league play and 5-10 overall on the season, landing them in fifth in the IML.

Montezuma-Cortez also holds a 2-6 league mark, but holds a 6-9 season record, putting them fourth in the IML.

The Lady Pirates will close out the regular season with a game scheduled for Feb. 15 in Ignacio against the 2A Bobcats.

But, while Pagosa will wrap up regular-season league play this weekend, the team is not done with its league foes. This year's IML tournament will be held at Montezuma-Cortez High School on Feb. 21 and 23.

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SENIOR NEWS

# Senior Center caregiver support group will meet Feb. 8

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
SUN Columnist

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

Depending on the source cited, it is estimated that somewhere between 44 million 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.

## San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: MFP and antipsychotics

By Kay Kaylor

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

Now titled the Medicaid Extenders Act of 2019, H.R. 259, mentioned in the Jan. 24 column, became a public law on that date. It funds for three months the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program, also extending protection against spousal impoverishment for those with a spouse living in a nursing home.

To be eligible to receive funds, a state must have had an active program as of Dec. 31, 2018. States will have until Sept. 31 to spend the money. Again, the MFP provides services to enable eligible people living in Medicaid-funded group homes to transition back to the community.

The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care also reported the following: "Congressman Richard E. Neal (chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means) sent a letter to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Seema Verma regarding his continued concern about the overuse of antipsychotics in nursing homes. Congressman Neal expressed his disappointment in CMS's data from the National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care. He noted that while the data indicates progress in decreasing the prescribing of antipsychotic drugs in nursing homes, the progress has slowed. Also, he expressed concern that the demonstrated

'improvement' comes from nursing homes falsifying diagnoses. He emphasized that inappropriate prescribing of antipsychotics to nursing home residents is still a major problem."

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

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

Friday, Feb. 8 — Beef with broccoli and rice, snap pea medley, milk, salad bar and snickerdoodle cookies.

Monday, Feb. 11 — Tuna casserole, shredded Brussels sprouts, milk, salad bar and peach cobbler.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 — Pork and green chili stew, cabbage steaks, buttermilk biscuit with butter, milk and salad bar.

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — Turkey tetrazzini, squash calabacitas, steamed asparagus with lemon, milk, salad bar and pumpkin pie.

Thursday, Feb. 14 — Chicken piccata with orzo, eggplant gratin, broccoli with garlic and butter, milk, salad bar and chocolate raspberry cake.

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

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

# Girl Scout cookie munch-off

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Parents, siblings, firefighters, law enforcement officers, Girl Scouts and others chow down on Girl Scout Cookies on Feb. 1 during the scouts' annual cookie munch-off competition. The event celebrates the beginning of this year's cookie sales.



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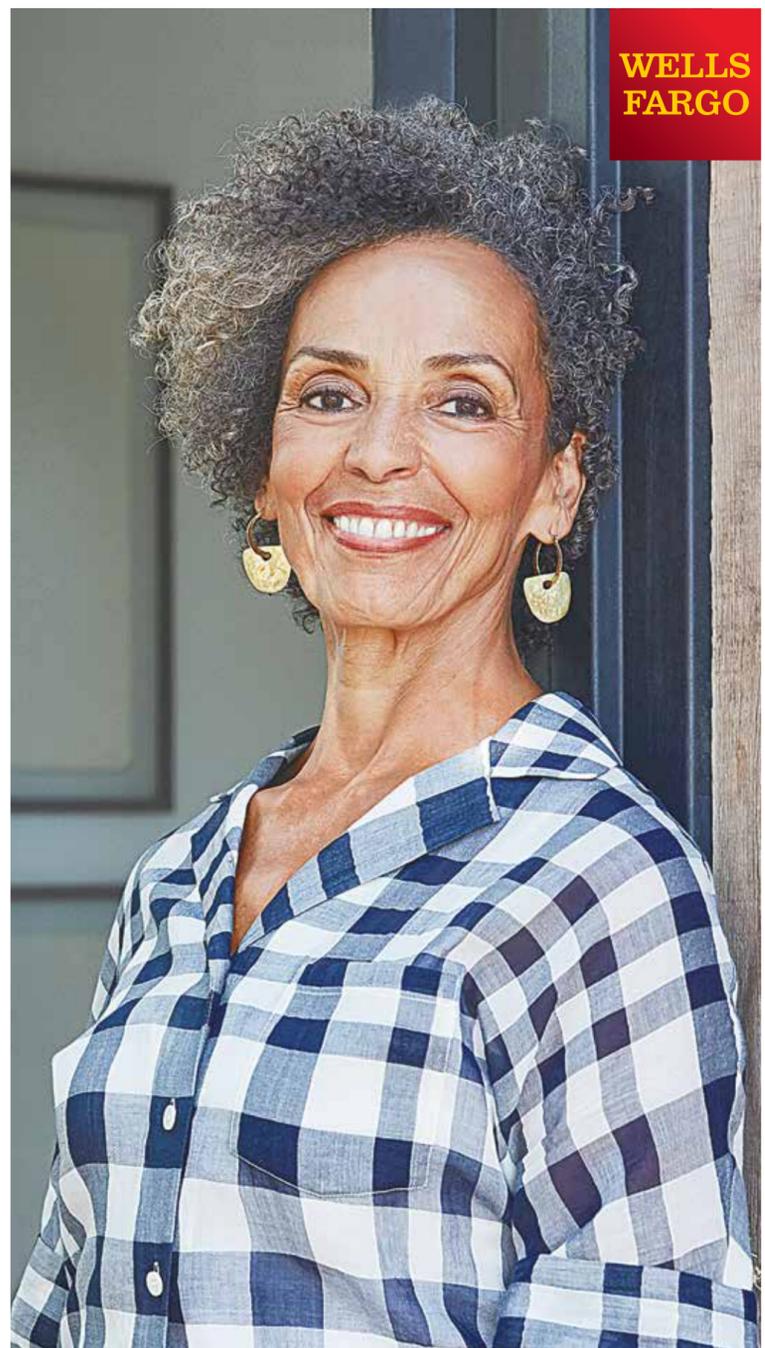
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# preview

## ARTS & LIFE

# 'Juvie'

Feb. 14, 15 and 16 • 7 p.m. • Pagosa Springs High School auditorium



PREVIEW photo/Chris Mannara



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Pagosa Springs High School actors prepare “Juvie,” a play set in a juvenile detention center. The play will be performed Feb. 14, 15 and 16 in the high school auditorium.

# High school’s ‘Juvie’ set for Feb. 14-16

By Dale Johnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

Quite a few years back, Sean Downing, who teaches at Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) and produces plays for the drama department, learned about a play called “Juvie” by Jerome McDonough. He became intrigued with its plot line, writing and subject matter, and made a promise to himself to produce the play at some time. And now is the time.

“Juvie” is set in a juvenile deten-

tion center. It depicts the life of kids who are scared, lonely and locked up. Some are drug offenders, some have killed and some are just misfits. “Juvie” tackles some tough life events and subject matter, and offers powerful insights into the thoughts and minds of its young prisoners.

Downing is a beloved teacher at PSHS, and has given his heart and talents to his students for many years.

The cast of “Juvie” ranges from ninth grade to 12th and includes:

Blaze Gutierrez, Rheanna Gallegos, Alex Rountree, Maya Nasralla, Sydney Mitchell, Jayden Rodina, Sara Laucius, Hunter Swinehart, Elise Yeager, Cerenity Keating, Tiarra Downing, Ian Stewart and Miles Roque.

“Juvie” will play Feb. 14, 15 and 16 in the high school auditorium with curtain at 7 p.m. Admission is \$8, and proceeds will go to the drama department. Make the time to attend this insightful play and support the work of our young actors in Pagosa.

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Riff Raff downtown: Terry Rickard, 6 p.m.

### Friday

Riff Raff on the Rio: Bob Hemenger, 6 p.m.

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Pagosa Brewing Company: Lacey Black, 6 p.m.  
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“False Kiva” by Bill Milner. Milner will be the featured speaker at the Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting on Feb. 13.

## February Photography Club meeting to feature Bill Milner

By Gregg Heid  
Special to The Preview

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will hold its February meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Longtime photographers and those just starting out are welcome.

The Photography Club normally meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room of the Methodist Church.

The February Photography Club meeting will feature Bill Milner. His presentation is titled “Photoshop Selections: layers and layer masks for image enhancements.”

Milner is a former commercial photographer and will give a presentation to the Pagosa Photography Club on using selections, layers and layer masks as techniques for enhancing digital image files.

Milner operated a commercial photography studio in Salt Lake City, Utah, for 35 years doing product, architecture and industrial photography for advertising. An early adopter of digital imaging has given him years of experience

using and teaching Photoshop. He and his wife, Jacquie, have owned a home in Pagosa for nearly five years and now spend about half their time here. They hope to make a permanent move here by the end of this year.

All members are encouraged to bring 10 or so photos to share with the group on a thumb drive after the presentation.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact our president, Andy Butler, at (512) 581-1470 or visit our website, [pagosaspring-photoclub.org](http://pagosaspring-photoclub.org).



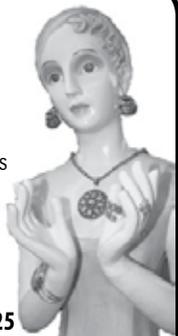
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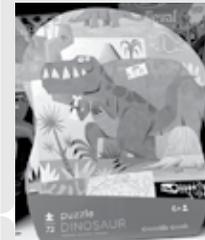


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Dale Scrivener, music director for “When I Grow Up,” works a song with vocalist Kaitlen Smith. The concert will be performed Feb. 23.

## ‘When I Grow Up’ concert set for Feb. 23

By Dale Johnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

Save the date: Curtains Up Pagosa is starting its 30th anniversary celebration with a fabulous Kid Koncert called “When I Grow Up” at 7 p.m. on Feb. 23.

It is a concert of Broadway tunes

for all ages, including songs from “Sound of Music,” “Beauty and the Beast,” “Tarzan,” “Les Miserables,” “Newsies,” “Wicked” and more. Our cast ranges in ages from 8 to 18, plus featured performers from the “I Don’t Wanna Grow Up” gang of Dale Scrivener, Kaitlen Smith and Robert Neel.

Come celebrate music and the performing arts and Curtains Up Pagosa. The concert will be held at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, our longtime performing arts partner, with thanks to Doug and Sally Neel.

Tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for students at the door.

## Homemakers ask: ‘What is your favorite thing?’

By Tozi Rubin  
Special to The PREVIEW

The theme of the Mountain View Homemakers’ Feb. 14 meeting is “My Favorite Thing.” This program is back by popular demand because we’ve all had such a great time in the past as members shared favorite household tips, personal treasures, books and even recipes.

Be sure to bring something to share that is a big favorite with you. It can be an object, a cooking trick, something in technology, a vacation recommendation or a novel way to use something. You are only limited by your imagination. You can bring a favorite friend to introduce them to our wonderful group.

Because everyone will want to have time for their “favorite thing,” we ask that you limit your “share”

to a couple of minutes. And you do not have to bring a favorite if you prefer not to. The program will begin after lunch.

Our meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. We socialize before we enjoy a pot-luck lunch provided by members. First-time visitors are not expected to bring food.

Mountain View Homemakers is a 50-year-old monthly gathering of area women who are interested in making their lives, the lives of their families and the community more enjoyable. The meetings include lunch and a speaker or activity. This is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends in the community.

We meet on the second Thursday of every month. There are no dues or membership requirements

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# ‘Drumming is for everyone with a heartbeat’: Hand-drumming session Tuesday

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. 12, at noon.

“Drumming is speaking so strongly to my soul, that I have to just roll with it,” blogged Dayle Huffman, creator and facilitator for an organization that hosts workshops and classes in Ohio. “It is very meditative, and I feel so peaceful and energized after a drum session, as I ride the waves of joy, breathing in life. I am beginning to recognize that it is so spiritually satisfying, that it does not need to make any sense on a rational level.”

A retired nurse, Huffman said she is interested in the neuroscience benefits of hand-drumming for memory and brain function improvement.

“I have worked in home care assistance and occupational health,” she said. “Both my lifelong nursing career and my own personal life experiences help me see so many applications for well-being and healing via drumming. As one of my members aptly put it, ‘Drumming makes me happy.’”

She blogged about experiences she had last year: “While in Pagosa we played in the beautiful mountains, enjoying downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and narrow gauge railroad riding. It was spectacular, and the plans to retire and spend our winters there is solidifying after going there for five winters in a row. I attended a drum circle all three Tuesdays that I was there this year. Participants were all local residents, but that didn’t stop them from making me feel very welcome. It varied a lot from week to week, which in itself was a valuable learning experience.”

Huffman’s son, Seth Phillips, who is a musician in the Denver area, and his daughters, Abbie and Rachel, were with her for one of the

classes she attended in Pagosa. “All four of us had a delightful time. The girls, who are very musically inclined, observed after we left that we had just completed a three generational drumming experience.”

“At my current stage of life, I’ve been searching for what my path might be,” she said in my interview with her last year. “I’ve been thinking about drum circles, learning to drum myself and, in turn, using those skills to help people. What I’ve been struggling with in my

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

hometown back in Ohio is finding someone who can help me learn the skills needed to facilitate a drum circle. Now, here I am on vacation in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, and, lo and behold, I find exactly what I needed to convince me that’s what I need to take back home. I absolutely love Paul’s facilitation skills: so creative and responsive to the group, and everyone feels a part of the whole. It was indeed serendipitous that I happened to see his hand-drumming article in The SUN while I was in Pagosa.”

Fast-forward to midwinter 2019: Huffman is again vacationing in Pagosa, and her son and granddaughters have joined her again at the hand-drumming class. Since last year, she has made great strides studying with several professional drum circle facilitators and establishing successful, free-of-charge, drum circle programs that are

receiving an enthusiastic response.

“I have always sensed that I was a percussionist, but never dared to venture into that earlier in life,” she said. “My visit last year to Pagosa was the springboard for doing it. I sincerely look forward to bringing some new ideas back to our group. Drumming is for everyone with a heartbeat, and the learning is never-ending. I can’t stay away from my drums. I learn a new technique that surprises me, and I am hooked even more. What fun I am having learning so much about myself in such a positive way!”

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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## Spotlight: Karl Isberg, a chat with a writer and an artist

By Tess Wisher  
Special to The PREVIEW

Karl Isberg's new play, "Cerebrotini: Stirred, But Not Shaken," opens tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 8, with Thingamajig Theatre Company at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

This hilarious play takes you into the neurosurgical ICU, where Fiona lies as she reminisces about her time running a bar in the familiar town of Siberia with a View. Isberg writes the blog "Siberia with a View" and previously wrote the hit play "Welcome to Siberia, Now Go Home!"

I had the delightful opportunity to sit down and talk with Isberg about his writing, his process and his cocktails.

In case you've never met Isberg before, he is a gruff man with icy eyes that light up when mischief is afoot. He speaks clearly about his art and writing and never misses an opportunity to make a wisecrack. Each question I asked Isberg came with an answer that flipped my standard question on its head, but breathed in a far more interesting life than the question itself demanded.

How did you first end up in Pagosa Springs?

My wife, Kathy, got a job and I had lost most of mine and we said, "What the hell, let's move."

Is that when you started working for The SUN?

No. The first job I had was as a disc jockey at the then radio station and then as the manager of the radio station. Then, as I managed it into darkness, I went to work at The SUN. I had to work at something.

How long have you been writing?

I've been writing since I was 18. Writing and painting. Everything I did was to try and contribute something to be able to do that. And my advice to anyone who wants to write and paint is to marry well.

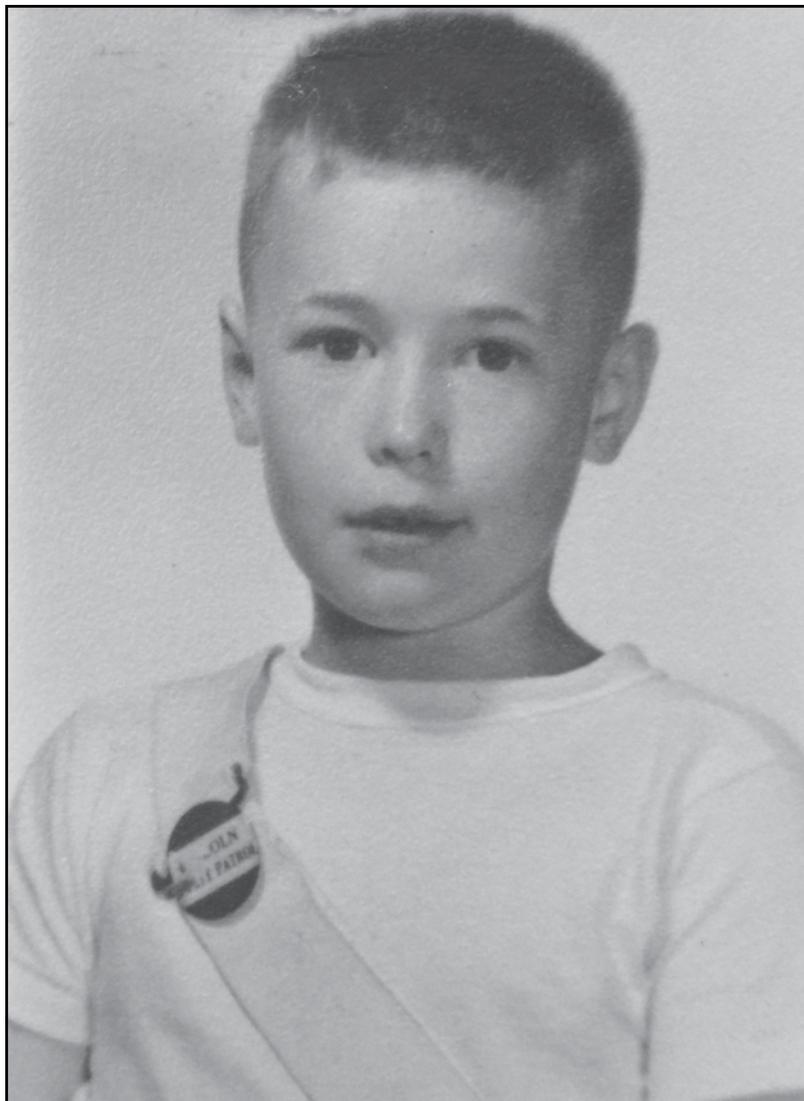


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**Karl Isberg at his self-proclaimed peak, a third-grader at Lincoln Elementary School in Denver, where he was the acting safety and hall monitor.**

What was your jumping off point for "Cerebrotini"?

Two things: thinking about how the greater idea of death is funny. Not the specific instance, which damages all manner of people and things, but the overall idea being funny. And chatting with my youngest daughter about having been in a neurosurgery ICU with cerebrospinal fluid draining out of me and her coming up with the idea of making a cocktail using this

stuff. So I thought, maybe I'll write a comedy about someone who's dying. The first one I wrote, Ivy said, "This reminds me of 'Waiting for Godot.' This is too ponderous."

■ See Isberg on page 8

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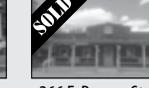
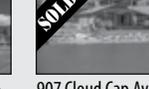
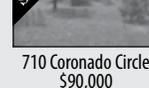
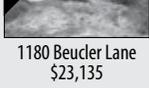
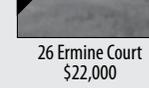
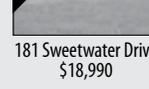
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# Annual 'Over the Rainbow' fundraiser set for Pagosa Springs Girls Choir

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

Many of you have possibly seen the posts on Facebook, "How Hard did Aging Hit You?" For the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir, aging for us has been extraordinary. With five years

behind us, we have been blessed with the generosity of the Pagosa community and the many girls who have shared their talent and music with us.

The girls are now preparing for our annual fundraiser and we would love for you to be a part of this exceptional evening. Your support at this

event over the years has helped us to meet our goals and objectives each year, "making dreams come true for young girls in Pagosa Springs." As in the past, this year's festive event will feature a silent auction, catered dinner, live musical performances

■ See Choir on next page

## Isberg

■ continued from page 6

Where do you draw your inspiration? For your paintings and your writing?

I don't draw inspiration. I work. The fastest way to end up with nothing is to wait for inspiration. It's like taking a canvas and making a mark. Well, at that point, that starting point suggests what comes next. I don't find it interesting to know what the final product will be. I find it interesting to know where the intersection between the thing and me take it, between the idea or the mark where it's going to lead, and at a certain point the painting or the written piece becomes an entity capable of informing me as much as I am capable of informing it. And over the course of days, weeks, months, the thing in a sense becomes what it wants to be. It becomes an interaction rather than a dominant character imposing its will on something else. The thing has to take on a life, a will, a desire of its own.

To me, that's the beauty of creating things. It's not being intently controlling and knowing exactly where you're going. Its starting and stumbling along until you see the thing start to take shape. A piece that starts with my cremated remains being made into diamonds 4,000 words later turns into me drinking my urine

to prolong my life. Or a painting starts with five of my models and looking at them and drawing them and then taking them apart and putting them back together in a way that a person would say, "Oh, I recognize it," but no you don't, those parts don't fit together like that. The thing itself says where those parts ought to be and how they ought to be put together and that's what intrigues me about both of those things.

What is your favorite book?

Well, it would be silly to try and single out specific books. I know what I'm reading now and I know some authors I reread more often than others. I reread Nabokov and Joyce. But lately I've been reading essays. I reread all of Jim Harrison's food essays because I've always found that we are simpatico in the way we look at things and write about it in a way. And I've been rereading Christopher Hitchens and Martin Amis' last collection of essays.

What's pulling you towards essays?

I enjoy writing somewhat to the form and to that length. I like reading great essayists to analyze the manner in which they structure and pace the things in terms of the ideas, the rhythms and the manner in which they manage rhythms through their grammar. I like to

see that and what sort of tendencies they have in word use. It's all very technical stuff. I love the ideas, but I love even more seeing how they accomplish the transmission of those ideas. I like that simply because the form is harmonious with the kind of form I like to write. I don't like to write terribly short pieces because you can't be outlandish or you can't exaggerate to the degree I like to. And anything longer than that if I write it, and I've written some very long things, I tend to get bored with what I've done so I like things between 1,500-4,000 words because it gives you enough room to distinguish what you're doing to make it clear. Plus, I'm old. I don't have a lot of time. I've got to get through these things. But I now have enough things to finish that I've got to drink my own urine to prolong my own life.

How do you like your martini?

With gin, tonic and lime.

Isberg's "Cerebrotini: Stirred, But Not Shaken" opens tomorrow at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. To get tickets for "Cerebrotini," visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW (7469).

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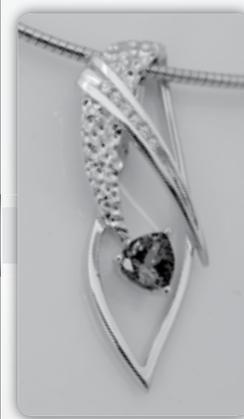
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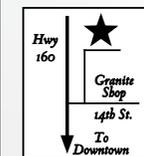
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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will host “Over the Rainbow: Making Dreams Come True for Young Girls in Pagosa Springs” at the Ross Aragon Community Center on March 1. Tickets are available now.

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## Choir

■ continued from previous page and a dance, all happening at the Ross Aragon Community Center on March 1.

Rain or shine, guests who make their way through the doors of the Community Center on this special Friday will find themselves “Over the Rainbow” — a place where a love of music and song, and the help of a supportive community give the members of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir opportunities to realize that the dreams they dare to dream really can come true.

This memorable evening begins with a silent auction that beckons with dazzling, must-have offerings generously donated by local artists and businesses. This year’s offerings include baskets galore, gifts for moms-to-be, housewarmings, concert tickets, family outings — the list goes on and on.

An enticingly delicious dinner of roast beef baron carved for each guest, stuffed portobello mushroom and salad will be presented and followed closely by a to-die-for double chocolate Kahlua cake.

The choir members, under the direction of Linda Parker and accompanied by Lauren Highsmith, will join the fun with a short performance to thank their audience for their support. To complete the wonder and delight surrounding the evening, “Over the Rainbow” guests will be invited to don their ruby slippers, cowboy boots or footwear of choice and trip the light fantastic to the ever-

popular dance music performed by the San Juan Mountain Boys.

“Over the Rainbow” tickets, which include dinner and entertainment, are \$40 per person. They are available for purchase from Goodman’s Department Store, Made in Colorado Shoppe and from any member of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir. Tables of eight may also be reserved at no additional charge. For additional information regarding the event or tickets, call Parker at 264-1434 or send an email to [singpagosa@gmail.com](mailto:singpagosa@gmail.com).

Doors for “Over the Rainbow” open at 5 p.m. Browse the incredible auction selections while listening to the music of fingerstyle guitarist Steve Blechschmidt. The silent auction runs from 5 to 7 p.m. A cash bar of beer and wine as well as sodas will be available all evening. Dinner will be served from 5:30 until 6 p.m., then the girls will take the stage.

Guests will be treated to a special musical performance by the choir, who will also kick off the dance at 6:30 p.m. The San Juan Mountain Boys will tune up their guitars for dancing fun until 9 p.m.

Get your tickets now, save the date, March 1, and watch The PREVIEW for more exciting details of this incredible, fun-filled evening.

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

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# Native American flute to serenade at Sunday Night Unplugged



Photo courtesy Sally Neel

Local Native American flutist Charles Martinez will provide music for this week's Sunday Night Unplugged at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The service of meditation and music begins at 5 p.m., is free of charge and is open to the public.

By Sally Neel  
Special to The PREVIEW

Local artist Charles Martinez will offer the ethereal sounds of the Native American flute at this week's Sunday Night Unplugged at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church this Sunday evening at 5 p.m. Sunday Night Unplugged is a time set aside for meditation, prayer and listening, offered on the second Sunday evening of every month. Each month brings local artists who enhance this time with their offerings of beautiful music.

Martinez, a local favorite best known for his full moon serenades at Chimney Rock, has a gift for taking his listeners into another realm. While listening to the haunting sounds of the flute, one can easily envision the beauty of creation: a walk in the woods, sitting on the pinnacle of a mountain, listening to the gentle sounds of wind in the aspens, the river flowing over rocks or the birds singing in the trees.

St. Patrick's offers the comfort of a beautiful worship space with large, clear glass transept windows that offer views of the San Juan Mountains and the pine-filled woods. The church is dimly lit and accented with candles which are lit by participants signifying their prayer. The altar is decorated with flowers and objects to enhance your time of meditation.

"It is always a special treat to welcome Charles to Sunday Night Unplugged. He is a local treasure and we are always happy to provide a venue and a setting for his music," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's.

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# Curtains Up Pagosa celebrates its 30th year of performing arts

By Dale Johnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

Our first show in 1989 was called “Radio Hour” and included music of the 1930s and 1940s. We put it on in the old junior high gymnasium with a large cast, some great music and a pair of grandparents (Russ and Carol Boosted) telling stories, showing photographs and playing music of their era. We had solos, duets, trios, ensembles and some big production numbers.

The second show was music of the 1950s and 1960s (same gymnasium) with Elvis (Bill Nobles) and trios and solos, etc. We next had the Country Western Jamboree held in the Catholic Parish Hall.

Then Nancy Mead, Dave Krueger, Lisa Hartley and Joan Hageman got together at Krueger’s house and brainstormed “Twisted Fairy Tales” (off the record, a little wine helped). We each took a different style of music and a fairy tale, wrote music or borrowed it, wrote scripts, cast our segments and put it on at the Lodge. Mead did a version of “The Billy Goat Gruff,” Krueger did a version of “The Three Little Pigs,” Hartley did a version of “The Stepsister’s Lament” and Hageman got to do “Rapunzel, the Opera.”

Our first major musical was “Brigadoon,” done in the sanctuary of the Methodist Church. We painted the walls of the choir loft and bell choir loft (actually with drops), built a rope and pulley and pole system (not unlike flag poles) to pull up back drops, built big trees to place all around the church and by this time, Herman Hageman had developed a computer based X-10 lighting system with only two light trees and a laptop computer to control everything. We had full orchestra and a TV backstage camera so the backstage chorus could see the cues for their backstage music.

This was our most successful production and after one performance, David Mitchell (owner and editor of The SUN), said, “Do you know what you’ve done here?” He went on to say that Music Boosters had given Pagosa Springs the “Gift of a lifetime” and that he was “stunned with the talent of so many in such a small place.”

After that, the newspaper was (and still is) our strongest ally and helped promote our scholarship program and shows and goals and ambitions. It was a very exciting time for all of us.

After “Brigadoon.” we did a “Christmas Fantasy,” a gospel concert, sponsored a Fort Lewis faculty concert and held “Pianorama” to raise money through pledges and the concert for the new grand

piano for the high school. We also brought in the Alpine Ballet, followed by the Aspen Ballet, followed by the David Taylor Dance Theatre. Our next show was “The Music Man”, done in the sanctuary of the Methodist Church. Then we did “Godspell” in the sanctuary of Community Bible Church, followed by “The Good Doctor,” performed in the old Sears building.

Next came the bond election and Music Boosters campaigned hard. A couple of us were on the bond committee and the vote was going to be with an auditorium or without.

We gave presentations to the board, sought public opinion and went out on the streets, literally, to get the public informed. We were up until the last vote was counted and, for the first time, a school bond election won the first time around — not only won, but by a margin of 2 to 1. We got the auditorium.

The high school asked Music Boosters to put on the first show in the auditorium and we picked a teenage show, “Bye Bye Birdie” with both teens and adults. Our crowds just grew and grew, as did our scholarship fund and the extra things we could do for the schools and the community.

Following “Birdie” we did a Gershwin revue, “S’wonderful,” and “Forever Plaid,” which we took to the SWTheatre Festival. Then came “Nonsense,” followed by “Rhythmmania” with Tony Osana and the Queen City Jazz Band. The next show was “Fiddler on the Roof.”

Since “Fiddler” in 2001, Music Boosters has performed “You Can’t Take It With You,” “Meet Me in St. Louis,” “A Christmas Carol,” “Nonsense II,” “The Mousetrap,” “A Wonderful Life,” “The Hills Are Alive ...,” “A Magical Madrigal Dinner” and “Oklahoma!”

Spring 2006 brought “Lily, the Felons Daughter,” an old-fashioned melodrama. For summer 2006, we staged “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” in July and a reprise of “Lily” in August. Fall brought a new adventure, and a fundraiser, “Hallo-Swing,” an evening of ’40s-style big band swing music. Christmastime found “Nuncrackers” on the schedule.

The 2007-2008 season opened with a reprise of the community based “Kaleidoscope II,” a musical revue highlighting the talents of many of Music Boosters regulars as well as several newcomers. The summer musical featured a family favorite “The Sound of Music.” Our holiday venture was a new rendition of “A “Magical Madrigal Dinner.”

The summer of 2008 brought us the magnificent classic “Oliver!” while we selected Stephen Sondheim’s endearing and challenging

“Into The Woods” for our 2008 holiday production, a striking and hauntingly beautiful performance.

We brought the zany nuns out again for a summer 2009 showing

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The 2003 production of “A Wonderful Life” included Bill Nobles, one of the first performers for what was then known as Pagosa Springs Music Boosters (now Curtains Up Pagosa). Here, Nobles is with his angels.

## Arts

■ continued from previous page of “Meshuggah-Nuns.” 2009 was our 20th anniversary celebration; we ended the year with an original production, “The Beat Goes On: Music Boosters Across The Decades,” which showcased over 50 musical selections previously performed, and brought together 55 actors of all ages from the Music Boosters family.

2010 brought us the summer of “Annie,” a Broadway classic, followed by the Plaid series holiday show, “Forever Plaid, Plaid Tidings.” In 2011, we presented the ambitious and well-known “South Pacific” followed by our original revue, “Hollydaze,” that winter. We opted for the beautiful “Cinderella” in the summer of 2012, and in contrast, performed the mysterious and beautiful “Man of La Mancha.”

Our summer 2013 production of the challenging “Pippin” helped us explore new song genres, while the following winter we had fun with “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.” 2014 represented the presentation of the spectacular “Jesus Christ Superstar,” one of our finest productions, followed by the

light-hearted “Beehive — the ‘60s Musical” later in the year.

2014 represented our 25th anniversary celebration. We also created a new name to more accurately reflect our work in our schools and community — Curtains Up Pagosa.

In 2015, we tackled the ambitious “Shrek the Musical” to sold-out crowds and great reviews. The winter of 2015 we brought back a favorite Broadway review called “Hollydaze Too” featuring a cast of veterans and newcomers and a wide variety of song selections. We had been waiting for the right time to bring back “Fiddler on the Roof,” first performed in 2001 just days after the 9/11 tragedy, and 2016 provided the right opportunity to perform this timeless and poignant story. In the winter of 2016, we opted for the lighthearted “Charlie Brown Christmas,” a delightful production for all ages. We jumped in to a contemporary and hysterical musical comedy in the summer of 2017 with “Sister Act” followed by the popular “Elf” the stage musical, a huge success.

2018 proved to be a banner year as we took on the challenging,

haunting and powerful ‘Children of Eden.’ Our winter show in 2018 was “Nutcracker the Musical,” a first ever collaboration between CUP and local dance students, a production that included over 100 performers.

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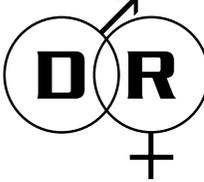
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# Recognizing His voice

A friend recently told me that she had never heard God's voice. Her statement took me back. It seemed foreign to me. Over the years, I have learned to exercise my faith and recognize His voice. He talks to me every day. If He doesn't, then I'm not listening for him or looking for him. Trusting God has become a way of life, but I have had to learn to walk by faith.

The freedom to hear from God has not always been that clear. I remember those days when I cried out to God and wondered if He heard my prayers. It seemed everyone had a corner on God—but me.

It wasn't as if I didn't try. I read the Bible, confessed my sins, prayed, but there was definitely a ceiling on my prayer life. If ever I felt like I had received something from God, it seemed I had holes in my bucket. Everything would drain out of the bottom.

I remember a time in the 1980s when I tried so hard to feel God's presence. We had a wooden cross carved from an old tree stump in the meadow on our property. On that stump was a place to sit. I spent hours one afternoon, quietly sitting there talking to God. But I didn't hear Him answer.

I told the Lord I wasn't leaving that spot until I heard from him. I felt foolish as cars passed by and neighbors waved. I was sure they thought I was sitting there doing nothing. In truth, I was waiting to hear from God. I needed answers.

Then, something happened. I didn't hear from God audibly like I had wanted. A breeze kicked up and the wind moved across the tall yellow grass. I studied those long blades of grass and felt like God was saying, "I'm in what you

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



cannot see. Learn to see me there."

That was strange to me at the time. I wanted something visual. I wanted to hear words or see a sign that followed along with what I expected. Contrary to that and, thankfully, He did show himself to me that day. I saw Him as the breeze bowed the tops of the tall grass. He was asking me to believe in Him. Somehow, I knew he was in the wind, something I couldn't see or hear.

I said, "Yes, I will believe." I didn't understand totally, but that was the beginning for me in trusting God. I had to believe that his presence was there whether or not I "saw" or "heard" Him.

It was a matter of changing my perception about spiritual things. Previously, I would roll up my physical sleeves and work myself into a frenzy to be godly. I would eventually learn to stop "trying" and just surrender to Him. To let Him be who He knew He needed to be for me.

Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." All of those hours spent in that field that day, and all I needed to know was that one short sentence.

Final brushstroke: Even Samuel from the Old Testament failed to recognize God's voice. In fact, he heard a voice, but thought it was someone else. Three times, no less. That's when Eli told him something

I wish I would have heard for myself all those years ago. "If the voice calls again, say, 'Speak, God. I am your servant, ready to listen.'"

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## 19th Hole Concerts grant application now open

By Tracy Pope

Special to The PREVIEW

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is announcing a grant opportunity for Archuleta County nonprofits to participate in this summer's 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. The grant application is now open. The deadline to apply is March 18.

The 19th Hole Concerts benefit the Archuleta County nonprofit community and promote southwest Colorado's talented music scene by featuring a different nonprofit and music talent every Thursday evening, June 13 through July 25, at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

cert is a \$10 donation to support the six nonprofits selected. Proceeds from the cover charges will be pooled and distributed equally to the six featured organizations. In 2018, \$1,400 each was awarded to the six selected nonprofits.

The application for nonprofits to apply can be accessed under the "Grant Seekers" tab on the Community Foundation's website ([www.swcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.swcommunityfoundation.org)). The selected nonprofits will be announced the first week of April.

"As a new board member for the Community Foundation, I am looking forward to this summer's concerts as a fun way to support the great nonprofits we have serving our community," said Gabrielle

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Photo courtesy Dale Johnson

Antonia Bussoli will play Ariel and Cade Cowan will be Ren, the main lead roles in Pagosa Springs High School's production of "Footloose" the musical. "Footloose" will play for five performances in March.

## Roles for high school's 'Footloose' announced

By Dale Johnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

In 2002, Lisa Hartley and Dale Johnson brought "Footloose" to the stage at Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS).

In 2019, "Footloose" will again be performed on the same stage, quite a few years later and with a whole new crop of actors, most whom were tiny tots at the first show.

Cast as leads in "Footloose" are: Cade Cowan as Ren, Antonia Bussoli as Ariel, Hunter Swinehart as Shaw, Anika Thomas as Vi, Emma Happ as Ethel, Allora Leonard as

Rusty, Grace Thompson as Wendy Jo, KC Yeneza as Urleen, Brayden Shilda as Chuck and Ethan Mazur as Willard.

At the request of Dan Burch, music director at PSHS, Johnson has happily stepped back in to produce, direct and choreograph this energetic and full-of-music-and-dance musical, made popular as a movie starring Kevin Bacon in 1984.

"Footloose" will play in March for five performances. Our cast has been in rehearsal for three weeks and has been singing and dancing up a storm.

## Grant

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Dorr, Archuleta board member of the Community Foundation.

The bands that are scheduled to play in 2019 are:

- June 13 — Bob Hemenger.
- June 20 — The San Juan Mountain Boys.
- June 27 — Denise Chaney.
- July 11 — Retro Cats.
- July 18 — Brooks-i Band.

• July 25 — Jack Ellis and Out on Work Release.

As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation works to increase sustainability and success for nonprofits while maximizing effective grantmaking for philanthropists in our region. The Community Foundation serves Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties.

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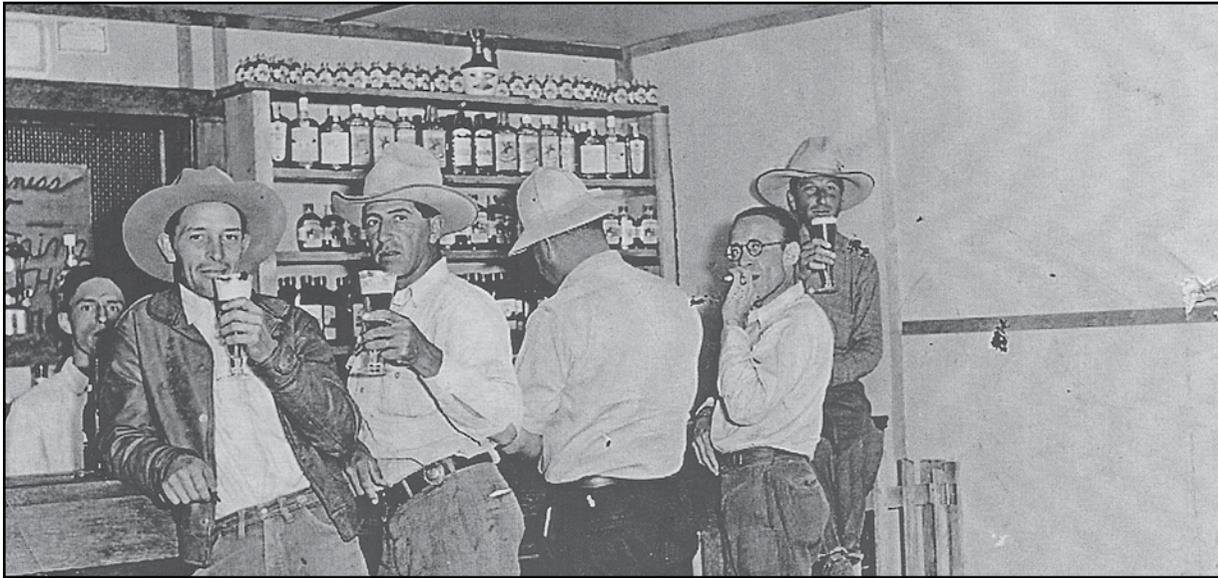


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Early day Hispanic settlers “bend an elbow” in a Lumberton, N.M., en salón de billar.

## Exploring Pagosa Country: Who was first?

Pregunto? Who were the first explorers of Pagosa Country? If you read Spanish, perhaps the first word in this sentence gave you a clue to the answer. Hispaños from Spain, Mexico and New Mexico were la primera. Of course, I must include the caveat that we are only talking about non-Native Americans at this time.

Having lived most of the last 18 years in Dulce, N.M., on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation, I learned



### Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

when I say “first” in this part of the country concerning history, the correct answer is almost always Native American.

Anyway, Juan Maria Antonio de Rivera, a young man from Mexico, led a small party of compañeros on the first exploratory trip through Pagosa Country. The San Juan Mountains are named for this explorer.

Before we focus on Rivera, I need to point out that a large number of stories usually colored by searches for lost treasure and including Treasure Mountain

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# Past

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Now, back to Rivera. New Mexico Gov. Vélez Cachupín, after making peace with the Utes of Western Colorado, chose Rivera to make two expeditions in 1765, the first of a series of expeditions in Western Colorado. The first began in June. Rivera and his cohorts traveled north from Abiquiu, N.M., to Piedra Parada, Spanish for Standing Rock, but now known as Chimney Rock, a well-known landmark near Pagosa Springs. From there, the party explored southwestern Colorado, naming the region's rivers and other geographical features: the Navajo, San

Juan, Piedra, Piños (Pine), Florida, Animas and Dolores rivers, appellations appearing for the first

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time. Near the Animas, they were supposed to meet a Ute who would show them the way to silver de-

posits in the La Plata Mountains west of today's Durango. At first, the man was nowhere to be found, but he later met with the party and conducted an unsuccessful search for silver.

Rivera's second expedition began in the fall of 1865 with the goal of crossing the Colorado River and investigating rumors of a bearded people living on the other side in the legendary region of Teguayo. During this expedition, Rivera left behind one of the oldest inscriptions in the western United States, carving his name into a cliff face in Roubideau Canyon southwest of present day Delta. Continued next week.

## 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 pine siskin.

In winter when seeds and insects are scarce, bird feeders are busy places. Like their goldfinch cousins, pine siskins are attracted to thistle and other small seeds without tough shells and visit feeders here. Gregarious birds, they travel in flocks, constantly chattering in buzzy calls.

With heavily brown-streaked bodies, the tiny pine siskins appear sparrow-like, but yellow patches on the wings and on the short notched tail are identifying marks. Sharp, pointed bills are well adapted for extracting the seeds of conifer cones, an important food source. Additionally, these birds eat the seeds of deciduous trees, grasses, dandelions and other plants. They love the weed we love to hate: thistle. They will also add insects and spiders to their diet in summer.

Pine siskins are year-round residents here, where they can be found in the top canopy of evergreen and mixed forests, weedy fields, backyards, gardens and along roads. They are opportunistic feeders and in many parts of the country are nomadic in their search for food, showing up in irruptions of huge flocks well outside their normal range.

Although still numerous, Partners in Flight describes the pine siskin as "a common bird in steep decline."

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

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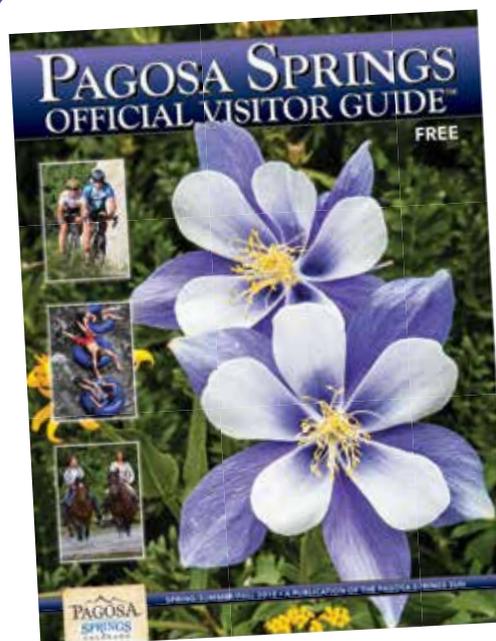
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# PCNT to hear about Mary Baker Eddy

By Lisa Burnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

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# A UU Invitation to the John Graves Coffee House

By Pauline Benetti  
Special to The PREVIEW

John Graves loved a good time; he loved music, dancing, a good joke — and if you did not know him, his demeanor might convince you otherwise.

The good professor looked more the philosopher than the jokester and a smile more often than not came out a grimace. But joke he did with an absolutely straight face. One joke that does not go away begins: How many Unitarian Universalists (UUs) does it take to change a light bulb? Of course, the answer is only funny to a UU, so our general reader shall be spared. And music, well, who here has not danced to his beat and how many here have either sung or played an instrument with his band? John is no longer with us, but the memory lingers vividly.

At the beginning of the new year for many years the UU Fellowship, in lieu of one of our regular services, has hosted a coffee hour with a variety of folks sharing music, stories, jokes and general merriment.

The Coffee House tradition was begun by Graves, who was our fellowship's music director for over 20 years and one of its founding members. Though Graves is no longer with us, this Sunday we honor his inspiring contribution to our community with a program of instrumentals, song, poems, jokes and stories contributed by those who knew and loved him. If you are

one of those, please join us, and if you did not know him, come along anyway.

The Coffee House is now held in February to commemorate Graves' birthday on Feb. 19. And, of course, no Coffee House would be complete without food and drink. Coffee and tea are provided and you are invited to complete the menu with something tasty to share.

Our fellowship is about belonging and through this sense of belonging, we each grow spiritually. Graves' part in creating this sense of who we are was enormous and we do not forget. The Coffee House begins at 10:30 a.m.

As a welcoming congregation, we invite everyone to share in our faith community. Leadership is by Pastor Dean Cerny on the third and fourth Sunday or by a lay leader on other Sundays. The Religious Exploration program for 2- to 9-year-olds continues in February on Feb. 17 and 24. For more information, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis\_@hotmail.com.

We are to be found in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Come in and join us. You are welcome.

For further information about the Pagosa UU Fellowship, visit pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

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# Youth Rise raising awareness for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

By Kaylee Su and Cheryl Bowdridge  
Special to The PREVIEW

The students of the Pagosa Springs High School Youth Rise class start the year of 2019 off with multiple projects. These students don't only create positive energy around their school, but also outside in their community.

Projects such as painting windows during Domestic Violence Awareness Month and tying bows on light posts create an awareness not only for students, but for the people of town, as well. Our goal as a class is to help our generation create a new way of looking into the world. Whether it is a hard subject to speak about, we allow that subject to become a norm, without shame, when speaking of it. Keeping open-minded is the key of this class.

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Students are creating an endless list of projects for others. Students are leading projects at the high school such as an Instagram contest where students are encouraged to post healthy relationship pictures using Youth Rise hashtags for the month of February.

The Clothesline Project is displayed at the high school to remind students that teen dating violence is an issue that affects our friends, peers and loved ones. The Clothesline Project is a display of shirts

that were created by students and survivors of domestic violence to show their interpretation of domestic violence and dating violence on their loved ones. Mojo's Coffee house at the high school will be dressing all of its coffee with sleeves that have red flags or positive relationship tips on them. Listen for public service announcements on Feb. 11, Wear Orange for Love Day is Feb. 12 and students will host a Chalk About Love event on Feb. 14.

Youth Rise will be raising awareness about teen dating violence through awareness tables, where they will give out class-created swag as a reminder during February that 60 percent of our students report knowing someone who is in an abusive relationship. We know that 60 percent of students report having been in an abusive relationship or knowing someone that has, yet 81 percent of parents believe it is not an issue and only 54 percent of parents have ever talked to their teens about it.

Follow us on Instagram, @pshs.youth.rise, to see what the students are doing every day to help in our community.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, call Rise Above Violence today at its 24 hour hotline, 264-9075, or use the new teen text line at 747-0221. Together we can live in a "Violence Free Pagosa."

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Pageant title
- 5 Gothenburg native
- 10 Party thrower
- 14 Workout woe
- 15 Like candles or crayons
- 16 Quite fond of
- 17 Work against
- 19 Den denizen
- 20 Call for
- 21 It may be arranged
- 23 Baby powder ingredient
- 25 Baker's need
- 26 Luxury Chrysler until 1993
- 30 Bivouac
- 33 Scand. land
- 34 Void, as a marriage
- 36 Homework helper?
- 37 Divisible by 2
- 39 Doomed one
- 41 iPhone assistant
- 42 Send to a specialist
- 44 Belly button
- 46 Restroom sign
- 47 Bone-boring tool
- 49 Replant timber
- 51 Befitting a king
- 53 Courtroom request
- 54 Out of control
- 57 Drink of the gods
- 61 Musical based on "La boheme"
- 62 Like some tumors
- 64 Unit of measure
- 65 More eccentric
- 66 Bratty talk
- 67 Genealogy diagram
- 68 Repulsive
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- 2 Computer symbol
- 3 Word with up or down
- 4 It has 100 seats
- 5 Sign of an injury
- 6 Theme of the 1968 movie "Where Eagles Dare"
- 7 Final, e.g.
- 8 Tooth trouble
- 9 Salad follower
- 10 Flower used in herbal teas
- 11 "Wait your turn!"
- 12 Guys-only party
- 13 Pulled apart
- 18 Coronet
- 22 Carry on
- 24 Big name in cameras
- 26 Lifeless
- 27 Bekins worker
- 28 First choice
- 29 Like some calendars
- 31 Societal norms
- 32 Out of \_\_\_\_
- 35 Pivoting bar
- 38 Ancient drug for grief
- 40 Petroleum plant
- 43 Temper tantrum
- 45 Successful dieter
- 48 UN member
- 50 Get a new actor for
- 52 Lavin or Blair
- 54 Worry
- 55 Derriere
- 56 New England fishes
- 58 Ski lift
- 59 Moreover
- 60 Staff symbol
- 63 Parrot or puppy

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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**Display advertising:** Noon, Monday

**Classified line ads** (regular categories): 10 a.m., Tuesday

**Classified line ads** (Too Late to Classify): 3 p.m., Tuesday

**Legal advertising:** 5 p.m., Friday

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**Obituaries:** Noon, Tuesday  
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**Articles:** Noon, Monday  
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# Of arrows and lovers

By Hank Slikker  
Special to The PREVIEW

“So, when did the arrow strike?” It’s a question I sometimes ask couples about their encounter with Cupid. Their response elicits an immediate smile framed within a variety of facial contortions. Almost everyone remembers their “Cupid Moment,” when the mystical arrow draws two people together against their will.

Like with Tony and Maria in “West Side Story,” your arrow may have struck at a party, when one face suddenly arrests another face across the dance floor.

Or it may have struck while skiing, when you happen upon a fallen, disheveled “princess.” Her snow-dusted eye lashes and blonde locks framing her wet face leads to a fireplace table with drinks together at the Last Lift Tavern.

Or it may have struck within a chance-glance encounter through opposite sides of a revolving door — one going in and the other going out. The arrow’s power has done its work.

But, unfortunately, a shadow loiters about. For, as potent as the arrow is, it has no power over fate. And while the stars align for Cupid’s targets, a couple’s destiny is a couple’s destiny. Bliss lasts only as long as fate allows.

You may recall Gen. Marc Antony of Rome and Queen Cleopatra of Egypt. They fall in love at first sight, but suffer separation followed by tragedy. On a distant battlefield, Antony hears a false report of Cleopatra’s death and in grief, falls on his sword. As legend tells it, when Cleopatra hears of Antony’s suicide, she took an Egyptian cobra to her breast.

Antony and Cleopatra’s love cut short by fate perhaps offered the stimulus for Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet. When Romeo hears Juliet is dead, he drinks poison at her tomb. But Juliet is not dead. When she awakes from an induced stupor to find her beloved dead Romeo, she thrust a knife into her heart.

## A Matter of Faith

Unfortunately, a tragedy like this is commonplace.

On Oct. 10, 2017, the Bozeman Daily Chronicle reported the story of a Montana woman who died in an avalanche. Though her boyfriend survived the slide, he couldn’t survive the loss of his lover and took his life.

Not long ago, BlackDoctor.org reported the story of two teenage suicides. When he learned his 18-year-old girlfriend took her life in her college dorm room, her boyfriend, in uncontrollable grief, ended his life two days later.

And then there’s the USA Today story of an 11-year-old boy who read a prank text saying his 13-year-old girlfriend had taken her life. Shortly after, the grief-stricken boy hanged himself.

The stories of Antony and Cleopatra, Romeo and Juliet, and of those above reflect the nature of destiny — of love cut short by fate.

Many of us have suffered similar things, except we choose to live with the pain. It’s the story of the soldier drafted to war and does not return. It’s the story of a lover lost to disease, or to a car accident, or to ambition, or to another. Wherever we find love, we often find tragedy. But Cupid doesn’t quit. He car-

ries unlimited arrows and searches far and wide for targets of his fancy. He takes no thought of what might be. It’s the story of Valentine’s Day, of candles and lace, chocolates and roses and of “be my valentine” invitations.

But it’s also the story of God, the source of love, whose nature is love.

Long ago in a land far away, God betrothed Himself to the first two humans. Like Marjory Williams’ “Velveteen Rabbit,” He loved them to pieces. They took walks together, had picnics, made plans, learned of and adored one another.

But like love yesterday and today, it had no power against the dark force of fate. For, not long after God said “I do” to his loving companions, for some reason, they filed for divorce. He wept in grief, and his angels, too. But He never forgot them. He framed their pictures for his night stand and kneeled by His bed for them each night. They were His first thought each morning.

One day, He wrote them a letter. He told them he still loved them. He said He found a way to reconcile their separation. He invited them to a Valentine’s Day party, complete with family, friends, dinner, singers, musicians, linen napkins and chocolate strawberries dropped into the finest, deepest-colored homemade Cabernet.

He wrote to them in third person so all of their relatives could know who He was. He said, “For God so loved the world, He sent them a personal, engraved invitation by a Messenger saying, ‘Be my Valentine.’”

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

## Thursday, Feb. 7

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

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

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

**Springs Resort Ownership Meeting.** 5 p.m., The Springs Resort conference room. 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, we are holding an open meeting and

inviting Pagosa residents to join us and discuss the past, current and future feelings and desires about such a development. We value your input and hope you will join us.

**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.

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

**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 U.S. government, along with a group of other monsters. Then, an evil alien mastermind threatens to take over earth. Who better to stop him than a team of monsters? Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Caregiver Support Group.** 3-4:30 p.m., Senior Center. 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. Ana Sancho Sama, Ph.D.,

licensed psychologist, will be facilitating. If interested, call 264-2167.

**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Cerebrotini: Stirred, But Not Shaken.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This new show by Karl Isberg is filled with the same dark, yet charming, humor. The show will take you on an evening's romp through the ICU and ask the ever present question, "Are there cocktails in the afterlife?" For tickets and more information, go to [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or

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## 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.

**Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild.** 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. We are a group of enthusiasts and would love to have you join our friendly group. We will have our monthly meeting, demonstrations and classes.

**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.

**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Cerebrotini: Stirred, But Not Shaken.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa

Springs Center for the Arts. This new show by Karl Isberg is filled with the same dark, yet charming, humor. The show will take you on an evening's romp through the ICU and ask the ever present question, "Are there cocktails in the afterlife?" For tickets and more information, go to [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

## 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.

**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Cerebrotini: Stirred, But Not Shaken.'** 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This new show by Karl Isberg is filled with the same dark, yet charming, humor. The show will take you on an evening's romp through the ICU and ask the ever present question, "Are there cocktails in the afterlife?" For tickets and more information, go to [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

**Sunday Night Unplugged.** 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Charles Martinez will offer the ethereal sounds of the Native American flute. Sunday Night Unplugged is a time set aside for meditation, prayer and listening.

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.

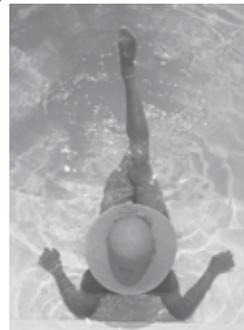
## Monday, Feb. 11

**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.

**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:30 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Beverly at 264-2064.

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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.

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

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

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

**Incredible Years Parenting Class.** 5:30-8 p.m., Seeds of Learning. An opportunity offered to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow. This class is created for families with children between the ages of 3 and 8 years. A free dinner and child care will be provided.

**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**

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

**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.

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**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.

**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.

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**Flow Yoga Class.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

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

**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.

**Medicare 101.** 1:30-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn about Medicare Parts A to D and Medicare Advantage plans. For more information and to reserve a spot, call San Juan Basin Area Agency of Aging at 264-0501, ext. 1.

**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.

**Role-Playing Game.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and

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

**American Legion Post 108.** 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St. Veterans group meeting.

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

**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. 14**

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

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

**Mountain View Homemakers.** 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. We will be sharing things/ideas/tips that we love. All area women are invited and can participate or just enjoy what is shared. Potluck lunch provided by members. For information, call Tozi at 731-3360.

**Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited

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

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**Computer Class: Google Drive Basics.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to create documents, save your files online and collaborate with others on Google Drive. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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## Friday, Feb. 15

**Great Backyard Bird Count.** People who are interested in birds and bird habitat will be counting birds in their backyards, parking lots, the woods and on the flatlands, wherever you happen to be. For information about where to count, how to count and how to report your observation, call Jean Zirnhelt at 731-2985.

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

**Starting Your Business Workshop.** 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. If you have been thinking of opening a business — store front or home-based — or you are in the developmental stages, this workshop could be very beneficial to you. The cost of the class is \$25 and a light lunch will be served. To register, go to [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com) or call 264-2360.

**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.

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**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

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**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. 18

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**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.

**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:30 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Beverly at 264-2064.

**Medicare Mondays.** 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

**Qigong.** 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

**PALS Adult Education.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tu-

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**Incredible Years Parenting Class.** 5:30-8 p.m., Seeds of Learning. An opportunity offered to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow. This class is created for families with children between the ages of 3 and 8 years. A free dinner and child care will be provided.

## Tuesday, Feb. 19

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

**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.

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**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.

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# New women's wellness program and text message notifications

**By Carole Howard**  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Today, Thursday, Feb. 7, from noon to 2 p.m. we are launching 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.

## Did you know?

Did you know that your library has a program called ShoutBomb that, when signed up, allows you to receive text messages on your cell-phone when items you requested are ready for pickup or when items are overdue? You can also use this service to text the library to renew items. It is available in both English and Spanish.

Signing up for ShoutBomb is totally free, though standard text rates do apply. This service will only work with phones that can receive SMS text messages and most smart-phones should qualify.

To sign up for ShoutBomb, log in to your account on your computer and click the button on the left that says, "Sign Up for Text Message Notifications." A document will open up on your computer that explains how to sign up for ShoutBomb. It takes only a few minutes to sign up, but you will want to have your library



card handy. Of course, you can always speak with one of our friendly library staff and we would be happy to help you sign up for ShoutBomb.

## New circulation system

Like all 110 members of the Colorado Library AspenCat Consortium, your library has switched to a new circulation system effective this week. 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.

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, unless there are holds on them from other patrons.

## Teen advisory board today

Today, 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.

## All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 8, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for a free PG movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to identify the film titles in the media, but you can find them listed on the activities calendars.

## Legal clinic tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 8, from 2 to 3 p.m. is a free legal clinic for par-

ties who have no attorney will take place via computer link.

Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property tax, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veterans benefits and civil protection orders.

Please check in at the registration desk. This clinic takes place the second Friday of every month.

## LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to bring your imaginations—LEGOs are provided—on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

## Book club for adults

Our free book club for adults meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles and enjoy refreshments.

On Feb. 12, we will discuss "Inside of a Dog: What Dogs See, Smell and Know" by Alexandra Horowitz. If you need a copy, please stop by your library. No registration is required.

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# Library

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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.

## Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

## Medicare 101

Do you have questions about Medicare? San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging Medicare counselor Katy Deshler will help you understand your rights, options, deadlines and where to get more information at a free class on Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Kay Kaylor at 264-0501, ext. 1.

## 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

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"A Delicate Touch" by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington mystery. "An Anonymous Girl" by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen is a psychological thriller about a woman involved in a strange study. "The New Iberia Blues" by James Lee Burke is a Detective Dave Robicheaux mystery.

## Travel books

"Australia" is a DK Eyewitness Travel guide. "Frommer's Easyguide to Australia 2018" is another travel guide to this fascinating country. "Continental Divide Trail" by Barney Scout Mann is the only illustrated book officially published with the Continental Divide Trail Coalition about this legendary footpath.

## Cookbooks

"Fix, Freeze, Feast" (second expanded edition) by Kati Neville and Lindsay Ahrens contains 150 recipes to help you stock your freezer with ready-to-cook meals. "The Official John Wayne Way to Grill" contains great stories and more than 100 recipes shared by Duke's family.

## Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"The Current" by Tim Johnston begins when Minnesota state troopers pull two young women

and their car out of an icy river. "The Suspect" by Fiona Barton is a psychological suspense story about two 18-year-old girls who go missing in Thailand.

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